



Dunleath News

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PRESERVING THE CHARM

A Call to Keep Our Historic Neighborhood Clean

Our historic neighborhood is not just a place where we reside; it's a living testament to the rich tapestry of our community's past. Each cobblestone, each quaint building, and every tree-lined street carries with it a story that connects us to our shared heritage. As proud stewards of this living history, it is our collective responsibility to ensure that our beloved neighborhood remains a pristine and inviting haven.

Picture this: You're on your daily run, the crisp morning air filling your lungs, and as you round the corner, you spot a stray piece of paper dancing in the breeze. Instead of passing by, why not take a moment to scoop it up and toss it into the nearest bin? It's a small action that carries a mighty impact.

Our neighborhood's cleanliness isn't just about aesthetics; it's about fostering a sense of pride and unity. By taking a proactive role in keeping our streets tidy, we are not only preserving our history but also creating a welcoming atmosphere for all. A clean environment is an inclusive one, where everyone feels a sense of belonging. To make this endeavor even more exciting, let's turn it into a friendly challenge!

Share your "clean street" victories on our listserv! Let's celebrate each other's efforts and inspire everyone to join in. After all, a clean neighborhood is a happy one, and a happy community is a strong and connected one.

So, dear neighbors, let's unite in this small but impactful mission. Let's keep our historic neighborhood clean, vibrant, and a shining beacon of our shared history. Thank you for your commitment to preserving our cherished community.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Erika Thomas

DUNLEATH BOOK CLUB

Herb Peterson

Upcoming Meetings

- Feb. 19 - *A Passage to India*, by E.M. Forster; hosted by Vickie Ebright, 695 Percy Street
- Mar. 18 - *Tom Lake*, by Anna Pattchett; hosted by Mebane Ham, 675 Percy Street



Please consider joining us! It's always a fun gathering.

WE NEED YOU FOR PORCHFEST!

Our neighborhood began Porchfest in 2017. It has grown since then, and so has the need for more neighbors to host performances. As word has spread about our event, the number of



performers wanting to be part of it has increased. It speaks highly of Porchfest, and our neighborhood, that so many want to be included, but we need your participation to accommodate the growing interest.

Porchfest is scheduled this year for Saturday, June 8th from 11 am-6 pm. If you have participated as a porch host in the past, thank you for helping bring this unique event to life! If you haven't hosted before, we need your help to continue to make our neighborhood's event a success. Participation is easy, and sign up information will be available in early March. Simply sign up to host, and we'll take care of assigning a performer and a performance time. Each performance is between 30 and 45 minutes, leaving you time to roam the neighborhood to enjoy other performances. Additional participation guidelines and information will be available for you to review when you sign up.

Please consider signing up to host this year. Be sure and look for signup information in March.

LAWN LIBATIONS

Mebane Ham

Lawn Libations is a gathering of folks living in the Dunleath Neighborhood. It is usually held the third Sunday of the month from 4-6 pm. The whole family is invited, both two legged and four. It is a great way to get to know your neighbors and let the kids run off a little steam.



Many thanks to all the wonderful neighbors who have continued to host Lawn Libations. Upcoming gatherings will be **on Feb. 18th at the home of Marian Earls and Jerry Ramsey, 673 Percy St.;** and **on March 17th at the home of David and Laurette Wharton, 667 Percy St.**

Don't forget to bring your beverage of choice and snacks to share! Hope to see you there.

SUMMARY OF FALL EVENTS

Parking Fundraiser

Dunleath held its parking fundraiser on Saturday, November 4th as part of the NC A&T Homecoming. The Women's Resource Center and BMI again offered their parking lots to us to use to provide parking for those attending the parade and other activities. Thanks to them, and to our volunteers, **we raised \$1,880 for the neighborhood!** Thank you to the following neighbors for helping that day: *Veronica & Isaiah Ancrum, Kara Anglin, Selas Bynum, Tom & Lori Schultz, Carol Velez, David, Jinni & Josie Hoggard, Lilac Reingruber, Andrew Evans, and Robert Rogers.*

Luminaries

As you know, after being rained out twice in December, we were finally able to have our neighborhood luminary display on January 7th. Thanks to participating neighbors for making the neighborhood look beautiful that evening, and to the volunteers who helped place and light the donated luminaries: *Madelyn Peterson, Cris Nunez and Heather Adams, Carolyn De Berry and Harvey Robinson, Jon Enos, and Whitney King*. And, of course, thanks to everyone for supporting the neighborhood with your luminary purchases. **We netted over \$1,200 this year.**

Thanks to all neighbors who helped with these events!

DUNLEATH.ORG

Do you know what's on the neighborhood website? There's information on Dunleath history, neighborhood board members and the monthly meetings, information on the community garden, how to participate in Dunleath Porchfest, upcoming events, how to donate to the neighborhood, and more. Plus you can read current and past issues of the Dunleath News.

It's one more way to stay connected, so check it out at Dunleath.org. You can also connect on Facebook at facebook.com/DunleathNeighborhood.

NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD MEETINGS

Monthly meetings of the neighborhood Board of Directors are currently being held virtually online. All neighbors are welcome to attend. If you would like to join us for any of the meetings, please contact David Wharton at david.wharton@gmail.com. You can also check out the dates of each of the meetings at dunleath.org/neighborhood-board-meetings.

NOT ON THE NEIGHBORHOOD LISTSERV?

If you're not already on the neighborhood listserv, and would like to be included, please complete the form at the link below. The listserv is a great way for our neighbors to stay connected to share neighborhood news, issues, upcoming events, and alerts.

To sign up, please click here: dunleath.org/contact-us. Thank you!

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