



# Dunleath News

July / August / September 2022



This year's Dunleath Porchfest was amazing! It has exceeded being a way to bring our neighbors together. It has also become a wonderful gift to our community and the region. At this year's event, our porch hosts reported an average of between 30 and 70 guests attending each performance. Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's event such a success – porch hosts, pre-event and event-day volunteers, those who donated, those who supported with a t-shirt purchase, our food vendors, our guests, and of course the 50 performing groups who generously shared their time. Each of you helped make this year's event so awesome!

## LAWN LIBATIONS

*Mebane Ham*

Lawn Libations is held on the third Sunday of each month from 4-6 pm. Neighbors gather on the lawn of a host neighbor to share beverages and conversation. It's a great way to get together, meet new neighbors, and let the kids run off a little steam. Neighbors are invited to bring their favorite drink, a chair, and snacks if they choose. The whole family is invited – even the four-legged members!



### Coming Up

**Sunday, August 21, 4-6 pm**

Home of Camille Morehead, 515 Summit Avenue

**Sunday, September 18, 4-6 pm**

Home of Jennie & Brian Hunt, 718 Percy Street

If you are interested in hosting, please contact Mebane Ham at [mebane@mebaneham.com](mailto:mebane@mebaneham.com).

## FIRST ANNUAL ART IN THE PARK!

*Ned Billington*

Dunleath held its first Art in the Park on the afternoon of Sunday, July 24 in Sternberger Park. The exhibit featured Dunleath artists and residents Mary Cubberly, Susan Harrell, Dale Edwards, Kimberly Edwards, Emma Barnes, Michaela Hafley, Anne Franklin, Taylor Allison, and Ned Billington. The event was organized by Ned Billington. Tom Franklin provided the spacious tent, Susan Elliott offered samples of her Kombucha and water Kefir (liquid art!), and the food vendor was Defense Dogs. The weather was rather warm so attendance was light at first but as the afternoon cooled off, we had a nice increase in visitors. Please visit our Dunleath Historic Neighborhood Facebook page for photos of the event.



A huge Thank You to all who exhibited, helped out, and showed up. We hope to make this an annual event. Ideas considered for next time include holding it later in the year when it is cooler and inviting Fisher Park to participate.

## DUNLEATH BOOK CLUB

The Dunleath Book Club continues to meet monthly in a neighbor's home.



### Upcoming meetings

- Monday, August 15, 7 pm at the home of Amanda Hepler, 114 Cypress Street; Book: *The Hold Out* by Graham Moore
- Monday, September 19, 7 pm at the home of Mebane Ham, 675 Percy Street; Book: *The Only Woman in the Room* by Marie Benedict

All are welcome! Bring a beverage and snack to share if you'd like. Some will have read that month's book, others won't have found time to start it – all are welcome either way. Everyone enjoys the pleasure of conversation and the company of neighbors.

For more information, please contact Mebane Ham at [mebane@mebaneham.com](mailto:mebane@mebaneham.com), or Amanda Hepler at [hepleramanda@icloud.com](mailto:hepleramanda@icloud.com).

# NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Thanks to everyone who came to our neighborhood cookout as part of National Night Out! Thank you to our neighbor, Brice Watkins, for grilling the hot dogs, to Tom Franklin for the use of his huge tent, and to all our neighbors who pitched in and brought food to share, and food items to donate to the Urban Ministry Food Pantry – nearly 400 pounds of food was collected! Thank you, Megan and Emily, for organizing the food collection effort.

## Board Elections

As part of this event, we also held board elections. Lynne Leonard, Brian Gillies, Elizabeth Jernigan, and Herb Peterson were re-elected to serve on the board; and welcome to new board member Emily Krechel. Our updated neighborhood board of directors is shown at right.

# NEIGHBORHOOD LUMINARY EVENT

Mark your calendars for our annual luminary event, scheduled for Sunday, December 11. Luminaries will be made available for purchase beginning in November, and will be available for pickup on the afternoon of the event, from 2-4 pm in Sternberger Park.



# SUMMIT AVENUE LANE CLOSURES

Construction has progressed well over the last several months as some of the previous delays in materials and supplies were remedied. The contractor recently completed the installation of the new sanitary sewer line and manholes along with the installation of the sanitary sewer service laterals to the properties located on the east side of Summit; the new curb, gutter, and sidewalk on the east side of Summit; and the new water line and storm drainage between Murrow and Yanceyville.

The contractor is currently working between Yanceyville and Sullivan to install the new water line and storm drainage in those two blocks. The inbound (southbound) lanes of Summit are closed and traffic is being detoured onto Bessemer and then Yanceyville. Residents and businesses still have access to their properties. The outbound (northbound) lanes are open. This construction is anticipated to be completed by the end of August.

Also during August, the contractor will install the new sanitary sewer service laterals to the properties located on the west side of Summit Avenue. The granite curb will be reset and the new sidewalk will be constructed along the west side of Summit. Finally, the new water line in Yanceyville will be installed to complete the utility construction for Phase I.

Once the above construction is completed, the contractor will begin installing the median islands in the September / October timeframe. The milling and paving operations should hopefully take place later this fall. As always, these schedules are weather dependent.

# NEIGHBOR WELCOMING

If you are new to the neighborhood, or if you know of someone who's recently moved into the neighborhood, please contact Heather at [heather.brook@gmail.com](mailto:heather.brook@gmail.com).

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# UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

August 29, 6:30 pm  
September 26, 6:30 pm  
October 24, 6:30 pm

*Meetings currently being held via Zoom. All neighbors are welcome to attend. Please contact David Wharton if you are interested.*

# STAY CONNECTED

**Website:** [Dunleath.org](http://Dunleath.org)

**Listserv:** [Dunleath-News@googlegroups.com](mailto:Dunleath-News@googlegroups.com)

*(please contact David Wharton to be added to the listserv)*