

Dunleath News

May / June / July 2022



The 5th annual Dunleath Porchfest is scheduled for **Saturday, June 11 from 12-5 pm**. Neighbors offer their porches as performance venues, performers offer their talents, and the community is invited to experience an afternoon of music and Dunleath hospitality. This year's event will feature:

- Forty-nine performers scheduled to perform all afternoon and in all areas of the neighborhood, with an additional 8 youth performers from the Music Academy of North Carolina. There will be music for everyone's taste.
- Thirty-nine neighbors have offered their porches as performance venues – some hosting more than one performance.
- Kids Track will feature 10 young performers, so bring the kids for inspiration.
- Food vendors: Ghassan's Food Truck, Taco Bros, Over the Rainbow Kettle Corn, and My Brother's Cookies
- A free instrument-making activity for kids where they can make a guitar or a banjo.
- Food collection for a local food pantry. Collection bins will be at several points in the neighborhood.
- Event t-shirts available for sale at the event, with all proceeds benefitting Dunleath Porchfest. All performers will be listed on the back of the shirts.
- A single finale performance in Sternberger Park at 4:15 pm.

As always, admission is free and open to all. Thank you to all our neighbors who offered to host performances, purchased event t-shirts, and to those who have supported with a financial donation. Visit the website at dunleath.org/porchfest to see who's performing – what time and where – a downloadable map, an interactive Google map, food vendors, how to plan your visit, and more. Looking forward to seeing everyone at Dunleath Porchfest!

FUNDRAISER FOR DUNLEATH COMMUNITY GARDEN

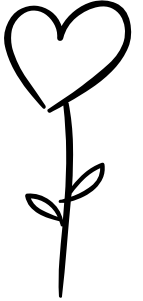
Nadja Cech

The Dunleath Garden is a source of food for thirty families and our surrounding neighborhood and a gathering space for our community. We support honey bee hives, grow pollinator-friendly flowers, and are completely organic. Dunleath Garden is a volunteer entity, operating thanks to the generosity and labor of our neighbors. All donations go directly to the garden.

We are seeking to raise funds for lumber and soil to construct four additional garden plots, replace the rotting swing, and support mowing and maintenance of the garden for the coming year. The increase in the number of plots is planned to help accommodate a waiting list of eager gardeners who want to join us. All existing plots are currently assigned. The expansion of the garden will be done in existing open areas without clearing any additional forested space.

You can donate using <https://gofund.me/bcfc290c>, or on the Dunleath Neighborhood website at <https://www.dunleath.org/donate>. Contact Nadja at nadja_cech@uncg.edu with questions.

Thank you for being part of our community and for your support.



LAWN LIBATIONS

Mebane Ham

Lawn Libations is typically 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 meet your neighbors and enjoy some fresh air. Neighbors are invited to bring their favorite drink, a chair, and snacks if they choose. The whole family is invited.

Lawn Libations will be hosted by **Alex and Brandon at 703 Percy St. on May 15; Pam Lynch at 518 Summit on June 19; and Herbert Peterson at 307 Leftwich on July 17**. Be sure to look for the yard sign in the neighborhood!

If you are interested in hosting, please contact Mebane Ham at mebane@mebaneham.com.



DUNLEATH BOOK CLUB

Samuel Johnson



Your Dunleath Book Club continues to be very enjoyable. We only miss your company. We meet monthly in a neighbor's home. With the warmer weather, we expect to begin meeting outside. In the event of inclement weather, we move indoors and ask that attendees be up-to-date with their vaccinations or to wear masks. Some bring a beverage and a snack to share. But all are welcome to come without either – we always have more than enough. Some will have read that month's book, others have started it, and others won't have found time to start it. And that's always fine. Often those who haven't read the book are intrigued by the conversation and will read the book later. All are welcome either way.

Our May meeting will be Monday, May 16, at 7 pm at Tom and Samuel's, 764 Chestnut Street. The book is "Mama's Last Hug" by Frans de Waal. Dr. de Waal is a primatologist, who discusses animal emotions, which he shows are real and important, and which shed light on our human emotions.

Our June meeting will be Monday, June 13, at 7 pm at the Ebright's, 695 Percy Street. The book, "The Speckled Beauty" by Rick Bragg, is a memoir by an old, Southern fellow, mostly about his dog. What's not to love?

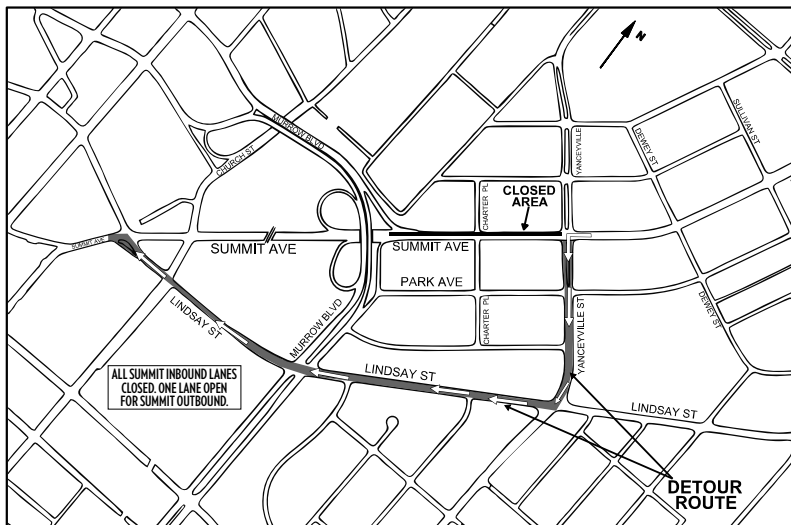
We have yet to schedule the August meeting. Plan to attend the next meeting and help us decide. You will enjoy yourself.

NEIGHBOR WELCOMING

The spring was incredibly busy, and so welcome bags went out sporadically and later than anticipated, but the welcoming continues. In the meantime, please reach out to Heather at heather.brook@gmail.com to (1) let her know if you are new to Dunleath, (2) let her know about new neighbors who need to receive a welcome bag, or (3) to ask that as a newer member of the community, she introduce you to the neighborhood through the listserv.

SUMMIT AVENUE LANE CLOSURES

All lanes of Summit Avenue inbound are closed for installation of sewer and stormwater lines. Only one lane of Summit Avenue outbound is open. Motorists are urged to use alternate routes as shown below. Work should be completed soon. After that, work will begin between Yanceyville and Sullivan.



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UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

May 23, 6:30 pm

June 27, 6:30 pm

July 25, 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

Listserv: Dunleath-News@googlegroups.com

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