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Sunset Hills September 2015

Greensboro, North Carolina

Annual Neighborhood Events

January

February

March

Neighborhood Meeting

April

Easter Egg Hunt

Great American Clean-up

May

Annual Pig Picking

June

July

July 4th Parade and Picnic

August

National Night Out

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Big Sweep Event

October

Halloween Party in the Park

November

December

Lighted Christmas Balls

Food Drive, Running of the Balls

SHNA President's Column

By Carl Phillips

Power at the Tennis Courts on Greenway

Some of you may have noticed little white flags in the park at the south end of the tennis courts. Those flags mark the underground route of the new electrical supply line. Yes, after 80 years we are finally getting electricity in the park. You may not have realized it but when we have an event in the park that requires electricity our great neighbors to the east of the tennis courts have always allowed us to run extension cords. Once the power box is installed we will no longer have to borrow from our neighbors. Based on the projected use of power, Greensboro Parks and Recreation will pay for regular monthly power fees. If we have any unusual power expenses we will pay for power use from our treasury.

This all came about mainly due to the wonderful efforts of John Kelly. John knew of the need to have electrical service and also had a vision about possible future use. With his vision in mind he set out to make it happen,

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Sources of Neighborhood Information

The Sunset Hills Neighborhood Association has a website, Facebook page, and a listserv. Many pictures of neighborhood events appear in color on the website and on the Facebook page.

Get to know your neighbors in text and print and learn the news: <http://www.sunsethillsneighborhood.org>. The *information* tab contains a list of tradespeople recommended by neighbors. If you are not on the listserv go to *Email listserv* and submit your email address to be added as a member of the monitored listserv. The neighborhood Facebook page is: <https://www.facebook.com/SunsetHillsGSO>

When you have a question about tradespeople, spot a stray dog or cat or note something unusual, submit a message to the listserv and the message goes out to all the members. The listserv is monitored to keep the messages relevant to this area and on topics about the neighborhood. You must have paid your 2015 dues to submit a message to the listserv.

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Easter Egg hunt coordinator. This position is open for the SHNA. You have a several months before you have to work on it!! Please contact a board member if you are willing to head the planning for this event.

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DUES are due in January. However, it is never too late to pay for the current year. Please remit your \$10 directly to the treasurer, Emily Herman at 2512 Berkley Place. Checks for more than \$10 will be accepted as donations to the Sunset Hills Neighborhood Association.

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coordinating efforts with Parks and Recreation, Duke Energy, and the Sunset Hills Neighborhood Association board members. Thanks to John for seeing a need and having the fortitude to make it happen. You are one of the many reasons Sunset Hills is such a great neighborhood.

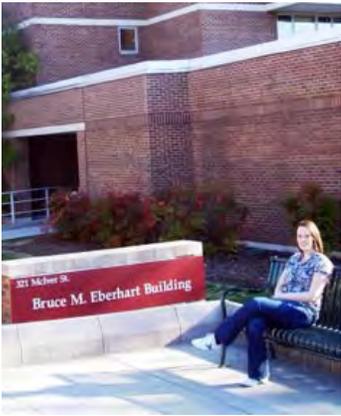
Duke Energy will install the power box on the cement block wall at the tennis courts. The box will remain locked until power is needed. We have yet to determine who will be the keeper of the key, but once we do the information will be shared on the email listserv and also placed on the front of the power box.

So, in closing, what needs/ideas do you have for improving our neighborhood? We need your ideas and your willingness to help make them happen. As you know, we are a very small board made up of volunteers. We need neighbors on our board who can make things happen. Check out the list of board members on our website at www.sunsethillsneighborhood.org (or on page 2 of this newsletter) and get involved. There are currently open positions that could use a few minutes of your time. Social Events, Environmental Affairs, Play Group Coordinator, and Easter Egg Hunt Coordinator are some of the groups that need you.



Older Adult Participants Needed at UNCG!

By Megan I. Jordano



The Adult Cognition Lab in the Department of Psychology at UNCG is currently looking for adults aged 60-85 to participate in engaging research on how people learn new things and maintain their cognitive abilities throughout the lifespan. The success of our research projects relies on local community volunteers.

Our lab runs a database of volunteers in Greensboro and surrounding areas. If you are interested in volunteering for a study with us, all you need to do is call our lab to see if you are eligible. People are eligible if they are between the ages of 60 and 85 and are in generally good health. Once you have been added to our database, we will call you when we have a new study available. Members of our research team are happy to answer any questions you may have when you call our lab.

We run a variety of different studies about learning, memory, and attention. The majority of studies are 2-3 hours long. Our studies involve paper-and-pencil and computerized tasks, although it's not necessary to have computer skills if you wish to volunteer with us. No medication is involved. Scheduling is flexible.

Participants receive \$10 for each hour they are scheduled to participate. All testing is done in the Eberhart building at UNCG and we provide free parking. In addition to the compensation we provide, we hope our volunteers enjoy the time they spend volunteering with us.

We would love to have you volunteer! If you are interested, or if you have any questions, please contact us at (336) 256-0038 or at acl@uncg.edu. If you or someone you know may be interested, more information can be found on our website at http://www.uncg.edu/~d_touron/UNCGAdultCognitionLab.html. We look forward to seeing you in the lab soon!



THE BAZAAR ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

By Alan Atwell

October will soon be here and with it comes COOLER weather and a REALLY COOL BAZAAR at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church on West Market St. The BAZAAR is, as far as we know, the oldest church bazaar in Greensboro, dating back over seventy years. It began in the old church downtown on Sycamore Street and moved to SUNSET HILLS in 1948.

We are very excited to have something new and different, our inaugural *Wine Pull*. Purchase a cork and win a mystery bottle of wine.

The Bazaar is an awesome opportunity for you to purchase gifts for loved ones with the holiday season not far away and to have some really good and hot barbecue sandwiches prepared on site by Sunset Hills resident Sandy Shelton. If you have attended the bazaar in the last three years you probably purchased one of the 150 or so *Themed Gift Baskets* which have been lovingly prepared by parishioners. You will find *Ashley Angel's Thread Bear Designs*, from her store, featuring everything from travel mugs to collegiate gifts. The Big attraction is the Silent Auction with over fifty items that you can bid on up to the closing bell at 1:30. You don't even have to be present to win.

Betty's Accessories Shop is all about costume jewelry, designer watches, and clothing for the young lady or the young at heart. Former science teacher Mack Baker has gifts in his *Wood Crafts Shop* for children and adults.

We have food available. If you crave good homemade food and soups, we will be selling four varieties of frozen soups for your holiday meals or as gifts and at *Nancy's Edible Treasures* every kind of desert imaginable including pies, cookies, cakes and candies. Yum. In the *Unique Boutique* all items are lovingly handmade.

In our library we have a huge selection of books and DVDs for sale. All have been sorted by categories.

Another hot item is the raffle where we will be raffling off a laptop computer and dinner at one of three Quaintance restaurants. The date is Saturday, October 10, at St. Andrew's from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Mark your Calendar so you don't miss it. The date is already circled at our house. See you at THE BAZAAR.



Did You Know That Sunset Hills Was Once “out in the country”??

By Alan Atwell



St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church is nearing the 125th anniversary of its founding back in 1891. The original church was located on Sycamore St. at the site of the current Melvin Municipal Building. In 1941 there were discussions about moving out in the “country” to Sunset Hills. The land was purchased and plans were drawn for a Gothic Stone Church. Not enough money was raised, hence the Georgian Architecture. The current chapel, parish hall and classrooms were opened in 1949. The Reverend Carl Herman was the overseer of the church from 1944 until his retirement in 1977. The church had tremendous

growth in the fifties and sixties; the congregation grew to over 600 communicants. On Thanksgiving Day, 1957, Bishop Penick broke ground for the new sanctuary and the cornerstone laying was held on April 27, 1958.

Today, our priest is Rev. B. J. Owens. He is a native of Greensboro and attended O.L.G. in his early years. B. J. has been with us almost five years. He and the congregation welcome all residents of Sunset Hills who don’t have a church home, to be our guest at one of our services.



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Impressed by the Neighborhood, Sunset Hills, 1974

By Claire Morse

Dezree Bass was looking for a house with a garage. The house on Kensington she bought for herself and her mother in 1974 did not have one, but she was “impressed by the neighborhood”. Her house had been built in 1948 and she purchased it from a UNCG librarian and a public school teacher. She also acquired the house plans and blueprints that she will pass on to the next owner. Ms. Bass believes that the builder was the first to live in the house. She also thinks he may have built the houses on either side of her.

The librarian remained in Greensboro and came by one day. She was pleased to see what Ms. Bass had done to her former abode.

Dezree’s neighbors included many widows; one was Ms. Steve Thompson, who lived at the Kensington-Sylvan corner. One morning Ms. Bass received a call at work from Steve Thompson who knew her as they attended the same church. Ms. Thompson also knew that Dezree’s mother, Mrs. MaryEmma Bass, walked in the morning. Steve asked Ms. Bass if she knew how far her mother walked. Dezree replied that she knew her mother walked, yes, how far, no. Dezree herself walked, but earlier in the morning to allow her to get to work on time. So she wasn’t concerned that her mother was out walking. Reassured and wanting to get to know her walking neighbor, Steve waited for Mrs. Bass to come by, and when she did Ms. Thompson invited her to have a cup of tea. MaryEmma Bass could talk to anyone. (Mrs. Bass subsequently reported she had walked until she saw a cute little church at the end of the road and then decided she would turn around).

Neighbors, family and friends looked out for each other, as in the case of Ms. Bass’ next door neighbor, a widow, Mrs. Taylor who kept her yard in meticulous shape. Eventually Mrs. Taylor was convinced that it was time to move to a more supportive situation. Although folks took her for outings, they didn’t bring her by her old house for fear she might get homesick. Her neighbor to the north, Mrs. Gardner, likewise had frequent visits from her relatives who lived in Greensboro and Raleigh. Across the street, the Stiefel family were friends. Dezree recalled that some time after she moved in burglaries were occurring all over Greensboro. Owners of one large house up the street installed bars on the windows and door. Some years later the bars were removed. The police during that time went door to door informing residents how to identify all items in case they were stolen and later found. They also gave out yellow stickers for outside doors.

In 1955, on May 5, Ms. Bass was proud to be a part of the opening of the first branch of *Home Federal Savings and Loan* at 1702 Battleground in the Plaza Shopping Center. She got to know some Sunset Hills neighbors because she worked in a financial institution. To this day when she runs into Mr. Phillips, manager of that first branch, he introduces her as his first secretary who “taught me how to have a secretary”.

Ms. Dezree Bass remains very pleased by her selection of Sunset Hills as a place to live. Her mother found the neighborhood congenial, taking to her new location like a duck to water, as Dezree puts it.

Dezree appreciates the people she has met and known over the years. Her realtor’s brother, a public school teacher, and mother, a caterer, lived up the street. When they died and the house was sold, Dezree watched the work the new owners did which included redoing the basement but preserving the original coal bin and coal chute.

Like our neighborhood spirit, many of our houses today are easily connected to their past.

WALKING SHOULDN'T BE HAZARDOUS TO YOUR HEALTH

by Gerry Alfano

I have been a lifelong walker. I walk because it's good for my health, physically and mentally. I walk because it is good way to exercise and train our dog. I walk because I find that I see much more of my surroundings than I ever do when I pass by in a car. I walk because I get to meet neighbors and because our dog gets to meet other dogs. I walk year round, including in the rain and snow. It has to be extremely treacherous in the winter or raining heavily for me not to walk. I am also a destination walker, i.e., I walk to get somewhere. I have walked to Friendly Shopping Center, the Bicentennial and Bog Gardens, the Arboretum, restaurants at Walker and Elam, and Downtown Greensboro. I have walked to neighbors' houses for meetings and social events and to the Mad Hatter and 1618 Seafood Grill (both restaurants are only a few blocks from our home).

Unfortunately, Greensboro is not a safe place for pedestrians. It ranks fifth among North Carolina urban areas in pedestrian crashes. Greensboro averages 132 pedestrian crashes per year, twice the rate for Winston-Salem. The City of Greensboro is working on improving pedestrian safety and is participating in the Watch for Me NC, a statewide pedestrian and bicycle campaign to educate and enforce safe practice. We do have the benefit in Sunset Hills and the surrounding neighborhoods (Westerwood, Lindley Park, and College Hill) of having lots of sidewalks which increase the safety for walkers. As a pedestrian, you are vulnerable to serious injury if you are hit by a car. Always walk defensively. The following are some important guidelines for pedestrians:

- Look for cars in all directions—including those turning left or right—before crossing the street. You should never assume a driver will stop.
- Be careful crossing multiple lanes of traffic. Make sure each lane of traffic is clear before you cross.
- Enhance your visibility at night. Walk in well-lit areas and carry a flashlight or wear something reflective, such as stickers or armbands, to be more visible.
- Avoid distraction. More and more people are texting or talking on cell phones when they are crossing streets. This diminishes the ability of your two key senses—hearing and seeing—that are used to detect and avoid cars. So particularly when crossing streets, put down the phone for a few seconds.

- Be predictable to drivers and follow the rules of the road—obey signs and signals.
- Obey all pedestrian traffic signals.
- Watch for cars backing up in parking lots; brake lights can mean that a car is about to back up.
- Cross the street where you have the best view of traffic. At bus stops, cross behind the bus or at the nearest crosswalk.
- Always walk on the sidewalk; if there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic and as far from the roadway as you can.

Safety is a shared responsibility. A few weeks ago, my dog and I were almost hit by a driver who ran the red light at W. Friendly and Radiance. Drivers need to be watchful for pedestrians and bicyclists, drive at slower speeds, avoid distraction, and know the laws regarding when pedestrians have the right-of-way. No driver wants to hit a pedestrian, but it can easily happen if you are speeding, running red lights, or are distracted while you are driving. The following are important guidelines for drivers:

- Be prepared to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks. Pedestrians have the right of way in marked crosswalks.
- Never pass a vehicle that is stopped for pedestrians.
- Before making a turn, be sure the path is clear of any pedestrians.
- Slow down in areas where you are likely to find pedestrians, such as near bus stops, schools, and playgrounds.
- Look carefully behind your vehicle for approaching pedestrians before backing-up.
- Keep an eye out for pedestrians at night that may be walking near or across the road.
- Avoid distractions such as food, passengers and using mobile devices. Talking and texting while driving is both dangerous and illegal in many areas.

According to a statistical study by Greensboro planners, the city sustained a yearly average of 132 crashes involving pedestrians from January 2007 through December 2011. Since then, city police investigated 143 such accidents during 2012 and 124 in 2013. We need to bring these numbers down to zero. Everyone should be able to walk safely in our neighborhoods. Please do your part as a walker or driver.

Experience the Moravian Candle Tea

By Randy Furches

You are invited to experience the 53rd Annual Candle Tea at the First Moravian Church.



Begin in our Sanctuary at 304 S. Elam Avenue in Greensboro where you will enjoy beautiful music and talks on Moravian history.



Experience fragrant beeswax candles being made in our Candle Hut. See how the traditional beeswax and tallow candles are still handmade, continuing hundreds of years of craftsmanship.

Move on to the New Fellowship Hall where you will find our Putz (a miniature Christmas scene filling the entire performance stage), candle trimming, Moravian stars, pottery, advent wreaths, chicken pies with gravy, gingerbread and other Moravian baked goods, crafts, artists and other special finds.



Our Tavern offers a moment from the past where you can enjoy a large fireplace, lively music, Moravian sweet coffee, lemonade and delicious Moravian sugar cake at no charge.

Enjoy the beauty of a live nativity and traditional Moravian Brass Band playing a variety of seasonal music.

Many say this Candle Tea is the beginning of their celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. Please join us and make it a tradition for your family too!



For a history of the Moravians and, in particular, the history of the church in North Carolina and Greensboro, see the October 2014 Sunset Hills Newsletter online at our website.

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Running of the Balls

We at Running with Horses Events are gearing up for year four of the Running of the Balls and we wanted to take a minute to touch base with the residents of Sunset Hills. The date for this year's event is Saturday night, **December 12th**. We'll be capping the event at 2,500 participants again this year. We continue to believe this is the best fit for the neighborhood feel of the race and the logistical realities of the location. We work hard each year to be good stewards with the opportunity this race provides. Some things to look forward to in this year's event include a longer delay between walkers and runners to assure that ALL runners are clear of the course prior to the walkers starting, a better lit start line and finish line to help with the flow of participants and the introduction of a "Friend of the Running of the Balls" sponsorship level to capitalize on the interest in the race by enabling latecomers to participate at a premium in an effort to raise more money for Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest North Carolina.

A new Running of the Balls website is up and running and registration opened on September 12th. As always, residents and sponsors will be provided with a separate discounted registration to make sure family and friends are guaranteed a spot in the race.



Opportunities for in-kind sponsors, financial sponsors, groups and volunteers to be a part of the race are located on the website. Remember that 100% of the financial sponsorships go directly to Second Harvest Food Bank.

We're hoping to break the 1,000,000 meal mark this year and couldn't have done it without the enthusiastic support of the folks of Sunset Hills. We can't go far enough to express our gratitude at allowing us to be a part of your special neighborhood for one night each year. Please feel free to reach out to us with any questions or comments you may have and mark your calendars for December 12, 2015 – it's going to be another great night for a great cause!

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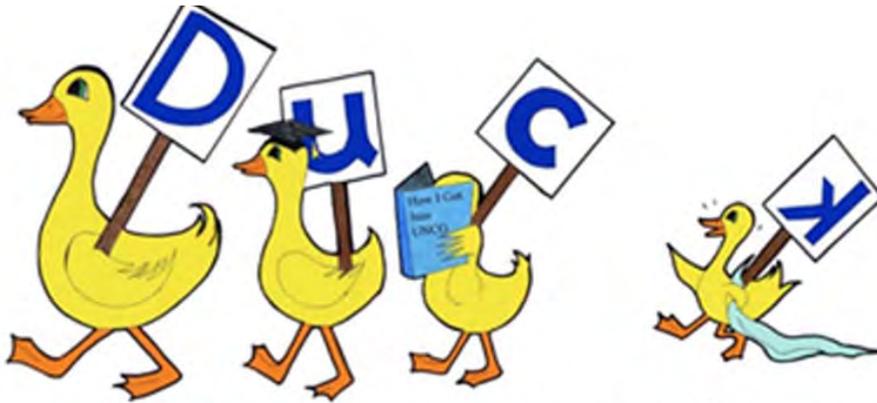
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Development and Understanding of Children's Knowledge

"How many times do I have to tell you not to do that?!" Understanding the Mind of the Child

By Janet Boseovski

"Stop hitting your brother." You've said it until you're blue in the face, only to have your child disobey you in front of your own eyes. Why is this happening?

Our research at UNCG addresses these and other questions about children's social and cognitive development. We are the DUCK Lab (Development and Understanding of Children's Knowledge) and the MDLaB (Memory Development, Learning, and Brain), co-directed by Drs. Janet Boseovski, Stuart Marcovitch, and Jeni Pathman in the Psychology Department. We invite you to visit us at the UNCG campus to help us to learn about development while having a lot of FUN!

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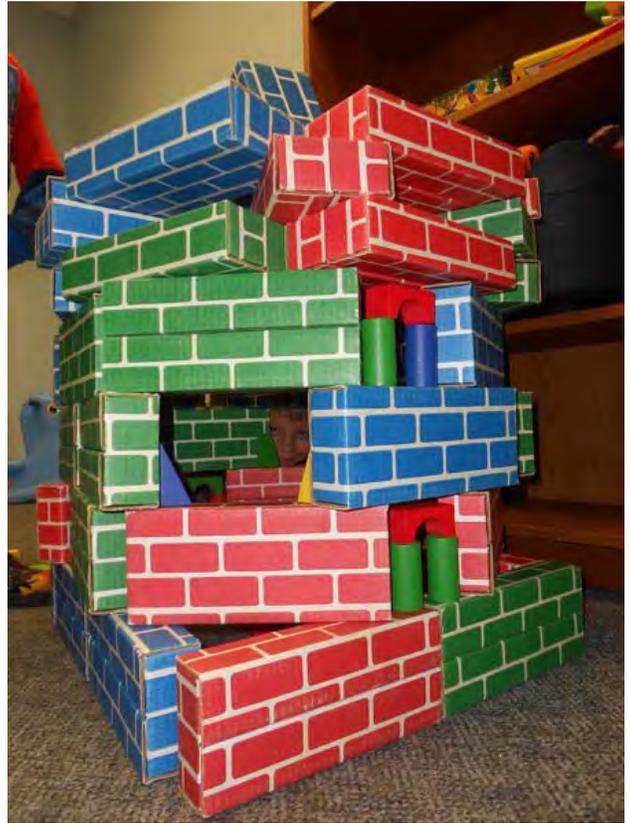
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We study children's behavior control, social judgments and decision making, emotion understanding, and memory and brain development. We also work with the Greensboro Science Center to understand how children learn during their visits to the animal exhibits. Our findings have implications for educational policy and we share our knowledge regularly with various parenting groups.

As a non-profit organization, we rely on the participation of our wonderful community. A visit to our center takes no more than one hour and involves playing "games" with your children. We offer free parking, snacks, beverages and prizes, coffee for parents, and babysitting for siblings.

Getting back to the initial question: children engage in inappropriate behavior for many reasons. In the case of hitting or hurting others, one thing that parents can do is to talk to their child about the feelings of the victims to encourage empathy ("Do you see that your brother is crying? How does he feel? How do you feel when someone does that to you?"). You should also praise your child when you see positive and caring behaviors toward others. Younger children (under 5 years) have trouble controlling themselves even when they know the rule, and playing games like "Simon Says" and "Red light, green light" encourage them to stop and think before they act.



DUCK Lab Research Group at UNCG

- Parents who are interested in being added to our database of participants (with no obligation to participate) are welcome to call our center at (336) 256-0048 or get in touch via Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/UNCGDuckLab>.
- After you've signed up, we will call you when we're doing a study that is age-appropriate for your child to offer you the option of participation.
- Day care directors who are willing to have us give out information pamphlets to parents can also call us directly at the center to make arrangements.

'tis Ivan On a Visit

'It is only with the heart that one can see rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye.' Antoine de Saint-Exupery
By Bob Gingher

Many Sunset Hills neighbors have been grateful beneficiaries of the palpable fellowship that lives at St. Andrew's. As the rector noted this summer, it takes over 50 people every Sunday to make the Sunday service happen, including acolytes, altar guild members, children and adult formation teachers, children's chapel readers, choir, clergy, coffee hour providers, Eucharistic ministers, greeters, money counters, readers, sound board operators, ushers, and the vestry person-of-the-month.



Ann Doyle

I'm not much of a churchgoer, much less a "cradle Episcopalian" like my wife. But I've always been drawn to the venerable Book of Common Prayer, fine Anglican theater, and of course the warm companionship at the heart of St. Andrew's. But for me what inspires awe in any church always stems from its music—in the "joyful noise" of its singing and in the still space both between the notes and within its walls. I'd like to focus on the remarkable caliber of its choir directors over the past three decades. Seven of these have endured and somehow even managed to temper this baritone's ungoverned vocal efforts while, astonishingly, still remaining good friends. The spirited work and unstinting friendship of choir leaders like Ivan Battle and Ann Doyle have been incalculably important to the welfare of so many families.

To visualize a choir rehearsal with either one of these committed teachers one must imagine passionate individuals with enormous vitality. This peculiar "life force" characterizes those passionate about the wonder of music. You would need to witness

Ann Doyle's boundless energy during an evening choir rehearsal. Or have seen Dr. Ivan Battle, with a spring in his step, materialize with his omnipresent black leather music satchel. A superb organist and violinist, Ivan could effortlessly coax a transcendent Charles-Marie Widor Toccata from St. Andrew's then indifferent organ.

In 1982 Dr. Battle founded the Greensboro Music Academy, now the Music Academy of North Carolina (MANC), where so many of our children, my sons included, would study. I wanted, as did my wife Susan, a "primary care" piano teacher for Sam, who even at four had exhibited a demonstrative love of the music. Ivan recommended a stellar teacher, who knew how to juggle discipline and affection to call forth Sam's copasetic, however enthusiastic, great spirit to a reckoning throughout his middle and high school years.



Dr. Ivan Battle

Adolescent music education has proved to be a reliable predictor of success in college and professional life. Ivan's core belief was that music held the limitless power to shape behavioral, cognitive and spiritual development, what MANC now calls "lessons for life." For him the Anglican prayer for "an inquiring and discerning heart" and "the courage to will and to persevere" was not just a ritual supplication but a call to action.

The same can be said of Ann Doyle, St. Andrew's present choir director and organist. She has been the driving force behind much else, having taught both my young sons in the "SMART Singers" at First Presbyterian Church. She founded the Greensboro Youth Chorus and remains its artistic director, and has worked for over thirty years in North Carolina schools, churches and community groups as master teacher, mentor, collaborative performer, and adjudicator.

Following the path of their step-brother Bryan and step-sister Kristina, each of my sons wanted to be an acolyte (from the Greek, "to follow"). They would follow the Cross as they "processed" and "recessed" and assist clergy with minor services. Now tall young men, as young boys they were the tiniest acolytes imaginable. "I can't believe," 7-year-old Sam had exclaimed, that "we're really apple lights!" As torchbearer, Rod sometimes artfully

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dripped candle wax onto his brother's head as they recessed. Whatever the missteps, being an "apple light" has proved to be an excellent formative ritual for leadership. Both would later sing in the choir.

I'll always remember Rod singing "Once in Royal David's City" at St. Andrew's during Advent. Only the year before, when first hearing the choir perform, he had literally hung over the balcony rail, the better to witness their beautiful voices and the diversity of their repertoire. That same night our family hosted three of the young choristers, two of whom were brothers. After interviewing parents of these students, we interviewed a UNCG professor who had attended the American Boychoir School. We were impressed by the level of study discipline, brotherhood, and musical excellence that made attending the school such an extraordinary middle school experience. Rod successfully auditioned for its choral director, Dr. James Litton, and, in a few months, was performing with the choir here and abroad. We would soon see him smile, waving to us and his grandparents from the stage at Carnegie Hall. Today Rod is a geotechnical engineer living and working out of Charlotte. He still enjoys singing and is an accomplished guitarist (a la Tommy Emmanuel).

Before Ivan crossed over to the other shore 20 years ago he gave Connie Kotis his beloved music satchel, asking her to give it to an especially deserving student. Several months ago Sam held a recital at St. Andrew's before the final performances for his doctorate. Today, teaching on the music faculties at two Illinois universities, he carries Ivan's satchel, along with the blessing and responsibility of paying good work forward, of passing on the blessing of music for which we are but the messengers. My family has one perfect palindrome to describe this miraculous phenomenon—'tis Ivan on a visit. Life's most precious constituent is wonder, and next to stillness and silence, music is its finest portal.



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Do You Live in Sunset Hills?

By *Gerry Alfano* (reprinted from December 2014)

There always seem to be some confusion as to who lives in Sunset Hills. I, like many of my neighbors, have assumed that the boundaries of the neighborhood are static. What I have learned is that the boundaries have changed over the years. The current boundaries are set out in Article III of the Bylaws of the Sunset Hills Neighborhood Association. According to the bylaws, the boundaries are “Elam Avenue north from Walker Avenue to Friendly Avenue; Friendly Avenue (south side only) from Elam Avenue to Smyres Place; Smyres Place to West Market Street; West Market St. (both sides) to Mayflower Drive; Mayflower Drive (both sides) to Walker Avenue; Walker Avenue (north side only) from Mayflower Drive to Elam Avenue.” I think it is clear from the bylaws that the south side of Friendly Ave. is the northern boundary of the neighborhood and the north side of Walker Ave. is the southern boundary. It also clear that both sides of Mayflower Drive are included in the eastern boundary. It is not specifically stated that both sides of Elam are included in the western boundary.

How important are the boundaries of the neighborhood? The City of Greensboro, in general, is willing to let the neighborhood define its boundaries. There should not be an issue unless another neighborhood association tries to include the same area. The Sunset Hills Neighborhood Association (SHNA) has been distributing newsletters to both sides of Mayflower Dr. and to both sides of Elam Ave. Several issues of the newsletter were distributed to residences in College Park, which is the small neighborhood east of Mayflower adjacent to the park between Aycocock and Mayflower. This was done to share information. It is obvious that any residents living that close to boundaries of Sunset Hills have common interests and benefit from information on what is going on in the neighborhood. According to the SHNA Bylaws, anyone with an interest in the neighborhood (Article IV, Section B) can join SHNA. Certainly, residents living in areas adjacent to Sunset Hill might have an interest in the neighborhood. The purpose of the SHNA is to be inclusive, not to be exclusive. If you are not in the boundaries of Sunset Hills as defined in the bylaws, you are still welcome to become a member by sending your \$10 annual membership dues to Emily Herman, SHNA Treasurer, 2512 Berkley Place.

A Small Act of Kindness: First Christian Church Backpack Give Away

By Judith Guy, Ministry Intern



In August, members of First Christian Church packed and distributed 100 backpacks for school children. FCC Greensboro gave 75 backpacks to Cone Elementary School and 25 to Glen Haven Community Center, plus an additional 25 tote bags of activities and supplies for pre-schoolers. The backpacks contained folders, papers, pencils and other necessary school supplies. FCC has been packing backpacks for the children at Glen Haven community center for 6 years now.

Throughout the month, we collected supplies, and then gathered for a potluck dinner as a church. After the meal we made an assembly line and packed the bags, and then on Saturday, August 22, we went to the community center. We brought the backpacks and also some toys for the children to play with while we were there. When we arrived children started to come to the playground sporadically. While some members set up the backpacks in the community center, more children started to gather outside and a few other members and I got to spend some time playing with the children. I got to watch hula hoop contests, games of keep away with a beach ball and the flurry of children running under a giant parachute as another group held it up. After twenty minutes of playing the children went

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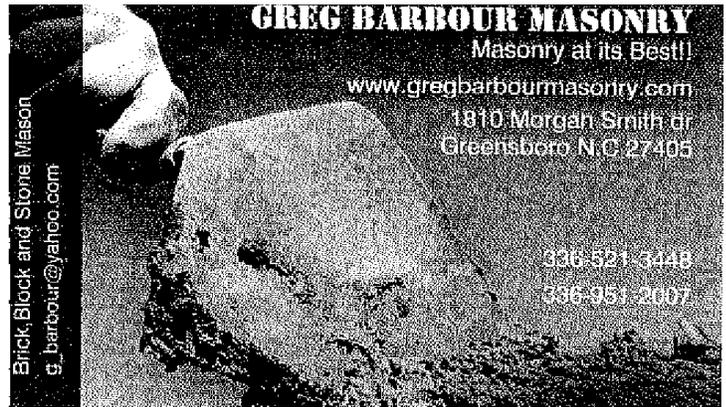


into the center, got a backpack and a FlavorIce, and then continued playing, now with the extra complication of figuring out how to play while holding on to their FlavorIces.

Glen Haven Community Center is located among the homes of over 40 refugee and immigrant families. The center helps tutor the children, offers English classes, job training and more. The mission is to help families feel welcome in Greensboro and to help them feel comfortable in Greensboro. If you are interested in learning more about our partnership with Glen Haven, or the many volunteer opportunities there, please contact us at the church at info@fccgreensboro.org or (336)273-4725, and we'll be happy to connect you. You can learn more about our congregation at www.fccgreensboro.org.



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Membership and Treasurer's Report

As of August 30th we have 345 paid households. Dues are \$10. If you haven't paid your 2015 dues it's not too late. Membership entitles you to post to the listserv, a wonderful way to stay in touch with the neighborhood; ask for help; sell/give away stuff; get vendor recommendations from your neighbors; and help reunite the occasional lost dog/cat/bird with its frantic owner. Check out the front page of this newsletter for annual events that bring neighbors together for social occasions and work projects that help to keep our neighborhood looking good. Send a check made out to SHNA for \$10.00 to me, Emily Herman, 2512 Berkley Pl. If you use two names and want to be listed that way or use a name other than the one on your check, please let me know. Call me at 275-6015 if you have any questions.



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National Night Out

By Doug Thurbon

From the crime watch corner of the world:

I'd like to thank everyone who showed up for the ice cream social / National Night Out (NNO). We had approximately 50 residents participate in the event this year. We also had great participation from the Greensboro Police Department; about eight officers showed up throughout the event. I hope to see even more residents next year.

Touching base on the community crime:

1. The largest percentage of our crime comes from thefts from vehicles, 100% of which were left unlocked. We can drastically reduce the number of crimes by simply locking our cars and not leaving anything valuable visible through the windows. *I have heard, several times, that some people don't keep anything valuable in their cars and then leave their cars unlocked so that the thieves won't break their windows to look inside.* OK, let's put an end to that line of thought. ZERO cars in Sunset Hills had windows smashed in an attempt to steal something. ZERO! The thieves are simply entering the cars that are left unlocked.

2. Next we have home break- ins. This is the next largest percentage of crime we have in the neighborhood. This also includes break- ins to detached garages. Here are several pointers to help reduce this crime:

- A. When you are away, have a neighbor pick up up your mail and newspapers.
- B. Have a neighbor check your door for pizza flyers and the like. Some thieves will post flyers and then return a day later to see which houses still have flyers hanging. This signals them that someone is away.
- C. Believe it or not, winter is just around the bend. If you're going to be away when it snows, ask a neighbor to drive into and back out of your driveway to leave tracks in the snow so it looks like someone is coming and going.
- D. Have a neighbor park their extra car in your driveway while you're away so that it looks like someone is home.
- E. We all know about the automatic timers, those that turn lights on and off in your home while you're gone. They are cheap and work great.
- F. I saved the best for last!!!! Get an alarm system. The new technologies are amazing.

3. There has been a rise in the theft of high dollar bikes this summer. All you spandex road warriors out there, make sure you lock your bikes up. We all know those bikes are not cheap and so do the thieves.

Lastly, I have noticed a very large turnover in homes recently. Make sure you reach out to anyone new to your area and get them on the listserv so they can get all the amazing crime watch reports I put out.

I can be reached at dougnkaren@att.net

Everyone take care and be safe out there.



On behalf of the Sunset Hills Board we regretfully announce that Emily Herman will be stepping down from the position of Treasurer. Emily and Harvey will be moving to Friends Home West at the end of December. Both Emily and Harvey will be greatly missed. Emily has been one of the corner stones in building our board structure as well as managing and tracking everyone's dues payments. Harvey has also supplied us with a pictorial documentary of most of our neighborhood functions. The very best to both of you and a very sincere thank you from your fellow board members and the entire Sunset Hills neighborhood. To steal lyrics from a popular song, that seems to fit this situation, "because we knew you, we have been changed for the better".

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