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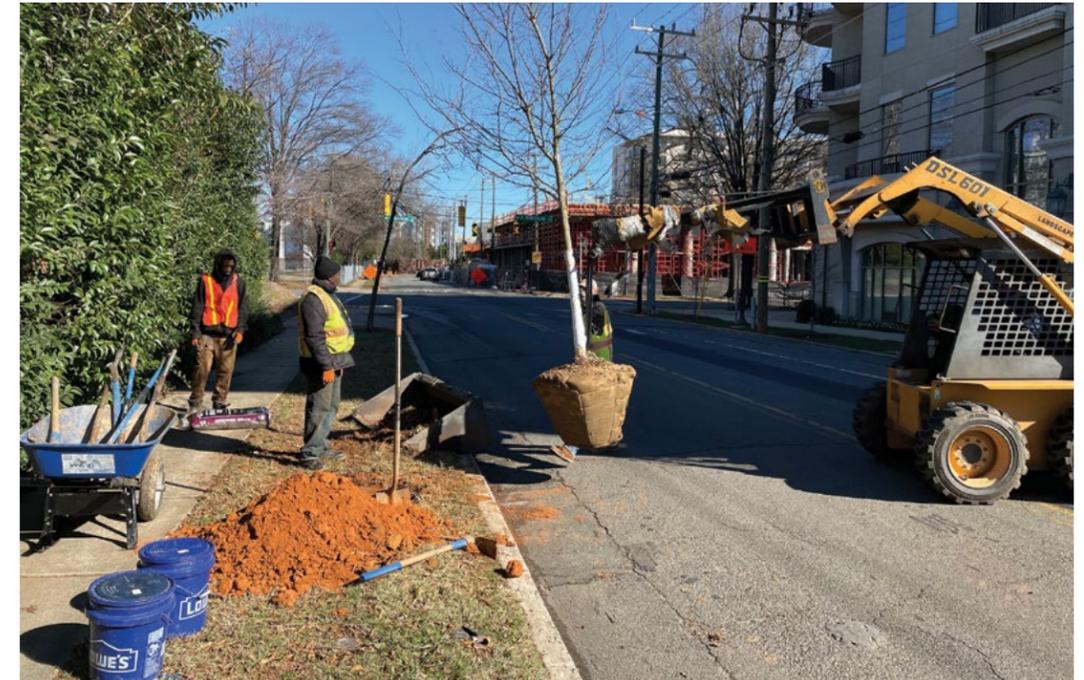
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One of the 100 trees added to Dilworth streets this year paid for by Dilworth residents through the Share the Shade fundraiser.

Share The Shade announces successes and new Tribute gifting program

By Liz Lewis

Thanks to you, we've been able to add almost 100 new trees to the Dilworth streets over the past three years.

Neighbors have contributed to the Dilworth Community Association's Share the Shade fundraiser to shore up a vital part of our neighborhood: our tree canopy.

Through these campaigns, we're also working to address equity issues by supporting the tree canopy of a nearby neighborhood with fewer funding resources.

Results from Share the Shade 2021 fundraiser: This past winter, we were able to plant 33

more large shade trees throughout the Dilworth neighborhood. A portion of what we raised, \$5,700 was given to the Revolution Park neighborhood through a pilot program that addresses their most critical tree canopy needs, tree care and maintenance.

We all know that Dilworth trees are a vital part of our community and are a tremendous environmental asset.

Because of development pressures and the aging out of our tree canopy, planting new trees to replace what we're losing needs to be an ongoing effort.

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2022: Embracing Change

2022 is upon us, and if we know nothing else about this year, we know it will be one of changes. Dilworth is not sheltered from change, and while we may be Charlotte's largest historic community, we are certainly not a static one.

I am hopeful the community is emerging from the two-year shadow of COVID-19. It was around this time in 2020 that "coronavirus" entered our daily lexicon, and we have all traveled a long road since that point.

Every member of our community has worked in some way to adapt to the "new normal" of this pandemic period, and those efforts continue to this day. While some in Dilworth and the greater Charlotte area have experienced significant health challenges and lost loved ones, others have found themselves more impacted by the economic consequences than the physical.

We have lost local businesses and gained new ones. We have seen dining options abruptly limited and then embraced a return to both on-site dining and at-home delivery. While some long-time Dilworth businesses were lost during these two years, many, gratefully, survived.

If we're honest, the past two years have been a challenging time for community boards as well. Each member of the Dilworth Community Association board is a volunteer with a passion for our neighborhood and I am grateful for everyone who has hung in with us through this trying time.

Dilworth is a special place, offering immediate access to the very best the Queen City has to offer while maintaining a sense of neighborhood and support many people are unaware still exists in a city the size of Charlotte.

In the past, we have been able to advocate for Dilworth through fundraising, civic engagement, charitable support, and public outreach events.

Many of these opportunities were simply not available to us in an environment that limited in-person public interaction.



Nathan Leehman
DCA President

Your DCA was forced to adjust – just as many of you were – and losing in-person camaraderie and shared purpose is never easy. We leaned heavily on our past presidents Valerie Preston (2020) and Franklin Keathley (2021) to guide our efforts, and I wanted to take a moment to thank them both for their leadership during a very challenging period.

I am happy to report that a challenging time is not necessarily an unsuccessful time – certainly not when we're talking about the amazing community of Dilworth!

In the case of the DCA board, the lack of in-person opportunities meant that we needed to refocus on what could be done and ensure we were doing it well. I would like to highlight a few examples of our shared success over the past year:

Land Use Advocacy: Dilworth is on the cutting edge of balancing our Historic District with the explosive growth of the city around us, and our Land Use Committee has been tirelessly advocating for a consistent and thoughtful approach to working with the city. The 2040 Plan (along with the mapping and placemaking that goes along with it) has been influenced by the Land Use Committee's seemingly nonstop activity, and we will continue to ensure Dilworth's needs are addressed moving forward.

The Tree Canopy: With your help, the Tree Canopy Committee's efforts raised over \$26,000 in 2021 to ensure the unique streetscape of Dilworth is sustained for the long term. We even partnered with the Revolution neighborhood to help them in their efforts at reforestation. A green Charlotte is a healthy Charlotte, and we love working with our neighbors to maximize our local treescape. Thank you to those who contributed in 2021 and keep an eye out for our 2022 campaign!

The Pace Car Program: Interested in setting an example for those speeding through your neighborhood? This program features local commitments to good citizenship and a prominent display for those respecting local rules of the road.

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DCA Board Meetings are open to the public, 6:30pm, the first Wednesday of the month at the Tom Sykes Recreation Center, with time allotted for Q&A.

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Neighborhood Environment

Tree Death Brings New Life

Introduction by Ruth Ann Grissom

Boldly patterned with a red head and white body with black and white wings, red-headed woodpeckers are hard to miss. Unfortunately, it's been years since they've been spotted in our own Latta Park.

According to John Gerwin, research curator in ornithology at the NC Museum of Natural Sciences, "Woodpeckers are especially vulnerable in urban parks where the dead and dying trees they depend on for foraging and nesting are routinely removed."

While potentially dangerous trees cannot be allowed to remain, the Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Department agreed to leave two 8-10 foot trunks standing when the large oaks needed to be removed a few years ago.

To learn how dead wood "snags" can enrich the habitat for woodpeckers and many other species, check out this article written by Doreen Cubie for The National Wildlife Federation - reprinted with permission.

By Doreen Cubie

Looking for a simple, low-cost way to boost wildlife habitat? Leaving a dead tree or downed log in your yard will do the trick. Nationwide, about 1,000 species of birds, mammals, amphibians and reptiles depend on these "snags" at some point in their life cycle.

Until a few decades ago, snags—today better known as "habitat trees"—were routinely removed both from backyards and forests. Now we know better, says Ken Bevis, stewardship wildlife biologist for the Washington State Department of Natural Resources. "A tree provides excellent habitat for many, many years after it dies," he says.

During autumn in Colorado, a raccoons shelters in a hollow tree.

Woodpeckers are the first birds to take advantage of snags, Bevis says, usually beginning to excavate cavities five to seven years after the tree dies. Swallows, bluebirds, wrens, small owls, kestrels and wood ducks are among the birds that nest in the same cavities after the woodpeckers depart.

Porcupines, squirrels, martens and other mammals also shelter in hollow trees. In winter, brown creepers, small nuthatchlike birds, and some bat species roost behind the loose bark to keep warm. Hawks and owls perch on the tops of snags when searching for prey.



Woodpeckers (such as the northern flicker, above) are the first birds to carve cavities in snags.

If you have space, experts recommend three habitat trees per acre, but even one will provide benefits.

"The smallest of snags is going to be valuable," says Ashley Hoppers, a University of Georgia extension agent. "But the larger it is, the better."

From hazard to habitat

As for the risks of keeping snags, avoid having dead wood resting against your home. Any large branch or tree that may fall on your house or your neighbor's should be cut down or trimmed.

Bevis suggests removing the crown, or as much as one-half or even two-thirds of a dead tree, which he calls transforming it from hazard to habitat. "Broken tops are great," he says. "An arborist can make it look like the snag broke off naturally."

Downed logs also provide valuable habitat. As the logs decay, Hoppers says, they replenish soil nutrients, attract insect food for animals and act as "nurse logs" for new tree seedlings to sprout.

A wide variety of wildlife—from chipmunks to scarlet king snakes to several salamander species—will set up housekeeping in the logs, bringing an even greater abundance of wildlife to your at-home habitat. ■

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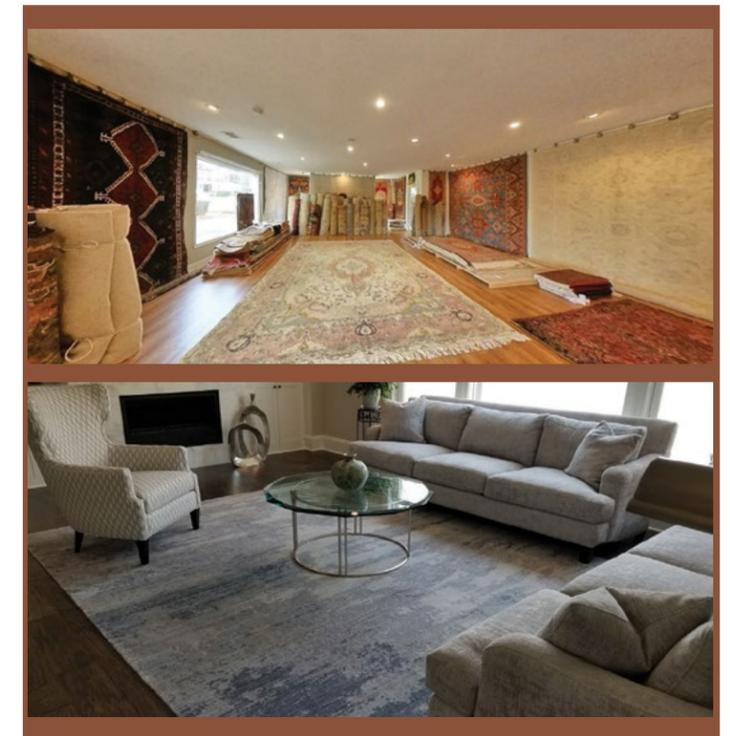
We will continue to do our annual Share the Shade fundraiser, and are also creating a Tree Tribute program.

The new Tree Tribute program will give people options throughout the year to give the gift of trees to loved ones and friends, or to honor the passing of important people in their lives. Donors can choose to receive a gift card or an electronic tribute certificate.

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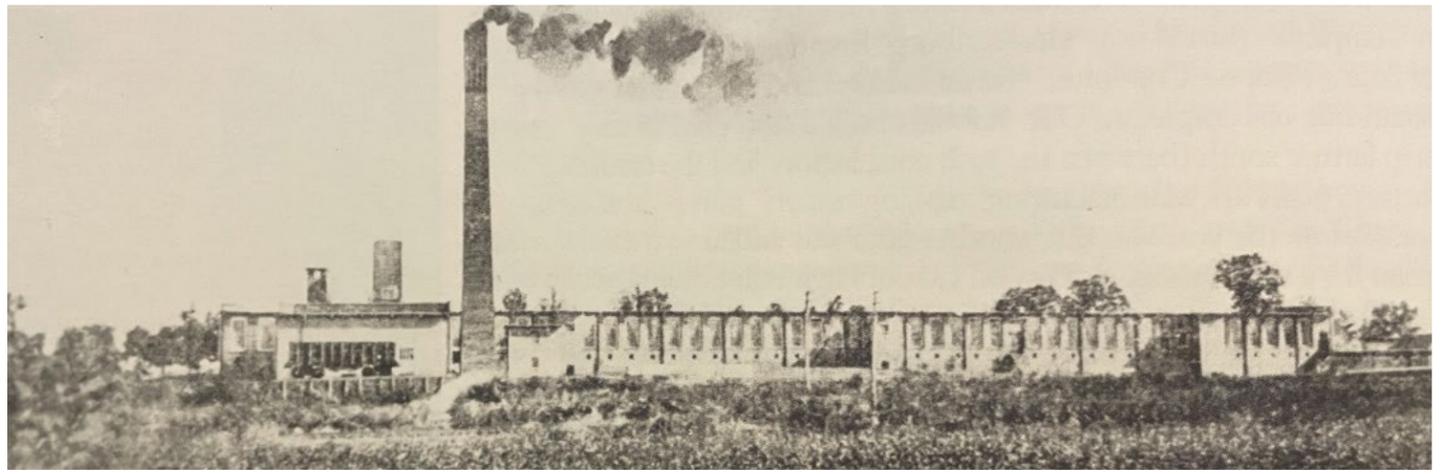
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Did you Know?

Dilworth has a rich history as an Industrial Hub



The Atherton Mill and its village just south of Dilworth helped ensure the success of Latta's project.

Excerpted from "Dilworth: The First 100 Years," by Tom Bradbury
"Dilworth is the Manchester of Charlotte. It is the industrial annex. To the number of industrial plants at present in operation there is to be added a shuttle block factory." – The Charlotte Daily Observer, October 23 1895

"It does one good to go out in Dilworth and see the signs of prosperity and progress. The factories draw the people. Dilworth is beginning to be not only a social but an industrial center. Strings of wagons stand daily before the shuttle block factory and the roller flour mill. The other mills are also busy shipping or sending as the case may be." – The Charlotte Daily Observer, January 31, 1896

The factories draw the people, said the article, and they shaped Dilworth's character as they ensured its future. From the flour mill just south of Morehead Street to the Atherton Mill at Dilworth's southwestern corner, the corridor between South Boulevard and the railroad track hummed with industrial energy – with some grand homes tucked between the plants.

The first critical step was the construction of the Atherton Mill in 1892-1893 south of Tremont Avenue along what is now South Boulevard. Charlotte's sixth cotton mill, it was built by

entrepreneur D.A. Tompkins – who would eventually build more than 100 mills around the South. The mill drew its water from the old Summit Hill Gold Mine – recalling an earlier base of Charlotte's prosperity – and its mill village helped secure the success of Dilworth as a residential community.

The pattern set by the Atherton at the south end of Dilworth was repeated by a series of industrial facilities at the north end. The Charlotte Trouser Company was built in 1894 at the south side of Arlington Avenue between South Boulevard and the railroad track. It was followed in 1895 by six more factories.

One was across South Boulevard, the Leslie Card Clothing Factory, built by the Leslie brothers of Montreal, Canada. Making textile mill supplies, it sat on the east side of Commonwealth (later Cleveland) Avenue, between Templeton and Arlington.

But most of the factories picked the corridor between South Boulevard and the railroad. The Mecklenburg Flouring Mill on the north side of Templeton turned out "Mecklenburg" brand meal and three brands of flour: "Princess Charlotte," "Royal Family," and "Dilworth."

No wonder The Daily Observer called Dilworth *The Manchester of Charlotte*. ■



Dilworth Eats

Modern Meets Historic at Local Favorite Copper

By Laurel Nakkas

In a city abounding with new construction, it's not every day you find an upscale, contemporary restaurant tucked in a 114-year-old historic home. But it's also not often you stumble on a restaurant quite like Copper Modern Indian Cuisine.

At Copper, new and old converge providing a unique experience – one which owner and restaurateur Pannu Singh envisioned from the start.

“When I came to Charlotte, I wanted to do Indian, but I wanted to do a different kind of Indian, not traditional. So that’s why we came up with the idea of modern Indian,” said Singh.



Located in an historic home on East Boulevard, Indian restaurant Copper is owned by Pannu Singh.

“The kind of restaurant this is, you will not find at least 300 miles from here. You will not find anything like Copper.”

Located at 311 East Blvd., Copper inhabits the historic Mayer House, a Victorian cottage dating back to 1908. In its early years it served as a boardinghouse and the home where novelist Carson McCullers briefly resided. More recently, since the ‘80s, countless restaurants have called the Mayer House home. However, none has seen quite the prolonged success that Copper has – 17 years since its grand opening in 2005.

Even the restaurant’s name points to the irony of its modern sensibility juxtaposed with its traditional roots. Singh explained that the element copper is commonly seen throughout India in cookware and decorative pieces. It’s expected in a traditional Indian kitchen. But his restaurant isn’t the expected.

“People were thinking we were going to walk to Copper, and then we’re going to see everything copper: the utensils were going to be copper [and] the glass was going to be copper. But that was the idea – there was nothing copper. We were just trying to send a message that it’s Indian, but it’s different,” said Singh.



Photo by Tonya Russ Price / Poprock Photography.

One key difference is Copper’s menu. You’ll find both traditional and modern cuisine, all rooted in traditional flavors, but with a contemporary twist. And rather than pages of dishes, you’ll find fewer masterfully perfected items, with an emphasis on quality over quantity. Because their recipes are tried and true, Singh said dishes all sell equally well, with little need to frequently change things up.

Though Copper’s chefs use flavors from all regions of India, they use the northern Indian style most prominently, since it’s preferred by the majority of Charlotteans. That’s because it subtly incorporates traditional Indian flavors in creamier and richer sauces, in comparison to southern Indian style, which is stronger and spicier.

This northern style is evidenced in their most loved entrée – the murg tikka masala. It’s roasted chicken breast in a rich and creamy curry tomato sauce with the herb fenugreek, served with basmati rice. Another fan favorite: their classic saag paneer.

This is a vegetarian dish of creamed spinach, paneer (an Indian cheese), ginger, fenugreek and garlic.

The restaurant carries vegetarian and vegan items as well as unique cocktail offerings.

“Our Hazy Mumbai, that’s one of the cocktails selling the most just because it has ginger in it, it has cumin, and all those [Indian] flavors, with a bourbon base,” said Singh.

Consultant Chef Mel Oza is the mastermind behind many of Copper’s recipes and specifically helped conceptualize the modern section of their menu, which Singh recommends to anyone unfamiliar with Indian cuisine.

“[For someone who’s never had Indian], go with our seafood medley. That or the lamb chops. Those are the dishes we have listed in the modern section,” said Singh. “Yeah, it still has flavors, but very delicately spiced, very mildly spiced.”

While Copper’s contemporary cuisine explains much of its success, the restaurant’s ambiance explains the rest. Historical preservation law requires that the exterior of the Mayer House be left alone. But Singh made major changes to the interior before opening the restaurant many years ago – new lighting, walls, bar, furniture and floors. All this contributes to its upscale vibe.

Like all restaurants, Copper felt the effects of coronavirus over the last couple of years. But, fortunately, it was a minimal disruption due to the local support from the Dilworth community. Takeout and delivery thrived because of nearby neighbors.

“We are very blessed to be in Dilworth,” said Singh. “And we are very greatly appreciative to all the Dilworth community for [being] such a big support to us.”

Singh hopes loyal patrons and newbies alike consider Copper as the place to be for their special outings.

“If you want to have a date or a special event to celebrate, this is the restaurant,” said Singh. “Someone who never had Indian before – this is the place to try, and I guarantee we will not disappoint anyone who will try it the first time. ... Give us a try on your special occasion and you will love it. That’s for sure.” ■

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Our Kids

An Open Letter to the Dilworth Community

By Charlie Fenstermacher

Dilworth Elementary is a school consisting of many unique characteristics. The education students receive at Dilworth goes beyond just reading, math and science. There are many aspects of our school that make us unique. Our architecture, rigorous curriculum, and amazing staff are just a few things that make us stand out among the rest.

Our architecture is one attribute that never fades, is one-of-a-kind, and represents our open minds. Our atrium promotes student inquiries, it features a bright solarium with light beaming in, fluttered by glass that cascades down the walls. It gives an ethereal feel to the students and teachers who walk by. Additionally, the fish pond reflects the elements and brings a natural feel that students love to observe.

The curriculum is another aspect of the school's exemplary attributes. The fifth graders are taking part in an innovative project, Genius Hour, which fosters creativity in a majorly academic world, where students have time to create ideas and to build projects and presentations. Our book clubs read eye-opening novels such as A Long Walk to Water (Park), Home of the Brave (Applegate), and Esperanza Rising (Muñoz) that focus on the importance of access to human rights. Students can apply their lessons learned from these books to real-world problems. At Camp Invention, students continue to learn in the summer with new perspectives in science and engineering. Enrollment is open for grades K-5.

At Dilworth, we have a staff containing a multitude of people who guide students in their growth. Our staff goes above and beyond to provide daily opportunities to learn and take risks.



Charlie and Ms. Tracey at the iconic fish pond.

One integral staff member is an amazing custodian, Ms. Tracey, who has been with Dilworth for seven years. She inspires everyone to feel better, happier, and healthier. The custodians have a vital interwoven friendship. You could say that the fish, Alex, Sebastian, Igor, Tangerine, and Mandarin, enjoy her company as well— she's also in charge of the beloved fish pond.

Dilworth Elementary fosters opportunities across the academic world for its students. The building cultivates a sense of wonder, while our staff brings academic expertise. As Dilworth grows, it blossoms with its differences and similarities. Our school spirit is like none other, and our community is enriched with educational and athletic programs that help even the littlest students to grow. ■

Hello! I'm Charlie Fenstermacher, and I'm a 5th-grade student at Dilworth Elementary Latta Campus. I like to write creatively and report on topics around the school. I am a chief co-editor of the school's first student newspaper, The Blaze Gazette. Students have an opportunity to participate by submitting stories. The goal is to diversify the way we communicate as a school. I have come from classroom to community with "The Jelly in a Bowl Journal," a comedic newspaper following a fictional city, all the way to this article! I would like to thank Mrs. Fergusson and Mrs. Crawford for this opportunity, as well as my co-editor, Paige Olson.

Dilworth Community Garden: A Labor of Love

It's Springtime! Everyone is getting out in their front and back yards prepping and planting - including a garden we all share.

Established in 2015, Dilworth Community Garden is neighborhood labor of love and one that shows the impact of neighbors working together and creating spaces for all to enjoy.

At 1300 Ordermore Avenue (between Scott and Kenilworth), the garden is comprised of 36 individual plots, each leased, maintained, and made unique by its own Dilworth gardener.

Everyone pitches in on garden workdays to maintain the public spaces, and (in season) surplus veggies are donated to Dilworth Soup Kitchen.

Visitors to Dilworth Community Garden will notice each plot has its own personality, design and art, reflecting the many gardeners.

Alongside neighborhood volunteers, the local businesses help out too. Lowe's donated the fence materials, Dilworth Drug the picnic tables, Andrew Roby built the new bulletin board, and Water Works Irrigation provided access to water and installed the hose bibs.

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Historic District Commission

Alternative Energy for Historic Homes

By Cindy Kochanek

There are several sources of alternative or renewable energy including geothermal, solar and wind. Some of the sources are not practical for a homeowner or business in an urban setting either due to cost or space limitations.

Typically, the most likely sources utilized in an urban setting are either geothermal or solar. Geothermal heat pumps are buried in the ground to take advantage of the constant temperature below the ground but near the earth's surface to heat or cool buildings. Due to the need to bury the system and disturb the ground the easiest time to install this type of system is during initial construction.

While a retrofit to install a geothermal heat pump is possible it is typically seen as problematic requiring enough space and at the very least the reinstallation of some landscaping; initial installation costs are often a deterrent for this type of alternative energy.

Solar is the conversion of sunlight into electricity. Solar installations for residences and businesses take the form of photovoltaic (PV) panels that are installed on the ground or on a roof. Solar installations are significantly easier to install than geothermal heat pumps. For solar panels installed on a roof they are best installed at or just after a new roof is installed, depending on the lifespan of that roof.

Solar panels require additional electrical boxes to be installed including power inverters and disconnects. A professional installer can advise on the best location for the panels, the potential power that can be generated and if any incentives or credits are available for a particular area. A good place to start for more details on renewable energy including geothermal, solar and wind is energy.gov.

For buildings in historic districts the impact on historic materials and visibility are the major concerns when considering alternative energy sources. While geothermal heat pumps would essentially be invisible, they may have an impact on historic

landscapes and as mentioned the initial costs are often a deterrent to this type of system especially with the limited space on parcels in urban areas. Solar panels however have a much lower initial cost thus they will be the main alternative energy option reviewed in a historic district. Solar panels have been approved in historic districts nationwide and here locally within Charlotte's Historic Districts.

Solar panels have the potential to have more of a visual impact on historic structures than geothermal heat pumps. Solar panels proposed for installation in any of Charlotte's local historic districts should be installed on roof areas that are not visible from the street, for example, behind parapet walls, the rear of a side gable roof or on an accessory building in the rear yard.

Corner lots have much more potential for visibility. The location and visibility of the associated electrical components like inverters and disconnects will also be a consideration.

The recently adopted HDC Design Standards address solar installations and are available online now.

As always, please feel free to contact HDC staff if you have any questions on specifics relating to alternative energy or any other questions or concerns regarding the Dilworth Local Historic District. HDC staff can be reached via email at charlottehdc@charlottenc.gov. Check out our social media posts on Facebook and Instagram @cltplanning. ■



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From the President

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2022 Alert: The Dilworth Jubilee! Join us Saturday, April 30 for a *Spring Edition* of the Dilworth Jubilee! This family friendly event features multiple musicians, businesses, and events for current and future Dilworth residents alike. Bring your friends to Latta Park from 4-9 and enjoy a fun-filled day with your neighbors.

The great thing is that you can be a part of these efforts moving forward! Our meetings will continue to be available in real time through Zoom, and we are committed to the resumption of in-person board meetings as soon as safely possible. Your participation, whether in person or remotely, is an incredibly important part of achieving our mission as community representatives. Our most up-to-date schedule, venues, and remote attendance links are always available at dilworthonline.com, and we are excited to see you each month and learn what is most important to you.

Thank you for your continued love and support of Dilworth and our neighbors. I am honored to serve as your President and I hope to see you soon!

- Nathan Leehman



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Crop	Planting Date	Days To Harvest
Basil	Apr 1-July 31	30-80
Beans, Snap	Mar 15-July 31	50-55
Beets	Mar 1-Apr 15	55-60
Broccoli	Feb 15-Apr 15	70-80
Cabbage	Feb 15-Apr 15	70-80
Cantaloupe	Apr 15-May 15	85-100
Carrots	Feb 15-Mar 31	85-95
Cauliflower	Feb 15-Apr 15	55-65
Celery	Mar 1-Mar 31	80-100
Corn	Mar 15-May 31	85-90
Cucumber	Apr 15-Jun 30	50-65
Kale	Feb 15-Jun 30	40-50
Lettuce (Leaf)	Feb 1-Apr 30	40-50
Lettuce (Head)	Feb 1-Apr 30	70-86
Peas, Garden	Feb 1-Apr 15	65-70
Spinach	Feb 15-Jun 30	50-60
Squash, Summer	Apr 15-Jun 30	50-60
Sweet Potatoes	May 1-July 15	95-125
Swiss Chard	Mar 1-Apr 30	60-70
Tomatoes	Apr 15-July 31	75-85
Watermelons	Apr 15-Jun 30	90-100

Spring Planting Guide

If your home garden is more about what you can eat than what you can look at, the NC Cooperative Extension, a joint venture of NC State and NC A&T, has recommendations on what you might want to plant this Spring and Early Summer.

Here's a short list of when and what you should be putting in the dirt over the next few months.

Our area is blessed with a climate allowing food to be grown year-round. With the right kind of planning, you can enjoy the bounty of your home garden - no matter what the season. And it's family friendly!

For more information, including planting tips, check out the NC Cooperative website at ces.ncsu.edu.



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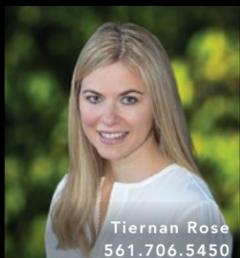
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South End Market: Bringing local food and crafts to the neighborhood for a dozen years.

This month's "Did You Know?" (Page 9) talks about how Atherton Mill was the focal point of Dilworth's industrial history. Today, Atherton is a thriving multi-use development, complete with residences, restaurants, shops .. and since 2010, a thriving farmers market.

South End Market (formerly Atherton Market) is one of the few year-round farmers markets in the Charlotte area. Every Saturday, 8am-1pm, rain or shine (except for life-threatening weather) area farmers, food artisans, and crafters gather across from the Charlotte Rail Trail behind the Atherton Shops.

Neighborhood shoppers have weekly access to just-harvested produce, locally raised meats, just-caught seafood, cheeses, breads, handmade pastas, fresh fruit juices, ready-to-go foods, baked goods, and much more. Local crafters offer everything from artisanal soaps, candles, a variety of wellness products .. and even local items for your fur babies.

"Farmers markets play a vital role in local communities," says Samantha DeRosa, Market Manager for South End Market. *"Not only do they bring healthy, local food to the neighborhood, they also directly support farmers and other local small businesses. It is also a good place to meet up with your neighbors!"*

Learn more about South End Market at southendmkt.com. ■



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Tom Sykes Recreation Center

Compiled by Shauna Powell

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For more information about all of Tom Sykes Recreation Center programs contact TomSykesRecreationCenter@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.

Preschool Programs

Music Together of Charlotte

Music Together is children and their grownups joyfully sharing songs, rhymes, movement, and instrument play, both in music class and in their daily lives. A pioneer in early childhood music and movement education, Music Together offers classes in which parents and caregivers actively participate.

When: Monday - Saturday

Ages: 8 months - 5 years

Contact: musictogetherofcharlotte@gmail.com

CMS School Day Out and Early Release Days

School Day Out Day Camp

9am-6pm

\$24.00 per child

Early Release Day Camp

\$15.00 per child

noon-6pm

Please call for specific dates.

You do not have to attend Dilworth or Sedgefield Schools to participate – all are welcome.

Summer Camp Programs

When: Monday - Saturday

Ten Themed Weeks

Time: 7:30am-6:00pm

Ages: 5-12

Pricing: \$120.00 per week

Call 980-314-1113 for more information.

Youth Programs

Arts & Crafts Club

Come join the Tom Sykes Arts and Crafts Club designed to give children a sense of achievement and allows them to take pride in their work as they create a variety of fun take-home crafts. Beading, jewelry making, tie-dying and much more will take place each week. Each session runs for six weeks and costs \$20 to join, all supplies included.

Ages: 7-16 years

Pricing: \$20.00 per child (cover six sessions)

Registration: Ongoing

Season: Monday Evenings starting January 31 - March 14

Time: 5:00pm-6:00pm

Basketball Lessons – Private/Group Lessons

Whether your player(s) is new to the game or is looking to work on specific skills and techniques to enhance their basketball game, private and group lessons at Tom Sykes Recreation Center will help them achieve the goals they set.

Ages: 5-12 years

Pricing: \$15.00/hr

Call 980-314-1113 to schedule an appointment.

Youth Volleyball – Private/Group Lessons

Whether you are new to the game or are looking to work on specific skills and techniques to enhance your volleyball game, private and group lessons at Tom Sykes Recreation Center will help them achieve the goals they set. Call 980-314-1113 to schedule an appointment. Availability based on gym schedule.

Ages: 8-17 years

Pricing: \$15.00/hr

Sports Clinic

Develop techniques/skills, responsibility, and work ethic to improve self-esteem and positive sportsmanship via team sports while staying healthy and having fun.

Call 980-314-1113 for more information.

Ages: 5-11 years

Season: March - April

Pricing: \$20.00

Time: 6:00pm-7:00pm

All Age Programs

Biking Lessons

From complete beginner to experienced cyclist, we can help you to accomplish your goals. Road biking? Let our certified cycling instructor show you the safest way to maneuver the streets. Mountain biking? Allow us to help you make your trail rides safer and a lot more fun. Call 980-314-1113 to schedule a lesson.

Pricing: Free

Badminton

Pickup games weekday nights from 5:30-7:30. Three courts available. All ages and skill levels. Call for availability.

Pricing: \$2.00 Adults • Free for youth

Adult Programs

Ping Pong

Come play pickup games of Ping Pong Wednesday nights from 6:00-7:45pm. Three courts available at a time. All skill levels welcome.

Ages: 18+

Pricing: \$2.00

Registration: Ongoing

Meets: Wednesday Nights

Time: 6:00p-7:45p

Pickleball Private Lessons (Adult)

Learn fundamentals to help everyone from the seasoned veteran players to the newbies. These lessons are great as a refresher course and can be a very good opportunity to sharpen skills before playing competitively. General focus of these lessons will be proper technique, footwork & overall strategy.

Ages: 18+

Pricing: \$15 per session

Meets: Thursday Nights starting February 3-March 10

Time: 7- 8pm

Dad Bod Fitness (Adult)

In this one hour of low-impact, high-energy work outs with assisted stretching, and cardio, this is a perfect opportunity to burn off a few pounds and calories and start a realistic training regimen for all those who have gained a little 'Pandemic Weight'.

Ages: 18+

Pricing: \$5.00

Meets: Thursday Nights starting February 3 - March 10

Time: 6 -7pm

Dodgeball (Adult)

This program is a high-energy/low competition FUN activity. Great stress relief for casual friends that want to 'Blow off some Steam' or organized team building for coworkers. Jerseys will be provided. League dates: TBD (\$30 per player or \$300 per team)

Ages: 18+

Pricing: \$30.00 per player

Meets: Monday Nights

Time: 6pm-8pm

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Calling all Birds! Latta Park is ready for you!

Info from carolinabirdclub.org

Spring is a great time of year to put on your hiking shoes, grab a pair of binoculars, and head out to our own Latta Park.

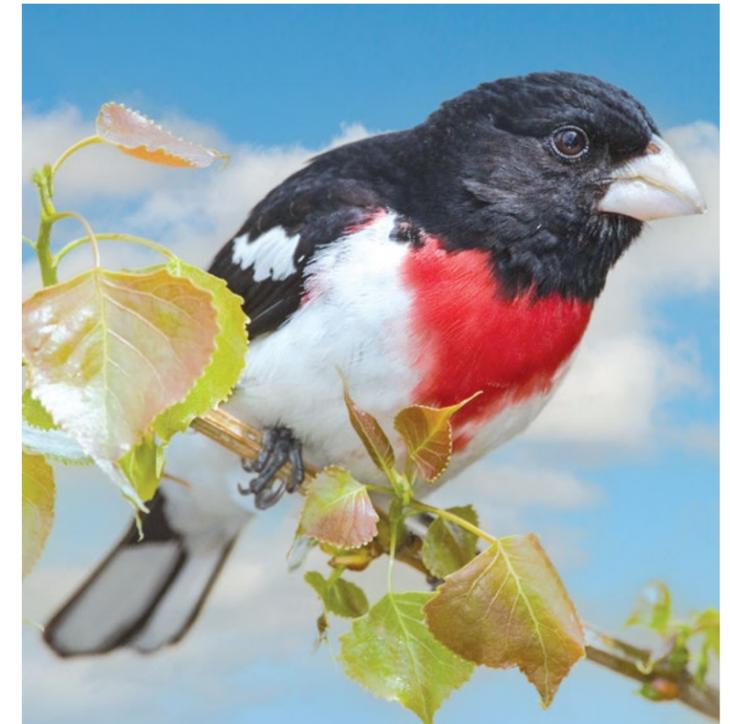
From mid-April to mid-May, Latta Park comes alive with neotropical migrants.

The creek running through the center of the park and the extensive leaf canopy attracts numbers of Warblers, Tanagers, Grosbeaks, Orioles, Vireos, and Thrushes.

Cavities in the mature hardwoods provide nesting sites for White-Breasted and Brown-Headed Nuthatches, and great crested Flycatchers.

Through gaps in the canopy, Common Nighthawks, Chimney Swifts, and various raptors are often seen in the breeding season. The streamside shrubs provide nesting sites for Brown Thrasher, Gray Catbird, Eastern Towhee, and Song Sparrow.

Chipping Sparrows are usually around in the grassy lawn areas. Check the lawns and natural areas for ground-loving species such as Swainson's and Gray-cheeked Thrushes, Veery, and Ovenbirds.



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What it's Like to be the Editor of Dilworth Quarterly: Two Voices

By Nikki Campo

In 2019, I committed to giving myself a year to see if I could “be a writer.” I didn’t know what I meant, but I knew I loved stories.

I didn’t yet know how to write them, although I did some writing-adjacent things like a website. I also responded to a call for new editors in *Dilworth Quarterly*. I figured no one would give me, a person with no experience, the job, but what did I have to lose?

I got an email response from the then-editor of the Quarterly, Mathew Demetriades, asking if I wanted to meet for coffee and talk about the volunteer position. I told my husband, Paul, how excited and nervous I was.

“Do you think he’ll care that I have zero experience? I don’t even know what editors do!” I confessed to Paul.

Mathew was as kind as they come. He said “We have someone else who’s interested too, and he has some experience. So you’ll be a good team, if you’re down with being a co-editor.”

I had no idea what I would bring to the team, and I felt pretty sure the experienced candidate would have the same concern about me, but I agreed to co-edit with Tom Ferber.

What I couldn’t have known then was how much I would love working with Tom. We shared a sense of humor, a love of good writing, and a vision to bring a little more lightheartedness to the Quarterly. We also lived a street away from each other but had never met.

The position involves communicating over email with other folks in our community: emailing people who have agreed to write articles and communicating upcoming deadlines, following up with them, and occasionally, if you want, writing some content to publish.

The editing part of the editor job is pretty minor, really.

I wrote a handful of stories over the past few years, mostly profiles of people here in our great neighborhood. And I had fun.

And now, we need you! It doesn’t matter if you don’t have experience. Do you like reading about what’s going on in our community? Are you able to navigate email and the internet with ease? If you answered yes to those questions, you’re qualified. Give us a whirl.

I promise, you won’t be sorry. ■

By Tom Ferber

A few years ago I was looking for a way to get more involved in the local community. After living in Dilworth for a few years I wanted to contribute in some meaningful way. The December 2018 issue of the DQ hit my kitchen table and the front page said a new editor was needed. I had always enjoyed reading the Dilworth Quarterly to learn about what was going on around me in the community and it seemed like a perfect fit.

I was intrigued with the idea of editing the publication that for several years helped me stay informed about new businesses opening up, told me about neighbors to know, gave me gardening tips, and informed me about local restaurants. By Q1’19 I was co-editing.

It’s been a great experience. I’ve made new connections in our community. I’ve helped organize and create content that was published in the DQ. It gave me a creative outlet to write some stories of my own that were published.

In total, being one of the co-editors of the Dilworth Quarterly has meant only a few hours a quarter. Keeping the DQ fresh with new ideas means that every few years it’s time to pass the baton. My time has come. I encourage anyone who may be interested to find out more.

It’s truly been a rewarding experience. ■

Are You Our Next Editor?

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- Enlisting new contributors
- Working with contributors to ensure they meet set deadlines
- Editing text and proofing of newsletter
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Your 70-85 word submission should include your name, age, the service you are offering, and how you can be reached. If you want, you can also include any other selling points (experience, pricing, where you go to school, etc).

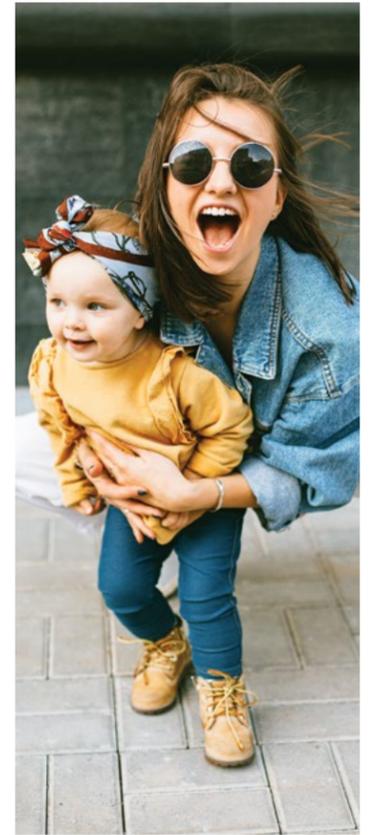
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or

Email your submission to Nikki Campo at nikki.campo@gmail.com. Be sure to put in the Subject Line: Dilworth Quarterly - Summer Connections.

Submissions MUST be received by Sunday, April 17.



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