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Discover who the 2016-2018 Dilworth Cares Campaign recipient will be **on page 4.**

See who's available to help with chores and babysitting this summer. **Go to page 6.**

Dilworth's high school seniors shine in the spotlight! **Read about them on page 9.**

Celebrate the Dilworth Community Garden's first full planting season **on page 14.**

Learn what's being done to revitalize Latta Park and how you can help **on pages 17 and 23.**

The Historic District gets some help from the Char-Meck Historic Landmarks Commission. **Details are on page 25.**

Coming Soon...

Dilworth Jubilee

Save the Date: The Dilworth Jubilee Returns on Saturday, August 27!

By Keith Lehr

On August 22, 2015, the Dilworth Community Association ("DCA") sponsored the return of the Dilworth Jubilee. On what was a perfect sunny afternoon, more than 1,000 people gathered in Latta Park to enjoy children's activities, four hours of live music provided by the Tosco Music Party, food trucks and a beer garden. The event exceeded the expectations of even the committee members who brought it together. On August 27, 2016, we will repeat the event, with a few tweaks to improve the experience.

As background, the first Dilworth Jubilee was held in 1973 and was originally designed to highlight the Dilworth community and instill pride as the neighborhood was beginning its revitalization efforts. The Dilworth Jubilee was an instant hit. Over the years, the Dilworth Jubilee morphed its formats and attractions and was held in connection with different local events, including at times the Dilworth Home Tour and the Dilworth Criterium. But after the 2012 Dilworth Jubilee, the event seemed in danger of extinction. Then, in January 2015, the DCA, led by Cynthia Schwartz, was determined to bring back the event. And Keith Lehr, a member of the DCA Board, accepted the challenge, formed an informal working group of neighbors, and started planning.

By all accounts, the 2015 Dilworth Jubilee was a resounding success. The working group

had started with a clean slate with no assumptions or ties to prior events and quickly realized that the optimal event for the Dilworth community was an adult-focused event that was also family-friendly. Pulling off this oxymoron was no small feat! Live music was a priority, and an introduction to John Tosco by a committee member was a perfect match! The Tosco Music Party is well known and was able to deliver phenomenal entertainment by lots of diverse performers with diverse styles. If you didn't like one act, you just had to wait a few minutes for the next performer, who would knock your socks off! Children's events were also critical, and the committee knew it was important to provide supervised, planned activities and games that were interactive.

The children and their big adult kid parents all enjoyed the hook-and-ladder fire truck the Charlotte Fire Department brought. And food trucks were a natural addition providing a variety of food options for even the pickiest eater! The large and inclusive beer garden was a slightly more challenging aspect of planning as the area was required to be fenced and required various government approvals. All-in, the event required 406 metal barricades for fencing, 24 trash boxes, 15 volunteers, 10 tents, six port-a-potties, four police officers, one paramedic, a 20'x20' covered stage... and a partridge in a pear tree!

We will build on the successes of 2015 for the

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From the President



Mathew Demetriades,
DCA President

The Seasons of Dilworth

In my humble opinion, every season in Dilworth is great. Even though we had some long, cold days this past winter, the winter doldrums did not get Dilworth down!

In early January, the Dilworth Community Garden Board got together and began planning their year. They discussed the many successes since the garden began and future goals for the garden. Then, in early March, the garden had its Spring Kickoff Workday, and what a success it was! The garden was certainly ready for planting following the kickoff. Check out the garden as you are cruising down Kenilworth Avenue; it looks great!

After a presentation on invasive species at our January DCA monthly meeting, on a Saturday in February, a group of Dilworth residents and friends got together and began pulling weeds, cutting down ivy, and removing invasive species to kick start the work at Latta Park. We even had our own Dilworth "dab" as we worked in the park that day. It was a fun and productive afternoon, and additional workdays in the park are planned throughout the year. Please think about helping us out, as we work to beautify our Latta Park.

Spring is such a special time in Dilworth. April ushered in the start of some great neighborhood events including Triple B at Triple C. What could be better on a Friday night than a brew from Triple C, bar-be-que from Heirloom, and the music of Dilworth's own Underground Detour. Later in April, the Ladies of Dilworth had their Spring Party at Latta Park. Not only were these two events a lot of fun and fellowship, but proceeds from the Triple B at Triple C event supported this year's Dilworth Cares charity, Freedom School Partners, and the Ladies' Spring Party supported our Latta Park initiative.

Please mark your calendars now... Our Dilworth Jubilee which was a huge hit for the neighborhood last year is planned for Saturday, August 27th at Latta Park. This is the Saturday right before Charlotte Mecklenburg students return to the classroom. Like last year, this year's Jubilee promises to have something for

everyone. Along with hanging out with your neighbors and friends and listening to great music, eating and drinking, you will also see the great improvements in the park. The Jubilee will have events for your whole family and is not to be missed.

September is never dull around Dilworth. September 8th through 11th, people from all around Charlotte will descend on East Boulevard for the 2016 Yiassou Greek Festival. One week later, on Friday evening, September 16th and Saturday, September 17th, our annual Dilworth Home Tour will take place. We are always looking for volunteers to represent these beautiful Dilworth homes and condos, so please look for opportunities to help out on Dilworth Online and in the Dilworth Express. Think your house is not quite ready for the Home Tour this year but may be ready next year? Please let us know. We would love to help you showcase your residence. And finally, the last weekend in September, the 23rd through the 25th, Festival in the Park will take place in Freedom Park. Thanks to these events, Dilworth will be a hopping place in September!

Are you wondering what you can do with your children this summer? Who will feed your four legged family members and other pets when you are on vacation? Or, who can help you with your yard work and plant watering? Check out Summer Connections in on page 6 of this edition of the *Dilworth Quarterly*. Summer Connections introduces you to babysitters, pet sitters, home sitters, etc. right here in Dilworth who you can hire to help with these chores. Also, check Dilworth Online and the Dilworth Express for Upcoming Events throughout the neighborhood.

And finally, we are looking for you! Please attend a monthly DCA meeting. We meet the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Tom Sykes Center, 1501 Euclid Avenue. Please come and get to know your DCA board who work tirelessly to make Dilworth the best neighborhood in Charlotte. We want to get to know you! ■

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Dilworth Cares

By Suzy Hubbell



Dilworth has a lot to celebrate this spring!



DC members, event committee members, and friends. Top left to right: Lisa Ellis, Jean Davis, Sally McMillan, Jill Walker, Anne Gildea, Marcia Rowse, Suzy Hubbell, Cortney Varzandeh; Bottom left to right: Sally Harriss, Nancy Williams, and Mary Nell McPherson.

First, the Second Annual Triple B at Triple C party was held Friday, April 8 at Triple C Brewery in South End. The evening skies were clear and cool, and the space at Triple C was once again transformed by the magic of good food, good music and good friends—almost 200 of you! Triple C provided craft beer, the amazing Chef Clark Barlowe and his staff from Heirloom Restaurant served excellent barbecue with a selection of North Carolina wines, while The Fresh Market on East Boulevard provided desserts. Rock 'n' roll band Underground Detour provided entertainment, led by Dilworth's own Ralph McMillan. All proceeds benefit the 2014-2016 Dilworth Cares Campaign recipient, Freedom School Partners.

Next on the list is our continuing partnership with Freedom Schools Partners ("FSP"), our Care Campaign recipient through August 2016. FSP, whose offices are in Dilworth on Arosa Avenue, provides educational enrichment programs to prevent summer learning loss for economically disadvantaged children in grades K-8 at 16 sites in Charlotte. FSP is currently collecting age appropriate books and magazines, household goods, and pennies for a science project...lots of pennies! They also need volunteers throughout the summer. See www.freedomschoolpartners.org and the article to the right for specific ways to serve.

We have all enjoyed working with the staff and Board of FSP and encourage Dilworth residents to remain active with this important work benefitting bright, deserving children who are eager to learn.

Finally, Dilworth Cares is delighted to announce our new non-profit partner for 2016-2018 (drum roll, please!)—The Dilworth Soup Kitchen! Serving the hungry since 2008, the Dilworth Soup Kitchen ("DSK") provides a delicious, filling and nutritious meal at no cost to all who hunger for food and caring, regardless of race, creed or financial status. DSK is located at First Christian Church on East Blvd but is staffed totally by volunteer cooks and servers and is supported by many local small businesses, community partners, and faith-based organizations. Dilworth Soup Kitchen serves over 10,500 meals a year to a diverse group of homeless, low-income and disabled persons, and many of the volunteers are your own Dilworth neighbors.



Dilworth Cares and the Ladies of Dilworth Holiday Party Planning Committee presented a check to FSP for more than \$9,000 on May 4, 2016. Funds were raised during the fall 2015 events, including the Dilworth Home Tour, Charlotte Art Collective, and the Ladies Holiday Party. (Left to Right: Anne Gildea (DC), Carolyn Allred (FSP), Colleen Burick (FSP), Paul Barnhardt (FSP), Beth Lee (DC).

2016 Summer Volunteer Opportunities

HARAMBEE! Harambee is a high-energy pep rally that begins every day of Freedom School with a celebration of reading, learning, and every child's ability to succeed. Every weekday morning a community member reads a story to scholars. **Age requirement:** None. **Time requirement:** 30 minutes (8:30-9am)

ON-SITE ACTIVITIES Lead and share a skill, hobby, or interest with scholars in a hands-on way. E.g. sports clinic, yoga, craft activity, cooking, etc. **Age requirement:** Rising 10th grade to adult; younger teens if accompanying an adult volunteer. **Time requirement:** 1-2 hours (1:00-2:45pm) Monday-Friday

FIELD TRIP CHAPERONE Accompany staff and scholars on field trips to local museums, parks, pools, etc. Volunteer pays for own entrance ticket if applicable and provides own transportation. **Age requirement:** Rising 10th grade to adult; younger teens if accompanying an adult volunteer. **Time requirement:** 1-2 hrs (1:00-2:45pm) Dates and locations vary by site.

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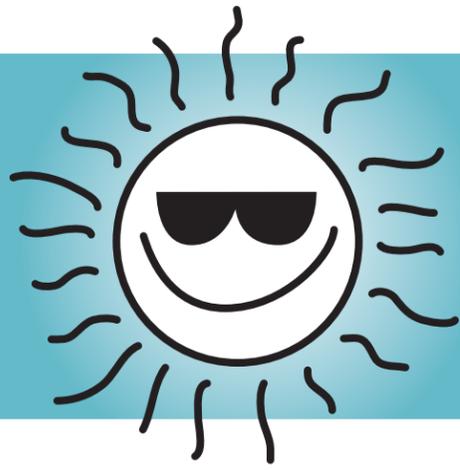


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Phone: 704/941-9475



Tess Culpepper

Hello! My name is Tess and I can **take care of your home and pets**. I am a rising sophomore with 7+ years of experience taking care of dogs, cats, small animals, reptiles and fish. I can expertly **water your plants** as well. I'll be available for most of the summer.

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Mac Norvell

My name is Mac Norvell, and I am a responsible 13 year old and a rising 8th grader at Holy Trinity. I am happy to **do a variety of work while you are on vacation** such as plant sitting, animal sitting, mail, paper, package pick-up, and moving trash and recycling bins to and from the curb. I am also available for **miscellaneous housework, yard work, and physical labor**. I am a quick learner and up for any necessary tasks.

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Madison Reid

Here to Help! I am an **experienced babysitter, pet sitter, house sitter, and carpool driver**, and I am around all summer. I am 19-years-old and a rising sophomore at NC State. I have lots of neighborhood references to share. I'm available days, evenings and weekends.

Phone: 704/898-7050



Beck Reid

My name is Beck Reid and I am a 16-year-old rising Junior at Charlotte Latin School. I am an **experienced pet sitter, grass mower and can do odd jobs around your house**. I am here all summer!

Phone: 704/941-8700



Madison Syfert

I am Madison Syfert: 16 years old, a rising junior at Myers Park High School and live in Dilworth. I am available for **babysitting, pet sitting and plant watering**.

Phone: 704/340-2453



Claire Friou

My name is Claire Friou and I am a rising senior at Charlotte Latin School. I have a lot of **experience in babysitting** and interacting with children having been a camp counselor at Jamie Masters Dance Camp and babysitting since middle school. In addition, I have had my license for about a year and am willing/able to help run errands, drop kids off, etc. I am free for a large portion of the summer, so let me know your schedule and I will work with that!

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Michael and Will Holland

Michael Holland (16) is a rising sophomore at Deerfield Academy, Deerfield, MA. His brother, Will Holland (14), is a rising freshman at Charlotte Catholic. They are available this summer **to babysit, do yard work, and help with miscellaneous projects**.

Michael's phone: 980/263-8515

Will's phone: 704/390-0727

(both prefer texts)



Jansy Maldonado-Flores

Although I don't technically live in Dilworth, I have spent a lot of time here with Susie and Jerry Jernigan since we met when I was in the 5th grade. I am now 20-years-old. I have just completed my sophomore year at UNC-Greensboro and will start nursing classes at Carolina College of Health Sciences in late May. I'm eager to **house sit and/or take care of animals, water plants, etc.** in Dilworth – near CMC. I will be taking classes but have significant blocks of free time during the day, and every evening/night is free.

I am a licensed Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA). Last summer, I often stayed overnight with a senior citizen and really enjoyed the experience. I am also bi-lingual with English and Spanish.

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Ely Altman

I am a 13-year-old rising 8th Grader at Piedmont IB Middle School, and I am available year-round to **provide chess lessons to people of all ages**, from little kids to elderly grandparents. I am especially useful if you want your child to join the chess club at school and get ready to compete in tournaments! I have been playing since 1st

grade and took 7th place in the statewide championships that year. Since then I have taken either 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 4th place in six Charlotte-wide tournaments. I love to play and I love to teach, including to my elementary age brothers!

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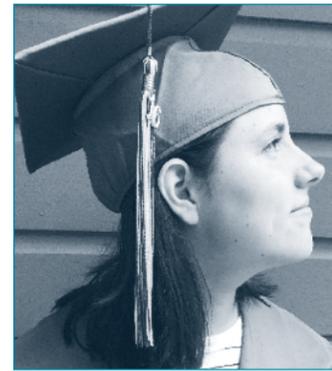


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Our Kids

Spotlight on Seniors

By Sarah Nicholson

With the school year at a close, a whole year of kids are moving on to the next chapter in their lives. It's a big change and since I have yet to experience high school graduation, I decided to talk to just a few of this year's Seniors around the neighborhood.

At this point, each person graduating high school is at different levels of understanding what they want to become. While some kids I know have a five or even ten year plan after high school, many do not. Thankfully, that is what this time is for.

Holden Bulla, who graduated from Myers Park this year, plans to attend Grinnell College in Iowa. Holden said he decided on "a small college because I wanted a small class sizes, and strong physics because I'm majoring in that. It also has a reputation for being one of the most diverse colleges in the US. That appeals to me because I like meeting new people with new points of view in life." He enjoys playing the bassoon and has been playing for the past five years- a talent that he will appreciate for the rest of his life. He has spent some of his free time playing in the Charlotte Symphony Youth Orchestra. He enjoys it because he "gets to meet new people, and have fun playing music."

I asked Holden about growing up in Dilworth, and his favorite thing about the neighborhood is the trees, which create an atmosphere of peace that he enjoys. And finally, his favorite store in Dilworth is Paper Skyscraper.

As I am a junior with one year left, I asked Holden for his one piece of advice for those of us still going through high school. He says "don't procrastinate. It's not fun staying up all night to finish a project due the next day. And don't stay up late if you don't have to."

Lindsay Rogich is also a recent graduate of Myers Park and plans to attend the University of North Carolina at Charlotte this fall. Like many, Lindsay said that she is "still not sure where I want to go, so I chose UNCC to start off." Lindsay decided to get a job at Autobell in her free time to help her earn the money to pay for a car. She enjoys working out to stay in shape, but she has also found that it is a great way to relieve stress. What Lindsay

likes about the neighborhood is all of the stores that are so close, especially Starbucks.

One piece of advice that Lindsay would give to high schoolers is to find the ability to balance homework with everything else. Otherwise, it is easy to get overwhelmed. So overall, try not to stress yourself out by taking on too much to balance.

Theo Watkins also lives in the neighborhood and graduated from Myers Park High School. He plans on attending California Polytechnic State University, which aligns with his intended area of study, but he is also excited to be in the sunny state of California for the next four years. Theo was the captain of the ultimate frisbee team at Myers Park, a club open for anyone to join, and he enjoyed taking part on the cross country team at Myers Park as well. Theo has his 3rd degree black belt and also teaches karate at the Charlotte Martial Arts Academy, which he has been committed to since elementary school.

He appreciates the restaurants and stores close to the neighborhood, and enjoys being able to walk so many places that are close by. Theo says that students should enjoy their time in high school, and try not to let the stress get to them. If you focus on school and find activities you enjoy, then it will work in your favor.

Thanks to these three Myers Park Seniors for letting me interview you. I'm sure the neighborhood is excited to see what's in store for all of you the next few years. ■

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Merchant News

By Mary Beth Sensabaugh

THE ARGYLE ALLIGATOR Have you seen the signs for The Argyle Alligator on East Blvd.? It is Charlotte's only children's consignment boutique offering a comfortable shopping experience in a super-organized boutique setting providing affordable prices for adorable items. They carry clothes, shoes, accessories and a limited amount of equipment. Boys and girls sizes range from newborn to eight. Some of their most popular brands are Anavini, Baby/Mini Boden, Crewcuts, Funtasia Too, Shrimp & Grits, The Bailey Boys, Vineyard Vines, and Zucchini. The Argyle Alligator is currently accepting spring and summer items for consignment by appointment only. Hours are Tuesday - Friday 10:30 - 5:30 & Saturday 10:30 - 4:30. E-mail Casie (casie@theargylealligator.com)

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BLAZE FAST FIRE'D PIZZA, the fast-casual, artisanal pizza concept known for its chef-driven menu and casually hip restaurants, is now open in Charlotte's South End at 1750 Camden Road. Blaze Pizza is a modern day "pizza joint" serving up artisanal pizzas that are both fast and affordable. Each restaurant features an interactive open-kitchen format that allows guests to customize one of the menu's signature pizzas or create their own, choosing from a wide selection of fresh, artisanal ingredients – all for about \$8. The generously sized personal pizzas are then sent to a blazing hot open-flame oven – the centerpiece of the

restaurant – where the pies are "fast-fire'd" and ready to eat in just 180 seconds. Sound good? Then go build your own pizza at Blaze Pizza or order online at Blazepizza.com. **Free 2 hour parking at Camden Gallery garage** (access on Camden Rd. and or West Blvd). 1750 Camden Road, Suite E. 980/859-1463.

CRAZY JANE'S STUDIO IS MOVING! After 14 years on Hawkins St. and 6 years prior to that on East Blvd., Crazy Jane's is moving to 2502 Dunavant St. in the South End Design District. The new store is almost double the size, so there will be lots more to see starting in mid-June. Owner Tom Holley is extremely excited to showcase more of the unique items his clients have grown to love and expect from Crazy Jane's. Look for more lighting, upholstered furniture, and original artwork in the new space as well as more of his fabulous antique overdyed rugs. As always, you'll find exquisite bedding and beautiful furniture pieces from all over the world. "I started Crazy Jane's right after my mother's death in 1995, and I'm proof that great things and positive life changes can come out of great sadness. I love my relationships with my clients, and the people I meet really have made my life what it is today. I'm so thankful," says Holley.

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FASHION & COMPASSION is a non-profit organization that exists to create dignified jobs and connect caring consumers with artisans around the world. Nestled in the heart of Dilworth, F&C is home to a local jewelry project that employs former human-trafficking victims, addicts, refugees and domestic violence survivors. But their reach doesn't stop here. With five additional projects outside of the U.S. – Ecuador, Ethiopia, Mexico, Uganda, Rwanda – F&C employs over 200 artisans & has donated over \$200,000 in net proceeds to various ministry partners over the last three years. Founders Michele Dudley & Celeste Bundy are committed to transforming the lives of as many women as possible. Fashion & Compassion is open Mon. - Fri. from 9am to 5pm and they share boutique space with local artist, Caroline Simas, of Multiple Blessings. 1717 Cleveland Ave., fashionandcompassion.com

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Dilworth Community Garden

The DCG

Now Annually a Perennial Part of Dilworth!

By Bruce Nofsinger

For anyone who's dug in the dirt with hopes of flowers, fruits, or vegetables that follow a period of care and cultivation, you know that there are certain advantages to annuals and certain advantages to perennials. Annuals tend to provide more immediate gratification, as well as more opportunity to enjoy edible bounty. While the staying power of perennials proves them to be both hearty and beautiful.

As we enter our second year, the Dilworth Community Garden ("DCG") continues to grow. Hard work by scores of our neighbors has created the perfect conditions for the DCG to be a perennial part of our community!

Over the last few months, you've probably noticed that a lot of activity has resulted in a lot sprouting up in plot after plot. And like the combination of annuals and perennials across the 36 plots, the DCG is an excellent blend of both.

Annuals:
plants that die off within a year after one growing cycle.

Perennials:
plants that regenerate each year when the conditions are right.



Annuals
In this first full growing season (we had a late start year), the DCG has welcomed new plot owners, many of whom were on last year's waiting list. Come to the garden and you'll see that each plot has its own personality. (In some cases, they have a split personality when people share a plot!) Akin to the idea behind rotating crops, the annual influx of some new gardeners brings new personalities to each plot. More important, it brings together more of our community.

Everyone has weeded and prepped the ground for their plots — now an annual tradition, right? This spring has seen a proliferation of leafy vegetables that thrive in cooler temperatures. We can only assume that there has been a correlation in the increased number of salads on dinner tables in Dilworth! As the season springs forward, the spinach and arugula have made way for tomatoes, peppers and other annuals that

Bottom left: Angela Henderson and Suzi Rosen lived five doors down from each other for more than 25 years, and the garden introduced them.

Bottom center: Kit Mitra lives on Ledgewood.

Bottom right: Nicholas Watts (age 10) and Henry Wichern (age 11).



prefer warmer weather. Within a plot and across all plots, each year and each cycle within a year illustrates the varied nature of annuals.

Perennials
Of course, the DCG is the perennial! And it wouldn't be a perennial part of Dilworth without the continued support of **Duke Energy!** It is their land that we have cultivated into a fixture of our community. Equally crucial is the ongoing participation of the Dilworth Community Association ("DCA") in the DCG's success. Their seed funding was only the beginning of the DCA's role in growing and maintaining the DCG. Additionally, we wouldn't have the DCG without the community chipping in to maintain it, courtesy of multiple workdays throughout the year.

And finally, you've probably noticed some additional elements that are now permanent fixtures at the garden. There's the bike rack, courtesy of **The Bike Gallery**. There are two shaded picnic tables, thanks to the magnolia tree and **Dilworth Drug** respectively. And the most recent addition is a bulletin board, expertly constructed and donated by **Andrew Roby**.

The perennials will continue to deepen and strengthen their roots at the DCG, as the DCG deepens and strengthens its roots in the community. Meanwhile, like this year, the annual additions and variations will continue each year to make the Dilworth Community Garden a place where neighbors enjoy the beauty, the bounty, and the community of a shared space! ■



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Home & Garden

Latta Park Invasion

By Myron Greer Garden Design

Dilworth, as a community, offers its residents an infinite list of quality assets making it an ideal neighborhood to call it home. One of these assets is Latta Park...a centrally-located space used for working out, family time, dog walks, birthday parties and much more. However, the park has seen a decline in maintenance causing several invasive plants to take over and choke out the native plants and trees of the park's natural area.

As a small business owner, I understand the ebbs and flows of budgetary needs and know the county cannot handle all necessary items. As a community though, we can do our part for our home. Myron Greer Garden Design is partnering with Nancy Nicholson, Ruth Ann Grissom, the Dilworth Community Association ("DCA") Neighborhood Environment Committee, and Dilworth United Methodist Church on this effort, and Myron Greer Garden Design is providing a design of native and non-invasive plants for the park.

The first priority is to identify and remove the current invasive plants in the park. These countless plant species have the



Honeysuckle

potential to cause significant damage to habitats, ecosystems and native species. Economic costs are also associated with the attempt to control these plants (some estimate millions are spent annually across the country). After these plants have established themselves, they can continue to decrease native plant diversity and the actual value of our natural spaces. Removing these plants from Latta Park is crucial to regain this park in its entirety. A few of these invasive plants are explained in greater detail below.

Honeysuckle, a plant that is an evergreen climbing vine or extensive ground cover, is the first of these invasive plants overtaking Latta Park. Honeysuckle is a native plant, but left unattended, it can become harmful to its environment. Unfortunately, we do not always understand the "power" of honeysuckle as it is a deceiving plant. Honeysuckle provides a beautiful bloom and fragrance that most are familiar with from their childhood. However, it produces unhealthy berries for wildlife, and due to the fact that the leaves remain much longer

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than most, it creates a shelter of shade which can cause native wildflowers not to thrive. Several species of honeysuckle were not invasive until they were introduced outside their native range, particularly in the U.S.

Privet is another invasive plant in the U.S. and, of course, in Latta Park. Originally from Asia, privet is an evergreen to semi-evergreen shrub that can grow to 30 feet in height. Privet is considered a seriously invasive plant because there are very few native competitors' and it is therefore, making the most of an open "niche" in the southern U.S. Prior to the privet overtaking much of the land in the South, these lands were clear and open. Now the privet forms thickets which work to choke out native plant life.

Third on our list of Latta Park invaders (and also a native plant) is Wisteria, a woody vine with purple flowers and a sweet scent. Wisteria's incredible ability to grow in wet or dry sites makes it



Wisteria

highly invasive as it has no real barriers. Wisteria forms dense thickets on the ground and can easily cover trees. This plant produces a seed pod that when it bursts will throw seeds onto the ground as well as be carried away by the wind. Once one of those seeds establishes itself and is left unattended, it can produce vines that spread out hundreds of feet on the ground and climb mature trees, and it can girdle and choke the tree causing it to die.

Each of these and so many other invasive plants must be controlled and removed to preserve our local greenspaces and native plantings. As a part of the Latta Park rejuvenation, Myron Greer Garden Design will be proposing the installation of several native plants, such as clethra, anise, fothergilla and itea. These noninvasive natives will thrive in our clay soils and transition well into the park's new garden spaces.

As a community, we must work together to ensure the longevity of the beautiful spaces we use and share on a daily basis...Latta Park should be no exception. ■

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Dilworth Properties See Consistent Appreciation 1st Quarter 2016

By Brandy Gaiser, Broker/Owner of Giving Tree Realty

Property values continue to rise in Dilworth. The average closed price exceeded the average list price for the first time in many years. Some fortunate home sellers found themselves in the enviable position of receiving multiple offers bidding the sale price of their homes up above list price. The average sales price is up almost \$240k from 1st Quarter 2014. This huge upswing is mostly the result of larger homes being sold in Dilworth now versus 2 years ago.

True appreciation has been fairly consistent with a \$17 per square foot increase in 2015 and a compounding \$15 per square

foot increase through 1st Quarter 2016. This equates to a 5.4% value increase the past year and an 11.6% property value increase over the past 2 years. Number of days on market is strikingly similar the past 2 years. One trending statistic is the average months of inventory which has almost doubled from a low of 5 months 1 year ago to 9.3 months. This indicates that our "Seller's Market" is becoming more competitive and the long term effect could be a slowdown in our neighborhood appreciation. At an average sales price of \$276 per square foot, now is still a great time for Dilworth owners to sell and also a great time for new neighborhood home buyers to explore purchasing! ■

Dilworth Real Estate Statistics (Single Family Homes)

	1st Quarter 2014	1st Quarter 2015	1st Quarter 2016
Average List Price	\$664,079	\$749,876	\$748,474
Average Sales Price	\$511,893	\$595,328	\$753,283
Average Price per Sq. Ft.	\$244	\$261	\$276
Average Days on Market	78	51	53
Average Months of Inventory	8.3	5	9.3
# Single Family Homes Sold	14	33	17

All market data provided by Brandy M. Gaiser-Owner of Giving Tree Realty

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Neighborhood Environment

Making Latta Park More Appealing to Wildlife and People

*By Ruth Ann Grissom and David Walters, Chair,
Neighborhood Environment Committee*

The DCA project Latta Park is on a roll! Have you noticed the green cages at the Park Road entrance and along the upper path near Romany and Myrtle? They are protecting our new native shrubs until they get established. In coming seasons, we can look forward to the blooms of oakleaf hydrangea, flame azalea, fothergilla, hearts a burstin', sweet shrub, and bottlebrush buckeye. We will be enjoying this natural beauty largely due to the vision and persistence of two Dilworth residents, Nancy Nicholson and Ruth Ann Grissom, who brought their vision for improving Latta Park to the Dilworth Community Association ("DCA") Board in late 2015.

From that start, the new and future plantings (in the fall) have been made possible because the DCA generously agreed to direct proceeds from the Ladies of Dilworth Spring Party to purchase these shrubs and water them during the first growing season. That fun event was held in Latta Park on April 28th and proceeds from that event will also fund more planned plantings in the fall.

The Neighborhood Environment Committee held workdays in February, March and April to remove invasive species and install the shrubs. These community events provided over 200 volunteer hours of good natured – and effective – labor! Thanks to all involved! Participants included neighbors and former neighbors, members of Dilworth United Methodist Church, and master gardeners and master naturalists.

In addition, we have reaped the benefit of numerous professionals who have graciously donated their time. First and foremost, we want to thank Ed Davis, an expert landscape architect who designed the noted Mellichamp Native Plant Terrace at the UNC Charlotte Botanical Garden. Ed helped in the selection of shrubs and laid out the design for the new plantings areas. Larry Mellichamp, one of Charlotte's legendary figures in botanical research and teaching, himself walked the park with us and

helped select the initial planting sites.

At monthly DCA meetings, we have had programs on the problems presented by invasive species by Gary Marshall with Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Department, and Beth Henry, a passionate and knowledgeable gardener, showed us the beauty of native plants and explained their multitude of benefits to wildlife. With replacement native plants we hope to bring some of those gorgeous butterflies illustrated by Beth back to the Park!

This summer, Eagle Scout James Barkley plans to devote his service project to stabilizing and improving the informal path from the "bridge to nowhere" to the gravel trail at Carlton Ave. Myron Greer and members of Dilworth United Methodist Church plan to install pollinator-friendly plants in the beds flanking the shelter. Teachers at Dilworth Elementary will be working on a new curriculum focused on the establishment of a pollinator garden on school grounds.

This fall, we look forward to working with TreesCharlotte for a major tree-planting effort. We want to plan for successive generations of large canopy trees and also increase the number and diversity of trees in the understory. We will also hold workdays to remove invasive species in the next target areas.

In the meantime, Nancy Nicholson and Ruth Ann Grissom plan to stay busy this summer working on grants to bring in more funds. At some point, we hope to work with Bank of America, Wells Fargo, the NC Native Plant Society, the Charlotte Garden Club and others. We owe a special vote of thanks to the Gardens at Blackhawk Hardware and Lowe's of Central Charlotte for generously donating materials in support of our planting.

We want to build on this community effort to involve yet more neighbors, gardeners and friends of Latta Park! The Neighborhood Environment Committee generally meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7pm in the Tom Sykes Center. Please contact David Walters at drwalter@unc.edu if you have any new ideas and want to help! ■

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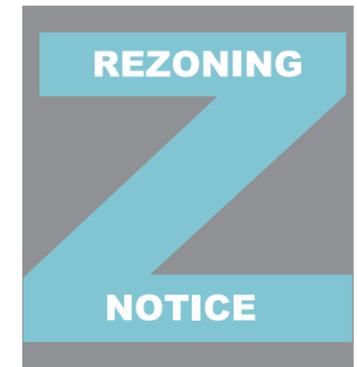
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Land Use

One House Spared the Wrecking Ball

By Jill Walker, Chair, Land Use Committee

The Dilworth Community Association (“DCA”) Land Use Committee is happy to report a preservation solution for 2005 Cleveland Avenue, one of several houses on the demolition list as reported in the last *Quarterly*. Any time that we can save even one contributing structure in our historic community, we should celebrate.

This house is the last remaining mill house from the Atherton Mill Village which housed many of the employees of the old Atherton Mill across the street on South Boulevard. Both the mill and its village were the work of D.A. Tompkins who, besides starting the Charlotte Observer, helped this region’s industrial emergence following the Civil War and reconstruction.

The Charlotte Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission (“HLC”) will consider purchasing this house at an upcoming meeting. The reason for purchase is so the HLC can exert control over any future changes to the structure. The HLC then puts the house on the market, and whoever purchases it receives a 50% deferral of annual property taxes as long as they preserve the house per the HLC guidelines. This is a preservation tool that has worked well in Charlotte, where the overwhelming modus operandi has been to demolish and rebuild.

D.A. Tompkins was such an important mover and shaker in this town. The following excerpts were lifted from the HLC’s own website (landmarkscommission.org), which contains a plethora of truly fascinating information on the history of Charlotte’s built environment:

“Few locations have a prettier site than the Atherton Mills. The building is in the southern part of the city, just beyond the old fair grounds, a few minutes’ walk off the car lines, and a short distance from the Charlotte, Columbia, and Augusta Railroad, which has built a side track to the mill...”

“The company has commenced the construction of houses for the operatives to live in, one cottage being already completed. There will be built about twelve four-room houses, six three-room cottages and four two-room cottages.”

“The mill will be started up with 5,000 spindles, with floor

space in the present building for all preparatory machinery for 10,000 spindles.”

“The water supply for the mill is taken from the old Summit Hill gold mine.”

“As indicated previously, the Atherton mill and village were Tompkins’ models that he used to illustrate his books and use as examples of what he could design and build. His view of mill hands was typically paternalistic, however, and the mill itself could be a dangerous, noisy place to work. Newspaper items refer to picking room fires, mangled fingers, and even the death of an overseer in the carding room who got caught in the belting apparatus. None of the mill houses had toilets, closets, or hot water, which Tompkins explained by the rural character of the hands, who were not used to such ‘modern improvements.’ However that may be, the Atherton Mill and village was a model used throughout the region, and with two others he owned later in High Shoals, NC and Edgefield, SC helped shape his social and political philosophy.”

Rezoning Update: Grandfather Homes Project Finalized

Grandfather Homes, the developer of the parcel that is bounded by Euclid Avenue, Atherton Street and Marshall Avenue, has finally landed a project that the Land Use Committee can support. Briefly, the 2.71 acre parcel will include a 48-unit, multi-family building on Euclid Avenue, a quadraplex on Atherton, and 10 single-family homes on Marshall.

Architects, planners and representatives of this developer have been meeting with this committee since last October, when a substantially different project was presented. Kudos to this development group for the many alterations they made to this project in response to the committee’s and the neighbors’ concerns. Month after month they would lug all their easels and boards to our Wednesday night meeting to hash out further iterations of their project.

The Dilworth neighborhood benefits greatly by developers such as these. We wish them all the best with “Dilworth South!” ■

*Upcoming
Events*

Don't Miss...

By Cynthia Schwartz

Saturday, June 18

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Charlotte Nature Museum

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Ongoing

Myers Park Library

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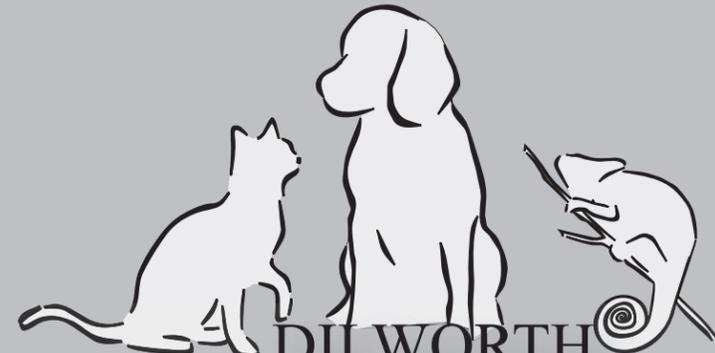
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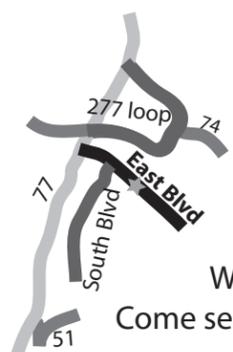


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Dilworth TOADS

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Dilworth Ladies Spring Party

By Cindy Miller

It was a dark and stormy night...oops, that was last year! This year the weather was perfect for the 21st Annual Dilworth Ladies Spring Party. The party was held in the pavilion in scenic Latta Park in the heart of Dilworth. The pavilion was beautifully decorated with lights and a gorgeous display of spring flowers. The event was well attended by members of our community and raised substantial funds for our charity, Latta Park. After careful thought and consultation, all decided that Latta Park would be a great choice. In 2010, Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation lost most of their funding and about half of their staff, which means an inability to keep up with park maintenance. Ruth Ann Grissom and Nancy Nicholson are co-leading a multi-year revitalization effort to restore Latta Park and turn the park into a "learning garden" for all. Both ladies were in attendance at the party and were very appreciative of the contribution from the Spring Party and the support of the Dilworth Community Association.

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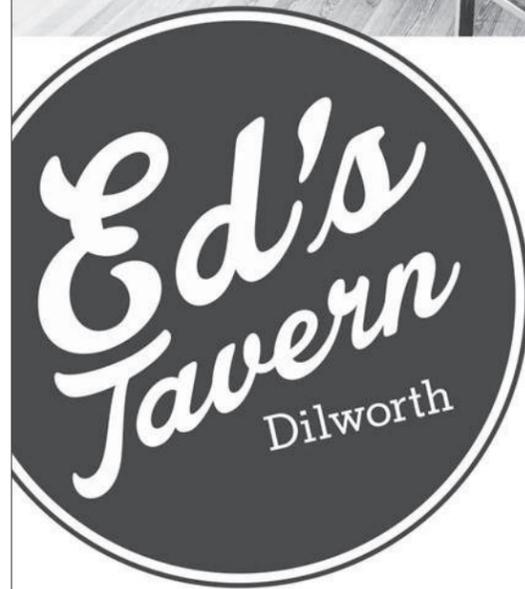
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Volunteer Coaches Needed!

Tom Sykes Recreation Center needs coaches for:
Youth Flag Football, Flag Football Cheerleading
July 1st Registration;
Season: August-October
Contact: TomSykesRecreationCenter@MecklenburgCountyNC.Gov

YOUTH SPORTS

Tom Sykes Flag Football

Registration July 1st. Participants learn the basics and fundamentals of
football in a recreational setting. Games played on Saturdays
When: Practices begin early August
Ages: 5-8 Cost: \$65

Tom Sykes Flag Football Cheer

Registration July 1st. Tom Sykes Cheer teaches participants the basics
of cheer including arm motions, chants and cheers. Will perform at Flag
Football Games
When: Tuesdays 6:00-7:00pm Ages: 5-12
Cost: \$65, includes uniform, pompons, trophy

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: Mon.-Sat. Ages: 8 months-5yrs
Contact: musictogetherofcharlotte@gmail.com

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Fall Cycle Registration August 1st

Days: Every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday
Time: 2:45pm-4:30pm Ages: 5-10
Cost: \$5 per class (Snack Included)

Intro to Sports

Participants will have fun learning the basics of a different sport each
week. Soccer, football, basketball and nontraditional sports will be
explored.

Fort Building

Using teamwork and engineering skills, participants will design a
template for their forts and build them together with materials gathered
from around the facility.

Art Adventures

Explore drawing, painting, etc. designed around themes to develop your
imagination & observation skills.

Lego Engineering

Learn by making & develop creative, social and expressive skills. We will
work together to build cool projects.

Interactive Gaming

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Market Chowders \$3.99

Day Boat Seafood Chowder With beautiful daily arriving seafood from all over the world, we use the day's best offerings to handcraft each batch

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Artesian Tossed Salads \$8.99

Great Grandma Baby Field Greens - roasted turkey - smoked gouda - fresh blueberries - toasted almond orchard pear basil jam vinaigrette

Market Street Salad Artesian Greens - bowtie pasta - pickled ginger - applewood smoked cheddar - toasted almonds - roasted turkey - ancho chipotle jam vinaigrette

Rustic Hand Held's \$8.99 Fresh House Made Chips & Deli Pickle

LaVecchia Reserve Our Signature Steak Sandwich - bourbon glazed sweet onion - ancho chipotle aioli

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Lights-Camera-Action!

Participants will enjoy theatre art through group interaction incorporating short plays, music, prop building, puppet shows, learning sound effects while have fun! Participants will perform a play for family & friends.

Combo Days

Join us as we combine our regularly scheduled programs. Combo days will only be when we have a 5th week in the month and we will rotate the scheduled activities.

When: 5th of each month

SUMMER CAMPS

Register February 1st!

When: Monday-Friday
Age: 9-12 Years

Time: 8am-5pm
Cost: \$100

4-H Center Stage Theater Arts June 20-24 • SPOTS AVAILABLE!

This curriculum opens the world of theatre offering extended activities in communication, improvisation, pantomime, script writing, cultural and historical influences, stage design, and costume design. Life skills and workforce development concepts are woven throughout the curriculum, as youth master more sophisticated theatre techniques and ideas.

4-H: Motorsports

June 27- July 1 • FULL (call to inquire about waiting list)

Participants will experience the life of a pit crew as they design, update and race radio-controlled cars. Participants will use specific math, engineering and technology skills to solve real life racing problems. We will visit Nascar Hall of Fame.

4-H: Robotics Rocks

July 11-July 15 • FULL (call to inquire about waiting list)

4-H Robotics introduces robotics to youth while developing decision-making and critical thinking skills, and implements an understanding of scientific and engineering design processes as they build real virtual robots. Youth will use the tools of technology to enhance their learning to be able to apply the skills and knowledge they are developing to new challenges.

4-H: Into the Wild

July 18-July 22 • FULL (call to inquire about waiting list)

Come take a walk on the WILD side! Participants will have fun engaging in the natural habitats of animals and earth science through everyday summer camp experiments and hands on activities. Get up close and personal with some of your favorite mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians!

4-H: Aerospace Lift-Off

July 25-July 29 • FULL (call to inquire about waiting list)

Are you fascinated with flying an airplane, launching a rocket, exploring space or becoming an astronaut or pilot, then this camp is for you! Designed to stimulate interest and enthusiasm for limitless opportunities through fun and challenging activities, youth will learn about airplanes, kites, gliders, space shuttles, helicopters and more, along with workforce competencies and other life skills.

Under Construction: Builders Camp August 1-August 5 SPOTS AVAILABLE!

Your creative builder will have a chance to test their best building techniques building LEGO and KNEX projects and use their imaginations to build their own projects. Campers will learn hands on techniques that will allow them to become creative thinkers, problem solvers and effectively work in organized teams.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Music: Piano Lessons

Piano lessons available for all ages and skill levels!

When: Monday and Wednesday

Time: Beginning at 4:30pm

Cost: Half Hour Lesson - \$23

Contact: Amouel Brackett at amouel@aol.com or 704/965-1235

ADULT PROGRAMS

Aerobics: DanceOut!

DanceOut involves fun, easy to follow, hot dance moves from all different styles of dance and movement, including Hip Hop, Pop, Latin, Reggae, African, Belly, Swing & Martial Arts to give you a cardio workout that feels more like a party than a workout!

When: Mondays 7-8:30pm and Fridays 6-7pm

Contact: Angie@queencitydancingqueen.com or 704/526-8845 or visit QueenCityDancingQueen.com

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If you are considering a move this year, NOW is the time to list your home for sale before the Spring Market gets into full swing! Currently, there is less competition on the market which will give you an advantage.

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- is a strong negotiator for pricing, repairs, etc.
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Dilworth Jubilee

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upcoming 2016 Dilworth Jubilee, which will be similar to the 2015 event with a few key improvements. The Tosco Music Party will return along with many of the food trucks that everyone enjoyed last year. But the children's events are being expanded and will cater to a wider age range.

If you'd like to get involved as either a volunteer or a sponsor for the 2016 Dilworth Jubilee, please contact Keith Lehr at 2016dilworthjubilee@hotmail.com . Otherwise, save the date and keep an eye on the Dilworth Express and www.dilworthonline.org for more details as they become available. We look forward to seeing you at the 2016 Dilworth Jubilee on August 27, 2016! ■

Dilworth Cares

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The members of Dilworth Cares hope you are as excited about our neighborhood's partnership with Dilworth Soup Kitchen as we are! Our official support of DSK begins in September 2016 with the Dilworth Home Tour. You can count on learning much more about their mission and needs as our partnership progresses.

We would like to thank all of the fine organizations that submitted grant requests this year for the Dilworth Cares Biennial Care Campaign. We were impressed by the goals and dedication of each and are grateful that our community is filled with such a rich range of services and caring ministries. ■

Freedom School

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Reimbursement available. **Age requirement:** Adults only. **Time requirement:** 2-3 hours/week.

PARENT MEETING SUPPORT Scholars and their families are invited to several informational Parent Meetings during the summer. Help welcome, serve dinner, provide childcare, and clean up. Support servant leader interns so that they are free to interact with parents. **Age requirement:** Rising 10th grade to adult; younger teens if accompanying an adult volunteer. **Time requirement:** 2-3 hours/meeting (5:45-8 pm) Dates and locations vary by site.

PARENT MEETING PROGRAM Share an informational session or workshop with parents during 30-45 minutes at a Parent Meeting. Give us a call if you or your organization some useful knowledge to share! **Age requirement:** Adults only. **Time requirement:** 2 hours Selected dates, 6-8pm.

SITE SET UP June 14-15 Help Interns as they get their classrooms ready for the scholars to arrive! **Age requirement:** Rising 10th grade to adult; younger teens if accompanying an adult volunteer. **Time requirement:** As available.

To sign up, go to www.freedomschoolpartners.org, click on "How You Can Help" and choose "Volunteer" from the drop down menu). ■

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(left to right) Lisa Rockholt, Shannon Hildreth, and Bruce L. Bleiman, Broker in-Charge.

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