

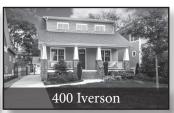
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# Art Teachers and Residents Team Up to Paint Dilworth Sidewalks During Open Streets







By Jamie Speice

Open Streets is a series of events in Charlotte (mirroring similar events all over the country!) designed to build healthier and more connected communities by opening city streets to people and closing them temporarily to cars.

This year's event on September 15th was Charlotte's 8th Annual and was a huge success. The open streets encompassed 4 miles between West End and Dilworth! Hundreds of families, children, and folks of every age and ethnicity joined together in the Latta Park crosswalks. They painted, socialized, and took photos while enjoying the fabulous weather.

Mrs. Speice, the Latta campus art teacher along with Ms. Watkins, the Sedgefield campus art teacher worked together to on a design to incorporate figu es, animals, nature, and world peace that would speak to each creative soul who stopped by. Mrs. Speice enjoyed watching

a 5th grader work with her Dad on one of the sections, noting the two seemed "in an artistic zone, perfectly in sync" as they worked.

The Dilworth Community Association coordinated the event and the Department of Transportation to approved the design. Weeks of planning came to fruition for the neighborhood and Dilworth Elementary with great support from the public. The hope is to have created a lasting, public art installation for all to enjoy in the Latta Park area.

Open Streets 704 is made possible by a grant from the Knight Foundation, in partnership with Partners for Parks, Mecklenburg County Government, the City of Charlotte, Mecklenburg County Park & Recreation, the Mecklenburg County Public Health, Charlotte Department of Transportation, and the support of The Charlotte- Mecklenburg Police and Charlotte Fire departments.

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# From the President

## We've Got It Going On

This quiet, front porch community has a lot going on. The DCA has had a busy year and the work extends far beyond publicized issues. If I had to pick one word to describe this year, it would be transformation. From DCA documents to swaths of our neighborhood, there has been some renewal, some innovation, some revitalization, but overall, transformation.

The DCA enjoyed a lot of "fi sts" in 2019. We proudly announced two new initiatives - the Dilworth Tree Canopy Committee and the Joint Community Project Committee. The latter's purpose is to partner with neighboring communities for a greater voice on issues affecting all of us. Open Streets came to Dilworth for the fi st time this year and we were able to host a Paint the Pavement project during the event. The art teachers from both Dilworth Elementary campuses, Ms. Speice and Ms. Watkins, created the design for the crosswalks at E. Park and Winthrop for students and Open Streets visitors to paint. If you haven't seen it, go take a look.

Our traditional events continue to grow and change with our community. The Jubilee upped their game this year with a return to the grassy area and the addition of local vendors, craft beer, and food trucks. The Dilworth Home Tour went off without a hitch, or a hurricane, and received rave reviews and outstanding attendance. The Ladies' Spring Party was as lovely as ever – stay tuned for details on the Holiday Party.

Dilworth Cares, our philanthropic committee, continues its work to support and improve both Dilworth Elementary campuses. As Dilworth Elementary nears the end of its Care Campaign recipient term, the committee is initiating the search for the 2020-2022 recipient.

As I'm sure most of you are aware, Dilworth faces development concerns coming from all directions. The Land Use committee, a group of extraordinarily dedicated and informed individuals, volunteer their time (a LOT of time) to protect the integrity of this neighborhood. Just this year, they have worked on the Noise Ordinance, the Duke Substation, several major rezoning requests including Atrium's, TOD impact on Dilworth,



Valerie Preston DCA President

storm water projects, alley disputes, and more.

It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as DCA president this year. I am grateful to all of our committees and the Board for the collaborating and brainstorming and debating. You have worked hard and taught me much. A special thank you to our valiant CMPD Community Coordinator Office Jim Gilliland for your heartfelt commitment to Dilworth and the time you take to attend our meetings and events. Tom Sykes Rec Center and The Morehead Inn make it possible for us to conduct our open meetings and social meetings - thank you.

Reach out if you'd like to get involved in any way. Attend an open meeting at Tom Sykes on the fi st Wednesday of each month at 6:30, except for April and October when we hold social meetings at The Morehead Inn. Visit our website, www. dilworthonline.org, for more information and to sign up for our weekly e-newsletter the Dilworth Express.

Happy Holidays and best wishes for the New Year! Valerie ■



#### Ho Ho! Santa's on His Way!

Santa does his much anticipated ride atop Ladder 2's fi e engine on Christmas Eve. Come out and greet Santa as he spreads cheer and candy

throughout the neighborhood!

See Santa's Route on Page 9

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Stay tuned via Dilworth Express

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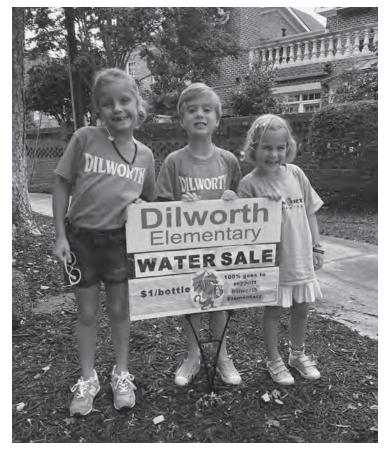
#### By Jenny Morton

## Dilworth Cares, Dilworth Elementary and you: An upd

#### An update on Dilworth Elementary ~

Dilworth Elementary's fi st academic year as a paired school was a great success. The two campuses, Sedgefield Campus (grades K-2) and Latta Campus (grades 3-5), have flourished and a step onto either reveals an excitement and energy from both students and staff. There have been facility improvements at both locations including a "face lift" at the Sedgefield Campus media center with new furniture and carpet. The libraries at both campuses have been able to fill gaps in needed resources, including books that will match the needs of all students. Libraries were purchased for all new classes that were added to accommodate enrollment growth. In order to meet the needs of our more diverse student demographic, we expanded our media





Students selling water to raise money for the school at the Dilworth Home Tour.

collection to include books written in Spanish. Technology has been substantially upgraded, and new devices were purchased to maintain the nearly 1:1 student/mobile device ratio. Playground areas were improved, including the addition of an outdoor dining area to provide a comfortable and inviting place for families and students to meet for lunch.

The support of the community and parents has been key to achieving these successes and so much more for Dilworth Elementary's expanded student population. Included in this are opportunities for academic scholarships for field trips and summer programs for students, Learning Buddies and Community Literacy Partners for one-on-one tutoring, snack bags, and in-class volunteers to support classroom teachers.



## ate and a chance to get involved!

The success of the school pairing makes it clear that Dilworth Elementary has come together with its new student population, its parents and the surrounding community to create an environment with more opportunities for the children it serves. But there is still much to be done, and community involvement is welcomed and encouraged!

# How to get involved with our neighborhood nonprofit partner

**Dilworth Cares** has been actively working with Dilworth Elementary School, and we would love you to join us. There is a little something for everyone whether it be attending community events supporting the school or volunteering directly at Dilworth Elementary. This community partnership is an exciting opportunity, and we welcome all to participate! If you want to learn more or become a part of Dilworth Cares, please email dilworthcares@gmail.com.

#### Upcoming in the community ~

At Dilworth Elementary School\*\*

**Learning Buddies** - Interested in working one on one with students? You can serve as a tutor or a buddy for students based on needs identified by staff. Contact Kathy Martin, lentzmartin@yahoo.com.

**Staff Appreciation** - Want to participate in celebrating Dilworth's amazing staff? Dilworth loves to celebrate the teachers and does so throughout the year and specifical y for 1 full week in late winter/ early spring. Contact Sally Harriss, sally. tarheel@gmail.com.

**Art Support** - Want to help during the art showcase? The art teachers will need assistance labeling and mounting art for display. Contact Julianne Guzik, jules6406@yahoo.com.

**Career Day** - Have a career you would love to share with the students? Dilworth has speakers and events during career day in the spring. Contact Ginny Sloan, ginnysloan@yahoo.com.

**School Beautificatio** - Want to help in the gardens or courtyards or with the planters? Contact Jenny Morton, jdmorton@gmail.com.

School wide events (Dragon Fest, Field Day, etc). School wide events require lots of hands to make them successful for Dilworth students. Contact Jenny Morton, jdmorton@gmail.com if interested in volunteering at a Dilworth school wide event.

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# The 21st Annual Dilworth Ladies Holiday Party

By Meredith Doty

The Dilworth Ladies Holiday Party is a long-standing festive tradition in the Dilworth Community. This year we will hold our 21st annual Holiday Party on Thursday, December 5, 2019 from 7 - 10 pm at Crazy Janes, 2502 Dunavant Street. For over 20 years, the party has raised money to support various Dilworth charities!

Come join us for drinks and a "Taste of Dilworth" as local restaurants provide delicious food to taste while you're catching up with old friends and meeting new ones. You will not want to miss the raffle for wonderful packages and prizes donated by local businesses. Attendees will also enjoy live music by Michael Brynes, back by

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popular demand. Last but not least, our very own "Dilworth Ladies Men" will be volunteering that evening as cocktail servers. All proceeds from the evening benefi Dilworth Elementary School. Please come enjoy yourself while helping our community school! Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$35 at DilworthLadiesHolidayParty.

Eventbrite.com or \$40 at the door.
Questions? Please contact Marcy Basrawala at marcybas@gmail.com, Meredith Doty at meredithwilson1@gmail.com, Liz Porter at lizporter946@gmail.com, or Nicole Wagner at

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## Santa's On His Way

By Valerie Preston

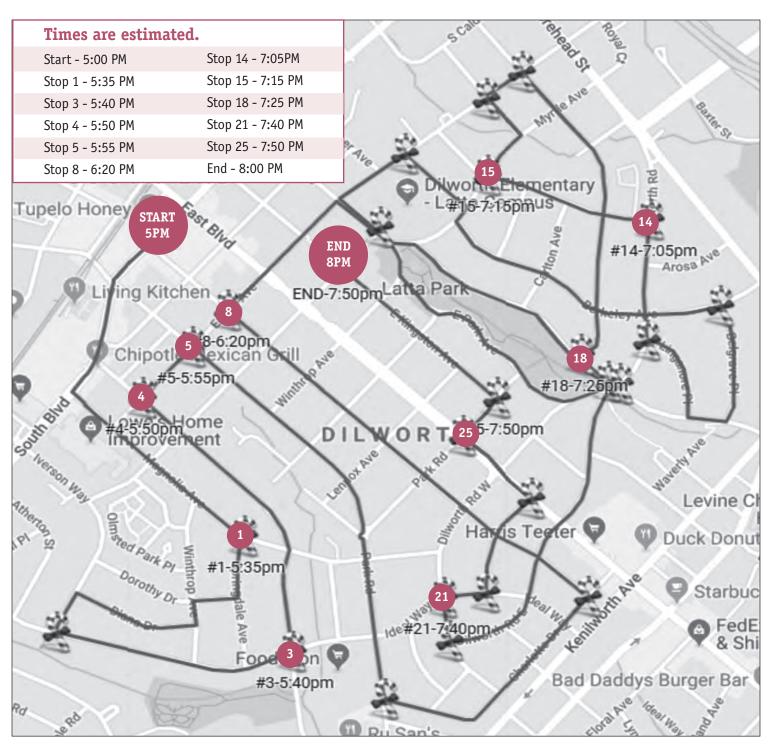
Ho Ho Ho! That's a familiar sound on Christmas Eve in Dilworth when Santa takes his much anticipated ride atop Ladder 2's fi e engine. Dilworth Fire Department's Santa shift is a special group of fi e figh ers. Capt. Bradey has been at the helm for over a decade, but the tradition started well before his time at Company 2. Regardless of regularly scheduled duty or time off, the same loyal Santa shift returns each year to escort Santa as he spreads cheer and candy through the neighborhood. Hats off to Captain Chris Bradey and the dedicated members of Ladder 2's Santa shift for their service and enthusiastic community engagement



Dilworth Fire Department's Ladder 2 and Santa handing out candy and holiday cheer.

Gentle reminder dear neighbors, Santa's route lists projected times of arrivals. Please understand that Santa's arrival might not be on time due to requests for pictures and such. More importantly - PLEASE do NOT call the station or dispatch to ask Santa to return to your location. This interferes with their ability to respond to emergency calls.









# Land Use

# **Storm Water Construction Update**

By Chad Nussman and Ellen Citarella

There is a LOT going on in Dilworth right now including Storm Water construction resulting in street closures. The goal of the work is to update and expand wastewater and stormwater infrastructure and to reduce street and structure floodin throughout the neighborhood.

Myrtle/Morehead Storm Drainage Improvement Project Phase 2: Road closures and subsequent signage have been installed with the primary goal of ensuring resident access to driveways through this process. Storm Water staff have coordinated and

continue to coordinate with the staff at Dilworth Elementary, CMS Transportation, CMPD, and Charlotte DOT as needed to try to adjust "Road Closed" signage to reduce through traffic during this process. Detours have been posted, but what makes traffi routing and detours in this area extremely difficult is the fact that the intersection of South Boulevard and E. Morehead are not "ongrade". E. Morehead has a bridge over South Boulevard, so traffi cannot be easily detoured back and forth from East Boulevard and E. Morehead via South Boulevard. Most streets through the neighborhood are narrow with on-street parking, and there is



heavy pedestrian traffic around Dilworth Elementary and around the YMCA which compounds the issue. This is very much a work in progress and the City is trying to work out site-specific traffi control issues throughout the neighborhood.

Please adhere to the detour signs; while they are frustrating, it's even more frustrating to wind up at a closed intersection and have to turn around which is also time consuming.

Here is an update on the specifics of the current construction:

- Both intersections of Euclid/Templeton and Lexington/Myrtle are anticipated to remain closed until June 2020 as the tunneling operation for the storm drainage continues. The two tunnel pits at Euclid/Templeton and Lexington/Myrtle are the primary impact to the neighborhood through second quarter next year due to the scale and scope of the work occurring at these locations.
- Installation of the Sanitary Sewer under South Boulevard for Charlotte Water will continue at Caldwell/South through 4th quarter 2019.
- Storm drainage and Sanitary Sewer installation on the Charlotte Housing Authority (Strawn) will continue through 4th quarter 2019.
- Work at the intersection of Cleveland/Rensselaer started in October and will continue through 4th quarter 2019.
- Work on Kenilworth Ave at Pearl St Park is scheduled to start around Thanksgiving and last into 1st Quarter 2020. Two-way traffic will be maintained, but traffic patterns will be shifting as crews work from the Little Sugar Creek side of Kenilworth Ave across to the Pearl Park side of Kenilworth Ave. Work in this location also includes installation of Sanitary Sewer for Charlotte Water and bypass pumping operations.

The Kenilworth/Romany Storm Drainage Improvement project should begin 1st quarter 2020. The Storm Water project is on the November 25, 2019 City Council Agenda for award of the construction contract. Construction of this project is anticipated to begin 1st quarter 2020 on the hospital campus at Little Sugar Creek. ■

DCA Land Use Committee meets the third Wednesday of each month in the DCA meeting room at the Tom Sykes Center (lower level) at 6:30 pm, to review rezonings, planning guidelines, and other actions affecting our neighborhood. Please email landuse@dilworthonline.org for further information.

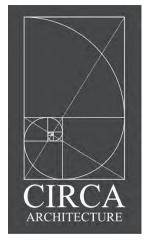




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# DILWORTH HOME TOUR

# RECAP: 47th Annual Dilworth Home Tour – Another Success

By Dana Jodice

During this year's Dilworth Home Tour, it was so much fun to see groups of people walking and cycling with their brochures in hand, abuzz with excitement, admiring our community and enjoying our streetscapes and parks. The event is the Dilworth Community Association's main fundraiser and supports both our charitable arm, Dilworth Cares, and the Board and volunteer committee leaders as they work to keep all of our interests funded and our mission vibrant. This year's tour, the 47th annual, was a major success and will allow us to continue the great work that we support.

The weather was gorgeous. Each of the seven homes offered something unique for each of the visitors. A special thank you to those who opened their homes - Doug Ehmann & Henrique Viana, Ron & Leigh Hickman, Steve & Polly Manaker, Michael & Laurie Hodge, Mike and Allison Malloy, Cory & Katherine Hohnbaun and John & Sue Dickson. Visitors appreciated the décor, the remodeling successes, and a glimpse into what is on any other day, a home they might wonder about but never enter.

Our Home Tour sponsors this year were very generous and the ticket sellers kept the brochures rolling along at a great clip! We want to extend thanks to our Home Host docents (Michael Baker, Trena Staton, David Gallagher, Valerie Preston, Mary Margaret Licisyn, Keely Edwards, Liz Lewis, Franklin Keathley, Sis Kaplan, Ellen Citarella, Janie Levinson and Melissa McGuire) that kept the event rolling smoothly and warmly greeted the visitors that came out in throngs. Thanks to the many volunteers that staffed the

homes during the two days!

And, final y, a big callout to the tireless efforts of the Home Tour Committee members, Courtenay Buchan, Mathew Demetriades, Keely Edwards, Sis Kaplan, Fran Miller and Valerie Preston, whose knowledge of organizing this major event was invaluable. If you would like to get more involved next year, or would open your home to be showcased on the tour, please let us know! Thanks again to all!



Mother/daughter duo has frequented the Home Tour for several years. Seen here planning their next moves.



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# Kids

# A New Principal for Dilworth Elementary School

By Nikki Campo

Dilworth Elementary School recently named Becky Crawford as its new Principal. In her former role as Assistant Principal at the school's Sedgefield Campus (grades K-2), she got to know students and staff alike. Now, she's excited to move forward at the helm of a school that has deep traditions, a strong sense of community, and commitment to the education of its students.

Mrs. Crawford brings more than 20 years of experience in elementary education into the role. In addition to her most recent

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role as Assistant Principal, she taught fi st and fourth grades and served as a K-5 reading specialist and literacy facilitator. She has an undergraduate degree in Elementary Education from Elon University and two Masters degrees: the fi st in reading from Queens University and the second in school leadership from Winthrop University.

Outside of work, Becky and her husband, John, have two children. Jackson is a freshman at Myers Park High School and Kennedy is a seventh grader at Alexander Graham Middle School. Both Becky and John grew up in the north, but relocated to Charlotte after college, and have managed to convince 20 additional family members to do the same!

Dilworth is excited to have Mrs. Crawford leading the way to another great year!



By Michael Baker

If you could order a night of perfect weather, it would have felt like October 12th at Latta Park. There was something for everyone at this year's Jubilee. The event kicked off at 4 PM and went into the evening.

Liz, Holly and the Jolly Lollies (IG: @thejollylollies) kicked the event off and got the audience on their feet, dancing and singing. This well known and popular local Charlotte children's band got the next generation of Dilworth residents hopping, bouncing, and enjoying the atmosphere. Face painters and balloon twisters were present as well.

The stage was handed over to a local a capella choral group named Queen Charlotte Chorus (IG: @queencharlottechorus). The

Michael Baker (right), 2019 Jubilee Chair.



The high energy party band, Bounce, in action.

all female group got the rest of the crowd clapping to the beat and keeping the energy level up for the audience to enjoy. And final y, as the daylight started to fade, the 12 piece band known as Bounce, the self described high-energy party band, lived up to that description and kept the crowd rocking into the evening. You can check them out at www.bouncepartyband.com

We were delighted to also have our esteemed Mayor Vi Lyles stop by to welcome everyone to the Jubilee and say some kind words about Dilworth.

Along the perimeter of the event we had more than a dozen vendors set up booths. They were all Dilworth residents and

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# Neighborhood Environment

# The Dilworth Tree Canopy Committee

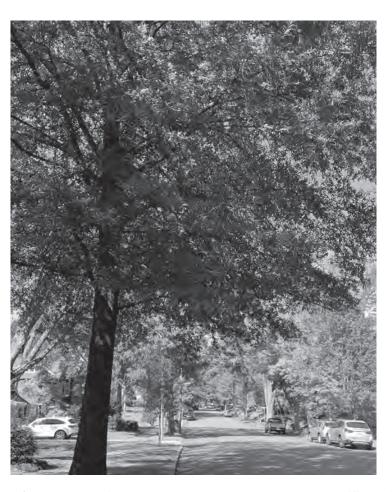
By Liz Lewis

While cities all over the world are working to increase their tree canopy cover, and numerous organizations and foundations are working to plant millions of trees and inspire new tree planters, there's a lot to be said about acting locally, too.

Trees shade our streets, adding beauty and so much more to our Dilworth neighborhood - trees clean the air, cool us in summer, help with water quality, provide wildlife habitat, are shown to reduce stress and improve overall quality of life. But... Dilworth's tree canopy is aging, and we are losing a number of our big shade trees.

That's where the Dilworth Community Association's Tree Canopy Committee comes in. The Tree Canopy Committee is back and energized with a mission to preserve, protect and plant canopy trees in Dilworth. Our goal is to promote, through direct action and education, an awareness of trees as an important part of our neighborhood culture. We want to see that old and sickly trees are replaced, and encourage the planting of new trees so that future Dilworth generations will enjoy the benefits and beauty of a healthy and vibrant tree canopy.

In discussions on a wide variety of tree topics, the Tree Canopy continued on page19





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Committee has come up with the following priorities:

The fi st priority is **Education and Communication** using neighborhood communication avenues (the Dilworth Quarterly, the Dilworth Express, social DCA Meetings at the Morehead Inn, the Dilworth Community Association's website dilworthonline.org, DCA's social media channels on Facebook and Instagram, and even creating flyers that can be distributed door to door). Education will help residents better understand how to preserve Dilworth's existing tree canopy, the role City and County government play in neighborhood tree care, options for tree planting and replacement, avenues for getting involved in increasing the local tree canopy, tree care tips for planting, mulching, safety, pruning, watering and overall care, and more.

The second priority is to **plant more trees**. Specifical y get more street trees planted in areas where they've been cut down, but also to encourage new tree plantings throughout Dilworth.

Our third priority is to **update the Dilworth Street Trees Master Plan**, which was originally created in 2011 by a group of dedicated volunteers. Thoughts are to include more native trees, promote canopy diversity, and add large shade trees wherever possible.

Other issues are tree trimming by the utilities, government liaison and advocacy, and working together with nearby

neighborhood associations to achieve greater tree preservation and protection.

There's a lot to do! And you can help and make a difference. Whether you can devote a couple of hours a year, 60 minutes a month, or want to be on a Tree Advocate On-Call List, get involved in Dilworth's tree related efforts. Email express@dilworthonline. org with the subject line "Trees" and let us know if you'd like to join in Dilworth's tree efforts, and what specific areas you might be interested in.

### Woops!

In the recent September issue of the Dilworth Quarterly we miscredited an article.

The piece titled "Trees: Looking Up, Looking Back, and Looking to the Future!" was authored and contributed by Tig Kabia.

We regret the error.





# Historic District Commission

# Alternative Materials Series: History and Appearance Considerations

By Cindy Kochanek

Traditional materials such as wood, metal, and masonry have been around for years and in some cases even centuries. While not necessarily as established as their traditional counterparts, some alternative materials such as plastic and composites are not entirely new concepts. Plastic was seen as a novelty and used widely in the 1920s for Art Deco interior design elements. While not long lived due to health concerns, asbestos shingle siding and floor tiles were actually a form of a composite material that

was available in the early and mid-20th century. Other alternative materials were available for even less time, but throughout the years nothing has been able to match the endurance of wood, masonry, and metal for building materials. Not only are they widely available, but they have been through most, if not all, of their growing pains and much is known about the properties of these materials. For instance, copper and aluminum should not be in direct contact and wood should be painted or stained for durability. Prior to the 20th century masonry was frequently



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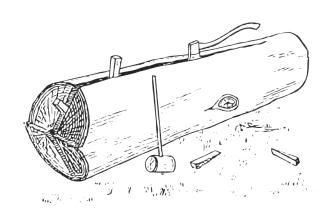


809 McDonald Avenue • Charlotte, North Carolina 28203 Phone: (704) 334-8777 • Email: bjorn@conceptbuilding.net painted to help protect very soft brick; however, as brick firin technologies advanced to create stronger, more uniform brick painting now has the opposite effect, it harms the brick. Painting 20th century historic brick can destroy it by trapping water and impeding freeze-thaw cycles. When trapped water freezes it expands to cause stress cracks, spalling, and eventually brick failure. Alternatively, trapped water can be forced to the interior of a structure and damage plaster, drywall and other interior surfaces.

Traditional materials such as wood, metal, and masonry tend to have very specific appearance, whether it be the narrow profile of a mid-century aluminum window or the slightly imperfect appearance of a handmade wood bracket. Many alternative materials are very different than their earlier more traditional counterparts in strength, which can also translate to a difference in appearance. Vinyl generally needs more space to achieve the same strength as wood, so a replacement vinyl window frame and sash appears much larger than a wood window in the same opening, leading to a glass size reduction. Imagine what that means for the same window opening when changing from aluminum windows to vinyl. While wood is somewhat flexibl and bendable, some composite siding can be so rigid that it can break if care is not taken when installing and moving it. On the other hand, vinyl is very flexible but not very breathable so when applied over a traditional wood siding it can trap water and

deteriorate the original siding. Traditional materials tend to look more organic or natural while many alternative materials appear plastic, which, in the case of vinyl and PVC, they are.

This article is the second article in this series addressing alternative materials. The next article will address additional topics such as longevity and sustainability comparisons of traditional materials and alternative materials so remember to check back in. Feel free to contact Historic District Commission (HDC) staff if you have any questions on specific alternative materials or any other questions or concerns regarding the historic district. HDC staff can be reached via phone at 704-336-2205 or email at charlottehdc@charlottenc.gov.



#### Did You Know?

The Olmsted Park Development in our neighborhood is situated on a former minor league baseball field In its fi st iteration, in 1940, Clark Griffi h Park was constructed of wood and became home to the Charlotte Hornets. When the structure was burned in a suspected case of arson, it was rebuilt as Crocket Park, and became home to the Asheville Orioles. The Os were eventually renamed the Knights.







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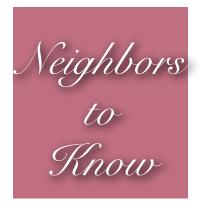
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# A Downed Tree Becomes Furniture with a Story

By Nikki Campo with Missy and Will Kutner

Missy and Will Kutner have an eye for design. Their beautiful home on Winthrop Avenue is filled with tastefully and thoughtfully appointed pieces, many of which are made of natural materials. Like other residents in Dilworth, they are saddened when trees come down. After planting eight crepe myrtles and two cherry trees to replace the one removed from their lot, they saw an opportunity to create something enduring – two tables and a bookcase - out of the downed tree. I caught up with them to learn more.

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**DQ:** Tell me a little bit about the tree you used to make your pieces. How did you know it would be able to be used to make furniture?

MWK: The old growth black walnut tree was, unfortunately, located within the footprint of the new house when we decided to build. We tried to incorporate it into the design, but it was just not practical. We knew black walnut was highly desirable in furniture design for its rich color, but we had no idea if this particular tree would provide furniture grade lumber. In fact, early on, we were told that our project was most likely going to end in a pile of fi ewood. We persevered anyway, and we're so glad we did.

**DQ:** What was the process to preserve and use the tree?

MWK: The key ingredient in the whole process was time. We had a vision but had no real substantiated plans when we started out, and therefore no time line to adhere to.

Trees intended for use in building furniture need to be cut with the integrity of the wood preserved. The goal is to cut pieces as long as possible, which makes it different from basic tree removal. Once the tree is down, it needs to be picked up and transported to a sawmill to be cut. Cut boards must then be dried before they can be used. Options include kiln-drying, which is fast but requires specialized equipment, or air drying. We opted to air dry since we didn't have any reason to hurry. To air dry our wood, we stacked and flipped it, keeping spacers between pieces and weights on the wood to prevent bowing. This took two years.

**DQ:** How did you find someone to turn your wood into furniture?

MWK: We used a site called Custom Made which connects craftspeople and hobbyists with clients who have unique projects. The person we found was just outside Charlotte. We saw on his prior work list a very intricate rocking chair and figu ed a table and bookcase couldn't be too complicated. He was excited to be part of our story, and was willing to come take a look at the wood

before committing to the work. He was amazed by the quality and thrilled to be able to use it to create our furniture.

**DQ:** How has this experience changed the way you think about trees, if it has?

**MWK:** We have always enjoyed trees, and in Dilworth, we are so lucky to be surrounded by them. We believe that if you absolutely have to cut a tree, plant two in its place. When our Black Walnut came down, we actually tried planting a few of its nuts in pots, but none of them took. We're going to try again when nuts from that great old Black Walnut on the corner of E. Tremont and Lyndhurst start falling!

**DQ:** What would you tell someone wondering whether their cut tree could be made into furniture?

**MWK:** If you like research and a project, just jump in! Whether it's a black walnut tree becoming modern furniture or an oak tree becoming a pair of Adirondack chairs, wood has always been the foundation of furniture.



Cut wood drying with spacers and weights.



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### **Street Trees**

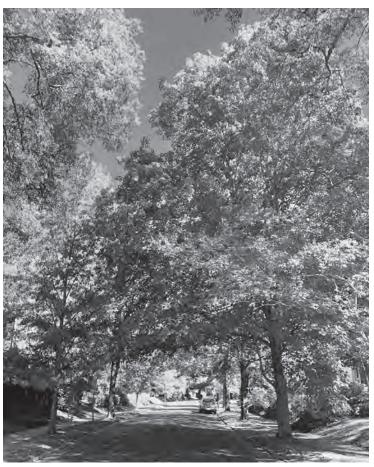
by Liz Lewis with input and review by James Deese, City of Charlotte Arborist

It's funny, you'd think a tree is a tree is a tree. But in Charlotte, there are trees, and then there are "street trees". Street trees are trees which are planted or naturally grown within the right of way along our streets. These are easily recognized as the trees in the planting strip between sidewalks and the street, though sometimes there is no sidewalk which makes it more difficult to determine whether a tree is a City street tree or not.

Trees give Dilworth a lot of the neighborhood character, and are a true asset to our community. The street trees are managed by the City of Charlotte. City Arborists are charged with monitoring these trees - for trimming the trees, removing diseased/damaged trees, and for selecting and planting new trees. The City is also responsible for paying for all of this.

As a resident, the most effective and efficient way to interface with the City of Charlotte on the care of street trees is to understand what "street trees" are, who's responsible for the trees, what the City's standard process and procedures are, and the special ways individuals and groups can work with the City.

**Have a Problem with a Street Tree?** If a street tree looks as if there are safety issues, drops big limbs, falls, needs removal,



Street Trees in Dilworth.





The City marks any trees scheduled to be taken down with orange dots.

or if you want to request a new street tree, you need to call the City. Specifical y, contact Landscape Management by email at landscapemanagement@charlottenc.gov or call 704-336-4262 during the week from 7 am - 4 pm, or 311 after hours.

Understanding City Markings/How to tell What's Happening with Specific Street Trees. The City marks any trees scheduled to be taken down with orange dots. They also mark the places that they will plant new street trees in the upcoming winter with white lines on the curb.

**New Street Tree Specifics.** Residents may call Landscape Management and request a tree to be planted. Then, an Arborist will visit the site and determine if the site is viable for planting there are space restrictions and utilities and other structures to

consider. Otherwise, the City may discover an open site to plant trees as well. Trees are planted free of charge each year. However, due to budget constraints the number of trees planted by the City may or may not equal the requests, in which case the remaining sites will be pushed to the next year.

Typically, new tree planting by the City and their contractors occurs in the winter, starting in January.

Once a tree has been removed by the City, and the stumps have been ground, the City protocol is to wait one year for the sawdust to de-acidify before replanting.

Specific to Dilworth, the City looks to the following factors when selecting the type of tree to plant as a replacement (or add as a new street planting):

- The Dilworth Street Trees Master Plan
- Whether there are power lines above the spot where they will plant (this determines whether they plant trees that can become large shade trees, or smaller trees that won't grow into the power lines over time)
- The trees they have available

Given the timeline, regulations, requirements and funding limitations surrounding street tree planting and replacement, the **Dilworth Community Association's Tree Canopy Committee** is investigating and working to find ways to plant and replace more street trees faster, which could mean working with organizations like TreesCharlotte and looking into cost sharing options.

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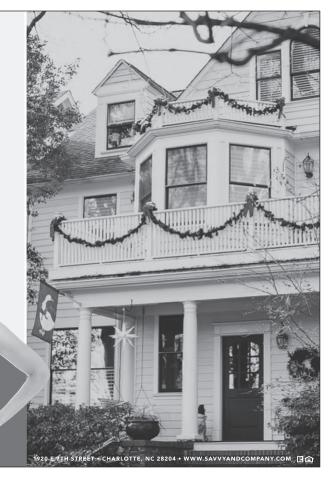
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# Amatter of Safety

## Caught on Camera

By Officer J.R. Gilliland



Officer J.R. Gillila d, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department

Technology has come a long way when it comes to the use of home security cameras. It seems like just a few years ago, home surveillance systems costs thousands of dollars and required fi ed mounting and wiring to a hard-drive. Now you have a wide variety of types and cost. Indoor, outdoor, fi ed or movable, many systems are completely wireless and store to a cloud. Some require only a

power source and nearly all can send alerts video to your phone. There is even a local company that will monitor those alerts for you! Doorbell cameras, which I think will become the new normal, are a great way to see who is approaching your house. Camera systems provide a glance at what has always been happening around your home overnight. Thieves are like sharks in the water, always circling. Only now we can see below the water line.



We have seen a change in suspect behavior. Suspects are looking for the cameras and either walking away once spotted or hiding their face. Many of our package theft arrests come from home camera identifications. We already knew that an overwhelming majority of car break-ins are to unlocked vehicles. I've seen many videos of suspects "checking" door handles and

moving to the next car. Now we see just how quick they can move down the street.

For a couple hundred dollars, you can have an on-demand system, allowing you to see what's going on when you are away from home or sleeping. Personally, I just like to see what my dog is doing throughout the day! No matter your need or budget, there is a camera system out there for you. But cameras are just one piece to your home protection plan. Locking your doors (and vehicles!), outdoor lighting and eliminating opportunity are all vital to making your house the least inviting target. Most of all, look out for your neighbors. They are your fi st line of defense.

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By Mary Beth Sensabaugh

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#### **December 2019 - April 2020**

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Registration: Oct.1st - 31st

Season: Dec - Mar

#### **Youth Track & Field**

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Registration: Feb 1st - 28th
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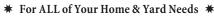
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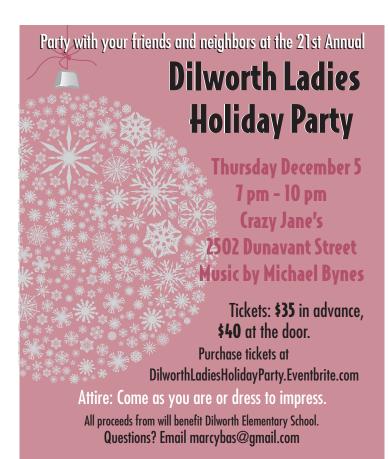


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I'd like to offer my personal thanks and appreciation to everyone who helped make this year's event a success. And while the 45th annual event has closed its doors, our planning for next year's event is already underway. Volunteers are welcome to assist with the planning to make the 46th Annual Event even more memorable.



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## Poop-gate

by Tom Ferber

Nothing gets a neighborhood talking like a good ol' conversation about dog poop. Dilworth has roughly 2.8 dogs per human on average and each dog manufactures .826 pounds of poop per day. What? Really? Ok, who fact checks these articles anyway? That can't be correct. That would have been a lot of research...and poop.

But judging by the amount of commentary on our neighborhood social media apps related to doggy doings, it is a polarizing issue. There's the don't ever poo in my yard contingent who are especially bothered by the poo-and-leave folks who don't clean up at all. We also have a growing population of bag-it-leave-it-I'll-come-back-for-it-later neighbors who have a habit of forgetting about it. I didn't know this was a thing, but apparently people bag the doo and leave it to pick up later. Dang it, now where did I leave that bag of doo-doo. If I were a bag of poop where would I be (this is usually how I find my keys).

Perhaps the most polarizing issue of all, based on my highly scientific (not so much) studies, is what happens on garbage day. Can I throw it in a neighbor's can? What if they aren't dog owners? Does the poo belong in the recycle bin? Will it smell really bad after baking inside the can between garbage days?

Sure, there are real health reasons for doggy discharge clean up. I wish the rabbits knew about this by the way, they are a bunch of prolific poopers. And yes, there are ordinances in place that cover curbing your dog.

I'll admit, I've levied some of these atrocities upon my neighbors, never maliciously, but once in a blue (bag) moon I've forgotten a mutt mitt or have been on the way somewhere with my pup where making an entrance with a bag full of waste in tow would have been inappropriate. In exchange, I've had my share of poo doings cast upon my yard that required the cleaning up for others. Overall, on the poo scoreboard, I think karma has found its equilibrium.

I believe part of the overall solution is a dose of tolerance and some extra courtesy. A little extra fiber may be in order too based on some of the samples I've seen. I've got more to say on this topic, but my dog is scratching to go out. Now where did I put those bags?









