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From the President

A Time to Give Thanks...

As my year as President of the Dilworth Community Association comes to an end, I reflect back on the year and stand in awe of all the work of The DCA board and especially our neighborhood of wonderful active residents.

The year was jam packed with activities, from the Spring Ladies Party to the selection of Dilworth elementary School as the two-year recipient of support from Dilworth Cares, our philanthropic arm of the DCA.

The Latta park initiative to revitalize the park has made great progress, all spearheaded by active residents of our community, from planting new native trees and shrubs to the installation of butterfly gardens and birdhouses, all to make our park a showcase and a refuge for flora and fauna.

Despite Florence, the Home Tour was a huge success, even though it had to be postponed to the following weekend. A big thank you to all the home owners and the many volunteers that were flexible and changed their schedule when Flo threw us a curve.

DCA Meeting Recap

Last month, the Dilworth Community Association held its second meeting and social at the Morehead Inn. A good turn out showed up to hear what is happening over the next few months with events sponsored by the DCA. Highlights of the evening were the guest speaker from Heartwood Tree Service, who gave a presentation about how to save our aging tree canopy and how to tell if a tree is ailing.

Several committees such as the Ladies Christmas party and the Community Garden all gave reports. This venue and format continue to be a successful way to deliver information to the residents of Dilworth and what the Dilworth Community Association is doing for the community. Thank you to everyone who came out! ■



Michael Baker
DCA President

This Fall residents of all ages enjoyed the 44th annual Dilworth jubilee, and by the huge crowd of baby strollers and young families one could tell that the groundwork laid by older members of our community will have lots and lots of people to pass the torch to in order to keep Dilworth the vibrant community that we enjoy. I remember speaking to the crowd at our large Spring meeting at the Morehead Inn that, yes, it does take a village to make all this happen, as this was just a few of the things that have happened the past year.

I thank you for the opportunity to serve as your president this past year, and I hope my involvement has made an impact. I know I sure did give it my all. I'm not going anywhere, as I guess it's in my blood to serve my community. I will be passing the torch to Valerie Preston as the 2019 President of the DCA.

Thank you all for your support and effort you have given over the past year!

Michael Baker ■



Michael Baker



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Dilworth Cares

By Suzy Hubbell

Dilworth Cares and the New Dilworth Elementary

Dilworth Cares is so excited to begin working with the New Dilworth Elementary School!

As you may have seen in the summer issue of the Dilworth Quarterly, the school was chosen last spring to be the Dilworth community's next non-profit partner.

Did you know that we are the only neighborhood association in Charlotte that offers volunteers and support to a non-profit partner on a regular basis?

A little history: in May of 2017, the CMS school board voted to pair Dilworth Elementary with Sedgefield Elementary, creating the New Dilworth Elementary School (DES). The Sedgefield campus serves students Pre-K through second grade, and the Latta campus serves third through fifth graders. The total

school population is around 700 students. The new DES provides an exciting opportunity to give increased resources to more children and ensure greater chances for their success.

The halls at both campuses are filled with wonderful staff, supportive families, and excited children embarking on a new school year. Under the leadership of principal Terry Hall, there are plans to upgrade each campus in numerous ways, including courtyard renovations, an outside learning center at the Sedgefield Campus and a science lab and Innovation Center at the Latta Campus, just to name a few. Schools are the heart of our community, and Dilworth Cares is excited to work with the families of Dilworth, Myers Park, Sedgefield, Freedom Park, Colonial Village and others to give our children the best education in Charlotte.

There are many ways to become involved with our new partner schools. Both campuses are currently recruiting volunteers to help clean up and improve the outdoor courtyards, and the Latta campus is looking for weekly volunteers to mentor and tutor a student as a "Learning Buddy." No experience is necessary, just the desire to help a child!! For more ways to help, you can also check out the Dilworth PTA's website at dilworthpta.org and click on the "Volunteer Today" tab. Here you can sign up for events such as DragonFest, field day chaperone, media volunteer, literacy workshops, etc. (To register as a CMS volunteer, please go to www.cmsvolunteers.com)

Dilworth Cares looks forward to supporting the schools, both financially and through volunteer efforts, over the next two years. Successful public schools are a hallmark of a thriving and successful neighborhood. Won't you join us in helping them succeed!?

P.S. If you would like to learn more about Dilworth Cares or volunteer at any of the yearly events sponsored by the DCA in support of Dilworth Cares, please email dilworthcares@gmail.com.



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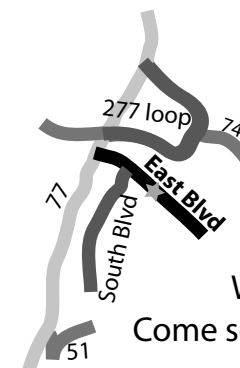


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Our Kids

Santa In Dilworth

By Mary Owen

One of the most magical parts of Christmas Eve as a child is hoping to catch a glimpse of the famous Santa Claus. In Dilworth, you will be able to see him Christmas Eve, riding around on a fire truck, passing out candy. For my family and I, this is one of the most memorable parts of Christmas. My family and my neighbors all wait outside to get candy and have fun before Christmas Day.

My best friend, Ella Dorsch, and her family, make sure to see the truck every year and it has been fun no matter the age. Her brothers and sisters, who are both younger and older, love it as well. The fire truck has brought me years of joy and memories

that will always be a huge part of my Christmas Eve. The firemen on Engine Number Two give Santa a ride and the schedule of where he will be is sent out through the Dilworth Express in the days before Christmas Eve. But finding him probably won't be a problem because you can hear the "HO HO HO" and call of the truck from miles away. While going to see the truck, you can see the luminaires that are put out on the streets and you can visit, talk to, and meet neighbors. The truck is all around Dilworth, but my favorite place to see the neighbors and the luminaires is to go to Dilworth Road East, right near the yellow sculpture. This is not only a fun time for children and adults, but you get to have a nice walk with your family, and talk to neighbors that you may not usually get the chance to talk to. This is a nice time to meet new people and your children may make new friends as well. Sometimes friends and neighbors will have relatives in town so they will come out of their houses to see what all the excitement is about. It is fun to see visitors see a part of what makes Dilworth so special. This has become our tradition of walking and enjoying the beautiful streets lined with luminaires, but it doesn't feel like Christmas until we see the truck. It really gives you a holiday cheery feel. The truck usually starts around 5:00pm and ends around 8:00pm. This gives plenty of time to go to Christmas Eve Mass if you want, prepare food for Christmas, bake, or do any other Christmas Eve traditions. My family has always made monkey bread for Christmas morning, walked to see the truck, and once we come home, my sister and I get to open one present of our choice.

So, if you are wondering what to do on Christmas Eve, or just have some extra time, you should come walk and see the Santa on a fire truck. It is a guarantee of great memories that you will want to make a tradition for every year. I hope to see you there this Christmas Eve! ■

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- Turn right onto Kingston Ave.
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The 20th Annual Dilworth Ladies Holiday Party

By Marcy Basrawla

The Dilworth Ladies Holiday Party is a long-standing festive tradition in the Dilworth Community. This year we will hold our 20th annual Holiday Party on Thursday, December 6, 2018 from 7 - 10 pm at Crazy Janes, 2502 Dunavant Street. For 20 years, this annual holiday party has raised money to support various Dilworth charities! New this year, special thanks to Alair Homes for sponsoring this 20th year anniversary party! 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 popular demand. Last but not least, our very own "Dilworth Ladies Men" will be volunteering that evening, graciously serving cocktails to our Dilworth Ladies. Not only will you have a great time at this perfect kick off to the holiday season, but all proceeds from the evening benefit the New Dilworth Elementary. The

Dilworth Ladies Holiday Party

Thursday, December 6

7 pm - 10 pm

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New Dilworth Elementary encompasses two campuses: the Sedgefield campus, grades K-2, and the Latta Campus, grades 3-5. Please come enjoy yourselves while helping our community schools! Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$35 at DilworthLadiesHolidayParty.Eventbrite.com or \$40 at the door.

Questions? Please contact Meredith Doty at meredithwilson1@gmail.com, Liz Porter at lizporter946@gmail.com, or Nicole Wagner at nicholeswagner@gmail.com. ■

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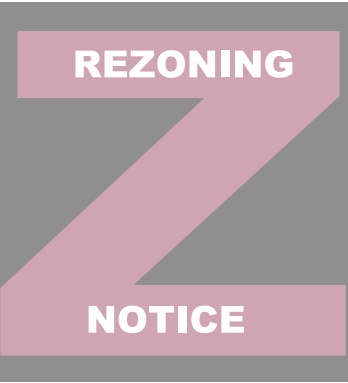
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Land Use

Update on the Kenilworth Substation Expansion

By Ellen Citarella

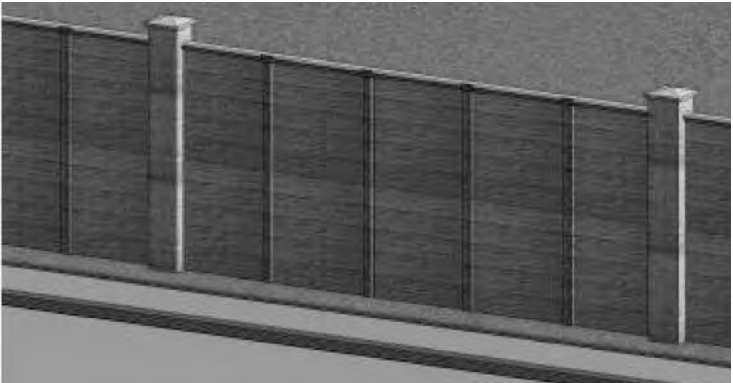
When the Kenilworth substation was built in 1963 and energized in 1964, the population of Charlotte was 201,564 and Reddy Kilowatt was Duke Power’s mascot. Fast forward to 2018, the city has grown to an estimated 884,509 residents, which has changed the demand for electricity in ways the now-retired Reddy Kilowatt could never imagine.

As you may have noticed, Duke Energy is in the process of

expanding the electrical transmission substation located at 2217 Kenilworth Ave. The Dilworth Community Association Land Use Committee has been working on this matter since neighbors first received notice of the expansion in November 2015. Due to the city’s weak ordinance requirements for public utilities, only rudimentary aesthetic treatments were required in the plan for the Kenilworth substation expansion. This plan was approved by the City of Charlotte in January 2016. Given the substation’s prominent location between Scott and Kenilworth Avenues, the DCA Land Use Committee has been meeting with various Duke Energy employees over the last three years in an attempt to make the substation fit into the neighborhood. We have proposed several different scenarios, attempting to develop an acceptable solution to mitigate the impact of this expansion within the neighborhood.

The DCA Land Use Committee continued to insist that aesthetic improvements were required until Duke Energy offered a new solution. In April 2018, Duke Energy appropriated funds specifically for aesthetic treatments to help screen the expansion of the unsightly components of a 1963 substation situated in the middle of a historic neighborhood. A subcommittee of Land Use has been working with a Duke Energy task force, and we are very fortunate to have on our team the expertise of Dilworth neighbor Michael Dunning, a principal with Shook Kelley design firm. Our goal has been to improve the aesthetic design and appearance of the original substation expansion plan, while maintaining the stringent safety requirements.

Although we are making progress, much work remains to be done. The originally approved plan called for a gray, vinyl, eight-foot wall around the substation, which we deemed only slightly more appealing than the chain link fence topped with barbed wire currently surrounding the substation. Though limited to using a Duke Energy-approved vendor’s product, we were able to change the screening wall to beige, pre-cast concrete panels



The pre-cast concrete wall will be beige with a cobblestone pattern, large columns and bullnose coping.

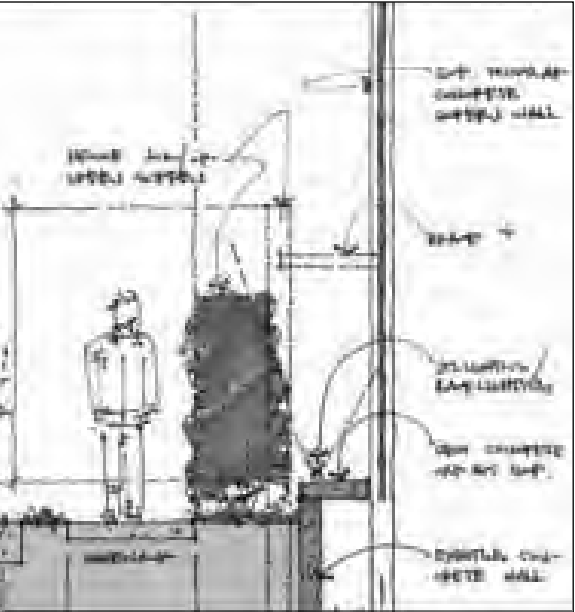


This sample screen wall illustrates how the Kenilworth Ave. side may look.

in a cobblestone pattern with bullnose coping (i.e., rounded edges) and large columns. We also were able to secure approval for an artistic metal panel from 8- to 12-feet high, which will run along Kenilworth Avenue. The panel will be created by SEAS, a fabricator and manufacturer of ornamental metals here in Charlotte.

After several meetings with CDOT, we are hopeful we can mitigate the dangerous conditions for pedestrians around the substation. We are on track to implement a “road diet” along the Kenilworth block, which will take advantage of the unused eight-foot on-street parking strip there. Bumping out the curb will allow for a six-foot sidewalk and planting strip, which is a standard requirement for new development. At a minimum, we also want to provide curb and gutter along Ordermore Avenue and possibly a five-foot sidewalk as well. If all falls into place, there could be properly functional sidewalks all the way around that block, without obstructions such as fire hydrants and transmission towers blocking the path.

The last piece of our challenge is landscaping design, which we will begin working on soon. Sadly, many existing trees were destroyed as part of the expansion. However, we will enhance the city-approved landscape plan to maximize screening of the substation infrastructure with as many large trees as possible. Fortunately, one of our new team members, Allison Merriman, landscape design architect with LandDesign, will add her



Sample Kenilworth Ave. “road diet”

expertise to help us in this endeavor. Key dates for the project are site-development activities Sept. – Dec. 2018, substation construction & landscaping activities Jan. – Dec. 2019 and a target project completion date of Dec. 2019. We will share visuals and updates on a web site at <http://kenilworthexpansion.weebly.com> to keep the neighborhood informed of the plans and progress. Meanwhile, we remain hopeful about achieving the best results for our neighborhood. ■

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Median Listing Price	\$895,000	\$799,500	11.94% ↑	\$895,000	\$735,000	21.77% ↑
Median Selling Price	\$860,000	\$825,000	4.24% ↑	\$870,000	\$715,000	21.68% ↑
Median Days on Market	27	69	-60.87% ↓	11	24	-54.17% ↓
List/Sell Price Ratio	97.2%	96.7%	0.51% ↑	98.5%	97.9%	0.66% ↑
Average Listing Price	\$957,500	\$783,200	22.25% ↑	\$903,853	\$789,034	14.53% ↑
Average Selling Price	\$930,600	\$768,428	21.1% ↑	\$891,890	\$773,863	15.25% ↑
Average Days on Market	41	87	-52.87% ↓	40	49	-18.37% ↓



Neighborhood Environment

The Butterfly Highway

By Angel Hjarding

Declines in monarch and honeybee populations have made national news headlines and brought a lot of attention to the troubles facing our insect pollinators. The iconic monarch butterfly has faced a significant population decline, and in the winter of 2014-2015 reached an all-time low in their overwintering locations in Mexico. Monarch butterflies were once commonly seen in the spring and fall migration through North Carolina, but now sightings have become rarer due to the declining population and available habitat. This decline has been attributed to numerous factors including: forest loss in overwintering areas, loss of breeding habitat due to agricultural practices, urbanization, increase pesticide use, and the effects of climate change. Adult monarchs rely on a variety of nectar plants to provide energy for their long migration to Mexico as well as milkweed to lay their eggs on, as milkweed is the only plant that monarch caterpillars will eat. Without appropriate flower and plant resources, monarchs will not be able to survive. Species of wild bees and bumblebees have also declined over the last 50 years due to many of the same issues that are impacting monarchs and other pollinators. Managed honeybee populations have been experiencing similar issues in both the US and Europe that have been attributed to disease, loss of habitat, pesticide use and colony collapse disorder.

Pollinators such as bumblebees, butterflies, and other insects are critical to North Carolina's biological diversity and agricultural economy. Our native pollinators face numerous threats including loss of native plant habitat that provides vital nectar and pollen resources. The North Carolina Wildlife Federation is working to help protect these habitats through our statewide program, the Butterfly Highway. The goal of the Butterfly Highway is to bring together a coalition of public and private land owners committed to protecting and conserving habitat for pollinators and wildlife across North Carolina. These partnerships are critical to achieving our long-term



conservation goals. From rural lands in Eastern North Carolina to urban cityscapes in the Piedmont, the Butterfly Highway is working to protect habitat and build advocacy and awareness for pollinators. There is no quick fix to restore the lands that have been lost, but with adequate resources we will be able to protect and conserve our North Carolina lands for future generations.

We are excited to have the Dilworth Neighborhood and Latta Park as a pollinator pitstop on the Butterfly Highway and encourage you to join with your neighbors and pledge to provide food, shelter, and habitat for pollinators in your own backyard! You will be joining a network of 2,000 pollinator pitstops across the state protecting over 30,000 acres of land for pollinators. For more information, or to take the Butterfly Highway pledge, visit www.butterflyhighway.org. ■

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Dilworth Community Garden

Ahhh Spring!

By Julie Nofsinger

Aaahhh Spring! Wait...what? Come on! We've just barely made it through the holidays. Spring is NOT just around the corner. Or is it? Well, the Dilworth Community Gardeners are already planning for Spring and you should be too! Weren't you just a little bit jealous of your neighbor's sunny tomato garden? Sure, we love our lofty oak trees in Dilworth, but they certainly don't create a very welcoming environment for veggies. And, if you can find a sunny corner on your patio, how often did you have to duke it out with the squirrels for your meager bounty?

Solution...become a member of the DCG!

Oh, did you think the wait list was too long? True, we still have a little bit of a wait, but we ALWAYS have a few folks move away or realize the daily upkeep was just a bit more than they bargained for, and we are also always eager for new blood to energize our garden. I think we will have some availability. Interested? Here is what you need to know:

- Plots are about 100 square feet, give or take.
- Grow veggies or fl wers. You keep what you grow, or give away!
- The cost is \$60 per year and newcomers pay a \$25 deposit, returned with your cleared plot.
- Members are required to participate in work days which



mostly involve weeding and mulching public spaces: paths, parking lot, picnic area, etc. Around 10 hours total.

- You have to live in Dilworth to be a member.
- We have fun potlucks and an annual birthday celebration each June with live music.
- We have represented a WIDE range of abilities from beginner to expert and everyone is great about sharing ideas and advice. We even bring in speakers/experts to help!
- If you are interested, send an email to Cortney Molino at cortney_s67@yahoo.com and she will send you a link to our membership site.

See you at The Garden! Julie Nofsinger. ■



L to R: Community Gardeners Janet Caffray and Jordan Duff.

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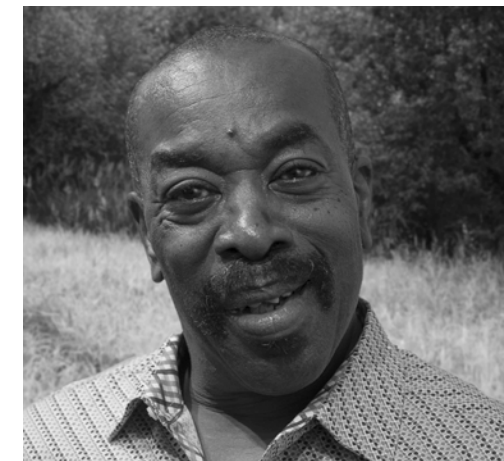
A Man of Many Talents

by Julie Cassen

I first encountered Emery Spears when he delivered a package to my door, shortly after I had moved into Dilworth. In time, I came to know him as an outgoing, friendly person with an infectious laugh who delivered for UPS. Then he retired and I saw him no more. Until he turned up at Dilworth Drug and Wellness Center, where he now works.

As a child, Emery was very shy. He told me he always hid behind his mother's skirt when someone he didn't know was around. But his mother always took him to church, and that is where, he says, he eventually overcame his shyness. He ushered at church when he was 6 years old, and he is still an active member in his church

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today, where he is President of the Ushers Board and sings in the choir.

Emery worked on his uncle's 20 acre farm at an early age, starting at 5 a.m. each day. He helped pick the crops, make sausage, liver mush and molasses, and butchered goats and hogs. His first "job" was selling the farm's produce from the back of a 1966 Chevy pickup truck that he drove into town. He still has the truck in his backyard.

Emery has always loved cars and, especially, drag racing. He is a certified auto mechanic, specializing in Corvettes. The first car he owned was a 1973 Plymouth Roadrunner, which he purchased from the factory for \$3200. He is currently restoring and refurbishing it with customized parts. He plans to show it at car shows.

Inevitably, our conversation turned to Charlotte, where Emery was born. He attended West Charlotte and Independence high schools, and remembers not liking to wait for the school bus in rainy, cold weather. In those days high school students could drive the school buses, so Emery got the idea that if he drove a bus he wouldn't have to stand out there waiting for it. And, because they didn't have bus lots in those days, drivers were allowed to take their bus home. Emery was a sharp student!

We got to reminiscing about the old days. Emery worked at the

original Lance factory, located at 1300 South Boulevard, where South End is today. At that time there was a member of his family working on each of the three shifts at the company. I mentioned the Epicurean restaurant and he remembered the Eastland Mall site when it was a farm, and when there was a Ramada Inn where Harris Teeter is now in Dilworth Commons.

I wanted to know more about his experience at UPS. Emery told me he worked for the company for 41 years, retiring in 2015. When he first started with the company he didn't intend to stay with the job. That all changed, he says, when he discovered how nice the people were in Dilworth. He decided to stay with UPS and the Dilworth route. He found that Dilworth residents even trusted him with keys to their place so he could deliver packages when they weren't home. For older people, who wouldn't open their door to strangers, he used a special way of knocking on the door so they would know it was him. He still does that now for his pharmacy deliveries. Emery's philosophy is simply to treat others as he would like to be treated. It certainly works.

Emery is very proud of his safety record, having had no injuries or accidents on his record. The UPS company formally recognized him as a Corporate Icon, an exemplar of what a UPS employee should be.

Emery's wife of 21 years, Diane, is from Buford, South Carolina. They have three grown sons, and two dogs. When I asked Emery why he decided to return to work after retiring from UPS he said Diane always gave him a honey-do list! ■







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Hooray for Hot Dogs!

By Sis Kaplan

If you want a hot dog, then JJ Red Hots at 1514 East Blvd. is, without question, where to go!! The hot dogs are great and you can get just about any kind you want. And, if a member of your group doesn't want a dog, they can get a salad or a chicken sandwich. You can get the Joliet Jake Chicago style, Southwestern style, Carolina style - you name it and JJ's has the style from just about every part of the country. More on that, but first meet the owners of JJ's, Jon Luther Jr. and his dad Jon Sr. It is really a family affair as his wife, Melissa, is the controller/bookkeeper.

So far they haven't put the kids to work, but that might happen soon. Both of their kids' names start with a J, hence the name JJ Red Red Hots. Jon Sr. has been in the food business for 50 years, so John Jr. grew up in the business and has had a passion for the food industry for many years. Before moving to Charlotte from Buffalo he had several restaurants and loves the food world. In addition to the East Blvd. location, JJ's has a restaurant in Ballantyne and this year they opened uptown at Martin Luther King Blvd. and Church Street. They also have two mobile carts and trailers to do corporate events and private parties. One of their special events is a sausage fest on East Blvd. every November, but you will have to wait until next year to get your ticket for that fun happening.

Back to the food, they make their own sausage and have five signature sausages which include: JJ's Bratwurst, Andouille Sausage, Kasekreiner and a Seasonal Sausage. As for the hot dogs, Jon said "I traveled the country for one and a half years tasting regionally made hot dogs and kept coming back to Sahlen's hot dogs produced in my home town of Buffalo". Continuing to give me a lesson in hot dogs, Jon says "Sahlen's has made hot dogs for one hundred and fifty years and remains owned and operated by the same family, and they produce top quality dogs with natural casing and a great taste". By the way, you can also get turkey and

veggie dogs at JJ's. One of the features of JJ's in nice weather is their terrific roof deck with a great view of Charlotte. Jon says "one of my favorite parts of the business is seeing a grandfather and his grandkids come in together and equally enjoy their hot dogs". Friendly and good service is very important at JJ's and in addition to the great dogs, it is one of the reasons people keep coming back. Jon wants you to remember that you can get hot dog styles from every part of the country. He says, "so no matter where you are from and loved your dogs from there, you are likely to find that style at JJ's, too". Jon says they love Dilworth and like the neighborly atmosphere, and this will always be their flagship location. ■



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Lock It Or Loose It

By Officer J.R. Gilliland



*Officer J.R. Gilliland,
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Greetings Dilworth!
My name is Jim Gilliland and I am the Community Coordinator (neighborhood officer) for the Dilworth and Freedom Park areas. I have served in this role since 2007. I attend your community meetings and try to keep you updated on crime trends. Throughout the past several years Larceny from Autos (car break-ins) continues to be our biggest challenge.

Quite often, a car break-in turns into a crime spree when keys are found inside the vehicle and they use the car to commit additional crimes. This summer almost all of the overnight home break-ins were precipitated by a vehicle being taken from nearby. **Close to 75% of all vehicle break-ins are to unlocked vehicles.** The thieves will continue to prey on Dilworth as long as we provide such easy targets. You must assume that your car doors will be checked every night. Remove your valuables, including FIREARMS. Leaving a firearm in your car is dangerous for everyone. This summer, we arrested two suspects and recovered a

firearm that had just been taken from an unsecured vehicle. Almost all vehicle thefts result from found keys. Please take a moment to make sure that there are no spare keys or "Valet Keys" in the glovebox.

While we do see some repeat offenders, the majority are new suspects. Quite simply, it is an attractive crime because it's so rewarding. We need your help. Please lock your cars and remove valuables. "Lock-it or Lose-It."

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Stay safe, Jim ■



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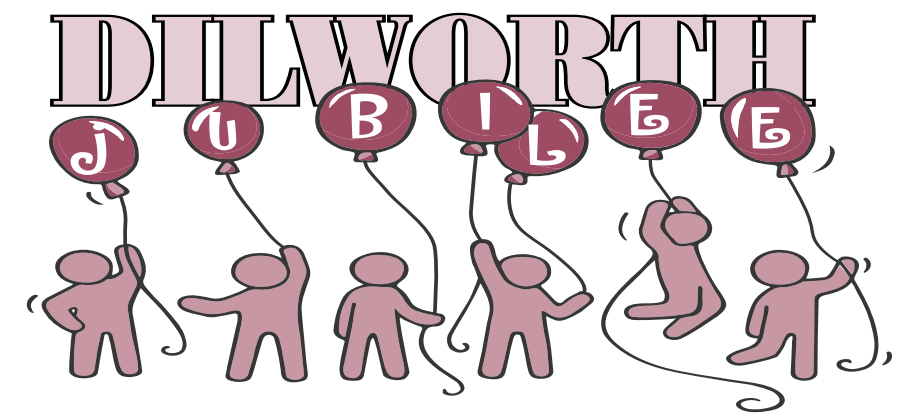
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Wrap-Up

By Michael Baker, 2018 Jubilee Chair

The **2018 Dilworth Jubilee** was held on a beautiful warm October night. Families flocked to Latta Park in a sea of baby strollers to listen to Liz Holly and the Jolly Lollies, as they excited the young crowd of jollie groupies.

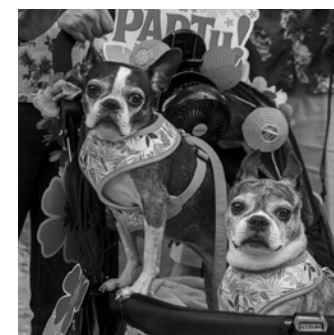
Radio personality Romona Holloway encouraged the crowd to join in on the festive pet parade sponsored by **Dilworth Animal Hospital**.

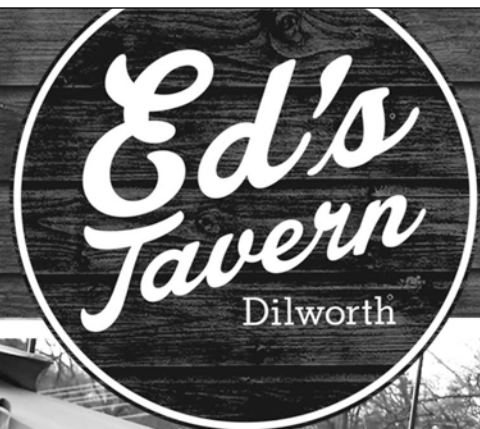
The adults then listened to the sound of the band Bounce, a

ten piece group from eastern North Carolina that had neighbors dancing into the night.

The committee would like to thank the 2018 Jubilee Sponsors: **Fairway Mortgage**, **Brightway Insurance** and **Atrium Health** with out your support of this annual event we could not make it happen.

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By Mary Beth Sensabaugh

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From skating for fun and fitness, to skating for sport such as hockey, speed skating or even skiing, we've got you covered! Skills learned in this program are transferrable from pavement, to ice and even on snow. All ages and skill levels welcome! Pricing: Free

Tennis- Private/Group Lessons

This program designed for all levels of play. We breakdown tennis techniques, skill building, singles play, doubles play, mental toughness,

and fun strategies to win on the tennis court. Rackets available in limited amounts for use! Call 980-314-1113 to schedule a lesson!

Pricing: \$10.00/hr

ADULT PROGRAM

Adult Meditation Class

An activity dedicating an hour for the rest and recovery of participant's minds and bodies. Proven to reduce stress and increase mental clarity, meditation is quickly becoming an important regular practice for working adults and parents. The skills learned in this group meditation can be shared at home with children too!

Date: Wednesdays starting November 28th- Jan 30th

Cost: \$3 per class ■

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