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What's On Tap for 2017 and a 2016 Round Up

Here is an alphabetical listing of all of Dilworth's restaurants for those nights when you ask "where should we go out to eat?"

- 300 East
- Bad Daddy's Burger Bar
- Bakersfield
- Bonterra
- Brixx
- Comet Grill
- Copper
- Crisp
- Dilworth Neighborhood Grille
- Dolce
- Fiamma
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- Lebowski's
- Mayo Bird
- Meat and Fish Company
- Moe's Southwest Grill
- Outback Steakhouse
- Persuasion
- Pio Pio
- Ru San's
- Thai Taste
- Thai Thai Takeout
- The Summit Room
- Zen Asian Fusion

By Sonya Pfeiffer

Whenever a new restaurant opens in Charlotte, the collective rush to be among the first to check out the newest, hottest thing kicks into full gear. Even in Dilworth, we are not immune to the insanity.

Suddenly, individual adults morph into the equivalent of a swarming pack of five-year-old soccer players chasing a ball around the field – a mentality that routinely results in jammed spaces and overwhelmed servers sweating and striving to please an eager crowd.

Throughout 2016 we lived up to our reputation as several new restaurants grappled with a deluge of diners. In 2017 we will have the opportunity to inundate once again. The latest hot spot in our neighborhood is Dilworth Tasting Room, or DTR, which takes the honor of 2017's first hip spot in Dilworth. The wine bar is tucked away in the former Dilworth Billiards location on Tremont Avenue and serves cheese and salumi boards, along with salads and some interesting finger foods and bar snacks. The wine is available by the glass, or you can buy a bottle from the carefully curated selection that lines the west wall of the restaurant.

Dilworth Tasting Room owner Jaffer Kovic, a Buffalo, New York, native, moved to Charlotte in July. Within six months he signed a lease,



completed a re-do of the former billiards parlor and created a buzzy new walkable destination for the hundreds of nearby apartment and condo residents. "This neighborhood has blown me away," Kovic exclaims.

"When I saw this space, it just felt right. But the neighbors and the warm welcome have been amazing – I had no idea it would be this wonderful."

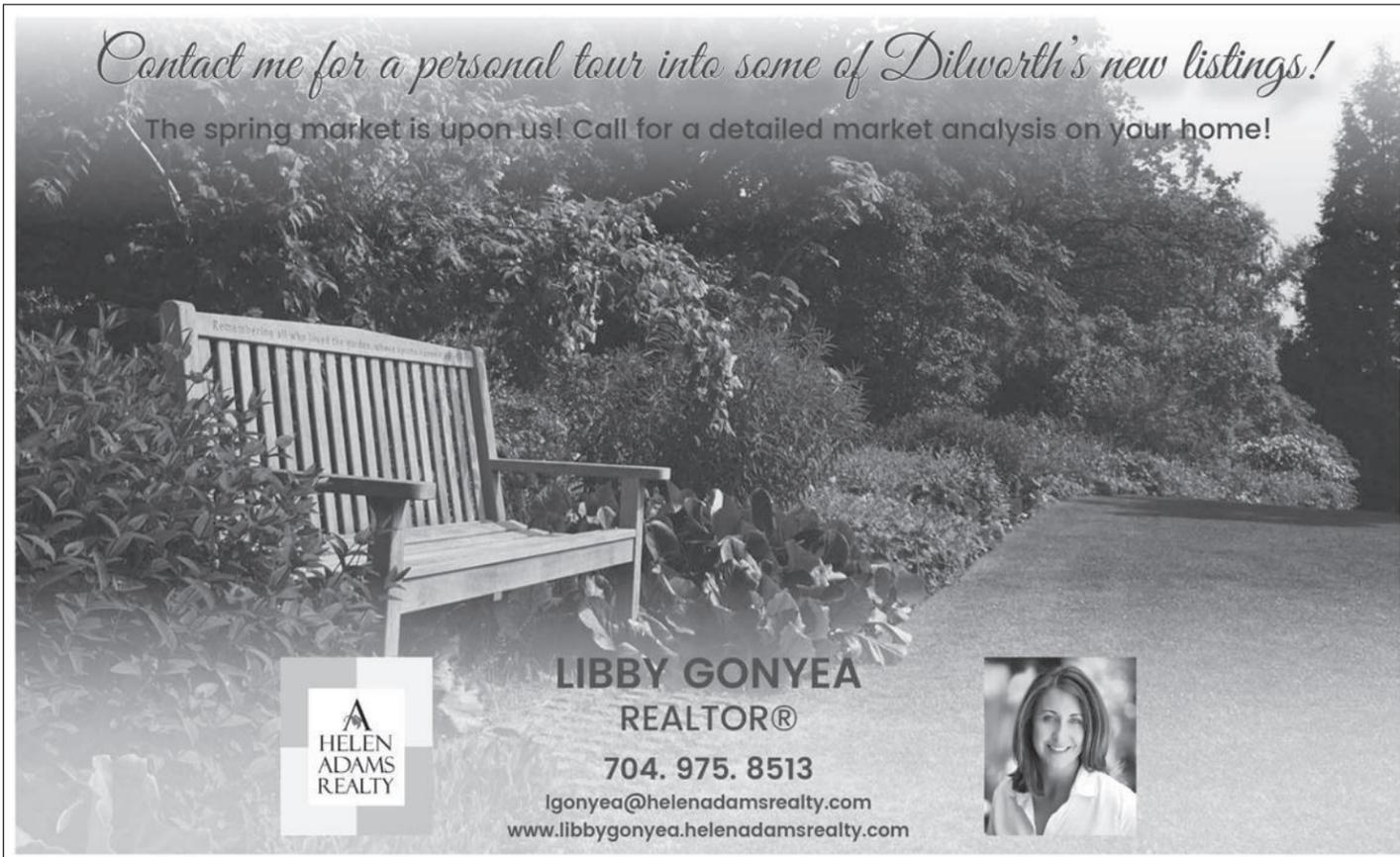
Kovic wanted a neighborhood feel. He had most recently been living with his wife and two young daughters in New York City and envisioned a Brooklyn-esque spot where locals could enjoy wine and food while casually sitting around, talking with Kovic about the wine. Since opening, however, crowds have kept Kovic and his staff moving quickly, without much time for chatting. "Monday nights I can talk and visit," Kovic smiles, "and maybe some on Tuesdays." Kovic, a master sommelier, has stocked his retail section with an interesting selection of wine gems that sell at very little markup. DTR also has a selection of local craft beers.

The garden patio includes several bistro tables for al fresco sipping and dining, as well

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From the President



*Courtney Leehman
DCA President*

To Make a Neighborhood a Community...

Neighborhood – noun

The area surrounding a particular place, person or object

Community – noun

A feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests, and goals

Spring is always a hopeful time with fresh beginnings, budding trees, bulb shoots popping up and grass greening beneath the blanket of fall leaves. The days lengthen and get warmer, beckoning Dilworth to the outdoors. Runners and walkers head out together with sounds of their exercise-time visits skipping across the streets. Patrons walk to restaurants and nightspots, catching up with friends and neighbors. Gardeners tend yards and plots at the Dilworth Community Garden. In general, Dilworth emerges from its winter slumber to build the energy that defines our neighborhood.

I begin my 4th year with the Dilworth Community Association as its President, and I am very honored to do so. I served as both Secretary and Home Tour Chair for the last two years and it has truly been a rewarding experience to be involved. This time has also taught me the difference between a neighborhood and a community.

I have served on other neighborhood associations in the past, but none like Dilworth. A stroll down any street on a lovely evening finds porch after porch full of neighbors and friends visiting, children playing and laughing, families pushing strollers greeting others – the things that make life wonderful. Dilworth residents are (of course) proud to live here, but they are also deeply committed to making Dilworth more than just another Charlotte neighborhood. That commitment carries into the Board of the DCA. These amazing folks generously and eagerly give their time and many talents to the work that makes our neighborhood a community: **Amanda Anderson, Michael Baker, Mathew Demetriades, Keely Edwards, John Gresham, Betty Hunter, Sis Kaplan, Keith Lehr, Cheryl Anne McLean, Cindy Miller, Aaron Newlander, Julie Nofsinger, Lilly Young, and Jill Walker.** We

welcome **Paul Gagnier, Liz Lewis** and **Valerie Preston** to the Board this year and thank **John Fryday** and **Walt Guyer** for their contributions as they roll off.

Upon learning I lived in Dilworth, a colleague at work commented, “That is such an awesome neighborhood! What a great place to live - you have so much going on there!” And we do! One of the privileges of serving on the DCA is I now see how “so much going on” happens. Julie Nofsinger heads up the Dilworth Community Garden. Valerie Preston is the Home Tour Chair. Michael Baker will lead the Jubilee. Lilly Young leads Dilworth Cares. Amanda Anderson handles our online communication through Facebook and the DCA site. Mathew Demetriades is the editor for the Dilworth Quarterly and Liz Lewis sends out the Dilworth Express. The other members of the DCA support these leaders along the way.

What I find interesting is several of these folks are new to the DCA board; some very new to Dilworth. It’s delightful to see a neighborhood that makes it so easy to become involved and invested in the community. Anyone can volunteer. Two such volunteers, Ruth Ann Grissom and Nancy Nicholson, spearheaded the revitalization of Latta Park because they decided it was important and raised their hand to get involved. Every Monday, anyone can volunteer at the Dilworth Soup Kitchen, a beneficiary of Dilworth Cares. Every spring, folks can get involved with BBB@CCC or the Ladies Spring Party to meet neighbors around them. The Jubilee offers another opportunity to participate in a great family event, and the longest running Home Tour in Charlotte happens only because nearly 200 people give their time to make it happen.

So many wonderful things that happen in Dilworth as the result of investments from neighbors just like you. I am overwhelmed at the great fortune that has crossed my life and brought me to this Community.

I eagerly look forward to another wonderful year working with you!

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Valerie Preston
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Making A Difference

Meet Your DCA Board

By Mathew Demetriades

Amanda Anderson

- Dilworth Resident since 2012
- DCA Board Member since 2014
- Part of the DCA Communications Committee handling the DCA website and Facebook page

Michael Baker

- Dilworth Resident since 2009
- DCA Board Member since 2015

- Founding board member of the Dilworth Community Garden
- DCA President Elect 2018

Mathew Demetriades

- Dilworth Resident Since 2006
- DCA Board Member since 2013
- Past Secretary (2014) and President of DCA (2016)
- Edited the Dilworth Express
- Current Editor of the *Dilworth Quarterly*

Keely Monroe Edwards

- Dilworth Resident since 2012
- DCA Board Member since 2015
- Current Secretary of the DCA
- Serves on the Home Tour Committee

Paul Gagnier

- New to Dilworth
- First year as a member of the DCA board
- Active part of the Latta Park initiative and Latta Park Tree Banding Project

Officer Gilliland

- Community Coordinator since 20017
- Thinks of Dilworth as his backyard

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- Dilworth Resident since 1974
- Past DCA President (1976)
- DCA Board Member in the 1990's, and since 2013

Betty Hunter

- Dilworth Resident since 1986
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- Current DCA Treasurer

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- Dilworth Resident since 2004
- DCA Board Member since 2012
- Serves on the DCA Land Use and Home Tour Committees

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- DCA Board Member since 2014
- Current DCA President

- 2015 and 2016 Dilworth Home Tour Chairperson

Keith Lehr

- Dilworth Resident since 2006
- DCA Board Member since 2015
- 2015 and 2016 Dilworth Jubilee Chair

Liz Lewis

- New Dilworth Resident
- First year as a member of the DCA board
- Current Dilworth Express Editor
- Active in the Latta Park initiative

CherylAnne McLean

- Dilworth Resident since 2009
- DCA Board Member since 2015
- Edited the *Dilworth Quarterly*
- Home Tour Volunteer

Cindy Miller

- Dilworth Resident since 2006
- DCA Board Member since 2015
- Part of the DCA Home Tour Committee

Aaron Newlander

- Born in Dilworth, then later a resident since 1972
- DCA Board Member since 2013
- Serves on the Land Use Committee
- Interested in preserving neighborhood diversity and the tree canopy.

Julie Nofsinger

- Dilworth Resident since 1994
- DCA Board Member since 2015

- Founder, President of the Dilworth Community Garden

Valerie Preston

- Dilworth Resident since 2015
- First year as a member of the DCA board
- Volunteer Coordinator for the 2016 Dilworth Home Tour
- 2017 Dilworth Home Tour Chairperson

Jill Walker

- Dilworth Resident since 1984
- DCA Board Member for several years
- Chair of the DCA Land Use committee
- Dilworth Home Tour volunteer

Lilly Young

- Dilworth Resident since 2013
- DCA Board Member since 2016
- Active in Dilworth Cares and on the Home Tour Committee



Pictured left to right: Valerie Preston, Cindy Miller, Paul Gagnier, Mathew Demetriades, Keely Edwards, Lilly Young, John Gresham, Sis Kaplan, Jill Walker, Betty Hunter, Officer Gilliland, Michael Baker
Not pictured: Amanda Anderson, Courtenay Leeham, Keith Lehr, Liz Lewis, CherylAnne Mclean, Aaron Newlander, Julie Nofsinger



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Dilworth Cares

By Missy Owen

Doing Good is a Remedy in Uncertain Times

You do not have to look far these days to sense an unrest or concern about where we are as a society. Quick scans of most social media accounts tell a story of division, resistance, frustration, and fear. In this growing divisive discontent runs a common thread: a desire to act, to do something, anything, to make our world better.

It was this desire to make our community better that sowed the seeds close to a decade ago to create Dilworth Cares. Since that time, many good deeds have been done, dollars have been raised, local charities have been embraced and strengthened, and friendships have been made. In uncertain times, it is helpful to take a look back to see how best to move forward.

Back around 2008 Dilworth was much like the community you see today: a fun loving group of neighbors, engaged in the

city on their doorstep, who loved to gather and celebrate being neighbors. The women of Dilworth held annual holiday parties known as the Merry Ladies, taking time to foster friendships but always including a toy drive or silent auction that did some good as well. Around this time, a spring party was added because we didn't want to have to wait a full year for the fun together. Running parallel to the planning for fun was the looming question, "well surely if we are gathering, we can also do a little bit of good for those in need in our community".

As 2008 was upon us, the Great Recession hit Charlotte hard. Many Charlotteans and Dilworth neighbors lost jobs, lost their homes, and faced personal challenges they never knew they would confront. Fear of what was to come pervaded our community.

At that time, a group of Dilworth women, led by Nancy Kramer and Arlene Fenlon, decided to create Dilworth Cares. Instead of caving into the fear, Dilworth Cares would connect Dilworth residents to charities and nonprofits in need of our assistance. Our energy could be used to do good; to meet needs of those around us; and to fill our hearts with the feeling of working together to make our community better and stronger. Dilworth Cares worked with thoughtfully selected organizations in our neighborhood bridging their needs and our resources.

This history seems particularly poignant when considering the history of this year's charity for Dilworth Cares. During this same recession, Dilworth neighbor Allen Saxe began the Dilworth Soup Kitchen at First Christian Church at 1200 East Boulevard. The premise of DSK was that everyone, EVERYONE, was welcome to a delicious nutritious lunch every Monday, free of charge. DSK had no budget to speak of and operated off of the volunteer hours that neighbors had to give and made meals from the donations of neighbors and neighboring businesses. All the delicious ingredients: donated; pots and pans to cook the food: donated; kitchen to cook, a dining room to welcome all guests: donated; cooking, cleaning, and serving: donated. Tens of thousands of meals have been served at Dilworth Soup Kitchen to anyone who comes to enjoy lunch. Every last resource used to make these tens of thousands of meals happen came from the generosity of our community.



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2016-2018 recipient of Dilworth Cares

Through the summer of 2018, Dilworth Cares is working to support the Dilworth Soup Kitchen. Dilworth Cares provides support helping serve meals, defrost freezers, replace and supplement cooking utensils; donating bus passes and grocery gift cards. One of the most significant ways Dilworth Cares can support the Dilworth Soup Kitchen is by helping connect each of you to this gift of goodness in our neighborhood. All volunteers are welcome. Come by any Monday between 8:30am and 1pm to lend a hand; there are so many ways to help in big and small ways. Connect yourself to the Dilworth Cares and Dilworth Soup Kitchen Facebook page to stay in touch. Drop by, have lunch, offer a hand, make a friend. Come to Triple B at Triple C March 4th to help raise money to support Dilworth Soup Kitchen. Connecting, doing good, and engaging in Dilworth Cares and Dilworth Soup Kitchen will remind you of the power we all have to help shape our world to be a better place. ■



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Dilworth Ladies Holiday Party Recap



Jason Burgess, Mr. And Mrs. Claus (Trish and Ron Dion), Marcy Basrawala and Elizabeth Burgess.

By Marcy Basrawala

The Dilworth Ladies Holiday Party is a long-standing festive tradition in the Dilworth community. This year we held our 18th annual Holiday Party on Thursday, December 10th at Crazy Jane's, located at 2502 Dunavant St, in South End. Tom Holley, owner of Crazy Jane's, was kind enough to donate the space free of charge. It was a wonderful eclectic and visually stimulating environment to host the party. All the food was donated by local Dilworth restaurants as part of the "Taste of Dilworth" theme that we were promoting during the evening. We would like to give special thanks to all of the businesses that helped sponsor the event to make it a smashing success. Participating restaurants included Babalu Tapas & Tacos, Bad Daddy's Burger Bar, Dilworth Bar and Grill, Kid Cashew, and Pisces Sushi Bar and Lounge.

The party also included a raffle for packages provided by many local sponsors including: Theory Design Studio, The Meat & Fish Co., Fran's Filling Station, The Wine Shop, Abode Home & Design, Kendra Scott Jewelry, Capizzi Cosmetic Surgery and Skincare, Sassy Nair Bar, Zen Massage and Erin Finnen with Homeside Mortgage.

Live music was provided by our local favorite, Michael Brynes of Dilworth. And no holiday party would be complete without the service of our own "Dilworth Ladies Men" who donated their time to time to serve cocktails and food to our Dilworth ladies which is always a treat! At the conclusion of the party, we were able to raise almost \$6000!

The check was presented to the Dilworth Soup Kitchen on January 16th, which was also Martin Luther King Jr, Day. The soup kitchen was grateful beyond measure for the generous donation. Seeing the heartfelt work they provide to the homeless on a weekly basis made the party all the more worthwhile. I thank everyone involved in the event for coming together at a time to help those most in need to enjoy the simple comforts of a hot meal served by kind and loving people! ■



Dilworth ladies know how to celebrate the holidays!



Michael Brynes



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High	\$1,750,000	\$1,637,500	247
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Our Kids

College Applications

By Sarah Nicholson

At least twice a week I get the question, "So, do you know where you're going to college yet?" And as I type this the answer is still: "not yet." Because I don't have a "number one" choice, I am prepared to consider all of my options.

One big factor is the financial benefits of each school. This information I may not get until even mid-March or May. For most families money is a big factor in considering a school.

Some schools give more scholarships than others, and some have more personal financial aid money to give. Along with that, some of them are downright tens of thousands of dollars cheaper than others to begin with. The scholarships often come from merit. Through my search, I found that the amount of merit scholarship schools will give vary greatly. It doesn't even seem to be correlated with size or price.

One of my contenders, the University of South Carolina, often offers a scholarship equal to South Carolina in-state tuition to quite a few out-of-state students. Another large South Carolina school, Clemson, does not tend to offer such a large scholarship nearly as often. I also learned that big southern state schools such as Ole Miss and Alabama offer a numerous amount of full tuition scholarships to those with higher ACT scores.

Along with this, financial aid is always worth applying for, even if it's not likely that you'll qualify. The federal aid application, or FAFSA, is separate from the CSS Profile. I didn't know about the CSS Profile prior to my search, but I soon learned that it is an application for financial aid that comes directly from the college itself, which could prove more lucrative than the FAFSA.

The applications itself were not complicated and most required short essays and resumes about my high school activities. I began working on my essays the summer before senior year and did not finish all of them until mid-November. I can't tell you what I think the colleges would like to hear, but I chose to talk about a part of myself that the other parts of the application would not show.

Looking back on my ACT and SAT standardized test scores, I realized how truly important they are. While they are not the deciding factor of acceptance, higher scores open up opportunities for more merit scholarships. It is definitely worth it to take one

until you have a score that will help achieve scholarships or even boost the chances of admission into the school.

Although my grades weren't the best my freshman year thankful by my junior year, in all my applications I was able to say that they have been steadily improving. I am finally happy with my grades and can truly say they reflect my ability and hard work as a student. As I have continued to receive acceptances from colleges, it has taught me that perfect grades aren't necessarily the only thing they are looking for in a student, but a student that will work hard and show continuous effort.

To anyone going through this process now or planning to go through this in the future, feel free to contact me with any questions you may have. I have enjoyed writing for the *Quarterly* and am so excited for this next chapter in my life! ■

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Dilworth Community Garden

Dilworth Community Garden FAQ

By Julie Nofsinger

Is it Spring yet? Those of us at the garden have been asking that question for at least three months! But that isn't the only question we hear at the garden. In fact, hang around the garden long enough, and someone is sure to stop by and say, "This is great! How does it work?" So, here are a few questions we tend to get over and over from interested neighbors:

How do I get a plot?

Send an email to dilworthcommunitygarden@dilworthonline.org. We are currently operating on a bit of a wait list, so you may have to be a little patient, but people do come and go!

Do I have to live in Dilworth to have a plot?

Yes. We are an extension of the Dilworth Community Association (DCA) so you DO need to live within the designated boundaries to qualify for a plot. If you are reading this article, you probably qualify!

How much does it cost?

Plot holders pay \$50 per year for their plot which includes access to a hose for hand watering. Yes, you have to stand there and water!

What do you grow there?

We grow vegetables and fruits and flowers. And a few butterflies!

Do you share all of your bounty?

No, each plot holder works his/her own plot and does with the proceeds as he/she chooses.

Who owns the land?

Duke Energy owns the land and leases it to the DCA free of charge. Thanks, Duke Energy!

Where is it?

1300 Ordermore Avenue. You know the big triangle of land at the intersection of Scott and Kenilworth under the powerlines? It's there.

Why does it always look so amazing?

Ok, maybe we don't get that question all the time, but I must put in a plug for all of our plot holders! Each plot has its own character, reflecting the personality of each of our plot holders. Everyone also regularly participates in work days to weed and mulch public areas.

Can I get involved if I don't have a plot?

Of course! We have community work days and social events that anyone can join. Like us on Facebook and you can stay up to date on all of our activities. Come on down to the garden! ■

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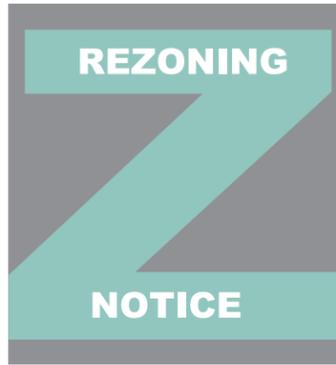
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Land Use

Our Dilworth Alleys

By Ellen Citarella

The four unique types of alleys in Dilworth are part of the character and fabric of our historic neighborhood. Dilworth was created as a Charlotte's first street car suburb in the early 1890s when Edward Dilworth Latta and his partners formed the Charlotte Consolidated Construction Company or 4Cs. They planned a development named Dilworth on 442 acres of farmland just south of Second Ward along the brand new streetcar line. The auction of the "suburban" lots was held in conjunction with the grand opening of Dilworth and Latta Park on May 20, 1891. Auctioneers sold the lots from horse drawn carriages riding through Dilworth's

dirt streets which were laid out in a grid of straight streets and square blocks.

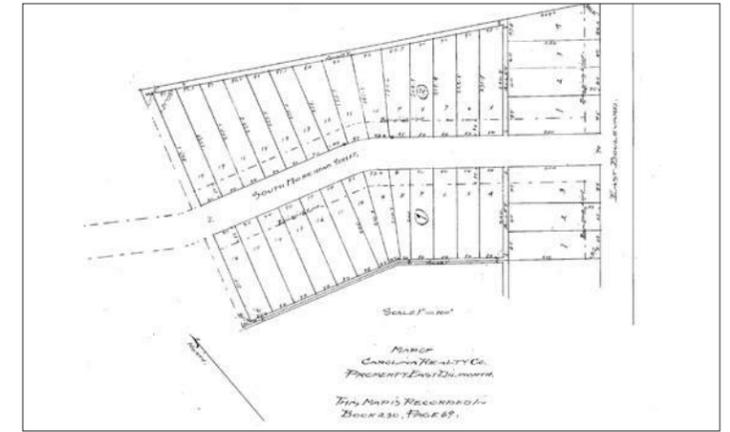
The alleys were defined in the grid section of Dilworth in the original deeds to allow vehicle access to the rear of the lots. Described as a 10 foot alley reservation at the rear of the lots, two alleys running parallel to the streets were described, along with two perpendicular side-by-side alleys in the center of the block, altogether forming an H. The private alleys were to be shared by all residents of the block and the center 20 foot alley combination allowed horse drawn wagons to make a wide turn as they crossed from one alley to the other, delivering ice, coal, milk and other

goods. This H-shaped alley was defined on the square blocks bounded by South Boulevard on the West, Lennox Avenue on the East, Kingston Avenue (or Park Avenue or Renssalaer Avenue) on the North, and Tremont Avenue on the South.

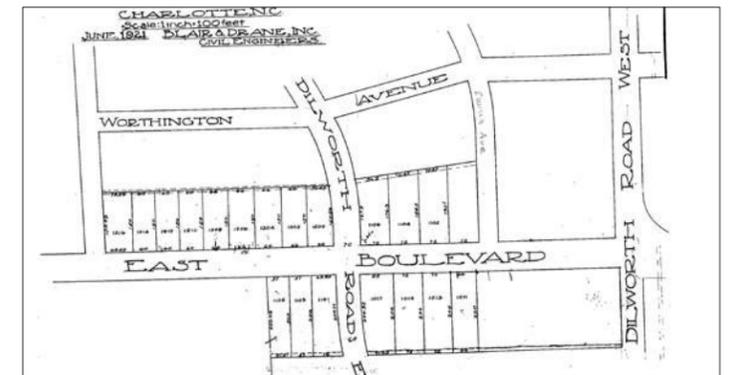
The Olmsted Brothers created a naturalistic design plan in 1912 for Dilworth's expansion eastward. The street layout changed from straight streets and blocks to curving streets which matched the landscape, as did the alleys. The alleys in this curvilinear section of Dilworth were drawn on the plat maps creating publicly used alleys. They still exist in several blocks bounded by East Boulevard, Dilworth Road West, Magnolia, Lennox, E. Tremont and E. Worthington Avenues.

The third type of Dilworth alley is another reservation described in the 4Cs original deeds in the 1920s. These private alleys can be found on miscellaneous blocks in Dilworth between Dilworth Road East and Charlotte Drive. The fourth type of alley is a public 10 foot alley, and those were platted just north of East Boulevard between Kenilworth Avenue and Garden Terrace. They are still very much in use today.

Over time, lot sizes and block arrangements did away with the alley requirement for vehicular access, and wider lots provided side yards for driveways. Some of the alleys, particularly the private ones, have become overgrown or contain large trees, but our old Dilworth alleys are a unique characteristic of a neighborhood that we all know and love. ■



East Dilworth 10' public alley. Note South Morehead Street, now called Fountain View.



1920s alley reservations in East Dilworth, described in deeds from 4Cs



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Home & Garden

Get to Know Fertilizer

By Myron Greer Garden Design

As we enter another season, I would like to share some valuable gardening information (all be it not the most thrilling topic I have presented)...fertilizer. For the "at home" green thumb or "want to be" green thumb, this can be a daunting task given the numerous options. What is best for your soil and plants? Organic, Inorganic, liquid, granular, foliar, etc. As we are attempting to feed the soil as well as our plantings, I advise having a soil test completed. The report received from soil testing will allow you to provide the correct nutrients for the soil and plants in your gardens. The following link regarding soil testing in our area will explain the process and includes instructions on how to have your soil tested. <http://charmeck.org/mecklenburg-county/LUESA/WaterandLandResources/Conservation/Pages/Soil%20Testing.aspx>. I will provide further help in this area by breaking down the basic differences and pros/cons of fertilizers for diverse gardening needs.

Organic fertilizers are obviously anything that comes from natural sources such as manure, blood meal, earthworms (and their excretions) or cottonseed meal. These fertilizers do not include any synthetic sources, go through minimal processing and do little to no harm to your plants. A major advantage for utilizing organic products is that not only do they feed your plants but also the soil itself. For instance, when using earthworms they are able

to provide additional air for the soil by tunneling through the ground. Unless you are fortunate enough to have perfect soil (and I'm going to pretty much guarantee you do not have perfect soil), you will need to work to make it an ideal habitat to nurture your garden and plantings utilizing one of the more popular brands, such as Hollytone. However, organic fertilizers do depend on the microbes in the soil to break them down for the plant's absorption (not immediate as inorganic) which will feed the plant and soil over time. Organic fertilizers are best utilized when planning long term for the plant and soil development.

Inorganic fertilizers or chemical fertilizers as they are more commonly referred are compounds formed through chemical processes. These fertilizers are refined or manufactured and the nutrients are available to the plant immediately which will lead to improvement within a few days. By law, inorganic fertilizers do guarantee a precise content (percentages of each ingredient) listed on the packaging and are typically the less expensive of the two choices due to their mass production. An example of content would be 20-20-20 literally meaning 20% Nitrogen-20% Phosphorus-20% Potassium (Nitrogen-Phosphorus-Potassium is the standard formula). However, they can cause pollution to ground water, strip the soil of nutrients and harm plants if used improperly or for too long. Accordingly, long-term use of these

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Neighborhood Environment

Planting and Maintaining a Tree

By Ruth Anne Grisson

Thanks to a donation from TreesCharlotte, neighborhood volunteers and Mecklenburg Parks and Recreation staff planted 36 native trees in Latta Park in November. We selected swamp white oak, black gum, red bud, sassafras, persimmon, Carolina silverbell, red cedar, sweetbay and Southern magnolia. We hope to install many more this coming fall. In the meantime, Dilworth residents can also participate in the effort to maintain and enhance our treasured canopy. Before planting season comes to an end, consider adding a tree to your yard.

Planting a tree is an investment in the future, and doing it right pays dividends. At a Wing Haven lecture last winter, David Powell, a master arborist with Bartlett Tree service, stressed this might mean rethinking your notions about how to plant and maintain a tree.

Trees generally come in three forms – bare-root, ball and burlap, or container-grown. Each has pros and cons. Consumers and landscapers alike favor container-grown trees because they're cheaper to grow, transport and install. Their only drawback? Their roots develop in a limited space, circling round and round inside a plastic pot.

If this isn't addressed before planting, it will likely lead to root girdling, a condition that can stress or kill a tree. When

roots wrap around the trunk, they choke the flow of water and nutrients. They also weaken the trunk, making it susceptible to snapping at the base. Roots need to be disentangled at the time of planting. Powell's take home message: You can choose a variety of methods, but don't pamper the roots! I like to rake them out with a 3-prong cultivator, but some sources advise using a sharp knife to cut an X on the bottom and continue up the sides.

Spread the cut roots in a wide, shallow hole. Planting depth is crucial. You can't always rely on the depth of the tree as it appears in the container. It might be necessary to scrape away some of the surface dirt. Always locate the root collar, the place where the trunk flares just above the roots. This should be set an inch or so above soil level.

Backfill with the soil you just removed. Don't amend it with lightweight materials like peat moss or potting soil. (Some professionals do like to loosen heavy chunks of clay with a little compost.) Powell is a fan of thinning the soil with water to create a slurry that distributes evenly around the roots.

After planting, spread a thin layer of mulch to the drip line to retain moisture, reduce competition from weeds and protect against lawn equipment. Just be sure to keep it away from the

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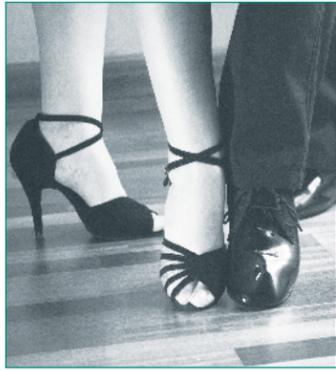
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Merchant News

By Mary Beth Sensabaugh

Massage Heights

A local husband and wife team have opened a new massage studio, Massage Heights, in Dilworth. Massage Heights is in a 1,500 square-foot space at 1235 East Blvd., in the Kenilworth Commons shopping complex that also includes Harris Teeter and Duck Donuts.

The local couple, Ryan and Holly Hawley, are behind the new massage studio that opened in January. "We could not be more excited about our new retreat, which is situated on the doorstep of downtown Charlotte and serves the needs of the community through the Massage Heights experience," Holly Hawley said.



Midtown Ballroom

Midtown Ballroom offers social and competitive dance instruction in a fun environment. This elegant studio, located at 1133 Metropolitan Avenue, suite 180 provides a convenient location to get active and learn something new. Latin, ballroom and social dance styles are taught to people of all levels, through private and group lessons.

Erica Millarc, founder of Midtown Ballroom has been dancing since she was a little girl in Argentina. This led her to a professional career that included 13 years of competing. Erica ranked among the top 12 nationally, has placed 2nd in the US in the Classic Show Dance Division, and represented the US in the World Championship. Having this experience means that Erica has the reputation to bring top instructors from around the world to the studio. Erica states, "When you get the opportunity to do something you love, do it wholeheartedly... surrounded by people that make your world a better place."

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Martinizing Dry Cleaning

Martinizing Dry Cleaning offers a new way to have your clothes cleaned in Dilworth. Celebrating more than six decades as the most experienced name in dry cleaning, laundry and garment care, the new Martinizing Dry Cleaning (formerly Princess Cleaners) located at 1408 East Blvd., in the Dilworth Gardens Shopping Plaza, offers innovative lifestyle oriented services like free home and office pick-up and delivery, app powered lockers and on-demand service.

First class customer convenience and green cleaning technologies that are safe for people and the environment are hallmarks of the new Martinizing store.

Storeowner Kyle Panther has been a Charlotte native since 2005. For the past 8 years Kyle has been volunteering at Tiger World, an endangered wildlife preserve in Rockwell. Every Sunday, rain or shine Kyle is there taking care of Saber, his adopted tiger. The rest of the week, Monday thru Saturday, you'll find Kyle at his Martinizing store. Stop in and say hello.

PetPeople

PetPeople, Dilworth's new neighborhood store for pets, is now open at 2400 Park Road, next to Famous Toastery. PetPeople carries natural pet foods, treats, and supplies and has two self-service dog wash bathing areas.

Everyone at PetPeople is passionate about pet nutrition. PetPeople employs highly trained store associates who help customers find the best food for their pet and work to solve problems. They carry such pet foods as Fromm, Orijen, Acana, Evo, California Natural, Stella & Chewy's, Primal, Wellness, Natural Balance, The Honest Kitchen and Zignature, to name a few.

"We are very excited about being opened in Dilworth. We have received such a warm welcome and look forward to making new

friends – both two and four-legged ones. Leashed pets are always welcomed in the store" said Stephanie Strom, store manager.



Storey Home

We have arrived, Dilworth! Come visit the new home and gift boutique, Storey Home, located in Kenilworth Commons off East Boulevard. Storey home offers everything from your "go to" hostess gifts such as cocktail napkins, frames and candles to larger items such as upholstered furniture, lighting, antiques, mirrors and art. Feel free to ask us about our interior design services as well! Stop by and check us out – we can't wait to see you! ■

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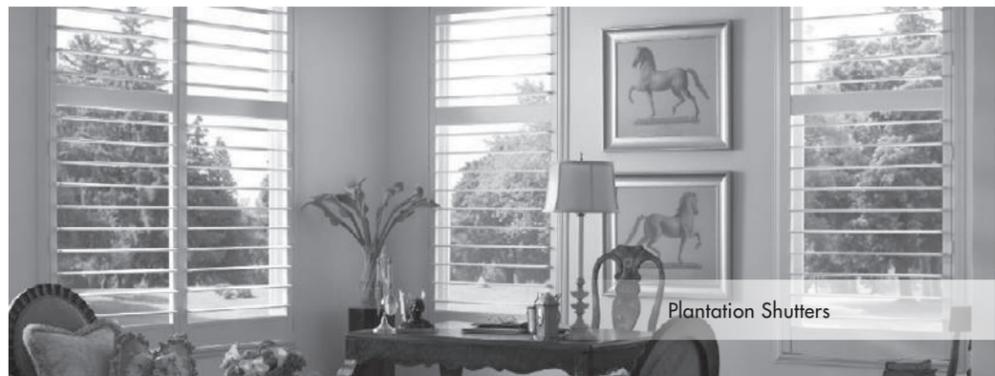
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Tom Sykes Rec Center Programs

Spring Calendar

Registration for Spring programs began February 1

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YOUTH SPORTS

Youth Track & Field

Practice begins early March. Events include the 100 meter dash, 400 meter dash, 4x100 meter dash, long jump, and softball throw.

Ages: 5-14

When: Tuesdays and Thursdays, March 13 - June 1

Time: 6:15 - 7:15

Practice location: West Charlotte High School; Meets: Johnson C. Smith

Cost: \$65, includes a uniform & trophy

Youth Volleyball

Clinics will feature skills, drills, technical and positional training necessary to play the sport.

Ages: 10-14

When: Mondays,
March 13 - May 29

Time: 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Cost: \$20 per child

Indoor Coed Soccer League

Learn the basics of the sport and have FUN! Practice will begin the last week in March. Games will be Saturdays, April and May.

Ages: 3-4 , Practice: Thursdays 5:30-6:30

Ages: 5-6 , Practice: Tuesdays 5:45-6:45

Ages: 7-8, Practice: Tuesdays 6:45-7:45

Cost: \$45, includes a uniform & participation medal

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. Music Together offers classes in which parents and caregivers actively participate.

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Ages: 5-11

When: Mondays, April 3 - May 22

Time: 2:45 - 5:00 pm

Cost: \$6 per class (snack included)

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Do you want to be a Star on the Tom Sykes Walk of Fame? Participants will enjoy all aspects of theatre arts while gaining self-confidence and group interaction skills through participating in short plays, music, dance, prop building, puppet shows and learning sound effects.

Ages: 5-11

When: Tuesdays, April 4 - May 30

Time: 2:45 - 5:00 pm

Cost: \$6 per class (snack included)

Intro to Sports

Kids will have fun learning the basics of a different sport. Soccer, flag football, basketball, and some non-traditional sports will be explored!

Ages: 5-11

When: Thursdays, April 6 - June 1

Time: 2:45 - 5:00 pm

Cost: \$6 per class (snack included)

SPECIAL CAMPS

Youth 'N' Motion Camp Spring Breakers 2017

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Schedule:

Monday April 10: Agility courses, relays, recreation games, soccer

Tuesday April 11: Football skills: learning the basics

Wednesday April 12: Team building, obstacle courses

Thursday April 13: Basketball skills, learning the basics

Friday April 14: Tom Sykes Field Day

Time: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

Cost: \$30 a day

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Tom Sykes

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Week 2: June 26 - 30

Hut, Hut! SYKE! Sports Week

Sports week will offer a variety of traditional sports. Discipline, Sportsmanship, and Integrity are some character development traits that will be presented in this fun and positive environment. Learn new skills as we explore a new specialty sport each day. Camps are designed for all ability levels (no experience necessary).

Week 3: July 3- 7

H2O + Sun = Fun! Swim Week

Jump into this week for unique swimming experiences with pool games and splash parks. Our daily activities will include classes on basic first aid and water safety skills. We will focus on pool and splash ground safety while learning about proper pool and park etiquette.

Week 4: July 10 - 14

Around the World in 5 Days Culture Week

Get your passport stamped as we travel around the world visiting different cultures/countries/customs through games, crafts and food. Track where we are traveling daily and celebrate international customs and diversity!

Week 5: July 17 - 21

So You Think You Can Act? Theatre Week

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Week 6: July 24 - 28

Natural Explorers Adventure Land Week

Great adventures await campers in this week filled with conquering great obstacle courses, outdoor activities an adventure through the nature trails and more!

Week 7: July 31 - Aug.4

Summer Safari Animal Week

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Week 8: Aug.4 - 11

Under Construction! Builders Week

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fertilizers can diminish the natural microbial activity in the soil reducing the soil's resistance to pests or disease. Inorganic fertilizers are a the quick fix for a failing plant, not a lasting solution.

Once you have decided if you prefer organic or inorganic (occasionally you might require a combination) you must then determine if you need the liquid or fast release form versus the granular or slow release fertilizer. **Liquid fertilizers** are made from water soluble powders or liquid concentrates that are mixed with water to form the liquid fertilizer such as MiracleGro or Peters. Liquid forms are quickly absorbed, however they will generally only last one to two weeks. Liquids can be used to supplement granular fertilizers given the appropriate ratios of each form. **Granular fertilizers** are what they would seem...solid granules and a well-known, reliable variety is Osmocote. They need to be sprinkled around and worked into the soil but can last up to nine months. Granules need to dissolve or decompose before the soil and plants can access their nutrients. The effect of granules may be visible more slowly than that of liquid.

Foliar fertilizer is another variety available and commonly used as a supplement to traditional fertilizer applications. It is a diluted liquid solution applied directly to the leaves of the plant not the soil or roots. This fertilizer is absorbed via the stomata and epidermis with the same goal of providing nutrients for the

plants. Foliar fertilization is considered to be the most efficient way to increase plant health and overall growth but will do little for your soil condition. This solution should be applied as a fine mist at a 90 degree angle so the fertilizer floats on top of the leaves, and early morning or late evening is preferable as high temperatures cause some plants pores to close. Bill's Perfect Fertilizer has excellent choices of foliar fertilizer. Foliar fertilizer is a great short-term solution for plants experiencing stress, but proper soil matter could prevent the need for foliar applications.

Fertilizer can be confusing given the abundant options...I hope I have been helpful and given insight to assist you with your gardens. Remember that a soil test is a great way to get started and understand what your soil truly needs. As always, you can reach out to our office at info@myrongreer.com. ■



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as a large well-stocked koi pond. Several nights in early January, the first week of opening, were warm enough for patrons to fill the courtyard, and in the spring it will be wise to arrive right at opening to get an outdoor seat. In late March, Kovic will expand his operating hours to include a morning window of 6:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. He will serve Stumptown coffee and brew straight-up espresso drinks and a panini press will be fired up for specialty breakfast sandwiches.

Now, as for last year's hotspots, if you have not yet made it off the wait list at a place you have been eyeing, now is a good time to test them out. Among last year's first new restaurants to open was Kid Cashew, which may have broken the curse that was upon 1608 East Boulevard, the spot that chewed up and spat out a variety of non-starters. But Kid Cashew, a Mediterranean concept with a variety of small plates and an emphasis on farmer and butcher-driven fare, still fills its rustic wooden tables at both lunchtime and dinner a year after opening.

Babalu, which revamped the former Cantina 1511 spot, buzzes with business throughout the day and into the evening. The restaurant is a Latin-inspired tacos and tapas joint that plays old movies on a wall in the back. And just a few doors down is the new location of vegetarian restaurant, Fern. Fern embraces

the popular farm-to-table concept that focuses on local food purveyors, and although Fern keeps its menu meat-free, it satisfies herbivores and carnivores alike.

For oenophiles, Foxcroft Wine Shop opened a Dilworth outpost in the Kenilworth Commons shopping center that has been busy since day one. On day one (and week one, and month one) the upscale wine bar was absolutely swamped. Owner Conrad Hunter used wood from his own property to create tables and bar tops, lending a warm, unpretentious environment in which you can choose from 40 wines by the glass (or 12 craft beers on tap).

Sunflour bakery also opened to fanfare, filling a need for Dilworthians on the western side of East Boulevard. The popular breakfast and lunch spot serves Durham-based Counter Culture organic coffee, made-to-order espresso drinks and loads of fresh baked goods from buttery croissants to heavenly salted bittersweet chocolate cookies named Fleur de Sel. Get there early if you don't want to wait in a long line.

2017 might see a rebirth at the corner of East Boulevard and Kenilworth, where the former 131 Main space has been subdivided. And one never knows when one of last year's hot spots might hit a cold patch, making way for a new next-best-thing. Meanwhile, some old standbys are still happily whetting whistles and filling plates of regulars. Although Dilworth Tasting

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Room is just down the street, the venerable Bonterra brims with bar patrons and pleases the palates of diners nightly. Since 1999, the restored 19th century church has offered an extraordinary selection of wines by the glass, in addition to a beautifully curated bottle list, and it remains one of the rare, truly white-tablecloth restaurants in our neighborhood.

Among the deans of Dilworth restaurants is 300 East, which has been satisfying Dilworth diners for more than 30 years. Delicious comfort food always has a place on the menu, and while regulars expect their favorites like "The Usual," creative daily specials "keep things fresh," notes pastry chef Ashley Boyd, whose family owns the restaurant. The cozy, casual standby has maintained a dedicated following (and not just for the Mathilda Wong), yet still attracts new folks regularly. Boyd credits 300 East's location in Dilworth as part of its enduring success. "Dilworth is the perfect place to run a restaurant! It's close to uptown...and it's not intimidating to visitors driving in for a night out. Most importantly, we have a great customer base within the neighborhood." A customer base that supports the long time locals, but is also always longing to check out something new. ■

trunk. "Volcano trees" – those with mulch piled thick around the trunk – are also prone to develop girdling roots. The result of this outdated and detrimental mulching practice can be seen on maples along the upper sidewalk near the playground in Latta Park.

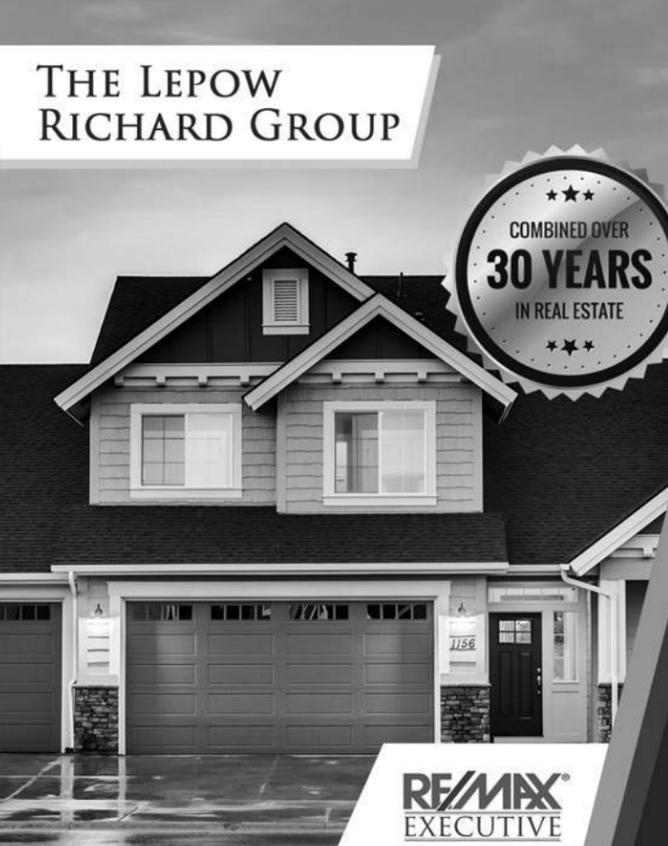
Planting trees in winter provides the best chance of survival, but do plan to water them regularly during the first year, especially during the hot, dry weather we'll inevitably experience come summer. Don't count on a sprinkler system to get the job done. Use a gator bag or hose.

For more information, check out the following websites:

- "24 Ways to Kill a Tree" https://pubs.ext.vt.edu/430/430-210/430-210_pdf.pdf
- Mulching <http://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/woody/over-mulching.shtml>
- Root Girdling <http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/gardens-gardening/your-garden/help-for-the-home-gardener/advice-tips-resources/pests-and-problems/environmental/girdling.aspx>

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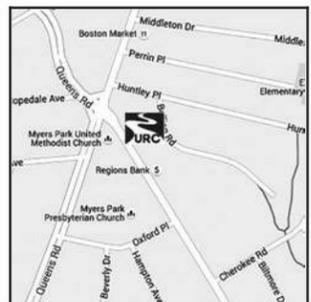


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