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History Matters

By Mindy Zachary

Several months ago our neighborhood board began looking into developing a mission statement that would help guide us through some of the more difficult issues we occasionally deal with. A committee was selected to meet and create one. To that end we were grateful to have the guidance of neighbor, David Horth, Senior Fellow at Greensboro's Center for Creative Leadership. We spent a lot of time looking at other non-profit mission statements, conducting exercises to make sure we were tapping into the essence of our neighborhood, and learning that 'less is more.'

We talked a lot about our neighborhood's sense of community; amenities such as War Memorial Stadium, Sternberger Park, and the Farmers Market; its wonderful architecture and walkability; the landscape and mature trees and proximity to downtown; and its place in Greensboro's history. After many submissions and further discussion, we were able to distill all that we are into a succinct, "History Matters". The next step will be to develop a vision statement that will spell out exactly what we will do in response to that notion. As a 'test' of the appropriateness of our new mission statement, we lay it before some of the issues currently before the board:



Restrictive Covenants

So, you've worked long and hard and spent untold thousands of dollars rehabbing your historic property. Do you know that, other than a 365-day delay, there is absolutely nothing to protect your home from being torn down at some point? Just because it is located within a historic district, that doesn't prevent some future owner's ambition to abandon the past. At our upcoming July 28th Board meeting, Benjamin Briggs from Preservation Greensboro Inc. will discuss ways we might preserve our historic properties indefinitely. Benjamin has important things to say about our neighborhood, its fragility, and what we can do to keep it intact. History Matters.



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Tree Inventory

One of our neighborhood’s strong suits is its wonderful tree canopy. Taking advantage of a similar study being conducted in College Hill by W. H. Lock & Associates and, using MSD funds, we tagged onto their Tree Inventory project last fall. The results were presented to the neighborhood in May. The inventory included trees in our historic district along the Fisher access ramp, but only the Magnolias at the Dunleith site – not the heavily forested area. All other trees 4" DBH or larger were included except those inaccessible by fences on private property. The result is a fairly comprehensive inventory that details type of trees, their ages, and overall condition. You may access the interactive Tree Inventory map at <http://images.greensboro-nc.gov/gsobasicviewer/?appid=5fc6d09f9d0c4390b07350c57e70f5df>). Our Board had questions about how we might best deal with trees listed as ‘dead’ or in ‘poor health’ going forward. The City determined that ultimately it is a property owner’s responsibility to care for his/her trees. We are also in contact with City Staff to see how this information will help us take measures to ensure that a regenerating tree canopy continues to provide our neighborhood its lovely, old-timey feel. History Matters.

Community Garden Shed

Esther Maltby and David Wharton have been working on the design for a new gardening shed to complement our Community Garden at Dunleith on Chestnut Street. As with all structures in our historic district that are built, torn down, or modified on the exterior, our little shed requires a COA – a Certificate of Appropriateness – to be approved by the Historic Preservation Commission. Esther has sent out emails requesting help in the construction of the shed by way of donations of siding, windows, and doors left over from rehab work within our neighborhood. Given the history of what was once Dunleith – a wonderful



Sample Shed Made from Recycled Materials

antebellum Italianate residence located between Chestnut and Church streets and sadly destroyed in 1969 – it’s only appropriate that we give a little bit back to the area. Our community garden might not measure up to the extensive formal gardens once surrounding the Dunleith of long ago, and our little shed may be but a nod to the past; but both are wonderful ways to remember what was once there. History Matters.

Entryway Marker

For a couple of years now Betsey Horth has been working diligently with the City to construct one of several entryway markers into our neighborhood, this one on middle school property at the corner of Bessemer and Yanceyville. Entryway markers are an important way we can visually define the boundaries of our historic neighborhood. Along with sign toppers and historic light fixtures, markers afford travelers through neighborhoods a sense that they are entering a special place - a place with historic

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significance. They invite them to pause and look around to discover what is unique about a particular place, to learn a bit more, and to appreciate its longevity. As a gateway to downtown, we want people to know that they are traveling through an extraordinary neighborhood. History Matters.

Archiving

As a follow-up to Christina Cantrell's email to the neighborhood, please note that UNCG Archivist Jennifer Motszko is preparing to archive and allow public access to those neighborhood documents that don't reside on our website: charrette studies, plans, and reports; MSD projects; newsletters; tour programs; photographs; any private collections or stories we might have regarding our own properties; and official Board paperwork. We will be working with Jennifer this month to begin the initial gathering and sorting. If you think you might have something to contribute, but are not sure, Jennifer will be happy to help you. Please contact her directly at j_motszk@uncg.edu. History Matters.

Try a Ductless System For Cooling and Heating Comfort

By Vickie Maness

Composed of three main components—an indoor unit consisting of a coil and a fan, an outdoor compressor unit and a remote control—most ductless split systems are connected by refrigerant lines and require no ductwork. The indoor unit can be mounted on the wall or in the ceiling.

EFFICIENT COMFORT

The ductless indoor units have Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratings (SEER) ranging from 16.00 to 22.00, making the systems remarkably efficient and environmentally friendly.

DESIGN FLEXIBILITY

Since there is no ductwork to install, it's easy to add this reliable heating and cooling to any home, in any room desired. It's an economical and efficient option for homes without an existing ducted system or when adding ductwork may be impractical or too expensive.

COMPONENTS OF A DUCTLESS SYSTEM

Installing a ductless system is not only easy, but it allows for flexibility in where you deliver heating and cooling in your home without the use of ductwork. An outdoor unit is placed outside your home--often at ground level, but not always--and is connected to an indoor unit by small cables and a refrigerant line through a hole in the wall. The indoor unit is typically mounted high on the wall of the room and can be pre-set to run automatically or be adjusted by a remote control.



MINI-SPLIT VERSUS MULTI-SPLIT

The mini-split ductless system controls one room or zone by connecting one outdoor unit to one indoor unit. A multi-split ductless system can connect one outdoor unit to up to five indoor units—depending on the indoor and outdoor model—letting you control the heating and cooling in several zones or rooms independently of each other.

WHERE DUCTLESS IS NEEDED

A ductless system is a great solution for homes without a central heating/cooling system or when a room is added onto a house or an attic is converted to living space. Instead of extending the home's existing ductwork, a ductless system can provide efficient heating and cooling at a lower operational cost.

QUIET OPERATION

Specially designed air vents efficiently reduce sound to provide quiet comfort as low as 26db, for whisper-quiet operation.

Save the Reefs

By Allison Rose

If you are planning to swim in any natural water sources, be conscious about your sunscreen. Why? Because of the wildlife. Since 2009, the year with the warmest ocean temperatures, coral, the main plant life of the sea, has been dying at alarming rates.

It is an important link in the ocean ecosystems, and without coral, several species that rely on them would go extinct. The things that hurt coral the most are destructive fishing practices, overharvest, disease, predation, pollution and physical damage from boats. But the greatest threat of all to coral reefs is carbon dioxide emissions from burning fossil fuels and damage from observers.

Up to 10% of the world's coral reefs may be threatened by sunscreen induced coral bleaching. Some chemicals, like benzophenone-2, or BP-2, can

quickly kill juvenile corals. . BP-2 is an additive used in personal-care products since the 1960s to protect against the damaging effects of ultraviolet light. BP-2 also causes colorful corals to bleach, as well as the frequency of the corals to "grow up", so to speak, over time. It basically messes up their DNA.

There are some sunscreens that do *not* use BP-2, but safe minerals, like zinc oxide and titanium oxide. Also, any natural product (organic, biodegradable, etc.) is better for the environment than the conventional one. Check the label. Just because something says it is reef safe, it may not be. Besides BP-2, look for oxybenzone, butylparaben, octinoxate and 4-methylbenzylidene camphor, all of which have been shown to cause coral bleaching. Even better, wear an

old T-Shirt or a waterproof one, called a rasher, that you can buy at most sport stores.

Here is a list that is government approved list of sunscreens for water activities: Aubrey Organics Natural Sun Sunscreen, Sensitive Skin/Children, SPF 30+, Badger Sunscreen Cream, Unscented, SPF 30, UV Natural Sport Lip Sunscreen, SPF 30+,Badger Broad Spectrum Sport Face stick, SPF 35, ECO logical All Natural Sunscreen, SPF 30+,Elemental Herbs Sport Sunscreen, SPF 30+,Green Screen D Organic Sunscreen, Original, SPF 35, Burnout Ocean Tested Physical Sunscreen, SPF 30. Just remember that there are other things besides you in the water that could be greatly affected by your choices for years. *Please email feedback to:* jbmelody@bellsouth.net. Sources: <http://www.padi.com/> and <http://oceanservice.noaa.gov/>



Have a Can of Green Beans and a Pair of Prescription Glasses? Goodwill Will Take Both!

If you are cleaning out closets and cabinets, there are some items there that you may not expect Goodwill to accept. We have partnered with Second Harvest Food Bank to collect non-perishable items, such as cans of green beans and other food items. Through Second Harvest, these food items are distributed to local food pantries. If you have old pairs of prescription glasses sitting in a drawer, we act as a collection site for The Lions Club to repurpose these glasses for those that need them most.



For all Aycock residents participating in the Triad Goodwill at Your Door donation program, feel free to include non-perishable food and old prescription glasses in your donation and we'll get these items to the correct organization. Clean out closets and help others!

For more information or to participate in the Triad Goodwill at Your Door donation program, please contact your neighborhood program representative, Linda Fusco at linda@historicycock.org or (336) 617-7533. This program is free of charge to all participants in Aycock Historic Neighborhood, as a means to making donating easy. Remember that the remaining pickup dates are for August, October and December. Also, participants can sign-up anytime of the year! Contact your neighborhood representative, Linda Fusco, at Linda@historicycock.org.



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Anne-Marie Earl:
Lives at 702 Cypress Street with husband
Brandon
Works for Pace Communications



John Mandrano:
Lives at 321 East Hendrix Street
Owner/manager of 12 rental properties in and
around Aycock



Linda Fusco:
Lives at 721 Fifth Avenue with husband Bob
Works for Columbia Society of Real Estate
Appraisers
Serves as President of the Aycock
Neighborhood Association



Bert VanderVeen:
Lives at 719 Fifth Avenue with wife Becky
Owner of VanderVeen Photographers with wife
Becky
Serves as Past-President of the Aycock
Neighborhood Association



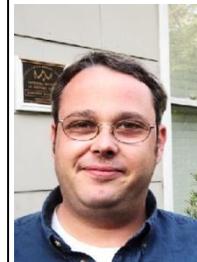
Brian Gillies:
Lives at 505 Park Avenue
Works for the City of Greensboro
Engineering Department as a Mapping
Specialist



Mark Walter:
Lives at 614 Percy Street
Works as a product development engineer at Volvo
Trucks North America



David Horth:
Lives at 114 Cypress Street with wife
Betsey
Works for the non-profit group The Center
for Creative Leadership



Shawn Wriede:
Lives at 623 Park Avenue with partner Khalil
Owner/operator of PCXperts, a computer sales and
service company
Serves as Vice President of the Aycock
Neighborhood Association



Lynne Leonard:
Lives at 698 Chestnut Street with partner
Shana
Works for the City of Greensboro as staff to
the non-profit group Greensboro Beautiful

**Vote on Tuesday, August 5, 2014 at the Little
Library at Sternberger Park**