



THE NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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The Big Story: What's in a name?

As we move forward in our process to assess if we should change the name of our Association, we wanted to inform the residents of the neighborhood about the history of our name. David Wharton has created a blog post that outlines what we have been called throughout the years. The post can be found at: <http://tinyurl.com/jfsnkn7>. You can also access the post via the following QR code:



For those that do not have access to the Internet, we have written up a brief summary of what is discussed in that post. This is by no means a complete history, and we encourage you to visit David's blog and to do your own research as well. Part of what makes living in this neighborhood great is all of the fascinating history that is associated with it!

Before Europeans came to Guilford County, our neighborhood is thought to have been inhabited by members of the Occaneechi and other Siouan tribes. The earliest recorded settlement of the area of the current neighborhood was a tract of farmland and woods owned by the Robert P. Dick Family, which according to a map of the area on file with N.C. State University indicates that it occupied all the area of the current neighborhood.

In 1857, Dick and his wife decided to build a mansion that they called "Dunleath", which was dubbed a "house that would live for the ages" according to a description of the property on file at N.C. State University. The name "Dunleath" appears to be a fictional Scottish place name, inspired by the novels of Sir Walter Scott. The house remained until the late 1960s, and was considered by children living in the neighborhood at that time to be haunted. Some of the masonry can still be found in the woods behind the Dunleith Community Garden.

The area kept the Dunleath name until the late 1890s, when much of the property changed hands and was purchased by Moses and Ceasar Cone. The Cones offered money to connect their mills with the rest of downtown, and thus, Summit Avenue was born. Many residents referred to this area as the Summit neighborhood, and it is in fact what we are dubbed on our National Register of Historic Places documentation.

In 1922, the Charles B. Aycock Elementary School was built at 811 Cypress Street, thus giving the neighborhood an unofficial new name. In 1984, the newly formed neighborhood association voted to name their local historic district and their association after the Aycock school.

Upcoming Events



Luminaries—December 11th
Carols and Candles—December 11th
(Rain date for both is December 18th)

Get your luminaries!

Now that Thanksgiving has come and gone, it's time to get ready for the next big event here in the neighborhood. That, of course, is the Neighborhood Candles and Carols!

For those that are new to the neighborhood, each year neighbors in Aycock purchase luminaries and line the streets with them. We then walk around and enjoy our beautiful neighborhood. It is a wonderful event and we would love for you to participate. To order your luminaries, please go to the Historic Aycock Website at www.historicaycock.org. Click on the link at the top that says "Luminaries." You will be taken to a site where you can order them.

The night for the Luminaries is December 11th (rain date is December 18th).

In addition to the luminaries this year, Lynne Leonard and the Events committee have organized a musical parade through the neighborhood. If you would like to participate, meet at Sternberger Park at 6pm on December 11th. No singing experience is required (we promise!), and lyrics and caroling candles will be provided.

We expect the event to go until around 8pm, and participants can hop on and off as they please. For a complete map of the route will go throughout the neighborhood, please contact Lynne Leonard directly.

We hope to see you out there!

Help Wanted!

If you have any technology expertise or talent, or if you would like to volunteer to help with any other neighborhood or board projects or activities, let one of the board members know!

Want to make the next issue?

Do you have a birthday coming up? Or a wedding anniversary that you would like to share with everyone? Did you eat a record amount of turkey on Thanksgiving, Do you have any other good news, or do you have any great recipes that you would like to share?

Please contact Lars Farabee at lars@historicaycock.org to make it in to next issue!



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