



Malvern Hills Community News

WINTER Edition - Issue 2

From Our President, Russ Davis:

“The Sulphur Springs Greenway Steering Committee is continuing to meet regularly and is working in an effort to purchase the land along Canie Creek that was recently For Sale. This is the large tract south of the homes along Wendover Road. Some of you may have seen the article in Citizen Times that the project was awarded a Federal Grant to help in this effort. The effort is still in the early stages for getting the property. There is much paperwork to be completed before a serious fundraising campaign can begin. We will keep you posted so you can help in this effort – hopefully very soon!”

Christmas Gathering Thank you Russ and Andrea Davis for hosting such a delightful Christmas Gathering. Thank you Malvern Hills Presbyterian Church for allowing us the use of the room. Many of our neighbors braved the early winter chill on December 21 to enjoy an afternoon filled with delicious treats and warm fellowship.

Little Free Library – A Wonderful New Addition to Malven Hills



“It was a housewarming gift from my parents,” says Emma Berger-Singer. “They live in Atlanta where Little Free Libraries are all around their neighborhood. I learned about it from them.” The idea is to make books easily accessible in the spirit of community. “Everyone is welcome, she says, “Take a book...bring a book! Books are not signed out, and you can donate books of any kind...ones for children or adults.” At the moment, Emma’s Little Free

Library has several books for children. “It’s nice we are across from the pre-school at St. George’s Church.” Emma and her partner, Rand Hartz moved from West Asheville to their new home at 32 School Road last August. When they bought the house, Emma’s father, Robin Singer, built the cozy glass-fronted home for the Little Free Library. It is located next to the mailbox. If you would like to learn more about the Little Free Library program, you can go on the web to: www.littlefreelibrary.org To get in touch with Emma, her email address is:

godotebs@gmail.com or phone: (404) 357-1159.

To participate in the Little Free Library at the home of Emma and Rand...**bring a book...take a book... at 32 School Road.** Thank you to Emma and Rand for your wonderful community spirit and for bringing the Free Little Library to Malvern Hills!

Wendover Road Sewer Rehabilitation Project

Beginning on or about March 2, the Metropolitan Sewerage District will be replacing approximately 2800 feet of sewer line in the Wendover Road area. The project will begin at the intersection of Sandhill Road and Wendover Road then follow Canie Creek upstream to the bridge on School Road. The old sewer line is clay pipe lying in Canie Creek. It is allowing creek water to infiltrate the sewage system creating overflows in the line. The Construction Manager is Mr. Roger Watson. He can be contacted at the following address and number for answering any questions:

Mr. Roger Watson
Metropolitan Sewerage District of Buncombe County
2028 Riverside Drive, Asheville, NC 28804
(828) 254-9646



STAY WARM AND SAFE

Neighborhood Advisory Committee

The Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC) cordially invites you to the **Festival of Neighborhoods II on Sunday, March 15, 2015 at A-B Tech in the Ferguson Auditorium at 2:00 pm.** Asheville City Council established NAC to help strengthen the bonds of community and improve the quality of life for residents. We are pleased to offer six workshops with knowledgeable, outstanding presenters.

1. Development and Sustenance of a Neighborhood Newsletter led by Joan Miller, editor of the Montford Newsletter-Publishing a newsletter is time-consuming and costs money. What are the advantages for your community?
2. The Circle Forward Governance Program led by Tracy Kunkler-Do a few voices dominate your meetings? Do you sometimes leave meetings wondering what was accomplished? Could your neighborhood organization be much more effective than it is now? Governance is the process of decision-making and the systems by which decisions are implemented.
3. Fundraising for Neighborhoods led by Suzanne and Alan Escovitz (Grove Park/Sunset Mountain Neighborhood)-This workshop will provide fundraising ideas and tips, addressing the topics of “Why Fundraise”, “Why Donors Give and Don’t Give”, and “Considerations” in planning a fundraising event.
4. Preventing Crime in Your Neighborhood led by Asheville Police Officer Keith McCulloch-This workshop will focus on what crime prevention is and how it affects you and your community and offer proven techniques to help reduce crime and make you less vulnerable.
5. Creating a Vision for Your Neighborhood led by City Councilman Chris Pelly and NAC Vice President Teddy Jordan-Strong

neighborhoods are THE grass-roots for citizens. How do you know a thriving community when you meet one? Find the right questions to ask to put your neighborhood on the path to success.6. Citizens Police Advisory Council led by Committee members Debbie Applewhite, Larry Holt, and Lt. Janice Hawkins, APD-This workshop will share the Asheville Police Department’s strategic plan which is a committed partnership with the community to reduce crime and improve the quality of life. Parking is available beside the Simpson and Ferguson buildings. Look for our signs to direct you. The afternoon schedule will be as follows: 2:00-2:15-Welcome and introductions, 2:15-3:00 Choose one workshop.3:05-3:45-Choose another workshop3:45-4:30-Networking and refreshments. We hope you will put this date on your calendar and plan to attend.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS
SAVE THE DATE!

MARCH 15th: The Festival of Neighborhoods (Elaine Poovey is Chairperson) A-B Technical College....Ferguson Auditorium 2:00 PM.

APRIL 18th: Neighborhood Litter/Recycle Pick-Up and Beautification - Our part of the City-Wide Clean-Up Day. More information to follow.

JUNE 6th: Neighborhood Yard Sale 8:00 AM to 12:00. More information to follow.

SEPTEMBER 12th: Summer Picnic Malvern Hills Park. More information to follow.