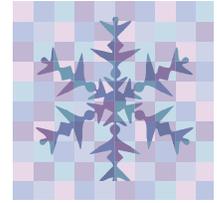




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Christina Cantrell headed up our annual Chili Fundraiser on Thursday, November 29, 2012, at the Farmers Curb Market. The event was held in conjunction with Greensboro Beautiful's annual wreath sale from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. that day.

Several residents assisted in making chili and cornbread and covering the various shifts for the day-long event. Our thanks to Christina and her helpers – husband Robert and residents Bobbie Sommers, Joe Kilpatrick, Bert and Becky VanderVeen, Lynne Leonard, Sara Farnsworth, and Jennifer Lanza.

In addition to her Chili Fundraiser event, Christina serves as Treasurer of the Neighborhood Association and also heads

up the Annual Pecan Festival in October and the Great American Cleanup in the spring.

Little FREE Library Comes to Aycock

A simple idea to house FREE book is sweeping the nation. The idea originated with a guy named Todd Bol in Wisconsin in 2009. He placed a homemade wooden box resembling a one-room schoolhouse on his front lawn and filled it with books free for the taking. The library was in tribute to his mother, a former teacher and book lover who had died several years before. According to Bol, the library literally stopped traffic on his street.

Next Todd joined forces with Rick Brooks, an instructor with UW-Madison Division of Continuing Studies, to build and install several more of the library boxes in and around Madison. They called the project "Little FREE Library."



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Deep Roots Market Opening In Spring 2013



Deep Roots Market, Greensboro's only Natural Foods Cooperative, is on schedule to open the doors of its new location in the early spring of 2013. The full service grocery store will be located in downtown Greensboro at 600 N. Eugene Street.

The market plans to expand its current offerings of thousands of high-quality natural products with the addition of a café with food to go or eat on site. The market will include outdoor seating adjacent to the Downtown Greenway. It will also add fresh, clean-raised meat, beer and wine, and a community room for classes, group meetings and other events.

Deep Roots Market began as a small vegetarian buying club in a Guilford College dormitory in the 1960s. By 1976 ownership in the club had grown large enough to support a storefront business. In 1990 Deep Roots moved to its present location at 3728 Spring Garden Street.

Deep Roots Market has always been focused on buying products that are locally and organically grown or made. The cooperative does not knowingly carry products with artificial colors or sweeteners, GMO ingredients, synthetic growth hormones, trans fats, high fructose corn syrup, ingredients from cloned animals, or aluminum. Their fresh produce is all grown on farms practicing organic methods.

The group gives priority to companies and vendors that practice environmental sustainability, invest in their communities, treat animals ethically, and use fair labor practices.

Coming Events in Aycock

**Board/Neighborhood Meeting at St. Leo's Place Community Room
(corner of Cypress and Sullivan)
6:30 p.m. on the following Mondays**

Jan 28, Feb 25, Mar 25, Apr 22, May 27, Jun 24, Jul 29,
Aug 26, Sep 23, Oct 28, and Dec 2, 2013

Other events published on our website at www.HistoricAycock.org

In the News

Mrs. Claus Organizes Santa Delivery in Aycock



Mrs. Claus (a.k.a. Mebane Ham) was very busy in the Aycock neighborhood this year. Mrs. Claus organized a Santa delivery for a neighborhood grandma and her 5-year-old grandson. In addition she was seen out and about at Barnes and Noble, Four Seasons Mall, Festival of Lights and a few other places. According to Mebane, "It's a lot of fun."

Franklin Earns Eagle Scout Rank

Cristian Franklin recently completed a baseball field project at Aycock Middle School, earning him the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America scouting program. Cristian oversaw the entire project, from design to implementation to completion.



Eagle Scout is the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouting program. Since its introduction in 1911, the Eagle Scout rank has been earned by more than two million young men. The title of Eagle Scout is held for life, thus giving rise to the phrase "Once an Eagle, always an Eagle." Congratulations, Cristian!

MacMillan Appointed as Principal of Aycock Middle School



Keisha MacMillan, born in Brooklyn, NY, and raised in the triad area not too far from Greensboro, NC, was appointed Principal of Aycock Middle School in 2011. Ms. MacMillan served as a third grade teacher, elementary and high school assistant principal, and elementary school principal before her appointment as Principal of Aycock Middle School.

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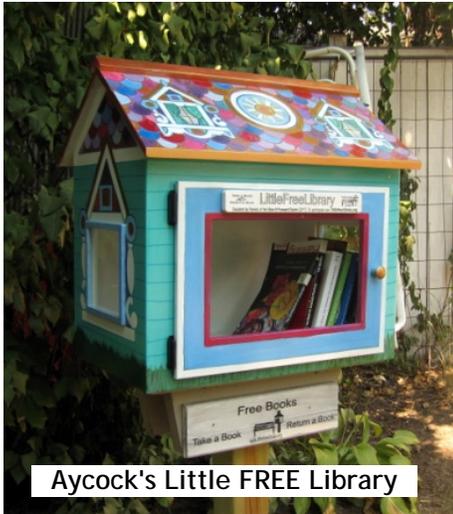
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Keisha enjoys spending time with her son Michael Lance (12) and her daughter Kendall Elise (5) when not busy with school duties. She likes helping people reach their maximum potential and believes in valuing everyone's talents and strengths. One of her favorite sayings is, "It takes ALL kinds of people to make the world go around!"

Little FREE Library (Cont. from Page 1)



Aycock's Little FREE Library

Aycock caught wind of the project early in 2011 and inquired as to how to purchase one. Ours, which is custom painted by one of Bol's artists, was installed in December 2011 and has been full of books ever since. A Sunset Hills resident saw ours and encouraged their community to build one of its own. So now there are two in Greensboro!

If you haven't checked out our Little FREE Library, it's located in Sternberger Park on the Fifth Avenue side. Drop off a book, if you have an extra one; or pick one up if you don't. We also have copies of our Historic District Design Guidelines (on CD) and extra copies of our newsletters if you need.



Sunset Hills' Little FREE Library



**The Other Camellia
Sasanqua (a/k/a Christmas Camellia)**

Imagine spending life as Cleopatra's sister. That's how it is to be a sasanqua. Sister to the well-known camellia, this often forgotten evergreen has been gracing Southern gardens for more than 150 years. Its flowers are smaller in size than the camellia's, but they are exquisite nonetheless. The sasanqua is sometimes a better pick than camellia for a small urban garden.

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Going Green - Saving Energy with a New Heating and Air System

By Vickie Maness, Kay Heating and Air Conditioning

If you didn't get a new heating and air system for Christmas, is it not too late! There are still rebates from manufacturers, Duke Energy and Piedmont Natural Gas if you purchase high efficient systems.

How do you know when to replace your heating system? Here are two obvious answers:

1. The heating equipment has an unsafe condition which cannot be repaired.
2. Your old system is so inefficient that a replacement would pay for itself in energy savings.

An unsafe condition can sometimes develop in an older furnace. This occurs when cracks or leaks develop in the heat exchanger. The purpose of the heat exchanger is to keep the hot exhaust gases separate from the warm air that circulates through the ductwork and house. When there is a leak in the heat exchanger, poisonous gases and carbon monoxide can accumulate in the house.

Although boilers are less likely to fail than furnaces, they can also develop unsafe conditions. For example, in a boiler a low water level can result when any one of several different components either malfunctions or fails. Most boilers have a safety device called a low water fuel cut-off, which is designed to shut down the boiler when a low water level occurs. If the low water fuel cut-off is faulty or missing, then the boiler will overheat and will be permanently damaged.

How Much Can You Save By Replacing a HEAT PUMP?

If your current system has a SEER rating of 8% and a new one has a SEER rating of 13%, do the following calculation:

New SEER (13) minus Old SEER (8) = 5, 5 divided by New SEER (13) = 38% savings. Multiply the savings by your average electric bill for heating (say \$2000), and the savings is \$760 per year or \$11,400 over the expected life of the unit (15 years).

How Much Can You Save if You Have a GAS FURNACE?

If your current furnace is 70% efficient and a new one is 95% efficient, do the following calculation:

New Efficiency (95) minus Old Efficiency (70) = 25, 25 divided by New Efficiency (95) = 26% savings. Multiply the savings by your average electric bill for heating (say \$2,000), and the savings is \$520 per year or \$7,800 over the expected life of the unit (15 years.)

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Poop Etiquette 101

By Mebane Ham

First of all, it needs to be said that I did not grow up with the need for **Dog Poop Etiquette 101**. Everyone in my neighborhood had a dog. Those dogs were members of the family and, like us kids, wandered freely. Unlike us kids, the dogs pooped at will and randomly. You learned to watch out for the pet bombs.

Yet times have changed. Free-ranging pets are no longer the norm. In our neighborhood a free-ranging dog is cause for alarm. We see one and notices abound on the listserve – “Large, black male dog, red collar, seems friendly, last seen on Chestnut. Anybody know him?” And so it goes until the owner is found or we find a new owner.

You see, most of our dogs are now walked on leashes. Sure, a few still get out. Some owners even let them out; and no matter how often you ask them not to or you take their dog’s poop from your front yard and leave it in their front yard, they still don’t get it! What are the consequences? We now have to learn **Dog Poop Etiquette 101**.

Let’s say that you’re walking the dog and nature calls (the dog, that is). The dog does his business, and you’re left with this stinking blob of stinking poop. The natural inclination is walk away quickly before anyone sees you. Who would know? BUT, stop and think, “**WWMD? - What Would Momma Do?**” Momma would tell you the dog is your responsibility and you need to clean up after it. Seems pretty straightforward – dog poops in someone’s yard, you clean it up. That’s what official poop bags or plastic grocery bags are made for. If my canine companion poops in a neighbor’s yard, I clean it up and eventually put it in my outside garbage. Yet, there are always some questionable situations. Here are a few and my responses. It would be great to know what others think.



Dog poops in empty lot – *If it is a place that kids play or folks use, clean it up! That’s what your Momma would do.*



Dog poops in someone else’s natural area – *Clean it up, since it’s not your natural area.*



Dog poops in street – *Yes, I know that cars will eventually flatten it out; but really, clean it up!*



Dog poops in raked leaves on the side of the road - *Wish I could say to clean it up; but after digging through leaves looking for poop, it just isn’t worth it! Kids shouldn’t be playing in leaves on the side of the road anyway.*

Now that you’ve collected the poop, where do you dispose of it? You’ve just started your walk, and carrying around dog poop is just not a fun thing. If it is trash day, then any trashcan on the street waiting to be picked up will do. Otherwise, I use a public trash container or wait until I get home. (Don’t forget that we have poop stations at Sternberger Park and Dunleith, where there are FREE bags if you need them.)

I know there are a ton of situations I didn’t think of. After all, dogs are dogs and poop is poop! Just remember, “**WWMD?**”

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