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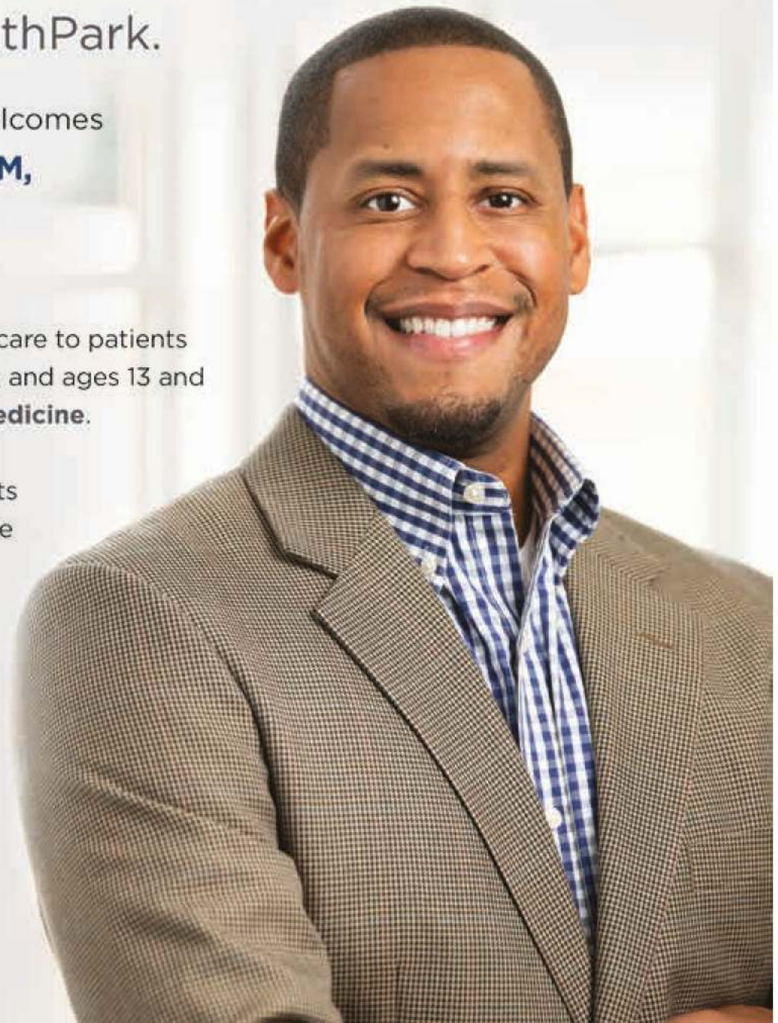
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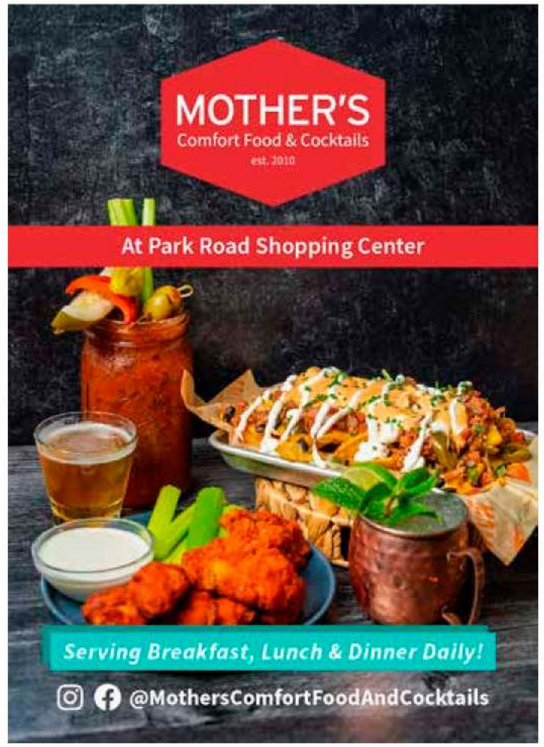
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FALL BREAK

We all enjoy long weekends when we can get out of town for a few days. Whether an exotic getaway or simply a trip to our nearby mountains, lakes and beaches, we'd love to see how you made the most of your long weekends.



HALLOWEEN

Haunted houses, block parties and costume parades. Please share your spookiest and kookiest Halloween photos with us!



THANKSGIVING DAY

Between the Charlotte Turkey Trot, the Novant Health Thanksgiving Eve Parade and the traditional Thanksgiving feast, there is plenty to do on this day of thanks. Show us how you celebrated your Thanksgiving holiday!



FALL SPORTS

Just about every sport has a fall season...football, cheerleading, cross country, volleyball, soccer, tennis, baseball, golf and softball. Share your favorite fall action shots with us.



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Panthers home games are great for tailgating and connecting with friends at Bank of America Stadium. Send us your Panthers game-day photos.



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We'd love to share photos from fall and winter weddings in our community. Share the love by sending your special wedding day pictures to us!



FAMILY AND NEIGHBORHOOD GATHERINGS

Stroll Dilworth is all about family and community. Our favorite photos are those of kids playing, birthday parties and neighborly gatherings.

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A Season for Gratitude

BY CONTENT COORDINATOR DELIA MCMULLEN

There's something about fall that seems to invite us to slow down. The days grow shorter, the air turns cooler and before we know it, the holiday season is upon us. November, in particular, offers a welcome reminder to pause and appreciate what matters most.

Thanksgiving naturally brings gratitude to the forefront, but often it's the smaller things that mean the most: a quiet morning with a cup of coffee, dinner around the table, a walk through the neighborhood on a crisp afternoon or an unexpected conversation with a friend. It's easy to move quickly through our days without stopping to notice just how many good things surround us.

That sense of gratitude extends to our community, too. A neighborhood is so much more than the homes and streets that make it up. It's the familiar faces we see on our walks, the friends who gather around our tables, the neighbors who lend a hand and the traditions that bring us together year after year.

As you prepare for Thanksgiving and the busy holiday season ahead, I hope you'll find time to enjoy the simple pleasures of fall and the people who make this season special.

And from all of us at *Stroll*, thank you for welcoming us into your homes each month and for continuing to share your families, celebrations, milestones and stories with us. We are truly grateful to be part of this community.

You may notice I have a new email address: strolldilworth@n2co.com. Please update your contacts and continue to send your story ideas, photos and neighborhood news my way!

Wishing you and your family a very happy Thanksgiving!

Delia McMullen

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Neighborhood Snapshots

Happy 75th Birthday to Myers Park High School!

MPHS, ESTABLISHED IN 1951, had a phenomenal week of celebrations, including student events during lunch where they competed in trivia contests from the 1950s, participated in a ribbon-cutting ceremony to launch QR codes around the campus for mental health support and dressed up in attire from the 1950s.

All students received fun keychains and free treats from the ice cream truck! MPHS staff were given 75th anniversary tee-shirts, and SGA concluded the week with a really fun rock, paper, scissors, bead contest!

The school celebrated at the halftime show with alumni and the community at the home Friday night football game. On Saturday, alumni gathered in the quad for a global reunion and caught up on old times.

The finale celebration was in the stadium where attendees danced to live music from the Bad Daddies, played games on the fields, enjoyed yummy meals from food trucks and recognized many groups and individuals in attendance.

Thank you to all who helped make these events happen! Cheers to 75 years, Myers Park High School!

To share your pics, please email Delia at strolldilworth@n2co.com.



A PIECE OF THE PAST, A PLACE IN THE PRESENT

A treasured piece of Dilworth Elementary's history has found a new home! The rug from the old school building now welcomes visitors in the lobby of the new school, preserving a meaningful connection to the past for generations of Dilworth alumni.

Dilworth Elementary School opened a brand-new, state-of-the-art building in August 2026 for the 2026–27 school year. The new campus is located at 3701 Haven Drive, the former site of Park Road Montessori.



To share your recipe, please email Delia at strolldilworth@n2co.com.

Butterscotch Scones

As a longtime Charlotte resident, I fondly remember brunches with my family at The Pewter Rose and especially their delicious butterscotch scones. This recipe is a walk down memory lane. These scones have become my daughter's favorite and are a much-loved staple in our home.

BY RESIDENT REPORTER KANKU MICHELSEN

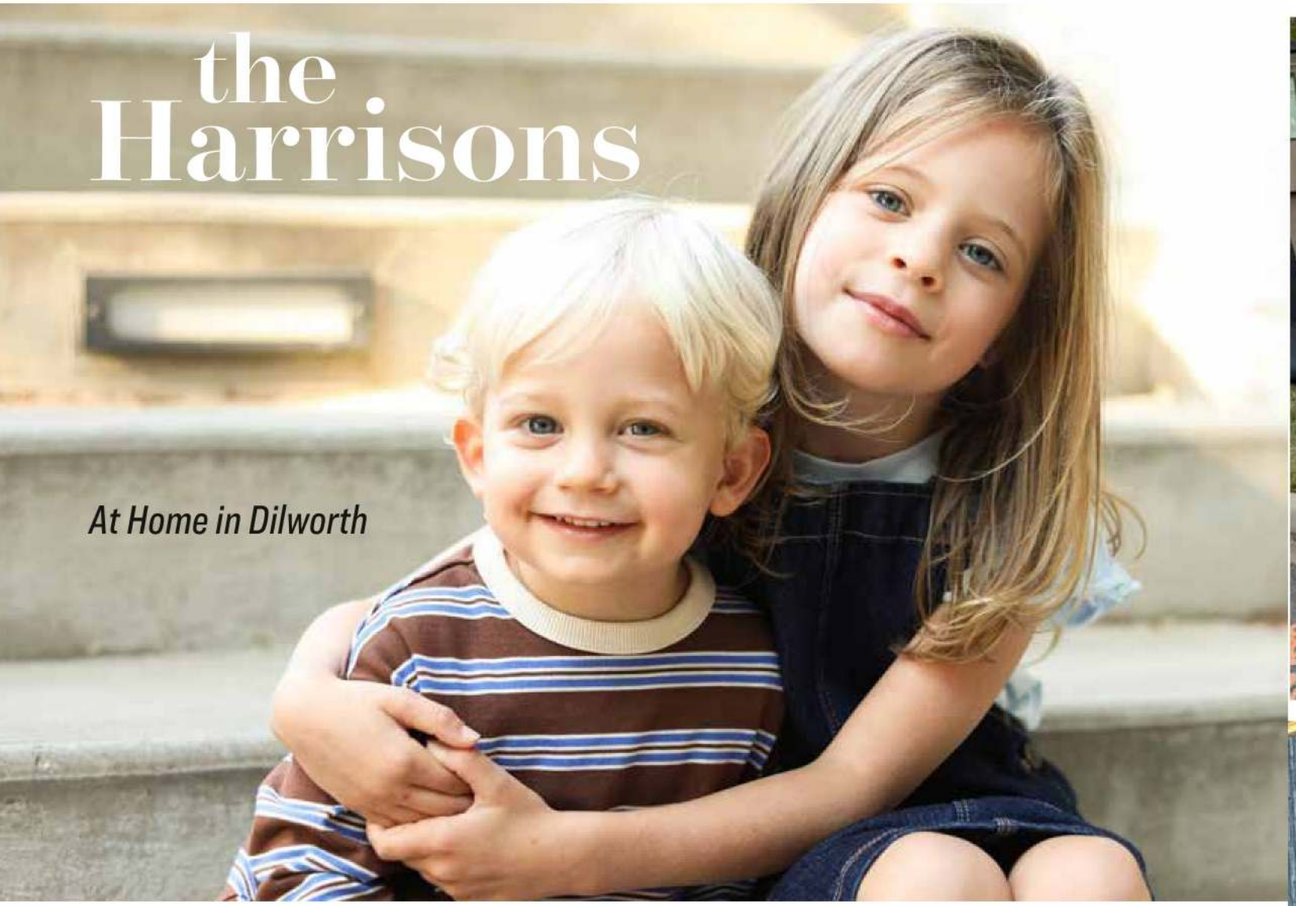
Ingredients

- 3/4 cup cold heavy cream + approx. 1/4 cup additional cream for brushing the top of each scone prior to baking
- 1 egg
- 2 cups flour
- 1/4 cup sugar + additional sugar for sprinkling on top prior to baking
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 5 Tablespoons cold butter
- 1/2 cup butterscotch chips + a few extra to sprinkle on top prior to baking (if desired)

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees.
2. In a small bowl, whisk together the cream (3/4 cup) and egg. Set aside.
3. In the bowl of a food processor, or in a mixing bowl, pulse/whisk together flour, sugar, salt and baking powder.
4. Cut in butter using the food processor, two knives or a pastry blender until mixture looks like coarse meal.
5. Stir in cream/egg mixture with a wooden spoon or pulse a few times in the food processor.
6. Stir in butterscotch chips by hand.
7. Continue to stir just until dough comes together... it will be crumbly!
8. Place the dough onto a lightly floured cutting board, and then shape into a disc shape approximately ¼-½ inch in thickness.
9. Brush the remaining 1/4 cup of cream on to the dough and then sprinkle some sugar on top. If desired, add a few more butterscotch chips on top prior to baking.
10. Cut disc into 8 triangles and transfer to a parchment lined cookie sheet.
11. Bake at 400 degrees for 16-18 minutes or until lightly browned on the sides.

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At Home in Dilworth







For Brian and Katie

Harrison, life in Dilworth offers just what they were looking for: a close-knit community, walkable streets, great schools and plenty to do as a family.

The Harrisons — Katie, Brian and their children, Millie and Leo — moved to Dilworth in 2023, but Katie's connection to the neighborhood goes back much further. Her first condo purchase in 2013 was in Dilworth, and she always hoped she would eventually make her way back.

Katie was born and raised in the Twin Cities, MN, and attended Bradley University in Illinois, where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in marketing. She moved to Charlotte immediately after graduating in 2006 and began a career in residential real estate. Now approaching 20 years in the industry, she works with Ivester Jackson Christie's.

Brian grew up in Raleigh and attended UNC Wilmington, where he also played soccer. He moved to Charlotte in 2012 after earning his master's degree. A licensed CPA who previously worked in tax and accounting, Brian has since shifted his focus to finance. He is CFO of Setanta Capital Partners, a private lender focused on residential development.

Their paths crossed through Katie's work — she was Brian's real estate broker. Eventually, the professional relationship turned into something much more lasting.

When the couple began thinking about where they wanted to raise their family, Dilworth quickly rose to the top of the list. Both loved the urban lifestyle, and with Millie approaching school age, Dilworth Elementary became an important factor in their decision.

Today, 7-year-old Millie is a first grader at Dilworth Elementary and keeps an impressively full schedule. She plays soccer with Charlotte Junior Soccer, with Brian serving as her coach, and takes ballet at Jami Masters. She also enjoys reading, math, art, chess, swimming, music and piano — and especially loves making new friends.

Three-year-old Leo attends First Presbyterian Weekday School in Uptown. An energetic little brother, he loves bowling, soccer, trains, numbers and playing with his friends and sister.

Family life keeps the Harrisons busy, but many of their favorite moments happen close to home. They enjoy spending time with friends on their street, hosting pool parties and taking family walks along the Rail Trail. They're also always up for a stop at a kid-friendly brewery.

Soccer remains a big part of the family's life. With Brian's background playing at UNC Wilmington, the Harrisons enjoy attending Charlotte FC games when they can. The entire family also cheers for Liverpool in the English Premier League and, closer to home, the Carolina Panthers.

Travel is another shared passion. Katie and Brian try to make it to Europe at least once a year for a kid-free getaway, while family vacations often take them to their beach home on Hilton Head Island. They also enjoy quick trips to New York and Florida for extended weekends and summer getaways.

Giving back has been important to Brian as well. He has raised money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital through his training for the Chicago Marathon and is a regular supporter — and occasional participant — in Charlotte's 24 Hours of Booty.

While the Harrisons appreciate all that Charlotte offers, from new restaurants and businesses to festivals and sporting events, they particularly value the lifestyle they have found in Dilworth.

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"We walk everywhere! We love being in a quiet neighborhood but also having easy access to the hustle and bustle of South End and Dilworth."

—THE HARRISONS

They love walking the neighborhood's quiet, tree-lined streets and having South End and historic Dilworth close by. Even after just three years, they have been struck by the sense of community and how quickly neighbors become friends. Halloween has become a particular favorite for Millie and Leo, who love seeing how enthusiastically Dilworth residents embrace the holiday.

The family also appreciates how easy Charlotte makes it to explore beyond their own neighborhood. NoDa, Plaza Midwood, SouthPark and Matthews are all within easy reach, while Charlotte Douglas International Airport makes the couple's love of international travel much more convenient.

Most of all, the Harrisons have found a place that suits the way they like to live: active, social and connected to the people around them.

Whether they're walking the Rail Trail, cheering from the sidelines of a soccer field, hosting friends by the pool or simply spending time with neighbors on their street, the Harrisons are happy to be right where Katie once hoped she would return — at home in Dilworth.

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BY CONTENT COORDINATOR DELIA MCMULLEN



Dori and Scott Hirsch

For nearly 95 years, Dilworth Mattress Factory has been helping Charlotte residents get a better night's sleep. But what many customers may not realize is that the mattress they select in the showroom is made specifically for them, right here in Charlotte.

Fourth-generation owner Scott Hirsch and his wife, Dori, continue a family tradition that began in 1931, combining time-tested craftsmanship with modern materials and personalized service.

From Showroom to Factory Floor

Unlike most mattress retailers, Dilworth Mattress Factory doesn't keep finished mattresses in stock. Once customers select their preferred comfort and support, their order enters the production schedule.

Customers typically allow about two weeks for completion, partly because the factory's limited warehouse space requires ordering certain materials. Actual construction takes anywhere from a few hours to a full day. Much of the work is still done by hand. "We still construct mattresses using many of the same tools my grandfather used," Scott explains.

Many components are sourced locally. Foundations, foam and cover materials come from High Point, springs from Hickory and latex from Talalay, a latex manufacturer in Connecticut.

While mattress-making isn't especially complicated, quality materials and skilled craftsmanship are essential. One particularly specialized task involves operating the tape-edge machine, which sews binding around the mattress edges.

It's What's Inside That Counts

Dilworth Mattress Factory began as a mattress refurbishing business, giving older mattresses new life. That history shaped the family's philosophy about durability. "When your business starts with refurbishing mattresses, you learn to look at what's inside—how the materials have held up and how the mattress was put together," Scott says.

Today, he evaluates foam density, coil construction and gauge and cover materials to determine how well a mattress will maintain its comfort and support. Although materials have evolved considerably, the fundamental goal hasn't changed. "Good workmanship and taking care of your customers are still just as important," Scott says. The oldest Dilworth mattress Scott has personally encountered in daily use was an impressive 38 years old!

Two Sleepers, Two Solutions

One popular custom option addresses a familiar dilemma: What happens when two people sharing a bed have different comfort preferences?

Dilworth can create two individually constructed twin XL mattresses that fit together to form a king-size bed. One might be soft while the other offers firmer support. If their heights differ, Scott adjusts the foundations so the tops align. The couple can still use a single king-size mattress protector and fitted sheet, but each person enjoys their preferred comfort. "That makes everyone happy!" Scott says.

A Personal Touch

Scott and Dori have found a natural division of responsibilities. Dori handles most sales and customer relationships, while Scott oversees manufacturing, ordering and inventory. "Dori is definitely the better salesperson, which is funny because she had never worked in sales before this," Scott says. "She doesn't approach it like she's trying to sell you something. She's just very proud of our product and genuine in the way she talks with customers." Customers routinely invite Dori to lunch, even to retirement communities around Charlotte.

Scott enjoys the manufacturing side. Although he owns several businesses, he had always wanted to run a small manufacturing company. "Who knew it would turn out to be my family's mattress store?" he says.

Both value spending time with customers, something an online mattress quiz can't replicate. Scott frequently encounters couples where one partner initially insists mattress selection doesn't matter. After trying different options, that person often discovers preferences they never knew they had. "There's a difference between answering a question about firmness and actually lying on a mattress and talking about what feels comfortable," he explains.

Built to Last

While customers sometimes ask about cooling technology, natural materials or firmness levels, Scott says durability remains a major concern. Many arrive disappointed by mattresses that have lost comfort or support after just a few years. His goal is to help them find something that will perform well for years to come.

He also reminds customers that adjusting to a new mattress takes time. Rather than judging it after one night, he recommends allowing a week or more to become accustomed to the new sleeping surface.

Looking Toward the Fifth Generation

As Dilworth Mattress Factory approaches its centennial in 2031, Scott and Dori reflect on the generations of Charlotte families who have trusted the business. "We're carrying on something that has been part of other families' lives for generations, too," Scott says. "Having those families continue to trust ours is something we're very proud of."

Their sons, Ryan and Evan, are beginning their own careers in Charlotte, but both have expressed interest in someday running the factory. Dori already envisions their sons, future daughters-in-law and perhaps a few cribs in the showroom. For a business built on family, craftsmanship and a good night's sleep, that sounds like a fitting next chapter.

For more information or to explore a custom-built mattress, contact Dilworth Mattress Factory at 704-333-6564.

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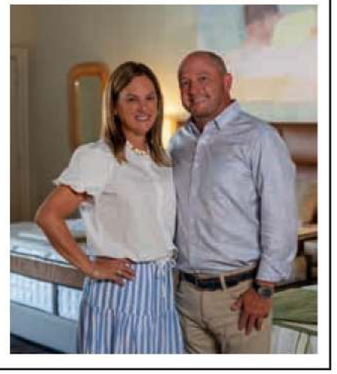
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The morning crew in Latta Park (clockwise from top center): Arie, Tucker, Ginny, Trucks, Murphy and Ranger.




Tucker and Ranger in the dog chariot





AT 18 YEARS OLD, Tucker has earned the right to slow down a little. His walks may be shorter these days and sometimes he travels by "chariot"—his dog stroller—but this beloved spaniel mix still makes a point of getting out to see his Dilworth neighbors.

For Elizabeth and Joe Davant, Tucker has become as much a part of the neighborhood as he is a part of their family. The Davants adopted Tucker from the Humane Society of Charlotte when he was approximately 2 years old. His distinguished name seemed fitting from the start. As Elizabeth explains, "Tucker is a dapper gentleman that has on his best bib & tucker."

Over the next 16 years, Tucker settled into a routine that would make him something of a Dilworth fixture. He has walked the neighborhood streets as many as four times a day, getting to know not only other dogs and their owners but also Parks & Recreation workers, landscapers, mail carriers and employees at neighborhood businesses.

Tucker has always had quite the social life. For years, he attended a local dog daycare, where he apparently made plenty of friends without bothering to introduce them to his family. On walks, Tucker would suddenly become excited and insist on heading toward certain dogs. Eventually, Elizabeth and Joe realized he knew them from daycare.

"We joked Tucker had his own social life," Elizabeth says. "We met so many Dilworth neighbors through Tucker!"

These days, Tucker is a member of a morning dog-walking crew that meets in Latta Park. His regular canine friends include Trucks, Murphy, Ginny, Teddy and the Kingston Ladies. He also holds the distinguished title of unofficial member of the equally unofficial Dilworth Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club.

In his younger days, Tucker was quite an athlete, too. He loved soccer balls and became known for playing soccer with children in the park. Now, some of his favorite pleasures are a little more leisurely: home-cooked meals, his cooling memory-foam bed and walks around Dilworth to catch up with friends. He also enjoys traveling throughout North Carolina, from the mountains to the coast.

Elizabeth describes Tucker simply as "soulful, respectful and the kindest buddy."

At 18, Tucker has lost his hearing and most of his sight, but there is one place he still knows by heart: Dilworth.

When people ask how Tucker has remained so healthy and happy for so long, Elizabeth believes his neighborhood deserves some of the credit. The familiar streets, routines and people who have greeted him year after year have provided a sense of security and belonging. "We are so thankful to live in a neighborhood that has loved Tucker for so many years," she says.

That includes the folks at Hollywood Feed, who let Tucker wander around and enjoy all those tempting smells on hot days, the team at Dilworth Animal Hospital, who call his name when he arrives and the countless neighbors who stop to say hello. "You don't get a dog to 18 alone," Elizabeth says, noting that those routine encounters and longtime neighborhood connections have played an important role in Tucker's well-being.

After 16 years of walking these streets, Tucker has given his family something just as meaningful in return: friendships and connections they might never have made without him.

"Tucker feels safe and loved," Elizabeth says.

And for Dilworth's longtime four-legged ambassador, that may be the sweetest secret to a life well lived.



Varsity Women's Tennis



Friday Night Lights with the Mustangs!



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Myers Park High School

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National Charity League, Inc.

Mothers, Daughters and Meaningful Impact

BY CONTRIBUTING WRITER SAIGE MOORE

MY MOM, Janeen Moore, and I have been members of National Charity League, Inc. (NCL) for four years, since I was a freshman in high school. A mother-daughter membership organization, NCL is committed to community service, leadership development and cultural experiences. For over 100 years, NCL has been developing women leaders through volunteerism and supporting philanthropies with hands-on activities in local communities across the nation. NCL members are mothers and their daughters, in grades 7 to 12, with 30 pairs per grade level. There are more than 270 chapters in 27 states.

We have volunteered in-person all over Charlotte with some of our chapter's community partners: Nourish Up, Baby Bundles, Crisis Assistance Ministry, Hospitality House, Freedom School, Classroom Central and InReach. We use a master calendar on the website and app to sign up.

My favorite non-profit is The Relatives, a youth emergency shelter and resource center. Teenagers live for around a month at a time at the East Boulevard location and receive life skills training at the On Ramp location. I average four hours a month between the two locations: decorating for the holidays, playing board games, baking, preparing hot lunches, doing crafts and just spending time visiting with the teens they serve. I bonded with one of the residents over our shared love of running, and I developed patience and an understanding of how quality time makes people feel seen and heard. Even though my acts are small, I hope it makes them realize they have people who care deeply about them.

I attend Myers Park High School, but making new friends from other public and private Charlotte schools through NCL has helped me grow my friend circle. I appreciate how easy it is to make an impact in my community with regularly scheduled volunteer opportunities.

Every year in the fall, there is a celebratory tea party at Carmel Country Club. We come together as one chapter and recognize everyone's volunteer hours. Sometimes there is a theme, and we dress up accordingly (previous themes have been Boots and Bling, Parisian, and Floral). The event includes a slideshow (highlighting the past year) and volunteer awards. We sit with our "family tree," one to three girls from each grade level. It truly is such a fun time to get together with everyone and see how much we have all accomplished.









Interested in Joining?

Each year, members are required to: 1) perform a minimum number of community service hours, 2) attend a minimum number of monthly chapter meetings, 3) participate in League supported activities and events and 4) assume a leadership position.

If you and your mom are interested in making new friends and volunteering on a regular basis, NCL Charlotte will begin accepting applications for prospective new members in February 2027.

There will be a membership drive to fill the rising 7th grade class and openings in grades 8 and 9, should spaces become available. New membership in grades 10 and 11 may occur only if a sibling is accepted into grades 7, 8 and/or 9.

To share a photo or article idea, please email Delia at strolldilworth@n2co.com.

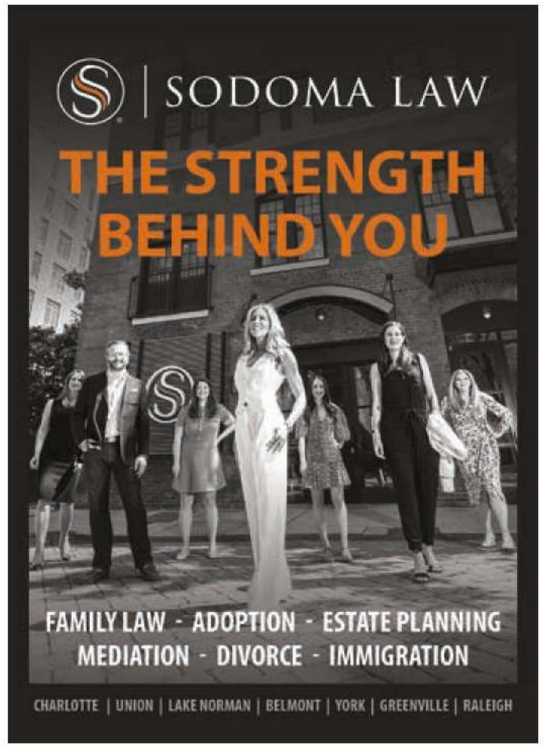


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STEPS TO MEMBERSHIP

1. To begin the process, please fill out a *prospective member inquiry form* via the website. This may be filled out any time of the year.
2. Prospective patronesses (moms) must attend a prospective member meeting in order to receive an application to join NCL Charlotte (required). Occurring in January/February 2027, the meeting provides an overview of NCL Charlotte and requirements of membership.
3. Patronesses who would like to submit an application must do so in February.
4. Prospective new members will be selected via a blind drawing and will be notified of acceptance in early March 2027.

If you have any questions about NCL or membership please visit *NationalCharityLeague.org* or email *membershipcharlotte@nclonline.org*.







Mystic Memories

BY CONTENT COORDINATOR DELIA MCMULLEN









Some trips are about seeing someplace new. Others are about reconnecting with the past. Our August trip to Mystic, Connecticut, gave us a little of both.

I traveled with my parents, Rex and Linda Welton, and my brother, Martin Welton, to explore an area that had long been on our family bucket list. Part vacation and part journey into our family roots, the trip gave us a chance to spend time together while discovering one of New England's most charming coastal towns.

One of the most meaningful stops was the Denison Homestead, also known as Pequotsepos Manor, where some of our ancestors once lived. Visiting the historic home brought our family research to life in a way that names and dates on a family tree simply can't. Walking through a place with a direct connection to our ancestors made our visit to Mystic feel especially personal.

We also enjoyed simply experiencing Mystic itself. We walked along Main Street, browsed the shops and watched the historic drawbridge open to allow boats to pass through before closing again for waiting cars and pedestrians. And, of course, we couldn't visit without popping into Mystic Pizza, made famous by the 1988 movie, for a quick bite.

Food was a highlight throughout the trip, particularly the fresh New England seafood. One favorite stood out so much that we went back twice: Haring's, a waterfront restaurant in the nearby fishing village of Noank. With its beautiful setting and excellent food (don't miss the hushpuppies!), it was exactly the kind of place we'd hoped to find on our Connecticut getaway.

The trip also gave us an opportunity to reconnect with old friends. We caught up with one who's a Mystic native as well as a couple from nearby Madison, CT. Having friends who know and love the area made our visit feel even more special.

One day, we crossed the state line for a side trip to Watch Hill, Rhode Island, another quintessential New England seaside destination. There, we enjoyed lunch on the terrace at the historic Ocean House hotel, overlooking the water. The elegant setting and spectacular views made it one of the most memorable meals of the trip. There was even a little celebrity sightseeing thrown in for good measure. Taylor Swift owns a home in Watch Hill, and we managed to catch a few glimpses of the famous property during our visit. We also stopped to see Watch Hill's historic Flying Horse Carousel, one of the oldest continuously operating carousels in the country and a beloved local landmark. Years ago, my parents took my daughter on a trip to NYC and Connecticut, and she had the chance to ride the carousel.

What began as a trip to research our family roots and finally experience a destination we had talked about visiting for years became a chance to make new family memories as well. From standing in a home where our ancestors once lived to sharing seafood dinners, coastal views and plenty of laughs, Mystic was well worth the wait.

To share your travels, please email Delia at strolldilworth@n2co.com.

HAVE A TRAVEL STORY TO SHARE?

From weekend getaways to once-in-a-lifetime adventures, we love hearing where our Dilworth neighbors have been! *Tour & Travel* is a newer feature in *Stroll Dilworth*, and we'd love to include more of your experiences. Whether you've explored a faraway destination or discovered a hidden gem closer to home, we invite you to share your travel stories and photos with us. Your adventure could inspire a neighbor's next trip!

Interested in being featured? Email **strolldilworth@n2co.com** to learn more.

What's all the Racket with Brackets?

BY JAIME L. MACH,
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Brackets are relatively small architectural elements, but they play an important role in both the structure and appearance of buildings. Traditionally, brackets are used to support projecting features such as balconies, cornices, beams, shelves, roof overhangs and projecting floors. Over time, they've developed from purely functional supports into significant decorative and architectural features.

Historically, brackets were commonly made from stone, timber or metal. Their primary purpose was to transfer the weight of a projecting element back into the wall or supporting structure. However, because brackets are often visible, craftsmen began using them as opportunities for ornamentation. Carved brackets could feature geometric patterns, foliage, animals, human figures and other motifs related to local architectural traditions.

In classical architecture, brackets are frequently associated with cornices and other projecting elements. They range from simple geometric forms to highly elaborate designs. During the Renaissance and later European architectural periods, brackets became increasingly integrated with formal systems of proportion and decoration.

Wooden brackets are particularly common in traditional architecture. They can be found beneath roof eaves, balconies, porches and projecting upper floors. In timber buildings, brackets demonstrate how structural requirements can be combined with craftsmanship and ornament. Their forms often reflect local materials, construction methods, climate and cultural traditions.

Stone brackets have also been widely used in monumental architecture. Their strength makes them suitable for supporting substantial loads, while their ability to be carved allows them to become decorative features.

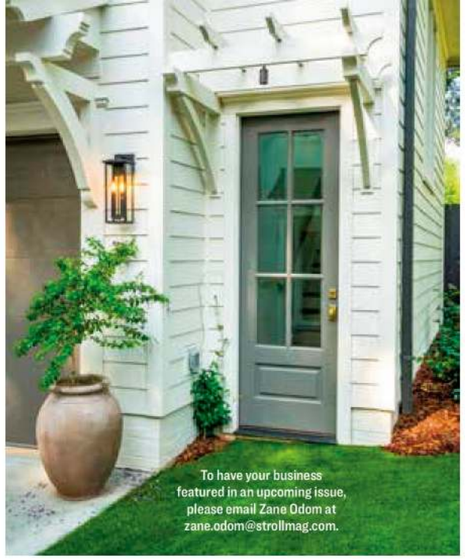
Metal brackets became increasingly important with the development of iron and steel construction. Cast iron, in particular, allowed architects to create strong components with intricate decorative patterns.

Beyond their structural role, brackets contribute to architectural character. Repeated brackets can establish rhythm along a façade, emphasize windows and entrances and create visual transitions between horizontal and vertical elements. Their design can also communicate the period, style, technology and artistry of a building.

Brackets demonstrate the close relationship between function and decoration in architecture. Although they are often small components, they can have a considerable influence on a building's attractiveness. From carved stone supports in historic structures to precisely engineered metal connections in contemporary buildings, brackets show how a practical structural necessity can become an expressive architectural element.

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2230 Lockhart Drive	Dilworth	$1,200,000	$1,200,000	09/30/26	18	3	2	1,928	$622.41
943 Romany Road	Dilworth	$1,675,000	$1,660,000	09/30/26	12	3	2	2,044	$812.13
515 E Kingston Avenue	Dilworth	$1,900,000	$1,900,000	09/29/26	0	1	1	2,913	$652.25
1129 Linganore Place	Dilworth	$1,700,000	$1,700,000	09/23/26	0	3	2.1	2,909	$584.39
728 Lexington Avenue	Dilworth	$1,375,000	$1,385,000	09/22/26	1	3	2.1	1,673	$827.85
1101 Belgrave Place	Dilworth	$2,100,000	$1,942,500	09/16/26	10	4	3.1	3,659	$530.88
1620 Dilworth Road E	Dilworth	$1,450,000	$1,510,000	09/09/26	1	4	3	2,642	$571.54
1822 Lombardy Circle	Dilworth	$1,200,000	$1,066,215	09/08/26	14	3	2	2,196	$485.53
1619 Lyndhurst Avenue	Dilworth	$1,625,000	$1,625,000	08/28/26	1	3	3.3	2,428	$669.28
2021 Dilworth Road W	Dilworth	$2,149,900	$2,070,000	08/21/26	5	5	4.1	2,494	$829.99
1825 Dilworth Road W	Dilworth	$1,525,000	$1,550,000	08/21/26	2	4	3.1	2,175	$712.64
2126 Dilworth Road E	Dilworth	$2,450,000	$2,450,000	08/10/26	7	5	4	4,416	$554.80
1919 Springdale Avenue	Dilworth	$1,825,000	$1,810,000	08/10/26	23	6	4	3,482	$519.82
2124 Lombardy Circle	Dilworth	$875,000	$915,000	08/07/26	1	2	1	1,284	$712.62
601 E Tremont Avenue	Dilworth	$1,450,000	$1,450,000	08/07/26	0	3	2.1	2,075	$698.80
1921 Cumberland Avenue	Dilworth	$1,100,000	$1,050,000	07/29/26	18	3	2.1	1,748	$600.69
2219 Winthrop Avenue	Dilworth	$1,700,000	$1,685,000	07/28/26	13	4	3.1	3,167	$532.05
1505 E Worthington Avenue	Dilworth	$995,000	$995,000	07/21/26	1	3	2	1,793	$554.94
2201 Sarah Marks Avenue	Dilworth	$1,050,000	$1,150,000	07/20/26	1	3	1	1,634	$703.79
Averages		$1,544,468	$1,532,301		7	3	2	2,456	$640.86



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Should Breaking News Alter Your Investment Strategy?

By Will Hadley, CFP®, Blue Cardinal Wealth Solutions Managing Director

More than ever before, investors are inundated with news alerts and headlines on market-moving events. The 24/7 news cycle, social media and technology have allowed global headlines to be accessible nearly immediately, which causes many investors to consider the investment implications of the news of the day, such as trade disputes, political uncertainty and global business decisions. If you follow the news, it's important to consider just how much, or how little, trending stories should influence your financial decisions.

Be aware, but don't overreact. Investors who become fearful that a market downturn may be imminent are often tempted to sell some investments and move money into less volatile alternatives. That could include low-risk bonds or cash-equivalent investments. But taking risk "off the table" by selling stock positions has its own perils – what we call "opportunity risk," or missing out on potential future growth of those stock positions. Staying invested for the long-term can help maximize gains while letting temporary volatility work itself out.

If you scan the news, you won't have any trouble finding contradictory predictions about which direction the stock market is going in the months to come. Some might say stocks are going higher while others will warn that a major market downturn is on the horizon. The reality is that nobody knows for certain what's going to happen in the stock market in the short term. Basing your investment decisions on such speculation can be counterproductive. When evaluating whether you need to make changes to your portfolio, look for persistent trends that may affect the broader economy's vitals and work with your financial advisor to identify if these trends justify a change in your investment approach.

The market has overcome challenges before. It's also important to remember that historically markets have rebounded after large business decisions, geopolitical tensions, economic uncertainty and political positions captivate the news cycle. At times, markets have reacted negatively to specific events that dominate headlines. But historically a sense of normalcy returns, allowing investors to once again turn their focus to underlying investment fundamentals.

Assess your risk tolerance and invest accordingly. If you are close to retirement, you may want to reduce your equity exposure. Although, keep in mind you may still want some growth opportunities as a portion of your portfolio to reach future retirement goals or at a minimum, maintain pace with inflation. If you have more time to let your money work, and overcome any negative moves in stock prices, you may be able to handle more risk. Find a portfolio strategy that fits your comfort level, no matter current news trends, and try to stick with it.

Focus on your goals. Regardless of what is happening in the news cycle or markets, one investing principle holds true: focus on your unique financial goals. If you are accumulating wealth to meet a goal that is years or even decades away, market volatility that happens today, next week or next year is likely part of the normal pattern you should expect. If specific headlines or trends are making you reconsider your investment strategy, re-evaluate your risk tolerance and consider meeting with a financial professional for a second opinion. Together you can discuss how to best position your portfolio for the current environment in a way that is consistent with your goals.

It is normal for investors to be concerned about headlines as they pertain to markets and investments. Working with a financial advisor to ensure your portfolio is well-diversified and aligned with your goals and risk tolerance is key to avoiding potential overexposure to unnecessary investment risk.

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