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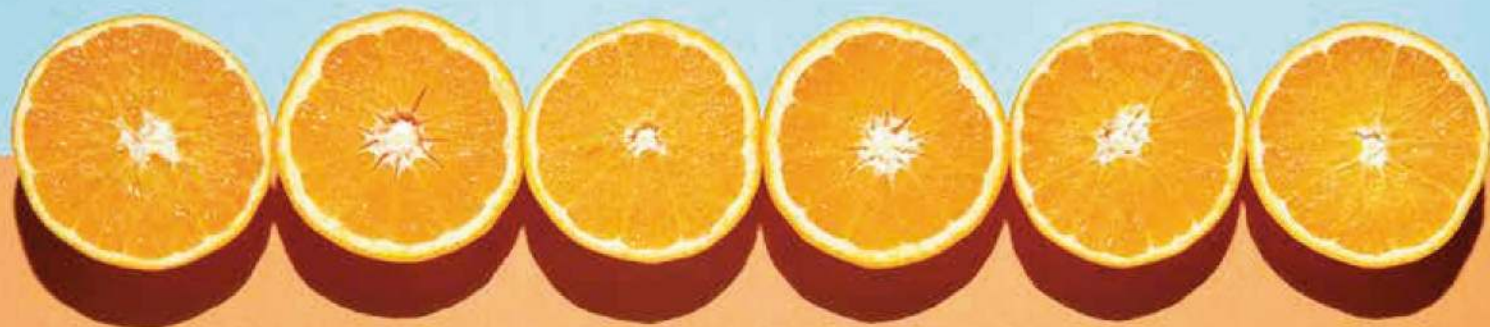
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NEIGHBORHOOD NOTE

The Beach That Brings Us Back

BY CONTRIBUTING WRITER CLAIRE WILKERSON SCHWAB

Fifty-three years of beach weeks, and somehow it never gets old.

This summer, we returned to our happy place near Litchfield, SC—a tradition that started when I was a child and continues today with my wonderful 88-year-old mom, my two sisters and a growing cast of children, cousins, spouses and now even the next generation.

There were long walks, sandy towels, endless laughter, shared meals, card games, catching up on a year's worth of stories and the comforting rhythm of traditions that feel like home. Cousins reunited, sisters picked up conversations right where they left off, daughters made memories together and the husbands graciously joined the fun (and occasionally tolerated our family chaos)!

What makes this week so special isn't just the beach—it's the people. Fifty-three years later, this little stretch of South Carolina shoreline remains the backdrop for love, connection and memories that span generations.

Until next year, Litchfield.
Claire

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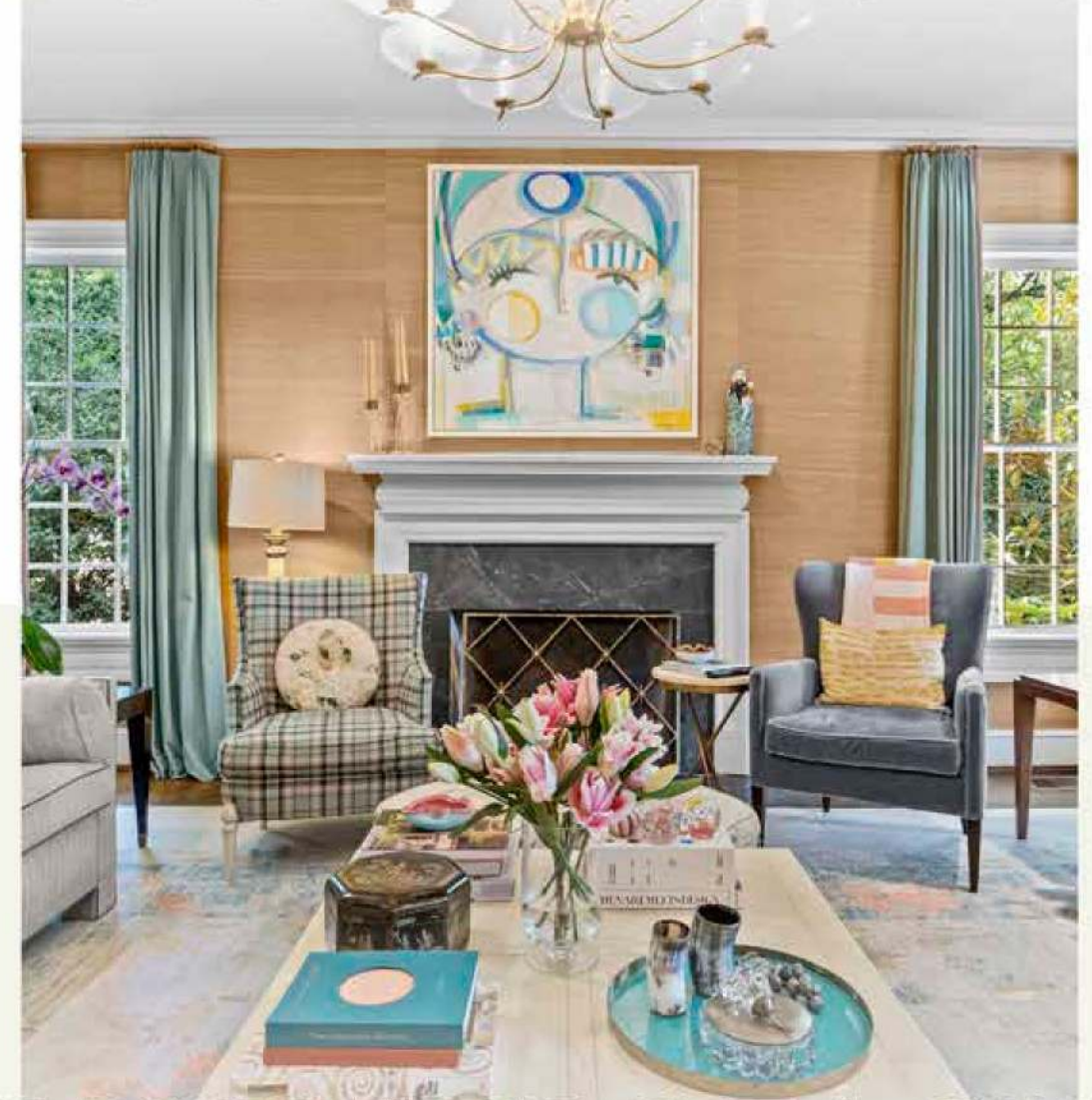
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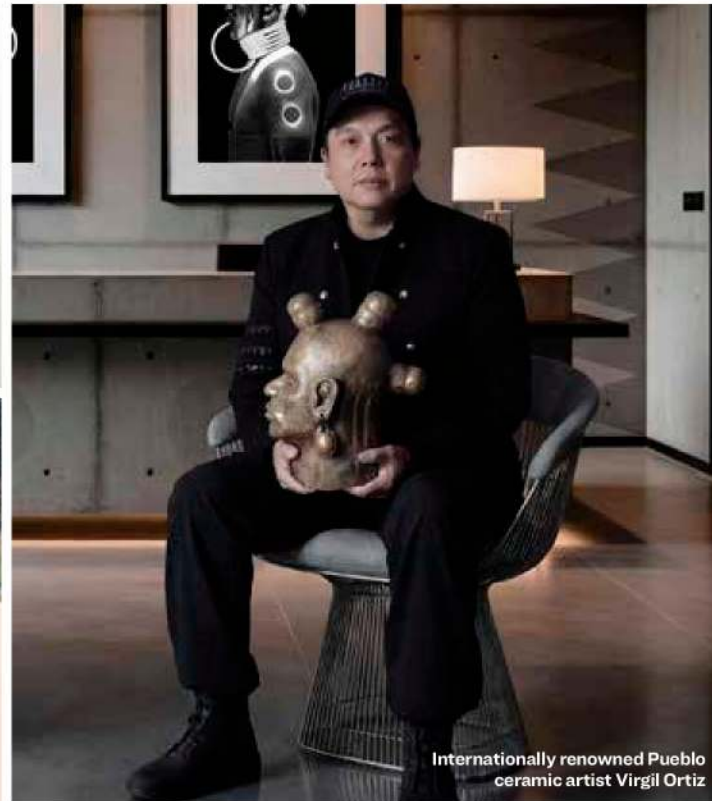
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Internationally renowned Pueblo ceramic artist Virgil Ortiz

Neighborhood Events

20th Annual Potters Market at the Mint

THE MINT MUSEUM will host the 20th Annual Potters Market at the Mint on **Saturday, September 26, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.** on the front lawn of Mint Museum Randolph. This beloved one-day pottery sale brings together more than 50 ceramic artists from across North Carolina. It serves as a fundraiser supporting The Mint Museum's exhibitions, education programs and community access initiatives.

This year's event will be especially noteworthy as Potters Market celebrates its 20th anniversary in collaboration with Handwork 2026. Internationally renowned Pueblo ceramic artist Virgil Ortiz will present a free public lecture during the event. Widely recognized for his groundbreaking work in pottery, fashion and contemporary Indigenous art, Ortiz brings a bold and influential voice to the conversation around American craft.

The program is also part of Craft in America's national celebration of creativity during America's 250th anniversary, honoring both the enduring legacy and future of American craft.

The weekend continues on Sunday, Sept. 27, with a symposium and panel discussion featuring acclaimed ceramic artists Mark Hewitt, Cynthia Bringle, Travis Owens and Ibrahim Said.

Tickets for Potters Market at the Mint are now available. For more information, visit pottersmarketatthemint.com or scan the QR code.



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BY CONTRIBUTING WRITER EMILY BRIETZ

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- 1 cup melted butter
- 1 cup Dutch cocoa powder
- 2 cups white sugar
- 4 eggs
- 1 cup flour
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon instant coffee
- *Optional: add mix-ins (walnuts, chocolate chips, etc.)*

PREPARATION:

Mix all liquid ingredients in a bowl. Mix all dry ingredients in a separate bowl. Combine. Add mix-ins. Pour the mixture into an 8 x 8-inch pan. Bake for 35 minutes at 350 degrees.

Enjoy!

To share your recipe, please email Delia at clteditor@strollmag.com.

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Test Drive Your Retirement Plan

By Michael Phillips, CFP®, MBA, CRPCTM, RICP®, Blue Cardinal Wealth Solutions Managing Director



Two emotions are common for those who are nearing retirement – excitement and fear. Leaving the working world behind can feel empowering, however, apprehension about entering a new life stage may also creep in. If you’re nearing retirement, you’ve likely taken steps to prepare financially for the future. But there’s one important thing you might not have considered adding to your pre-retirement checklist – a practice run. Test driving aspects of your plan before you’re actually in retirement can help provide a sense of security for this next phase of life.

Consider what an ideal retirement looks like in the long term. How you choose to spend your time in retirement is your decision to make, but it’s not always an easy one. As we age, our interests, hobbies and relationships change. What you may consider your “ideal” retirement when you’re 55 may not be the same as when you’re 65. This evolution can make it hard to plan accurately for retirement. Consider sitting down with your spouse or family members to explore how aging and future milestones may alter your retirement. Your financial advisor can help you make a plan that aligns your ideal retirement with your financial situation.

Test drive your retirement lifestyle. Many people pledge a significant amount of savings towards a particular lifestyle in retirement. This could be a home in another part of the country, a timeshare or a trip abroad every year. Problems can arise if you have cemented a financial commitment to a certain lifestyle but change your mind down the road.

For example, those who have based their financial plan for retirement on the idea that they will be living in a new location may benefit from a practice run before making the big move. Consider an individual who has lived their entire life in New York, but moves to Florida when they retire – where taxes and cost-of-living are generally lower. Deciding after several years to relocate back to New York to be near family – where cost of living and tax rates differ – can mean savings may not go as far as planned. Be prudent and build some flexibility into your plan to avoid unintended consequences.

Simulate your retirement expenses. Practice can also be beneficial in another way – simulating how to manage your expenses in retirement. The idea that your cash flow no longer comes from a reliable paycheck, but from other sources like Social Security and personal savings can come as a shock – even to those who are well prepared for this change.

One idea to accomplish a sense of financial security is to run two accounts for a certain period of time. Through one account, manage all of your household and lifestyle expenses that you expect during retirement. This includes the costs for necessities like food, clothing, shelter, utilities, taxes and insurance as well as “nice-to-have” items. Keep in mind that you may have to estimate or inflate your lifestyle expenses for retirement as they could rise when you have more free time. Through the second account, manage all of your expenses that are expected to end in retirement like principal and interest on a mortgage payment (if your home will be paid off), current car payments (although car payments can certainly happen again in retirement), college costs for your kids and contributions to retirement plans. Keeping these two separate accounts will help you more appropriately plan for and quantify your expenses in retirement.

The best way to get a handle on these expenses is to experience them while you’re still working. Take that trip to Europe before retirement and find out first-hand what you can do within your budget. If the cost is different than expected, make adjustments to your financial projections to more accurately reflect reality.

Perfecting life in retirement. A little practice can go a long way toward easing emotional and financial concerns when it comes to making the jump into retirement. Consider working with a financial advisor who can help you determine a budget and a retirement income plan that fits your needs and desires.

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The Mannering Family

When Michele and Matt Mannering decided to move to Dilworth in 2024, it wasn't just because they admired the neighborhood's historic homes or tree-lined streets. It was because they had already become part of the community. "We realized we were spending all of our time here once our kids started school," Michele says. "Dilworth has historic charm as well as a strong sense of community."

The couple's story began years earlier at Boston College, where they first met as students. Although their paths diverged after graduation—Matt headed to California for law school while Michele pursued her Ph.D. in New York City—they eventually found their way back to one another. Today, they have built a busy family life in Charlotte after relocating here in 2011, first living in Myers Park before making the move to Dilworth.

Their three children keep the family on the go. Twins Catherine and Xavier started sixth grade at Sedgefield Middle School this fall, while younger sister Audrey is a fourth grader at Dilworth Elementary. Sports play a big role in their household; Catherine enjoys soccer and field hockey, Xavier stays busy with baseball and flag football and Audrey plays soccer and lacrosse. All three also play tennis, making weekends a whirlwind of games, practices and cheering from the sidelines.

For Michele, helping children is both a profession and a passion. She has operated a private pediatric psychology practice since



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5th grade graduation from Dilworth Elementary



Girls on the Run 5K



Annual beach trip to Long Beach Island, New Jersey

2013, conducting evaluations to diagnose conditions such as ADHD, learning disabilities and anxiety. Matt practices law in corporate finance, balancing a demanding legal career with family life.

Much of the Mannerings' free time revolves around Dilworth Little League, where Xavier plays baseball. "The Dilworth Little League community is amazing," Michele says. "We feel super lucky to be part of it." Whether they're at Freedom Park or Whittington Field, the family has found that youth sports are about much more than competition—they're an opportunity to connect with neighbors and build lasting friendships.

Giving back is another important part of the Mannering family's values. They support organizations including Refugee Support Services, the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and the Live Like Bryant Foundation.

Travel is another shared passion. Their adventures have taken them to Alaska, London, Costa Rica and Puerto Rico, and they look forward to annual summer trips to New England, along with cherished visits to family in Long Beach Island, New Jersey. Equally special are reunion weekends with close friends from their Boston College days, a tradition that has continued through the years as their families have grown.

Despite their love of exploring new places, the Mannerings are happiest at home in Dilworth. "It feels like a tiny neighborhood but there is so much to do within walking distance," Michele says. "Our kids love being able to walk or ride their bikes everywhere they need to go."

She also treasures the neighborhood's welcoming spirit. "It's a community where you typically run into someone you know everywhere you go," she says. "We're lucky to live in a place where kids still ring neighbors' doorbells to ask if they can come out and play."

When they aren't traveling or cheering from the sidelines, the Mannerings enjoy discovering Charlotte's ever-growing restaurant scene and catching sporting events—especially when Boston teams come to town. It's another reminder that while they've embraced Charlotte as home, they'll always have a soft spot for the city where their own story first began.

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MOTHER'S COMFORT FOOD & COCKTAILS

More Than a Restaurant,
It's Becoming a
Neighborhood Tradition

Some restaurants simply serve great food. Others become part of the fabric of a community. In just a short time, Mother's Comfort Food & Cocktails has become the latter, quickly earning a loyal following and becoming a neighborhood favorite at Park Road Shopping Center.

Mother's chose Charlotte for its first East Coast location, bringing with it a philosophy centered around family, generosity and community. Those values have resonated with Charlotteans who are looking for more than just another place to eat.

Walk in on any morning and you'll find parents catching up after school drop-off, business meetings over coffee, retirees lingering over breakfast and friends sharing lunch on the patio. By dinner, families fill the dining room while neighbors stop by



Aubrey Hilliard with Denice and Levin Jarrett – don't miss Aubrey's namesake on the menu, Aubrey's Amazing Pollo Pozole!



Former Carolina Panthers center Frank Garcia and Jess Bana sharing one of their favorite family traditions at Mother's. (L to R: Kennedy, Braxton, Max, Michelle, Jessica and Frank)

to watch the game or unwind after work. It's the kind of place where you're just as likely to run into someone you know as you are to discover a new favorite dish.

The menu offers breakfast, lunch and dinner all day, making Mother's an easy choice no matter the occasion. From pancakes and biscuit skillet to omelets and burgers, fresh salads, Korean BBQ nachos, seafood, steaks and classic comfort food favorites, there's something for every appetite. Generous portions encourage sharing and usually guarantee leftovers for tomorrow. Handcrafted cocktails, impressive wine offerings, mocktails and specialty coffees complete the experience.

What makes Mother's especially meaningful, however, is its commitment beyond the dining room.

Long before opening in Charlotte, the restaurant built a reputation for supporting the communities it serves. That same spirit has quickly become part of its Charlotte story through partnerships with local schools, athletic programs and neighborhood organizations. Mother's has proudly supported local high school athletics and continues to look for ways to give back through school fundraisers, teacher appreciation initiatives and community events. For many local families, it's become the place to gather before or after games, celebrate milestones or simply enjoy dinner together after a busy week. That investment in the community has helped Mother's become more than a restaurant. It's becoming part of the neighborhood itself.

The welcoming patio, indoor-outdoor bar, family-friendly atmosphere and familiar faces create the kind of experience people return for again and again. Whether you're meeting friends for brunch, grabbing breakfast before work, enjoying happy hour or bringing the family for dinner, Mother's has a way of making every visit feel comfortable and familiar.

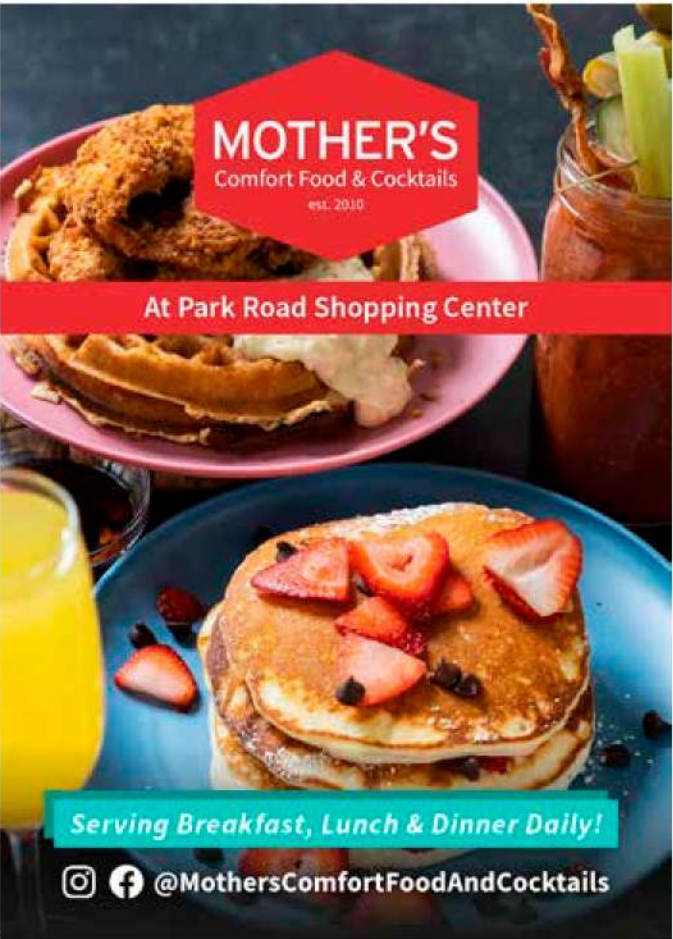
In a city that continues to grow and evolve, it's refreshing to find a neighborhood restaurant that's focused on something simple: serving great food, supporting local schools, knowing its neighbors and creating a place where community happens naturally. It's no surprise that in less than a year, Mother's has already become one of Park Road Shopping Center's favorite gathering places.

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Jessica and Phillip Burke love taking the one and only Windsor for "Yappy Hour" on the patio!

The menu offers breakfast, lunch and dinner all day, making Mother's an easy choice no matter the occasion.





Lexi, our miniature goldendoodle, is the beloved four-legged member of the Remsen family. She lives with Jennifer, Craig, James, Ansley and Finley in Dilworth, and although she has her own bed, she usually finds her way into ours at some point during the night or early morning.

Lexi will turn 5 on Thanksgiving Day. We found her somewhat “accidentally” on Instagram through her breeder, Taylor Terry of Charlotte Doodles. When we met her, the name Lexi simply seemed to suit her. She was playful, sweet and full of personality from the very beginning.

To say Lexi is spoiled would be an understatement. On a scale of 1 to 10, she is definitely an 11! She loves the treats that many of our Dilworth neighbors leave out for dogs passing by on their walks. Anything with beef or green peas is a favorite, and she is also very happy to receive an occasional bite of homemade sourdough.

We once tried teaching Lexi to communicate using buttons after watching a Netflix show about dogs pressing recorded buttons with their paws. We recorded words such as “walk,” “out” and “play” and placed the buttons around the house. Lexi used the button near the door and pressed the “walk” button a couple of times, which was very exciting—although we still aren’t completely sure whether it was intentional or simply a lucky coincidence!

Lexi enjoys walking with her special dog friends, Adley, who lives across the street, and Greta, who lives in Myers Park. Some of our favorite things to do with her include morning strolls through the neighborhood, treat runs to Hollywood Feed, playing with her ball and, of course, snuggling.

Lexi’s story is a little unusual because we were initially her guardian home. She had two litters of puppies, and about two



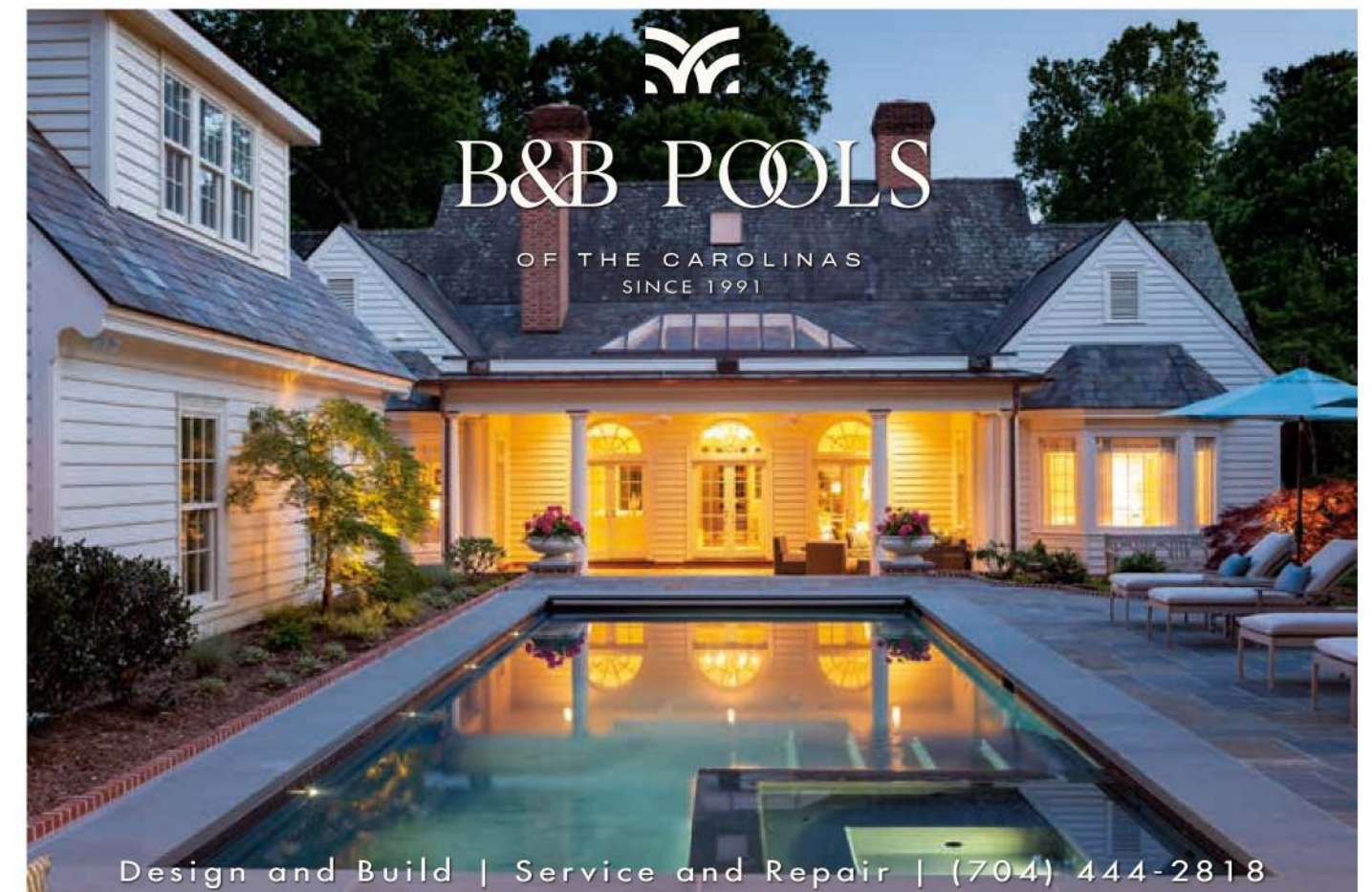
weeks before each litter arrived, she would go to stay with her breeder. She remained there while her puppies were born and weaned. Becoming a guardian family wasn’t something we had originally planned, but when we contacted the breeder, she told us she was looking for a guardian home for Lexi. We did our research, discussed it as a family and agreed it was something we could do. We were even able to visit Lexi and her puppies while she was with the breeder, and they were all incredibly cute.

Lexi loves traveling with us, especially when water is involved. At Lake James, she becomes completely obsessed with going down to the lake and gets a wild, determined look in her eyes whenever she thinks someone might be headed toward the water. She may love it a little too much!

What we love most about Lexi is her kind soul and her beautiful eyes. She is our first family dog together, and she has certainly set the bar very high. We are fortunate to have Grammy and Grampy, along with several other fabulous sitters, to care for her when we travel. We always miss her when we are away, but it helps to know that she is enjoying a vacation of her own.

Lexi has brought so much sweetness, laughter and love into our home. She is truly the heart of our family. For anyone considering a doodle, we can certainly say they make wonderful companions and become part of the family.

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24 Foundation

24 Hours of Booty Raises \$1.6 Million

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THE 25TH EDITION of 24 Hours of Booty—24 Foundation's signature cycling and walking fundraiser—raised more than \$1.6 million to support cancer survivorship and patient navigation programs. Since the event began in 2002, it has generated more than \$33 million to benefit people affected by cancer.

Held July 24-25, the annual event welcomed more than 900 participants and 85 teams from 22 states and three countries. Riders, walkers, runners and ruckers completed laps through Charlotte's Myers Park neighborhood while gathering in "Bootyville" at Queens University of Charlotte for food, camping and fellowship. Others participated virtually through the event's "UnLooped" option.

Funds raised benefit local organizations, including Atrium Health Levine Cancer Institute and Levine Children's Hospital. Donations will continue to be accepted through year-end.

Among the top fundraisers, Team Amwins led with \$189,184, while Katie Bleau raised a record-setting \$161,250, making her the highest individual fundraiser in the event's history.

Organizers credited participants, volunteers, sponsors, first responders and the Myers Park community for making the milestone event a success. The 26th edition of 24 Hours of Booty is scheduled for July 23-24 next year. Mark your calendars!



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Generational Health

We don't need more strong people. We need more people who know it's okay to ask for help.

BY CONTRIBUTING WRITER MICHELLE "MICKEY" COFFINO
FOUNDER & CEO, GENERATIONAL HEALTH
FOUNDER, QUEEN CITY METAL RECYCLING & SALVAGE, INC. & SECOND CHANCE PROGRAM

Every community has stories we never hear—the student smiling through anxiety, the Veteran carrying invisible wounds, the executive quietly battling depression, the overwhelmed parent or the neighbor struggling with addiction. Mental health doesn't discriminate. It affects our children, parents, teachers, first responders, Veterans and business owners. And sometimes, ourselves.

For generations, we've been taught to hide our struggles, push through and keep going. But true strength isn't pretending everything is okay. It's having the courage to say, "I need help." That belief is why I founded Generational Health: to help create a different conversation about mental health, one built on compassion instead of stigma, connection instead of isolation and prevention instead of crisis.

Generational Health was created to make mental healthcare more accessible, personal and human. By bringing together licensed clinicians, psychiatry, peer support specialists, innovative technology and a HIPAA-compliant AI companion, we're working to ensure that no one has to face life's hardest moments alone.

This mission began more than a decade ago with Queen

No one is beyond hope. Everyone deserves dignity, compassion and a second chance.

City Metal Recycling & Salvage and our nonprofit Second Chance Program. What many people know as a recycling company became something much greater—a place where individuals facing mental illness, addiction, homelessness, incarceration and other hardships could find opportunity, dignity and hope.

Through that work, I learned that people rarely need someone to rescue them. They need someone willing to believe in them. We've watched people rebuild careers, restore relationships, reconnect with their children and rediscover purpose. Employment alone isn't enough. People needed access to compassionate mental healthcare before reaching a crisis. That realization became the foundation for Generational Health.

Our vision is a future where asking for help is seen as courage, every child knows they matter, every Veteran knows they are not forgotten and every person—regardless of their past—has the opportunity to write a better next chapter.

If there is one message I hope readers carry with them, it is this: No one is beyond hope. Everyone deserves dignity, compassion and a second chance. Together, we can build communities where hope is stronger than stigma, healing is possible and no one has to face life's journey alone.



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"True strength is having the courage to say, 'I need help.'"

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Hardwoods Made Easy – A Quick Guide to Choosing Hardwoods

BY EMILY HANSON, DESIGN CONSULTANT AT
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Whether you're building a new house or renovating your current home, there's a good chance hardwood floors will come up in conversation. Hardwood floors have been around for centuries and are renowned for their natural beauty and durability. Together, let's explore a few species of hardwoods as well as their plank sizes and applications.

Hardwoods typically range from 2 ¼ to 5 inches. Narrow planks, the more traditional option, are either 2 ¼ or 3 ¼ inches wide, while medium planks, 4 or 5 inches wide, tend to be a more transitional. Wide planks, 6 to 10 inches wide, are typically used for rustic applications or when trying to show off woodgrain. The most traditional install pattern is the standard straight (plank) pattern. If you'd like to add movement and flare, consider a chevron or herringbone pattern; these can often be implemented in smaller rooms, like foyers, to avoid getting too busy throughout the house. To create distinct personality and break up the straight install, consider a random sequence that introduces a few varying widths of planks.

Oak, probably the most common hardwood option, goes beyond just the name; there are red oak, white oak and European oak options. While oak can be fairly affordable, when choosing between the three, be aware that you'll pay a premium for European oak. Oak is known for its beautiful grains and movement and can accept just about any stain. When working with red oak, however, keep in mind that its natural red tones can affect

how it takes on stains. Oak is stylistically versatile and can lean modern or classic given its textured grain.

Hickory tends to be pricier than oak but provides a beautiful, rustic and organic vibe with its knotty grains and color variation. Often, hickory is cut in wider planks to accentuate its color and knots. Hickory is one of the hardest woods which can make sanding and refinishing a bit more challenging. Its natural color and beauty lend itself well, so a clear coat finish could be all it needs to show off its dramatic character.

Walnut, one of the softest options, also happens to be the most expensive. While susceptible to dents and scratches, walnut provides luxurious colors and patterns. Given its warm tones and even grain lines, this elegant wood can be a very beautiful addition to your home. The deep, dark brown hues age beautifully over time and hardly need a stain given its rich natural color.

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THEATRE CHARLOTTE The Theatre Next Door

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Little Shop of Horrors



The Color Purple

TIMELESS STORIES, FRESH PERSPECTIVES

Some stories endure because every generation finds something new within them. Nick Dear's gripping adaptation of *Frankenstein* retells Mary Shelley's classic through the creature's eyes, transforming a familiar horror story into a deeply human exploration of belonging and responsibility. The theatre also celebrates the 20th anniversary of its beloved holiday tradition, *A Christmas Carol*, returning to Charles Dickens' timeless tale with all the warmth, wonder and heart audiences have cherished for two decades. And in January, Neil Simon's Pulitzer Prize-winning *Lost in Yonkers* delivers the perfect winter escape. This heartfelt family comedy is filled with unforgettable characters, big laughs and surprising emotional depth.

YOUR NEXT FAVORITE SHOW

Some of the season's most exciting productions may be the ones you haven't heard of yet. *Terminus* is a powerful contemporary Southern Gothic drama where memory, family and history intertwine. Haunting and deeply compassionate, it's the kind of play that stays with you long after the curtain comes down. Inspired by a true story, John Guare's acclaimed *Six Degrees of Separation* is a witty, provocative look at race, privilege and the invisible threads that connect us. Closing the season is *BKLYN The Musical*, an electrifying pop musical that blends the storytelling frame of *Hadestown* with the vocal fireworks of *Dreamgirls*.

A STAGE FULL OF NEIGHBORS

Chances are, you've crossed paths with someone you've seen on Theatre Charlotte's stage. Last season, an actual Charlotte dentist traded his scrubs for the sadistic dentist's chair in *Little Shop of Horrors*. A retired fifth-grade teacher from Dilworth Elementary climbed aboard the *Orient Express* alongside one of his former students. And a Charlotte mom returned to the spotlight to play

Celie in *The Color Purple*, reprising the same role that earned her awards as a high school student 15 years earlier. The artists on Theatre Charlotte's stage aren't just performers, they're the people who teach our children, care for our families, run local businesses and make this community home.

EXPERIENCE SEASON 99

Whether you're a longtime patron or discovering Theatre Charlotte for the first time, Season 99 is your invitation to experience unforgettable stories, exceptional performances and the joy of live theatre right here in your own neighborhood.

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Over The River



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Little Shop of
Horrors



Orient Express

Charlotte is fortunate to have a thriving arts community. From Broadway tours and ballet to symphony concerts and museums, there's no shortage of incredible culture to experience. But tucked into the heart of Myers Park is a theatre that's been telling extraordinary stories for nearly 100 years.

This month, Theatre Charlotte begins its 99th season with seven productions filled with laughter, hope, unforgettable characters and stories that remind us why gathering together for live theatre is unlike any other experience.

A STORY THE WORLD NEEDED THEN AND STILL NEEDS TODAY

The season begins with the Tony Award-winning musical *Come From Away*, opening on September 11, exactly 25 years after the events that inspired it. This remarkable true story celebrates the kindness of a small Canadian town that welcomed nearly 7,000 stranded airline passengers after 9/11. It's a joyful, uplifting reminder that even in our darkest moments, ordinary people are capable of extraordinary compassion.

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In front of Big Ben after attending church at Westminster Abbey

The Best Kind of Classroom: My London Study Abroad

This summer, I spent four weeks studying abroad in London and every day since, I've been wishing I could return.

BY RESIDENT REPORTER EMILY BRIETZ

The program was organized by my favorite history professor at UNC-Chapel Hill, Matt Andrews. He teaches engaging and fascinating sports history classes, from “Baseball and American History” to “Race and Basketball.” This summer, he taught an adapted version of his favorite class, “The Olympic Games: A Global History,” focusing on the three summer Olympics held in London, as well as the history of British sports as a whole.

Though we spent some time in classroom lectures and working on our final research project, my favorite days were spent on excursions outside the walls of UNC’s Winston House.

We had scholarly outings, such as visits to the Imperial War Museum and the Tate Modern Art Museum. We visited many Olympic sights like Queen Elizabeth’s Olympic Park and Wembley Stadium. But we also ate our way through Borough Market, learned how to play cricket from true Brits, competed in multiple intense pub trivia battles, hiked Seven Sisters and, my favorite, drove Formula 1 simulator cars.

The most memorable experience was our weekend trip to the Cotswolds, a quintessential, quaint English-countryside town. We visited to attend, and participate in, the Cotswold Olympik Games — an early predecessor to the modern Olympic Games we know today. I threw an incredibly heavy shotput, enjoyed fish and chips and watched fireworks as the sun set over the hill. We even saw their iconic event: shin-kicking.

Afterwards, the few thousand spectators walked a mile down the hill, each bearing a lit torch. It was surreal and beautiful. I felt (and

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After the Cotswold Olympik Games



“I’ve been told by friends who have studied abroad before, that you have to make the most of the proximity to other countries. So, before the study abroad even began, I went to Paris with one of my best friends.”



Hamish Dubh, the highland cow, or “hairy coo” as the Scots call him

still feel) so lucky to have been able to experience it all with people who are now some of my best friends.

The procession ended and the party began. Music was pumping through loudspeakers while the drinks — our favorite of the trip was Old Mount Cider’s Berries and Cherries — were flowing. We danced the night away to *Dancing Queen* and *Proud Mary*, not wanting the weekend to end.

I’ve been told by friends who have studied abroad before, that you have to make the most of the proximity to other countries. So, before the study abroad even began, I went to Paris with one of my best friends. We saw the Notre-Dame Cathedral and the Eiffel Tower, were in awe of the art at Musée D’Orsay, ate delicious food and danced all night at Caveau de la Huchette, a jazz club in an underground cave. One weekend I traveled to Edinburgh, Scotland where my friends and I hiked Arthur’s Seat and saw adorable “hairy coos” (their name for highland cows). The next weekend, my roommates and I ventured to Amsterdam, where we saw the Anne Frank House (a bucket-list item for me), took in beautiful art at the Van Gogh Museum and went on an evening canal ride.

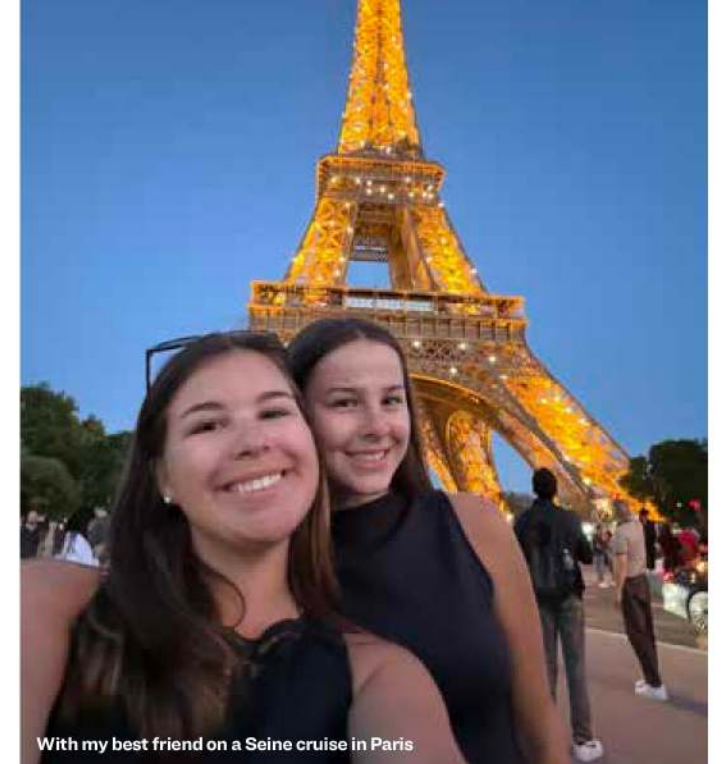
I’m a firm believer that some of the most important learning happens outside of the classroom, and this experience reaffirmed that for me. I learned how to rebook train tickets at midnight after getting stuck in Brussels, take the Tube across the city by myself and figure out how to adapt to a culture that’s different from mine. I even had to accept that the English don’t refrigerate their eggs and have yet to discover the wonder of air conditioning in homes!

For the first time ever, I fell asleep on the plane ride home, and it’s no wonder! The days were packed, but I wouldn’t have wanted it any other way.

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With my professor, Matt Andrews, on our Seven Sisters hike



With my best friend on a Seine cruise in Paris



My group and I all wore “I Heart London” shirts on our last night.



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522 Magnolia Avenue	Dilworth	\$2,025,000	\$2,035,000	07/16/26	1	6	5.1	4,063	\$500.86
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2126 Cumberland Avenue	Dilworth	\$1,350,000	\$1,500,000	07/08/26	0	4	2.1	2,464	\$608.77
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2317 Charlotte Drive	Dilworth	\$2,200,000	\$2,200,000	06/29/26	10	4	3.1	3,303	\$666.06
2019 Dilworth Road E	Dilworth	\$2,037,000	\$2,037,000	06/29/26	0	5	2.1	3,147	\$647.28
1529 E Worthington Avenue	Dilworth	\$1,675,000	\$1,690,000	06/25/26	2	5	4	3,437	\$491.71
1912 Dilworth Road E	Dilworth	\$1,675,000	\$1,600,000	06/23/26	82	4	3	2,802	\$571.02
1512 Ideal Way	Dilworth	\$725,000	\$784,000	06/22/26	0	3	2.1	1,707	\$459.29
416 E Park Avenue	Dilworth	\$2,140,000	\$1,985,000	06/15/26	38	5	5.1	4,661	\$425.87
661 Ideal Way	Dilworth	\$1,575,000	\$1,625,000	06/15/26	4	5	3.1	3,473	\$467.90
1818 Lennox Avenue	Dilworth	\$1,495,000	\$1,389,000	06/12/26	38	4	2	2,890	\$480.62
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