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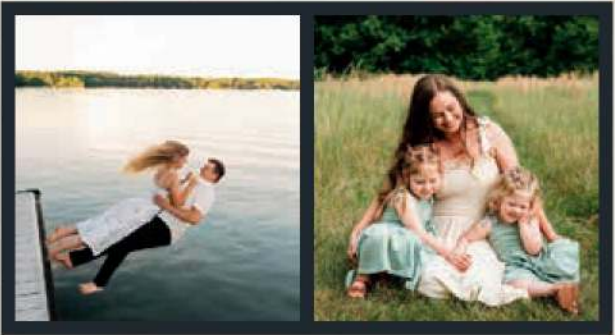
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We hope that you enjoy this special issue of *Stroll Piper Glen*. We love October not only because we get to celebrate, but because we get to share all the amazing memories with our favorite neighbors and friends!

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FINDING HOME ON THE FAIRWAY: GEORGE AND GAIL MCDOWELL'S PIPER GLEN STORY



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Some families find a neighborhood. Others find a home. For George and Gail McDowell, Piper Glen has been both, and the story of how they got here is as warm and winding as the fairways they walk every week.

The McDowells first purchased a home in Piper Glen back in 2004, while still living in Indianapolis. It was a deliberate choice, rooted in something many families understand well: wanting to be close to the grandchildren. Their daughter, Kimberly McCrae, and son, Brian McDowell, had both attended high school in Charlotte and returned here after college. When the grandkids started arriving, George and Gail knew exactly where they wanted to be. When the real estate market shifted in 2008, they sold their dream house in Indianapolis and followed the family south. They moved into their Piper Glen home, fell in love with the neighborhood and the club. Gail puts it, they simply never left.

Before Charlotte became home base, the McDowells had already lived quite a life together. George grew up in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, a small town tucked between Harrisburg and Williamsport. Gail is originally from Windsor, Connecticut, just north of Hartford. They met on a blind date in college and, by

their own account, it was love at first sight. George was studying at Quinnipiac; Gail was at Southern Connecticut University. The connection was immediate and unmistakable. In fact, during a major blizzard, George drove his car into a snow drift just so he would be stranded at Southern Connecticut and have more time with her. That kind of devotion became the foundation for a life built side by side, through six relocations and a partnership that has spanned both family and career.

Together, they work with Premier Sotheby's International Realty and their combined backgrounds make them a formidable team in the real estate world. Gail has logged career sales of more than \$300 million, been featured in publications like Indianapolis Monthly, appeared twice on the cover of Broker **CONTINUED ►**



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Away from work, golf is the heartbeat of their daily life. George has played more than 250 courses across 25 states and four countries. He was instrumental in developing the first men's golf association at TPC Piper Glen, serving as president of the PGMA and gaining a deep appreciation for what goes into running a private club. Gail is right alongside him on the course, and when they do escape for vacation, Hilton Head is their go-to destination, where a typical day includes breakfast out, a round of golf, a swing through the pro shop, and dinner at one of their favorite spots on the island.

The McDowells are also known for something a little more delicious. Dating back to a corporate move to Toronto in the early 1980s, when they became members of The Boulevard Club on the Lakeshore, Gail mastered the art of the perfect caesar salad. She has since made more than 1,000 of them for friends and family, and a dinner invitation to someone else's home almost always comes with a request to bring one along. Neighbors and friends who love food will also recognize her enthusiasm for local gems like Pasta and Provisions, The Fresh Market, and Reids, all spots she takes relocation clients to explore. Two "grand dogs," Sassy and Luna, round out the family picture, and the neighborhood's other dogs have learned that Gail keeps a jar of treats in the garage just for them.

Gail currently serves as the ACC Chair for the Master Board at Piper Glen, a role that reflects her genuine investment in the community she calls home. She and George live on the ninth hole, with views of the golf course stretching out from their backyard and the club just a short walk away.

"We love living inside of 485," Gail shared. "We have easy access to uptown, Waxhaw, and SouthPark. Living on the 9th hole, we have gorgeous views of the golf course and walkability to the club and all its amenities."

For anyone new to Piper Glen, the McDowells offer straightforward advice: join the club, even as a social member. The tennis program, community pool, holiday events, and dining facilities make it well worth it. Coming from a family that has relocated six times and always found a way to build community wherever they landed, that is counsel worth taking seriously. Neighbors are fortunate to have George and Gail here, rooted at last and thoroughly at home.



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RECIPE

Gail McDowell's Famous Caesar Salad

Gail McDowell has mastered the art of the perfect caesar salad. After making more than 1,000 of them for friends and family, she is generously sharing her recipe with us!

INGREDIENTS:

- 3 pack of Romain Lettuce (always use Romaine)
- ¼ to ½ Cup of grated Parmesan (as desired - add more if it is a very large bowl of salad)
- ¼ to ½ Cup of shaved parmesan
- 4-6 Slices of crumbled cooked bacon
- 1 to 1 ½ cups of homemade croutons

DRESSING:

- ¾ Cup of good Olive Oil
- 3 Tbsp of red wine vinegar
- 3-4 Large cloves of minced garlic
- 1 - 1 ½ tsp of Dijon mustard (must be Dijon)
- 1 Tbsp of Worcestershire Sauce
- 1 egg yolk - coddled
- The juice of one lemon
- Salt and Pepper - just a little to taste.
- Optional: 1 Tbsp grated parmesan - I do this to make the dressing creamier
- Optional: 1" squeeze of anchovy paste
- Optional: 1/4 cup of chopped basil leaves

CROUTONS:

- 1 ½ to 2 cups of torn focaccia bread or sourdough
- 3 tablespoons of salted butter
- 1 clove of minced garlic
- Mix all ingredients and toss in a skillet until browned.

FOOD PROCESSOR

Mix Garlic, vinegar, mustard, lemon, and Worcestershire sauce. Pulse and slowly add the olive oil. After all the ingredients are well mixed, add the egg yolk. Layer the salad bowl with the lettuce, cheese and bacon. Pour dressing over a couple of layers to mix well.

MIXING IN THE BOWL

First, add minced garlic and spread it around the interior of the bowl. If you are using anchovy paste, add this next and mix well with a fork to spread. Next, add olive oil, vinegar, lemon juice and Worcestershire using the whisk. Add mustard, egg yolk and a couple of dashes of salt and pepper. Be sure to whisk all ingredients and spread the vinaigrette up the sides of the bowl to mix well with the lettuce. Add lettuce, cheese and bacon. Top with home-made croutons.

Enjoy!

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Life with Piper Glen's Favorite Duo

If you've spent any time walking the streets of Piper Glen, there's a good chance you've already met the real bosses of the neighborhood. Candi West will tell you they live in her house, but Jude and Bette believe it's the other way around.



Jude West is a seven-year-old white English Labrador with a name pulled straight from a classic Beatles tune. Bette West, two years old and every bit as spirited as her namesake lyric suggests, was named for the line "I'll take your BET" from "The Devil Went Down to Georgia." Both girls came from the same breeder of English white Labs in Tennessee. Candi brought Jude home at just seven weeks old, and years later decided Jude needed a companion. That reasoning led to Bette joining the family at 13 months old. Whether Jude actually wanted a dog of her own is a separate conversation.

The two Labs could not be more different in temperament. Jude has earned the unofficial title of Mayor of Piper Glen. She is a social butterfly who has never once met a stranger, working every room, every sidewalk, and every front yard with the confidence of someone running for office. Bette, on the other hand, has carved out her own identity on the other side of the law. She is far more interested in mischief, swimming, and fetch, and her theme song, "Wrecking Ball," fits remarkably well.

As Candi describes it, "Every day is basically Halloween for Jude and Bette. They know exactly which neighbors keep treats for them and make their rounds accordingly. They even know which



golfers carry dog treats in their golf bags and insist on visiting them too."

That treat radar is no accident. The duo has also claimed a beloved neighborhood café as a regular stop, referring to it around the West household as "the bacon bar." Whoever is working on a given day can expect a visit and a hopeful stare until a slice of bacon or turkey changes hands. The girls have the system down to a science.

Candi has called Piper Glen home for 10 years, and the neighborhood's beauty is a big part of why she and her pups love it so much. With wide, walkable streets and plenty of green space, it practically functions as a built-in park, which is a genuine necessity when you share your life with two energetic Labs who demand a serious amount of daily mileage.

A big thank you to Candi for sharing the story of Jude and Bette with the *Stroll Piper Glen* community! Whether you spot the Mayor making her rounds or Bette staging her next adventure, keep an eye out for these two white Labs bringing a little extra life to the neighborhood.





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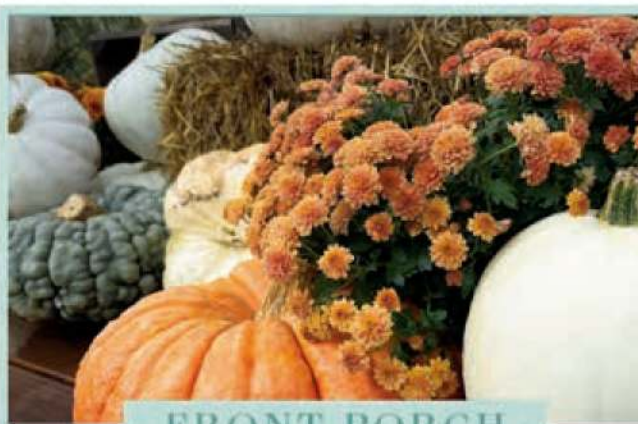
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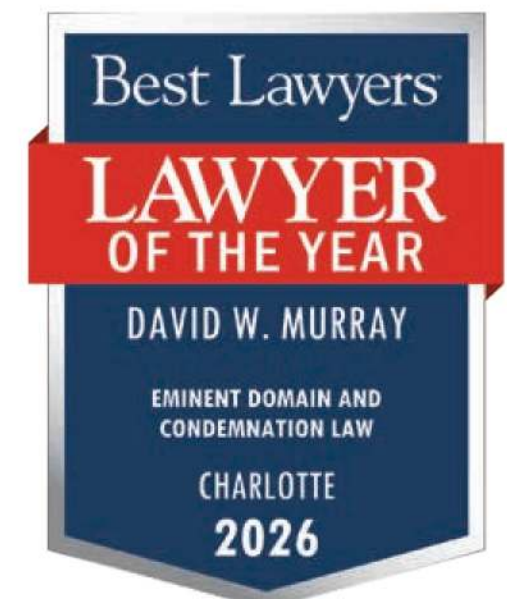
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