

# Ghent Neighborhood Newsletter

## Fall 2024



## You're invited to Jingle & Mingle!

Adults, children, old neighbors or new, members or not... We'd love to see everyone! So what IS Jingle & Mingle? It's a festive and fun neighborhood celebration that is free to attend, a party that moves from one house to the next, and a great way to meet your neighbors.

**Saturday, December 7, 5:00-8:00 pm**

### **Aiken, 1618 Spencer Avenue, SANTA'S HOUSE! 5:00-8:00**

Please drop by their welcoming front porch anytime between 5:00 and 8:00 to visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus and enjoy hot chocolate and light snacks. Children and adults always take delight in this annual Christmas tradition.

### **Kasten, 1519 Spencer Avenue 5:00-6:00**

Connor and Ashlyn at the "little pink house" welcome neighbors with mugs of Gluhwein to sip and German treats to savor. Enjoy a decorated front porch and a sparkling interior. As newcomers, the Kastens are thrilled to welcome friends and share a little European-style holiday cheer!

### **Duncan, 1502 Rhem Avenue 5:45-6:45**

Colonial Williamsburg themed decorations, foods and cocktails await. Come say "Hi" to new neighbor Cindy on her beautiful deck and then come inside to see her gorgeously remodeled 1950s cottage. Cindy has a collection of over 60 hand designed Williamsburg Christmas caroler figurines that she loves to display for the holidays! She also has been collecting Santa figurines going back 40 years that she will be showing off.

### **Winkler, 1522 Park Avenue 6:30-7:30**

Come hang out with your neighbors and the crab pot trees on the front porch (Gromit the cat says "thanks for staying outside"). We'll have beer and wine and mugs of hot cocoa. You'll be able to munch on an assortment of snacks while mingling with your neighbors and listening to some Christmas tunes. Come and see what our end of Park Ave is all about!!

### **Krcmar/Laforteza, 1902 Park Avenue 7:15---**

Mark and Benjoe invite you to enjoy homemade Filipino food in the front and backyard gardens. Lumpia, adobo, arroz caldo and pancit will be offered--all homemade. The gardens and fountain will be lit with Christmas lights and torches. Grab a glass of bubbly from the greenhouse bar and warm up by the living room fireplace or visit the outdoor fire ring with s'more's for the kids.



## Dues Increase

Starting on January 1, 2025 the dues per household will increase from \$10 a year to \$20 a year. The dues help pay for our neighborhood activities like our annual Christmas Jingle & Mingle, fall and spring yard sales, annual Halloween decorating contest, yard of the month, annual neighborhood picnic, and our quarterly newsletter..

Our advertising cost will increase from \$20 to \$40 per year for a business card sized ad in 3 newsletters per year.

## Yard of the Month August

Yard of the Month For August  
117 Seventh Street Trolley Run  
Congratulations!



## Mardi Gras



The New Bern Mardi Gras 2025 Celebration will be held on Saturday, March 1, from 10-4 pm.

The stage will be at 3rd and Spencer.

Watch for the new website coming soon [newbern-mardigras.com](http://newbern-mardigras.com)

## Halloween Winner

So hard to choose! As usual we outdid ourselves with all the great decorated homes and yards.

Our winner is pictured 1723 Spencer Ave., the prize is \$50. Runners up are 1419 and 1603 Rhem, 1318, 1401, and 1820 Spencer. Thanks to everyone for their participation.



Ghent Neighborhood Association is run by volunteers from the neighborhood and is completely supported by members' dues. There is never a charge for our activities and celebrations.



## Please consider joining the GNA Association!

Please submit this form along with a \$10 check (per household) made out to Ghent Neighborhood Association  
And mail to: GNA, 1902 Park Ave., New Bern, NC. 28560

Or you can use Zelle using the email address [ghent28560@gmail.com](mailto:ghent28560@gmail.com)

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