

Denver Beautification Committee 2023 Annual Report



Denver Beautification Committee

Background Information

- Organized in August 2021 and supported by the East Lincoln Betterment Association, a 501(c)(3) non profit
- Purpose: Improve the appearance of Denver, NC and eastern Lincoln County (Catawba Springs and Ironton townships) including the NC-16 Business corridor from the Gaston County line to the Catawba County line
- Keep Lincoln County Beautiful's (KLCB) focus is county-wide. There is much to do in eastern Lincoln County.
- KLCB is given the 1st opportunity to fund DBC projects. If KLCB declines, DBC proceeds as a DBC project.
- Funds raised for DBC stay in eastern Lincoln County.

2023 Accomplishments

Overview

- Statue of girl reading a book at Shanklin Library
- New neighborhood bus route for children's safety
- Electrical light for U.S. flag by ELHS football field
- 3 more abandoned structures demolished
- 2 abandoned structures repaired
- 2 replacement trees planted at North Lincoln MS
- Numerous obsolete or improper signs removed
- Lift station driveway paved to correct deep rut

2023 Accomplishments

Overview (continued)

- Emergency Access Only sign installed for safety
- Pile of debris removed by paving contractor
- Secure Your Load signs for 2 businesses on NC-16
- Mulch for Florence S. Shanklin Memorial Library
- Tall grass mowed at old Citgo oil change business
- Some accomplishments included in KLCB Annual Report
 - Litter, Curb, Median, and Storm Drain Cleanups
 - NCDOT Traffic Sign Repair and Roadside Bulk Item Removal
 - NCDOT Roadside Problems Needing Attention
 - County Street Sign Repair and Public Utilities Problems

Installed Bronze Statue of Girl Reading a Book at Shanklin Library

- Installed a bronze statue of a girl sitting with her dog on a bench reading a book at the Florence S. Shanklin Memorial Library
- Statue purchased by Mrs. Elaine Carter. Cost \$5,301.15
- Statue installed by volunteers George Fischer and Carl Werwinski. Cost \$245.
- Carole Rowell and Holly Reiter helped fund some of the installation costs.
- Project approved by Jennifer Sackett, Director, Lincoln County Public Library, and Alyson Kent, Branch Manager, Shanklin Library

Bronze Statue of Girl Reading a Book at Shanklin Library



Mrs. Elaine Carter generously donated the \$5,301.15 to purchase the statue for the library. Mrs. Carter got her first library card in first grade and has continued to have one for the past eight decades. Mrs. Carter hopes the sculpture will welcome children to their library and instill a love of reading and learning. Thank you Mrs. Carter for your continued generosity to our community!

Library Statue Installation



Volunteers Carl Werwinski (left) and George Fischer (right) installed the statue at a significant savings. They drilled holes in the four feet of the bench, inserted anchor bolts, dug holes about a foot deep, leveled the statute, and used concrete to secure it. A local construction company quoted \$4,000 to install the statue. Carl and George did it for \$245.

New and Safer Bus Route for the Villages of Denver Neighborhood



After researching NC. General Statute and providing zoning documentation which showed that the streets in VoD have a publicly-dedicated right-of-way, two members of the Denver Beautification Committee who are also members of the East Lincoln Betterment Association (ELBA) worked with the Lincoln County Schools Chief Operations Officer to get a new and safer bus route for the +520 home VoD neighborhood. Children will no longer have to walk up to a mile to the school bus.

Installed Light for U.S. Flag by East Lincoln High School Football Field

- Installed electrical light for U.S. flag by football field
- Cost \$1,121
- Light installed by Lake Norman Electric
- Donors:
 - Mr. Ralph Bradley and Mr. Ross Bulla
 - DAR Vesuvius Furnace Chapter
 - Family and friends in memory of Mr. Rod Moore
- Installed solar light for U.S. flag by main entrance in 2022

East Lincoln High School Light for U.S. Flag by Football Field



Abandoned Structures Demolished or Repaired

- Three Abandoned Structures Demolished
 - 7997 NC-73
 - 1562 Triangle Circle
 - 4232 N. NC-16 Business
- Two Abandoned Structures Repaired
 - 4622 N. NC-16 Business
 - 120 N. Pilot Knob Road

Two Replacement Trees Planted at North Lincoln Middle School



In October 2021, the Denver Beautification Committee (DBC) planted 16 maple trees, 9 dogwood trees, and 1 kwanzan cherry tree at NLMS with the support of the East Lincoln Betterment Association (ELBA) and a generous donation from the family of Dr. Paul Carter, Denver, NC. Two of these trees didn't survive and needed to be replaced. ELBA/DBC volunteers Linda and Doug donated their pickup truck, time, and the cost of the two replacement trees.

Numerous Signs Removed

- The signs shown in this Annual Report are a small sample of the signs that have been removed. The complete sign list is summarized in a separate document.
- This list doesn't include the temporary signs such as floppy signs along the right-of-way which are also reported to Lincoln County Code Enforcement for removal.
- Community event signs are not reported for removal (i.e., Music in the Park, rodeo, etc.)

Sign Moved Out of ROW to Increase Driver Visibility of Oncoming Traffic

Before



After



Sign Moved Out of ROW to Increase Driver Visibility of Oncoming Traffic

Before



After



Developer's Sign at Major Denver, NC Entrance Removed

NCDOT required Crow Holdings to remove their sign along NC-73 across from the NC-16 Bypass entrance/exit ramp. This sign was not needed to direct construction traffic.



Developers' Damaged Signs Repaired or Removed

Rivercross and Melwood Developer Signs
on NC-16 Business



Non Compliant Signs Removed

There were three free-standing signs at the multi-tenant development across from Westport Baptist Church.
Now there is one.

Before



After



Obsolete Business Sign Removed

Westport Family Medical Center Sign

This business stopped doing business as WFMC in 1994, yet the sign remained. The sign was reported in December 2020 and was finally removed in June 2023 after numerous follow-ups with the County.



Obsolete Business Signs Removed

Denver Smokehouse and Sweet Mama's Signs

Notified County on 3-22-22 with several follow-ups.
Signs were updated in February 2023.



Obsolete Business Signs Removed

Two Lake Life Nutrition Signs

Notified County on 10-18-22 that Lake Life Nutrition went out of business. Sign removed in March 2023.



Lift Station Driveway Paved to Correct Deep Rut and Gravel Runoff



Paving this driveway:

- (1) Fixed the deep rut in the gravel driveway
- (2) Prevents gravel from being carried into traffic lanes by storm water runoff
- (3) Allows a vehicle to safely park here
- (4) Allows the homeowners who cut the grass along the big hill a safe place to turn around

Emergency Access Only Sign to Reduce Improper and Unsafe Parking



Installing this sign:

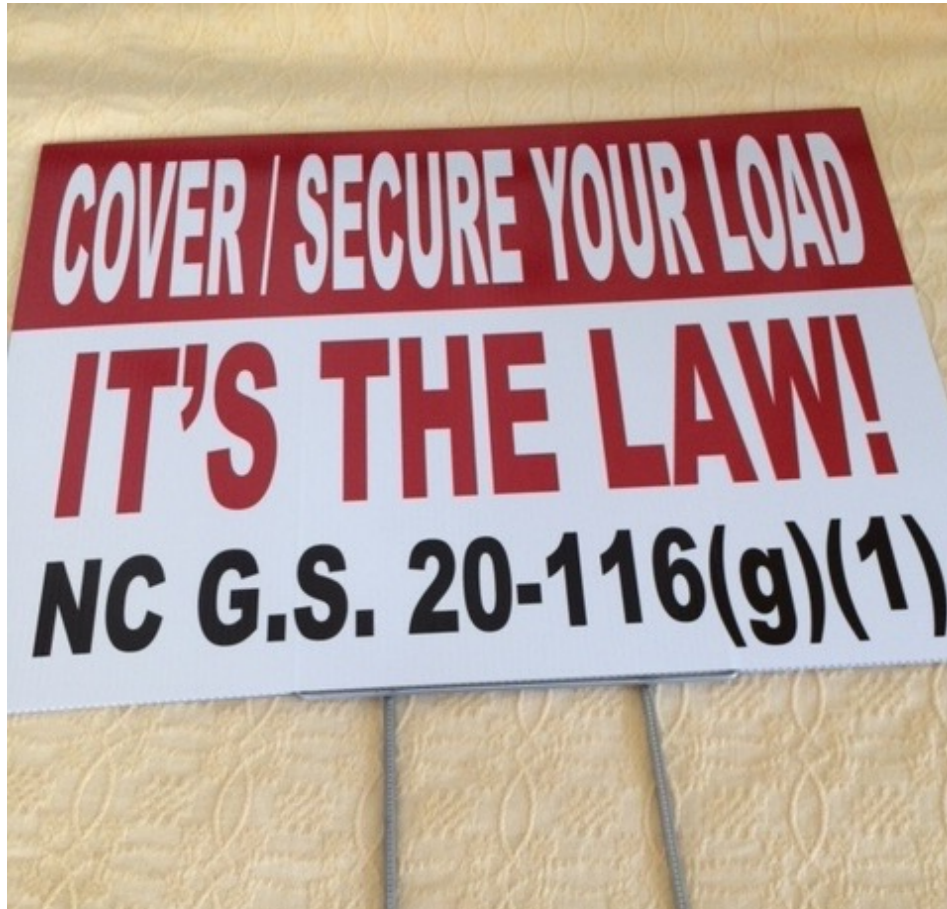
- (1) Explains why drivers can't park here which is for Emergency Access Only and must remain clear for first responders
- (2) Reduces having to report vehicles improperly parked
- (3) Keeps this road clear for emergency access as it was designated during the zoning process

Pile of Debris Left in Weeds Removed by Paving Contractor



Contacted the asphalt company that paved St James Church Road and got them to remove the pile of pavement pieces and road reflectors that were left in the weeds.

“Secure Your Load” Signs for Two Landscaping Businesses on NC-16



At DBC's request, KLCB funded two "Cover/Secure Your Load It's the Law" signs for two of the three landscaping businesses along NC-16 Business. There have been multiple spills of mulch, rock, etc., in the travel lanes near MLP Landscaping which are dangerous for volunteers to clean up.

Mulch for Shanklin Library



About three weeks after mentioning the need for mulch to the County grounds crew and following up with John Henry, Lincoln County Facilities Management Director, mulch was spread at the Shanklin Library.

Tall Grass Mowed at Old Citgo Oil Change Business

Contacted The Keith Corporation which purchased this property.

Before



After



Tall Grass Mowed at Old Citgo Oil Change Business

Before



After



Accomplishments included in KLCB's 2023 Annual Report to avoid duplicate reporting

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- NCDOT Roadside Problems Needing Attention
- Lincoln County Street Sign Repair
- Lincoln County Public Utilities Problems

NCDOT Roadside Problems Needing Attention

- Fixed significant erosion behind guardrail on NC-16 Business near Malibu Pointe Lane
- Fixed damaged curb at NC-16 Business and Natalie Commons Dr near church property
- Fixed vehicle pull-off area on NC-16 Bypass entrance ramp northbound from NC-73
- Repainted yellow and white lines on NC-73 between NC-16 Business and Bypass

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