



# The Bird's I-View



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## “OUR NAME IN LIGHTS”

The newly formed **Carolina Cardinals Optimist Club** has signed a contract with the Adopt-A-Highway Program to be responsible for cleaning The Plaza between Eastway and Milton Roads. Part of the reason for selecting this street is that it runs in front of Briarwood Academy and that is one of our partner schools. It also is in front of Greater Bethel AME Church who has been gracious enough to let us meet there for our first couple meetings.

We are only required to clean 4 times a year, so we have elected to do this quarterly unless we see a need to do additional cleanups.

Signs with our name on them will be posted at each end of the street designating it as ours. The signs will let people know that there is an Optimist Club in the Community. We are hoping to get a few more members, but we would like to stay under 25 to be classified as a small club.

We have not selected our dates to do the cleanup yet because all persons wishing to help us must sign a form with the State and it has to be submitted to Raleigh before they can clean the street. This is for insurance purposes. If you know of anyone who would like to assist us with this worthwhile project, please let us know so that we can get the form to them for a signature.

We will be provided reflective vests, trash bags and gloves to do the cleanup. We are suggesting checking the weather on the day of our cleanup to determine how to dress.

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## TENNIS, ANYONE?

The **Carolina Cardinals Optimist Club** has entered into a partnership with Garinger High School to start a tennis program. It is to be called “Tennis on the Eastside”. Garinger is located at **1100 Eastway Drive**. The facility will be known as the **Eastside Tennis Center**.

The Grand Opening was Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 2pm. There was open play and lots of fun for everyone. We served free hot dogs, drinks, snow cones and cake pops.

Adults as well as children are able to register for individual or group lessons. There will also be league signups for tennis tournaments. Most sessions will be during the week with open play on Sundays. A Tennis Camp will be held Monday through Thursday from June through July. Breakfast and lunch will be served each day.

Donations of tennis rackets and/or balls (new or used) will gladly be accepted.

### For more detailed information, contact:

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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

The Carolina Cardinals will hold their next meeting on Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. The location is to be announced as soon as it is finalized. Check your emails.

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### Newsletter Appeal

We had no submissions for the name the newsletter, so the name will remain the “**Bird’s I-View**” until it is voted to be changed.

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### ANNOUNCEMENT

There will be a District Convention on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> in Blowing Rock, NC beginning at 9am. Registration is \$25.00. The winner of the Essay Contest will read the winning submission. The finals for the Oratorical Contest to determine the \$2,500.00 scholarship winners will also be held right after lunch.

The next Quarter District Convention will be held in Myrtle Beach the weekend of August 26<sup>th</sup>. I hope some of you will plan to attend. They always have a golf tournament, if any of you are interested in playing. Last time we were at Myrtle Beach, Bernard Parker won the event.

### BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY WISHES

#### May Birthdays:

We have no May birthdays

Anniversary wishes to:  
**Betty & Bernard Parker**  
**May 2nd**

May all of your Optimism come true!

(Need Anniversary dates for our married couples, if you have not already submitted it.)

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## FUNDRAISER

Because we did not have our Trip to Harrah’s in Cherokee, we need to decide on another fundraiser.

We have identified one that we can do the first weekend in June, but we need the volunteers to be able to help.

Metrolina has agreed to let us set up a table to sell items during their event that weekend at no charge.

We would like to sell peanuts, but would have to have people willing to work shifts to make this work. Please let President Parker or Bobbi Hague know if you would be available to help that Saturday or Sunday.

### “VOLUNTEERS NEEDED”

Volunteers are needed to help with an After School Program at Briarwood Academy. If you are interested, please contact **Coach Brenda Slade** with your availability. She can be reached at 704-401-7952.

They are also looking for proctors to help with the **EOG testing**.