

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Green Moms of Durham Meet-Up**

Sunday, September 19th at 11am Northgate Park near the playground. Make sure to bring a picnic blanket, lunch/snacks, and toys for the kids. During this meet-up we'll brainstorm ideas for topics of future meetings. For more info contact: [greenmomsdurham@gmail.com](mailto:greenmomsdurham@gmail.com). Check out [www.greenmoms.com](http://www.greenmoms.com); select "Groups" and then look for Durham, NC.

**Attention Seniors**

*Park View Church has a fellowship club which meets once a month (except in summer) - usually for a group meal out, covered dish at church, snacks and bingo. We really need suggestions for things to do, places to visit, interesting speakers, musical entertainment - any social activity that will get seniors out and active.*

*Some may not be aware that the mobile lifeline screening is held at Park View several times a year. Also, Park View will have a big indoor yard sale sometime this fall. Park View Church 2500 Acadia, 919-220-8006*

**September Park Clean-Up and Annual Big Sweep!**

Park Clean-Up is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 11, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Meet at the picnic shelter near the pedestrian bridge. We'll be picking up trash, debris, and fallen limbs around the park. We are also going to walk Ellerbe Creek as part of the Annual Big Sweep to pick up trash and debris in and along the creek.

**Everyone welcome!!**

**SUBMISSIONS?**

The NPNA Newsletter is published on a quarterly basis. If you would like to submit articles, news, or announcements for next quarter's issue, please email Ian Pond at [ian.pond@yahoo.com](mailto:ian.pond@yahoo.com)

**Want to Join the NPNA Listserv?**

Go to:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NPNA> and click on "Join this Group"

OR send an email to:

[npna-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:npna-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

**Community Garden** LARA EVENTIDE

I moved to the Northgate Park neighborhood exactly a year ago from across the country when I was 6 months pregnant. I did not really know anyone in Durham, and since I worked at home I had little opportunity to meet people. I signed up on the NPNA listserv and was impressed by the amount of community involvement in my new home, especially compared to the big city life I lived in California. Then, to my great happiness, in my 8<sup>th</sup> month of pregnancy I saw a post for a mother's meet-up group sent by a "Jessica on Glendale". I too lived on Glendale and was excited to hear there was another mom I could connect with on my street. I wrote back to her informing her that I was going to be a mom soon and would love to join the group and lived on the same street. Jessica wrote back and through a number of emails we found that we were both from Florida, and were both moms, or soon to be a mom, of boys and we lived only 2 doors down from one another!

Jessica and I did not get a chance to physically meet until the snowed-in weekend in late January; with my tiny baby in my arms and her 17-month-old son eating snow. Both being Floridians we found such novelty in the snow, but longed for the days of spring. We met for a few weeks, taking walks around the park, pushing our strollers

through the slush, and started talking about our plans and dreams to grow vegetable gardens in our backyards this year. Soon we started to meet on my back deck while our kids were taking naps to plant seed in trays and drool over seed catalogs. Soon I, and especially Jessica, had amassed an amazing collection of seeds and had seed trays lining most every window ledge in our homes. We so eagerly awaited each seed to germinate and, being the novice gardeners we were, we learned so much just seeing the first leaves of each plant.

Soon we had an army of pepper, melon, eggplant, basil, onion, and especially tomato seedlings (just to name a few). So many, in fact, that we did not know where we were going to plant them! We started to give them away, to the neighbor across the street, his next door neighbor, my next door neighbor, the neighbor on the other side of them. Soon we were giving tours of each other's gardens to show how our gardens were doing and exchanging ideas. I got pots from one neighbor, potting soil from another, and I even borrowed a neighbor's truck to pick up a cubic yard of compost. I came up with an idea for keeping animals away from the garden, which I put to use in my next door neighbor's garden after an animal ate all of her broccoli plants down to the stem. All through this Jessica and I were still meet-

ing every weekend in either one of our back yards showing off our progress and helping each other weed, plant seeds, or just watch each other's child so the other could just do one last improvement.

I have documented each step of my garden's success and the bounty of my amazing harvest (yay compost!). Even in this late summer I have lots of peppers, some tomatoes, eggplant, melon, beans, and tons of basil to look forward to. Jessica has revolutionized her garden in these past few months from an overgrown rectangle of land to become an organized 'farm' with about 4 varieties of every fruit and vegetable. It is amazing to see how much we have done! And to be truthful I don't think that both Jessica and I would have been as motivated if we did not have our meetings to look forward to and each other's support, especially being new moms.

It is great being on this block of Glendale, I know most all of my neighbors around me and they are truly my best friends in town. This winter we plan to meet and coordinate an order of seeds to start our gardens again in the spring. This time we are going to be more organized and start earlier. I already have my seed wish list for next year!

Now if only we could keep our local groundhog from eating our zucchini!

**HAPPY HALLOWEEN**

The 2700 Block of Elgin Street is currently planning its **4th Annual Halloween Street Fair** for the evening of **October 31, 2010**. In the past, this block of Elgin has been closed to traffic so neighbors can safely enjoy trick-or-treating, games, creepy-crawley exhibits from the Museum of Life and Science, and performances from artists such as the Scene of the Crime Rovers and the amazing fire dancer! If you are interested in performing (organizers are seeking magicians, jugglers, stilt-walkers, and the like), helping set up, or running games, please contact **Donald Clary** at [donaldclary@yahoo.com](mailto:donaldclary@yahoo.com). The Halloween Street Fair is a grassroots effort by our neighbors on Elgin Street, with support from NPNA. All ages are welcome and costumes are strongly encouraged! Feel free to bring treats to pass out to trick-or-treaters. Shine, only; no rain date will be set.



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## NERP is Coming to Northgate Park!

*You can save money AND help the environment!* AMY RUTH BUCHANAN

Did you hear? Northgate Park was selected for Phase II of Durham's Neighborhood Energy Retrofit Program (NERP). NERP is a city of Durham program funded by a grant from the Environmental Protection Agency as part of its Climate Showcase Communities program. NERP will enable our neighborhood to realize significant home energy savings in two ways:

1. Individual Northgate Park homeowners and renters can apply for a subsidized package of home energy upgrades.
2. All Northgate Park residents will be invited to attend free how-to workshops on low- or no-cost energy saving projects for the home.

In August and September, Northgate Park volunteers will be going door to door to spread the word about the program and help identify qualifying homes.

**How can you qualify for the energy upgrade package?** The basic requirements are:

1. Your home must be single story and less than 2000 sq ft (an unheated, unfinished basement does not count as a story: what does count is heated living space).
2. You must meet a certain income threshold (because if you make less money than the threshold, you qualify for a more generous weatherization program through Durham's Operation Breakthrough)
3. Your home must be free of unvented gas appliances in your heated living space and other potentially hazardous features.

Homes that qualify and are selected for the program will receive a package of upgrades that may include a programmable thermostat, attic insulation, the sealing of air leaks in the attic floor and ground floor, and the sealing of air leaks in the HVAC ductwork. The market value of these upgrades will range between \$800 and \$1500. Each household selected for the

program will be expected to pay \$300 toward these upgrades.

**Want to get involved?** We need your help! We have many volunteering opportunities for you to choose from. We need help distributing fliers, canvassing door-to-door (we'll pair you up with a trained volunteer), and putting on the free workshops. Most importantly, when a NERP volunteer comes knocking at your door (look for the Clean Energy Durham ID badge), give him or her a few minutes of your time. Northgate Park's NERP volunteers are doing good work: for you, for the neighborhood, and for the planet.

**Questions about NERP?** Please contact Northgate NERP leader Amy Buchanan at 317-8739 or at: [NorthgateNERP@gmail.com](mailto:NorthgateNERP@gmail.com).



## Annual Neighborhood Yard Sale

Do you have an attic, garage, or basement full of things you don't want or need? Are your closets full to overflowing with clothing you don't wear anymore? Would you like to see those unwanted things go to a good home, and get a little spending money as well? Then you may want to participate in our annual yard sale.

The Northgate Park Neighborhood Association (NPNA) will sponsor a neighborhood yard sale on Saturday, October 16 from 8 AM - noon. The rain date for the event will be the next week, Saturday, October 23. NPNA will be taking out advertisements for the sale in the local papers and on Craig's List so you can have plenty of buyers without worrying about

advertising. If you are interested in participating, please phone Mike Konvicka at 220-4277 or email: [mkonvicka@aol.com](mailto:mkonvicka@aol.com) by Tuesday, October 12 with your name and address. If you know what you are planning to sell, you can send him a list so we can include that information in the flyer.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

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- *Introduction to Camping (Durham Parks & Rec)—September 11, 2010*
- *September NPNA Meeting—September 16, 2010*
- *Camp Out in the Park! (Durham Parks & Rec)—September 18, 2010*
- *Green Moms of Durham Meet-up—September 19, 2010*
- *October NPNA Meeting—October 21, 2010*
- *Neighborhood Yard Sale—October 16, 2010*
- *Elgin Halloween Street Fair—October 31, 2010*
- *November NPNA Meeting—November 18, 2010*

## Our Neighborhood's History

Part One of a Two-Part Series about Northgate Park History IAN POND

The majority of what we now know as Northgate Park neighborhood was built in the boom years after World War II throughout the 1940s, '50s and '60s.

As the development evolved, local Real Estate Auctioneer J. Franklin Barfield, his wife, Ruby D. Barfield, and C. B. Wagoner donated parcels of land to the City of Durham to establish the Park as we know it today.

First came the donation of the main Park area in March 1938, recorded in Record of Deeds Book 125, page 365. C.B. Wagoner had to first resolve a note on the property, then sold it for the princely sum of \$1 to the City. Interestingly, this deed was notarized by one Ruby D. Barfield, Notary Public.

In October 1940 came what is now the dog park area (Book 135, Page 585), followed in April 1941 by the tennis court triangle (Book 138, Page 540).

Both of these tracts of land were jointly owned by Wagoner and the Barfields and each transferred for \$1 to the City.

The area at the end of Gresham across the creek by the dog park was deeded by Durham Realty & Insurance Company in October 1958 by deed recorded in Book 252, Page 613

Of surprise to many local residents is the fact that German Prisoners of War were housed locally. Butner Prisoner of War camp was closed in the 40's with some buildings dismantled and the materials sold to local businesses and residents to build homes. You can recognize some of these materials in attics around the neighborhood by their thicker than normal 2x4s appearance and rough cut versus factory planed.

The original NGP houses were white, had wooden siding and the shutters had silhouette cut-outs. If you have shutters like these now, hold on to them, they date back 70 years!

Have you ever wondered why there are so many aluminum window and porch awnings in Northgate Park? It is because of Mr. Norman Draper who lived at 2701 Farthing. His truck even had a small aluminum awning on the driver's side!!! Nor-

man's work was so popular that after retirement he had to black out the phone number on the driver's door of his van to stop the calls

It's interesting to note that parts of the community and individual roads have changed names several times over the years: back in the 20's, Shenandoah was Hutchins Street and Farthing was Midway Avenue then Maxwell; East Hammond was Fleetwood. Part of the neighborhood around Murray/Herring/Maynard used to be called MacArthur Heights.

Gresham Avenue used to be called Leon all the way up until the mid-1990's.

Acadia, in plan at least, continued all the way up and intersected Herring Boulevard.

In to the 50's Duke Street dead ended at Leon.

As late as the 1960's Murray Avenue was a dirt road and had Quail living in the adjacent woods.

*Look for Part Two in next quarter's issue for more fascinating information about our neighborhood.*

## Camping in Northgate Park! From Durham Parks and Recreation website:

<http://www.ci.durham.nc.us/departments/parks/>

Durham's Parks & Recreation department is hosting several programs at Northgate Park in September:

### Introduction to Camping

September 11, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Northgate Park:  
Join Adventure Programs as we explore the ins and outs of camping to fully enjoy the outdoor camping experience! Learn how to select a tent and sleeping bag, build a fire, and make s'mores! All ages (children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult). City residents with a DPR "Play More" card: \$5; city residents without a DPR "Play More" card: \$6; non-city residents with a DPR "Play More" card: \$7; non-city residents without a DPR "Play More" card: \$8.

### Community Campout

September 18, 6 p.m.-7 a.m. at Northgate Park:  
Durham Parks and Recreation - Adventure Programs invites you to come out for the first annual community campout. Bring the family, the tent, and the sleeping bags we provide a camp fire, hot chocolate and everything you need to make s'mores. You get to share a campout experience with others in your community. Space is limited, register early! All ages (children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult). City residents with a DPR "Play More" card: \$5; city residents without a DPR "Play More" card: \$6; non-city residents with a DPR "Play More" card: \$7; non-city residents without a DPR "Play More" card: \$8.

Additionally, just across the interstate at Duke Park:

### Community Campfire

September 10, 7 p.m.-8 p.m. at Duke Park:  
There may be nothing better than sitting next to a warm, crackling campfire. DPR Adventure Programs invites you to a community campfire. We provide the fire, hot chocolate and everything you need to make s'mores. Come share a campfire experience with others in your community. All ages (children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult). No cost.

For more information, contact Kim Oberle at [Kimberly.Oberle@durhamnc.gov](mailto:Kimberly.Oberle@durhamnc.gov), (919) 560-4355, ext. 27210

## ABOUT NORTHGATE PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

**NPNA Meetings:** Northgate Park Neighborhood Association meets the third Thursday of every month (except June and December) at 7:00 p.m. at the Friendly City Civitan Club at 2510 Glendale Avenue. All neighbors are welcome to attend!

**NPNA Board of Directors:** President: Jeff "Boomer" Bakalchuck; Vice President: Ian Pond; Treasurer: Dan Singer; Secretary: Alice Kolacinski; Members at Large: Katie Coyle, Line Dempsey, Caroline Elliot, Mike Konvika, Alyssa Platt, and Adam Shestak.

## Northgate Park Business Owners

The neighborhood is teeming with hard-working entrepreneurs! If you really want to "buy local," check out some of your neighbors' businesses:

**JD Power**, Arborist, proprietor of "A Small Axe" on East Hudson Ave. 919-475-6088 (JD is also a full-time firefighter in Cary.)

**Melissa Harrell:** Healing energy work, Reiki, Polarity, Reflexology, and Chi Healing. Melissa gives sessions in her home. 919-220-3449.

**Marni Goldshlag** is an artist who works in sheer fabrics. Her work can be seen on her website: [www.marnigoldshlag.net](http://www.marnigoldshlag.net).

**Melissa Thomas** of Elgin Street owns and runs record label **307 Knox Records** in Durham. Melissa has run the label for six years, four of which were out of the back of her house in Northgate Park! [melissa@307knoxrecords.com](mailto:melissa@307knoxrecords.com)

**Joyce Holmes** is a semi-retired family therapist/life coach and a certified Hypnotherapist. Joyce's websites are: [www.joyceholmes.com](http://www.joyceholmes.com) and [www.possibilitieshypnosis.com](http://www.possibilitieshypnosis.com). For

more information call: 919-599-8230.

**Banks Dixon** is the owner/operator of **Frog Hollow Outdoors**. Frog Hollow offer canoe and kayak instruction, guide service, rentals, deliveries, and more. Their website is: [www.froghollowoutdoors.com](http://www.froghollowoutdoors.com) 919-949-4315.

**Kim Turk** has a private practice in Massage, Bodywork & Reiki. Kim is also an overnight or drop in pet sitter to NGP, Trinity Park, Hope Valley & folks in Chapel Hill. Gresham Ave. 919-906-2255.

**Heather Brown** and **Jennifer Thornburg** are the owners of **Bull City Pet Sitting**, a professional pet sitting service serving Durham. Licensed, bonded and insured. Website is [www.bullcitypetsitting.com](http://www.bullcitypetsitting.com) and phone is 919-740-7481.

**Line and Terri Dempsey** started motorcycle touring company, **NC TOURING**, out of a love for the outdoors, motorcycles and exploring the beautiful state of North Carolina. [www.nctouring.com](http://www.nctouring.com)

**Jon E. Walker** is owner and operator of acupuncture and herbal medicine business **Bull City Acupuncture**, located at 906

**Broad St.** Acupuncture, Traditional Chinese herbal medicine, dietary therapy, auricular medicine and adjunctive therapies for a wide range of ailments. 919-949-2676

**Adorn Boutique** is owned by **Carol Henderson** and recently opened in the **Courtyard at Brightleaf Square**. Add easy elegance to your wardrobe with items from Adorn's select clothing lines.

**Nancy Rizzo:** Homeowner and resident of Northgate Park since 1988, Nancy has been a Durham realtor since 2000. Nancy sells homes throughout Durham but has a special penchant for the sale of Northgate Park homes. Nancy can be reached at 919 308 4306 or [nrizzo@nc.rr.com](mailto:nrizzo@nc.rr.com)

**Pam Gutlon** opened **Outsiders Art & Collectibles** last November. It is Durham's only gallery dedicated to Southern Outsider Art. Located at 718 Iredell St., around the corner from Whole Foods. [Outsiders-art.com](http://Outsiders-art.com). 919-451-3231



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Since 1999, Ellerbe Creek Watershed Association has protected over 150 acres of land in and around OUR neighborhoods, including the Beaver Marsh behind Compare Foods. Help us do more! Become a member of ECWA today.

Levels: Individual \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ Family \$40 \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Send check to: ECWA, PO Box 2679, Durham, NC 27705 or join online!

### Membership Form

Join or renew your membership today!

Make checks payable to: "NPNA"

Mail check and this form to:

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Durham, NC 27704

Individual Household \$10

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I'm interested in helping with the following:

Winter Luminaries       Creek Cleanup

Newsletter Distribution       Administration

Neighborhood Watch       Park Clean Up