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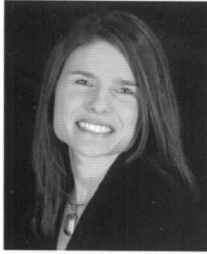
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Northgate Park Neighborhood Association

Newsletter



Northgate Park 70th Anniversary Celebration *Ian Pond*

Northgate Park is 70 years old at the end of May!

of us have been alive, then this is the place to be!

To commemorate the anniversary, a celebration is planned together with the NPNA annual meeting. The joint event will be held on June 6th, 2.00pm - 4.00pm at the Tennis Court picnic shelter. All residents of Northgate Park are welcome to attend.

The event will incorporate:

- The election of officers for NPNA for the coming year.
- Exhibits of photos and historical snippets.
- NPNA membership renewal opportunity.
- Potluck (NPNA will provide main dish and beverages).
- Games for tots.

If you've ever wondered why some of those joists in your attic are thick and unplanned, who some famous past residents are or if you'd like to meet fellow neighbors who've lived in the neighborhood longer than most



Happy 70th Birthday Northgate Park!

If you'd like to contribute towards the celebration, material is still needed. The following items are particularly of interest:

- Photos from years past - the neighborhood, streets, family, social events etc.
- Old documents - house deeds etc.
- Snippets about the neighborhood - famous residents, interesting facts.
- Names of Northgate businesses that deserve a shout out from residents.

If you have any of these items or know where we might locate them, please send an email to Ian Pond at: iandavid33@hotmail.com

Bring an appetizer, side, or dessert to share and join in the fellowship and fun!

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Park Anniversary/Annual Members' Meeting—June 6, 2010
- Park Clean-Up—June 12, 2010
- July NPNA Meeting—July 15, 2010
- National Night Out—August 3, 2010
- August NPNA Meeting—August 19, 2010

Member of the Northgate Park Listserv?

Alice Kolacinski

Are YOU a member of the Northgate Park Listserv? If not, you're missing out on one of the most effective communication devices for the neighborhood.

Activities such as Neighborhood Watch, Northgate Park clean-up and Ellerbe Creek

clean-up have been a vital part of the Northgate Park community for years. Now the organizers of these events utilize the Northgate Park Neighborhood Association Yahoo Group (aka "the listserv") to recruit volunteers and to share informa-

tion about their organizations.

For example, just recently trees were available for planting to replace some of the trees lost by the projects to upgrade the pathways and provide stream restoration. An announcement via the

Northgate Park Listserv

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list-serve yielded 16 volunteers who planted 7 'Aeryn' Trident Maples along Glendale, 2 'Aeryn' Trident Maples, 11 'Bosque' lacebark elms along Lavender, 7 'Autumn Gold' Ginkgo along driveway and parking area and 5 live oaks and 4 'wildfire' blackgums within the park. Northgate Park added 36 trees after Page McCullough's message that Alex Johnson of the City wanted volunteers.

Using the listserv to keep up with volunteer opportunities is only one of the benefits of the list serve.

Questions are posed and answered almost instantaneously by members of the neighborhood online at the time of the question or within 24-36 hours of the question being posed. That quick response helps listserv members feel a strong sense of community. And the listserv participants let all readers know who has done good work for someone in the neighborhood or the newest addition to the stock at the Red & White. Particularly helpful are weekly reminders about Recycling and Garbage Pickup.

The listserv has allowed members of the community to join in face-to-face social events. First Friday, a cocktail type gathering, began when Caroline Elliot posted a note to members of the listserv

describing a monthly neighborhood gathering that her parents held in their community. After a number of messages, the First Friday of the month, from 6:30 pm-8:30 pm, was established as the standard date.

Caroline and Chris hosted the inaugural First Friday, and various members of Northgate Park have hosted subsequent gatherings.

Interestingly, one First Friday was held at Pam Gulton's Outsider's Art Gallery on Iredell Street, which allowed Pam's neighbors a chance to see the interesting art she offers. The attendance at Northgate's First Friday varies - a few regulars and always someone new to meet.

Another social/educational group that is coordinated via the listserv is the Northgate Park Garden Club. The Garden Club recently increased its activity when Rick Payne posted a note in October 2009 reminding folks of a neighborhood Garden Crawl held in 2008 and suggesting that those interested in gardening resume meeting for a Potluck and to share information. Wednesday Potlucks (6:30 pm-8:30) were held for a couple of months and then the day of the week was switched to Thursday. Recently, it was decided to switch the date to Monday night so that working

folks could use the weekend to cook for the potluck. In January, one of the members of the group titled the meeting, "Crepe Myrtle Garden Pruning by Moonlight," since the group discussed pruning - using flashlights to look at some crepe myrtles. A "Yellow Alert" about the first daffodils of the season, a magazine article about exercises for gardeners to get in shape for gardening season, stories about gardening adventures and gardens seen, and a seed/plant exchange have been topics discussed as the Potlucks have been eaten. Participation varies each month. We have some experts as participants, but most of the participants claim no expertise—just an interest and willingness to learn and work in gardening. Plans are underway for another Garden Crawl to be held May 23.

Member of the Northgate Park Listserv? If not, go to: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NPNA> and click on "Join this Group" or send an email to npna-subscribe@yahoogroups.com (Note -if you don't have a computer at home, the public library provides computer stations and connections to the internet. Another option is to ask your neighbors if they belong to the list-serve and ask them to share information with you. Remember the more we know our neighbors and share information and watch out for each other, the safer our neighborhood becomes.)

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National Night Out 2010

Line Dempsey

The "27th Annual National Night Out" (NNO), a unique crime/drug prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW), has been scheduled for Tuesday, August 3, 2010 from 5:30-9:00 on the 2500 block of Elgin Street.

Last year's National Night Out campaign involved citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations and local officials from over 15,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide. In all, over 36 million people participated in National Night Out 2009.



Neighbors and law enforcement gather for National Night Out 2008

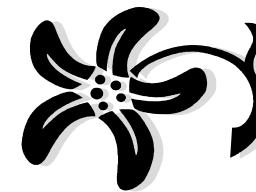
A Note from the President...

Line Dempsey

Summer is finally approaching, as most of you will have this in your hand by June. With that in mind, our annual picnic and election meeting will be occurring on Sunday, June 6. This event will also be a chance to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the park.

I've been fortunate to serve as president for two years now, and it has been an honor to be a part of this organization as well as calling this neighborhood home! I will be stepping down this year, but I will remain on the NPNA Board as Immediate Past President. I look forward to working, side-by-side with fellow neighbors as we continue our endeavor to make this a fantastic place to live (and play).

Please join us in the coming weeks for our annual meeting / election as we take time to reflect on the 70th anniversary of our park! I hope to see you there!



You Can Join the NPNA Board!!

Elections will be held at the June 6 Park Anniversary Celebration/Annual Members' Meeting. If you are interested in a position, please email Katie Coyle at vp@ngpark.org.

Another Plug for the NPNA Listserv!

Ian Pond

If you've ever wondered how your neighbor always seems to select great local contractors while you get ripped off, or why you always see other people picking up great free items off the curb but you didn't know those items were even there, the answer may be the NPNA Listserv!

The listserv is a Yahoo group open to all Northgate Park residents and select non-residents. Members of the listserv can submit and read emails on all types of fun topics, including:

- Items for sale or going free
- Recommendations for local contractors/services
- Social events in the neighborhood
- News and events affecting residents

Joining the listserv is FREE and EASY! Simply go to Yahoo.com, select "groups" and search for "Northgate Park". That will present links to details of the site and the option to "Join this Group". Or you can send an email to npna-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. You will receive a response to your application to join within a day or two and from then on your life will be full of bargains and great fun, guaranteed!

You can elect to get all the individual emails or select a summary of the days' postings if you'd rather.

Don't be left behind, join the listserv now!

ABOUT NPNA

NPNA Meetings

Northgate Park Neighborhood Association meets the third Thursday of every month (except June and December) at 6:30 p.m. at the Friendly City Civitan Club at 2510 Glendale Avenue.

NPNA Board of Directors

President: Line Dempsey

Vice President: Katie Coyle

Treasurer: Dan Singer

Secretary: Alice Kolacinski

Members at Large: Jeff "Boomer" Bakalchuck, Jennifer Kleckner, Ian Pond, Nancy Rizzo, and Cheryl Shiflett

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