

newsletter

Late
SUMMER
2007 Edition

Northgate Park Celebrates *National Night Out* Tuesday, August 7, 2007

On August 7th, 2007, all over Durham and all over the country, neighborhoods will be celebrating National Night Out, 'America's Night Out Against Crime.' Northgate Park will join those thousands of other neighborhood associations, crime watch groups, and law enforcement agencies to celebrate too.

This year we will be blocking off **the 2400 block of Highland St. from 6:00 to 9:00 pm** for a party. This is a chance for neighbors to get to know one another. We especially encourage new neighbors to come and introduce themselves. We will have welcome kits available for new folks in the neighborhood. We will also be visited by members of the Durham Police Dept., who will provide crime prevention information to members of our community. We are trying to get Neighborhood Watch established throughout Northgate Park. Please attend and learn how Neighborhood Watch can help keep our community safe.

The NPNA will provide plates, napkins, utensils, plenty of cold drinks and some light snacks. Feel free to bring snacks, summer desserts or a "covered dish" to share. (However, please leave your alcoholic beverages at home.) Also, bring folding chairs you want to sit back and relax. This event is designed to show criminals that they are not welcome in our neighborhood and also to be a lot of fun for everyone.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT is designed to: * Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; * Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs; * Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and; * Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. This year over 11,000 communities are expected to take part in National Night Out (For more information, visit www.nationalnightout.org) .

Some words from the New NPNA PRESIDENT

In English

Greetings from the new NPNA President:

I just want to say that I am honored to have been elected president of the NPNA. I will try to do my best to serve all the members of our community. I encourage people to contact me with their concerns (The best way to reach me is via email: (mambrose@ncsu.edu). I also encourage everyone to become involved in our neighborhood association. As one individual, there are limits to what I can do, but with many people working together, we can make a great neighborhood even better.

-- Mark Ambrose

En Español

Saludos del nuevo presidente de la NPNA:

Es un gran honor ser elegido presidente de la Asociación de Vecinos del Barrio Northgate Park (NPNA). Yo tratare de hacer lo mejor posible para servir a todos los miembros de nuestra comunidad. Quiero que todos se sientan libres de contactarme con cualquier asunto que les preocupe. (Me pueden contactar por correo electrónico: (mambrose@ncsu.edu). Los exhorto a todos que se hagan miembros de la asociación del barrio. Solo yo no puedo hacer mucho, pero trabajando juntos podemos mantener y mejorar nuestro barrio.

- Mark Ambrose



Summer Picnic Election Results

Thanks to all those who attended the Northgate Park Neighborhood Association Summer Picnic and made it a great success! Congratulations to all 2007-2008 Officers and Board Members who were voted into office at the picnic. The elections results are listed below in the "NPNA Officers & Board" section.

Anyone else interested in serving on the Board is invited to present his/her name for consideration. The Board is able to add members by appointment. Thank you to all for being willing to serve.

VOTE

Membership in the NPNA is \$10 per household per year and is voluntary. We need your input to make Northgate Park an even better place to live. Please consider joining the association if you have not done so already. We need your input and energy. See the membership form on the next page.

NPNA Officers & Board

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Book Club(s) Being Formed

Some members of our community are interested in forming neighborhood book clubs. Members would select books of interest to read and meet regularly at members' homes to discuss it. One book club idea that has been proposed is one which focuses on how cities function, urban ecology, and urban planning. Other possibilities include more traditional book clubs formed around interest in particular authors, or genre books, or wartime fiction: the possibilities are obviously endless. This would be a great way to get to know one another better. Anyone interested in getting a book club started please contact Molly Sanford at molly_sanford@yahoo.com.

Upcoming Meeting Preview "Home Energy Use"

Clean Energy Durham has a plan for making Durham a model community when it comes to saving energy. Clean Energy Durham volunteer Judy Kincaid will present a 40-minute informative and engaging slide show, "Home Energy Use: Bringing Neighbors Together" at 7 pm, August 16th at NPNA meeting at the Friendly City Civitan Club on Glendale Ave. Learn what households and the neighborhood can do to save money and have a local and global impact. Clean Energy Durham is a volunteer organization affiliated with the Durham County Cooperative Extension Service. It promotes energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy throughout Durham County. See www.cleanenergydurham.org for additional information.

Summer Trash Collection Schedules Updated

Durham, N.C. – Summer in North Carolina means one thing for City of Durham employees who work outside all day long – soaring temperatures and the risk of heat-related injuries. To combat the heat and its effect on employees, the City's Department of Solid Waste Management

is adjusting its residential solid waste, yard waste and recycling collection schedules to begin earlier each day.

From Monday, July 16 through Friday, September 14, the City is asking residents to place their carts on the curb the night before their

normal pick-up day since collection crews will be arriving at least one hour earlier than the regularly scheduled pick up time of 7 a.m.



According to Donald Long, director for the City's Department of Solid Waste Management, the soaring heat makes it dangerous for collectors as the temperature rises throughout the day. Long said, "We appreciate the understanding of our citizens as we make this temporary schedule adjustment".

According to Long, while collectors will make every effort to complete their regular routes each day, if a pick-up is missed on a regular collection day, the carts should be left at the curb an extra day before contacting Durham One Call at (919) 560-1200 to report the missed pick-up.

Membership Form

Join or renew your membership today!
The new membership year began after the
June Meeting—Annual Picnic.

Make Checks payable to: "NPNA"

Use enclosed envelope to mail in this form to:
Brooks / NPNA
2410 Acadia St
Durham, NC 27704

Individual Household \$10 Institution \$15

Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

E-Mail _____

I'm interested in helping with the following:

- Winter Luminaries Creek Cleanup
- Newsletter Distribution Administration
- Neighborhood Watch Park Clean Up

Please return with your NPNA Survey.

NPNA EVENTS CALENDAR CLIP • SAVE • POST

Monthly NPNA Meeting

at the Civitan Club on Glendale Road
—Thursdays @ 6:30pm—

- Aug 16 (Home Energy)
- Sept 20 (TBA)
- Oct 18 (Potluck Supper)

—OTHER EVENTS—

Tues Aug 7 6PM- 8P: National Night Out
Oct 13 8AM Neighborhood Yard Sale

Partners Against Crime for our District 2
at Broad Street Cafe (1116 9th Street) meets
Mondays: Aug 13, Sep 10 @ 6pm
Everyone is welcome!

A Very Quick Neighborhood Survey

NPNA is YOUR organization. Tell us what you think
our priorities should be for the coming year. **Please
rank from 1 (most important) to 7 (least important).**

- ___ Crime prevention (Neighborhood Watch)
- ___ Community building
- ___ Traffic issues
- ___ Park renovations/maintenance
- ___ Neighborhood beautification
- ___ Social events
- ___ Other (please specify) _____

Please add any comments, suggestions, or specific
ideas for NPNA activity in the coming year.

Please return with your NPNA Membership renewal
(or bring to next meeting, etc.)

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