

newsletter



Upcoming Events

- Coffee with Council (3/9/09)
- Park Clean-up (3/14/09)
- March Meeting (3/19/09)

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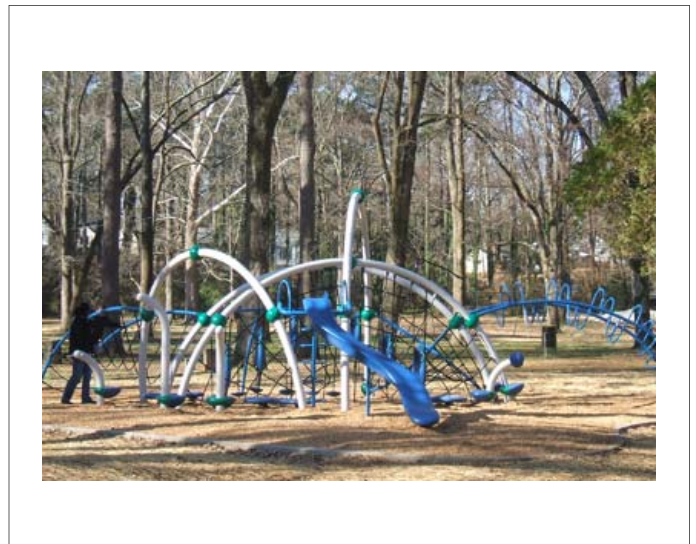
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THE STATE OF THE PARK?

LINE DEMPSEY, NPNA PRESIDENT

The bids are in (this week) and hopefully Phase One of the Northgate Park renovation will begin shortly, but you may have already noticed that a portion of Phase 1 has been completed... our new playground. Initially, I was concerned that the new equipment would be full of primary colors and a contrast to the natural environment of the park. But now as I sit and gaze out on the park, the equipment does not jump out in an obnoxious way. It is just one new mark to many new and pleasant augmentations to our park.

As you will read in Page McCullough's article on the inside page(s), our fight is not over... far from it. Phase Two needs to be funded so that our park (and the renovation) will be complete. Currently, the parking area near the tennis



Our new playground equipment!

courts, a state of disrepair, is not part of the park renovation (Phase 1). This portion of the park is highly used, and without it being addressed it remains a blemish on a beautifully planned and executed park renovation.

We've had to wait a decade for Phase 1, we don't want to have to wait another for a complete park.

COFFEE WITH COUNCIL! (SEE INSIDE ARTICLE)

Please join the Northgate Park Neighborhood Association as we meet with Durham City Council on Monday, March 9th at 6:30.

People wishing to carpool should be at the church

parking lot across from the park by 6:00pm.

It is imperative that we have a large turnout as we plead with City Council to make our park complete!



WHAT'S HAPPENING TO THE PARK?

PAGE MCCULLOUGH, NPNA BOARD MEMBER

March 9th, 6:30

*Durham Public
School Resource
Center*

2107 Hillandale Rd.

“...we need you and all your friends to attend the Coffee with Council and show your support for fully funding phase two renovations. “

Calling all neighbors to come to the aid of our cherished Northgate Park! We need to attend the **Coffee with Council meeting on March 9, 2009** at the Durham Public School Resource Center, 2107 Hillandale Road. If you want to carpool, meet at the parking lot opposite Park View Baptist Church at 6:00 p.m. on the dot and we will caravan over.

Well, half of them anyway. As many of you know, the funds needed to renovate the park completely were never in the bonds and the general services staff decided to cut the renovation into two parts, phase one and phase two. The catch is that phase two had no timeline and no money.

age, get new furniture, repair the stone entrance markers, and put down safety surface for the small swings. Due to NPNA efforts, both Parks and Rec and General Services staff have put phase two renovations into their budget request for 2010.

Sound good? **Then we need you and all your friends to attend the Coffee with Council and show your support for fully funding phase two renovations.** I have attended one of these meetings already, and believe me, the council is listening and numbers count. The list of needs is very long, the budget is in bad shape and they will not be able to fund everything that people need and want. They will make their choices, at least in part, based on the level of interest and support they see in the community. So make a difference for our neighborhood! See you there!

Questions? Call Page McCullough at 220-8004 or email page.mc@verizon.net.



The Tennis Court Parking Lot (not slated for repair or renovation)

Otherwise, be sure to arrive at the Resource Center by 6:30 p.m. We can speak near the beginning of the meeting, so you won't have to stay long, although it should all be interesting. The meeting ends at 8:30 p.m. To get to the site, get on I-85 south, take exit 174 B, take a right on Hillandale. The building is .4 of a mile down on the left.

Why are we doing this?

As you know, Northgate Park has been on the renovations list since the 1996 bonds. As of Thursday, February 19, the bids for the first phase of renovations were received. We don't know the outcome of that as of press time, but suffice it to say, our renovations are on their way!

Phase one will include redoing the greenway, putting a walkway from Club to Lavender along Acadia, putting guard rails at the creek on Lavender, and repairing the roof of the stone picnic shelter, and refurbishing the parking lot opposite Park View Baptist Church. We have already received the new cool blue and silver playground thing.

So what's left? **If we receive funding for phase two**, there would be money to refurbish the tennis court picnic shelter, re-pave the parking lot around it, finish the sidewalk on the Glendale corner, improve drain-



Make our Park Complete!



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Your neighborhood friends!

Meetings on the 1st and 3rd Mondays at Noon

Lunch provided and visitors are welcome

Special Thanks to the Friendly City Civitan Club for the use of their building for meetings.

Look for an article about the group in our next newsletter!

SPRING(?) CLEAN-UP



Thanks for the many people that came out in December to help with the Park Clean-up. Join us again on March 14th from 10:00am—12:00. We will mainly be working on the large limbs and deadfall.

NPNA Online Group

Join our neighborhood list-serve. Go to: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NPNA> and then click on "Join this Group!"

Membership Form

Join or renew your membership today!

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