

# newsletter



## Upcoming Events

- Park Clean-up (12/13/08)
- Night of Lights (12/14/08)
- January Meeting (1/15/09)

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Were' on the web:  
[www.ngpark.org](http://www.ngpark.org)

## WHAT'S GOING ON?

LINE DEMPSEY, NPNA PRESIDENT

Over the last few months, I've been plagued by questions of what's going on in our park. Anyone absent from a NPNA meeting or not on the list-serve will have valid questions about the bulldozers, huge piles of dirt, and "stuff" that is going on. Page McCullough, new Board member and Chair of the Park Renovation ad hoc committee, addresses this in her article inside this issue.

Additionally, I wanted to let our readers know about what your NPNA Association has been up to, but sadly there is not enough space to allow me to go into detail. I will say that in just a few months we have created 11 new committees, we were involved with the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual National Night Out festivities, held our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Neighborhood Yard Sale, Participated in the



NPNA officials with Durham's finest!

Neighborhood Halloween Celebration, and we have also addressed City Council on the state of our park.

We are just scratching the surface of the neighborhood's accomplishments and there are plenty more things to come. I encourage

and challenge you to get involved and help continue to make this one of the finest neighborhoods in Durham!

## HOLIDAY LUMINARIES

December 14<sup>th</sup> is our Night of Lights. NPNA officers will be selling packages of 10 luminaries (10 bags, 10 candles, and the requisite sand) to place in your front yard. In addition, we will be placing the luminaries around the park. Purchase

your luminaries from 1:30 until 4:30, Sunday December 14<sup>th</sup>. We will be at the Tennis Court Shelter. Members of the association may purchase a package of 10 for only \$5.00 (non-members \$10.00).

Additionally, for one day only, you can renew your membership for only \$5.00 and purchase the luminaries at the member price! Don't delay, for 1/2 price membership renewal.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING TO THE PARK?

PAGE MCCULLOUGH, NPNA BOARD MEMBER

Unless you haven't been able to leave your house recently, you have seen the "big dig" going on in our beloved park. This stream restoration was contracted

our park creek area may look like, go to Forest Hills Park. The state will replace the bridge in the main park but is not replacing the foot bridge by the dog park, the

up asphalt around it. There is no budget or time line for phase 2, so we face the prospect of a half renovated park.

Your neighbors attended a council work session in October, asking that the council consider funding phase 2 and getting the whole thing done at one time. Our project manager is trying to put together some preliminary figures on phase 2 and we have asked to be involved in discussions about phase 2. Phase 2 is complicated by new rules for building in flood plains. It may not be possible to keep the shelter in good repair as it contains bathrooms that are not allowed in flood plains. We are not sure what our options for phase 2 are at this time. We hope to have a meeting with General Services and Parks and Rec in December. We hope to have a clear picture of our options and a plan of action to bring to our neighborhood meeting in January.

One final word: we will need MANY concerned neighbors to attend Coffee with Council meetings this winter, as we will need to make the case for completing our renovations. We don't have the dates yet, but there were seven of these informal sessions in February and March last year. If you are interested in attending one (or more!) of these sessions, please email Page McCullough at [page@npna.org](mailto:page@npna.org) or call 919-220-8004.

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Before the bulldozers!

by the city with the state of North Carolina as part of a larger effort to clean up El-lerbe Creek. Your North-gate Park Renovations ad hoc group has had many conversations with city officials about saving as many trees as possible and getting some replacement trees. About half a dozen trees have been removed and there are several whose roots are disturbed and will need close monitoring. We don't yet know if or how many replacement trees we might get. Several neighbors have remarked that they like the open views and cleaner stream. The state will, however, be planting almost 5,000 seedlings along the new banks and they will likely grow to hide the creek. If you are interested in seeing what

railings on Lavender or the part of the greenway that the trucks tore up. The railings and the greenway will come out of our park renovation budget.

Park renovations will begin sometime after the stream restoration is finished. The city council has not yet approved the final budget for phase 1 renovations and the contract will not be let until that is done. As many of you may know, this work is about 12 years behind schedule. The dollars allocated for a complete renovation of the park were never sufficient and with inflation, they sure are not now. As a result, the city's General Services Department split the work into two phases. Phase 2 focuses on the tennis court shelter and the torn

# NEW COMMITTEES!

- Membership Committee - Beth and Brad Yoder
- NNO Committee - Line Dempsey
- Newsletter (and Media) Committee - Co-Chairs Line Dempsey and Katie Coyle
- Yard Sale / Neighborhood Clean-up Committee - Jennifer Kleckner
- Halloween Committee - Cheryl Shiflett
- Luminary Committee - Co-Chairs Mark Ambrose and Mike Shiflett
- Stream and Park Clean-Up Committe - Co-Chairs Katie Coyle and Mike Shiflett
- Annual Meeting (Picnic) Committee - Nancy Rizzo
- Program Committee - Beth Yoder
- Neighborhood Watch - Co-Chairs Cheryl Shiflett and Nancy Kneepkens
- Park Renovation ad hoc Committee - Co-Chairs Page McCullough and TBA

*Help make your  
Neighborhood  
Association grow...*

*join a committee!*

## PARK CLEAN-UP



Despite all of the construction going on in our park, neighbors will join forces on December 13, 2008 at 10:00am to help clean up the park. Most of the work will be collecting dead limbs and trying to make the park look a little better for the Night of Lights (the next night).

## 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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I'm interested in helping with the following:

<input type="checkbox"/> Winter Luminaries	<input type="checkbox"/> Creek Cleanup
<input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter Distribution	<input type="checkbox"/> Administration
<input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Watch	<input type="checkbox"/> Park Clean Up

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