

## Local Textile Recycling

Close to 4 million tons of used clothing go into US landfills each year. Donating clothing to charity is one way to keep it out of landfills. What about ripped and stained clothes? Or worn out shoes and belts? These items are perfectly recyclable. Durham County has four convenience sites which will take such items. The closest site is just 10 minutes north of Northgate Park on Redwood Rd and Electra Drive <http://tinyurl.com/recycleclothes>.

Durham County has worked with Friendship Used Clothing LLC of Wake County for 3 years to keep textiles out of landfills. Friendship sorts the items and any salvageable clothes go overseas and are donated to natural disaster relief efforts. Durham County gets a profit for damaged textiles that can be recycled into rags or stuffing. Just bag up your items, making sure they are dry and not musty, and put into the blue bins. A decal is not needed for recycling clothing, shoes, books and plastics #1-7, etc. at the county convenience sites. A decal is needed for dumping garbage or yard waste.

<http://www.friendshipusedclothing.com/>

## House Numbering Vital to Safety

In critical situations, good house numbering can save a life. Beyond your own!

First responders use them to find nearby homes and stop fires from spreading, or catch criminals that could circle back to strike you another time.

**Home Inspectors recommends numbers should:**

1. Be 4 inches tall minimum and thick enough (½ inch);
2. Contrast in color with the background. (Reflective numbers highly recommended for night viewing);
3. Not be obscured by objects or landscaping from wide view ability;
4. Face the street that is the house address;
5. Be clearly displayed at driveway's end or painted onto curbside if house isn't visible from the road.

## \*\*NPNA Membership Form\*\*

Join or renew your membership today!

Make checks payable to: "NPNA", mail check and this form to:

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Or use PayPal at our website [Northgateparknc.org](http://Northgateparknc.org)

## The Museum of Life & Science

Go here for the calendar: <http://lifeandscience.org/calendar/> Sept. 24 | 6:30–9:30pm

### Science of Beer

Life and Science's most popular AfterHours event is back! Tastings, special workshops, hands-on science & experts in the field all at your fingertips.

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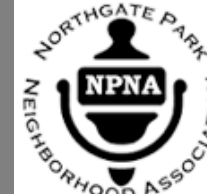
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# Newsletter

Member of the Inter-Neighborhood Council



## Upcoming Neighborhood Events

August 20 - NPNA Meeting, Civitan 7pm

August 27 - Food Truck Rodeo, NP, 5—8:30

September 10—NGP Clean Up, NGP 8 am

September 17 - NPNA Meeting, Civitan 7pm

September 19—Really Really Free Market NGP 2-4

September 24 - Food Truck Rodeo & Chalk Walk, NGP, 5—8:30

October 15—NPNA meeting, Civitan Club, 7pm

September 19—Really Really Free Market NGP 2-4

October 22—Food Truck Rodeo, NGP, 5-8:30pm

October 24—Annual Neighborhood Yard Sale

## Annual Neighborhood Yard Sale Oct. 24

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 neighborhood's annual yard sale.

The Northgate Park Neighborhood Association (NPNA) will sponsor a neighborhood yard sale on Saturday, October 24 from 8 a.m. to noon. The rain date for the event will be the next week, Saturday, October 31. NPNA will be taking out advertisements for the sale in local papers and on Craig's List so you can have plenty of buyers without worrying about getting the word out.

We also place signs around the perimeter of the neighborhood, and create a flyer and a map showing participating households.

In past years, more than 40 households participated in the NPNA Yard Sale. If you are interested in taking part this year, please e-mail Mike Konvicka at [mkonvicka@aol.com](mailto:mkonvicka@aol.com) or call him at [919-220-4277](tel:919-220-4277) by Tuesday, October 20 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 as well.

## Community Assets

Donald and Carol Clary- This couple has treated the neighborhood for several years to one of the most popular events around- Halloween on Elgin St.! You may not know that Donald volunteers with the Museum of Life and Science, the Board of Elections and delivers this newsletter to his neighbors. His connection with the Museum has allowed us to have the live creepy crawlies present at Halloween. When you drop off old newspapers to their home for the museum animals, you might get lucky and receive a homemade cookie from his wonderful wife, Carol. I have. I also admire their vegetable and flower gardens.

Sara Carter- Sara and I are some of the long time neighbors here. I met her about twenty years ago. Sara hosted the flower and vegetable vendor, Flower Street Farm at her home on Shenandoah in 2014. She also graciously keeps her shrubs in the backyard low for neighbors to view Gene Dillard's mosaic mural on the back of his garage. She quietly sponsored an insert in a past newsletter edition to promote recycling. Many enjoy her lovely landscaped front yard especially in the Spring. I certainly do!

## Yellow Jackets & Their Stings

**Yellow Jacket Facts:** The Eastern Yellow Jacket is a type of wasp that build its nest in the ground. The peak season, when nests can contain as many as 10,000 insects is late summer. They can be distinguished from honey bees by watching their flight. Bees fly more in straight line to their nectar source. Yellow Jackets fly in erratic zigzag patterns, searching for wood to use to increase the size of their nests. They have strong mandibles for chewing the wood, barbed stingers and can sting and bite repeatedly. They are drawn to cooking meat on outdoor grills as well as sweet drinks.

If left undisturbed, you may not know you have a nest near you. Encounters occur when the Yellow Jacket senses vibrations or is out foraging for nest building materials. Vibrations could be caused by mowing or walking over their nest hole or even dropping a rake near the hole. Their reaction is to sense danger to their nest and they defend aggressively, swarming out and attacking the closest object.

Reactions to a sting range from pain, swelling, redness and when healing, itchiness. If you know you are severely allergic to stings, administer an Epinephrine dose (pin injections) immediately and seek medical attention. Single stings can be treated with first washing the area with an antiseptic or alcohol to begin breaking down the protein based venom. Follow with ice, Benadryl antihistamine dose and as healing begins, hydrocortisone creams aid in reducing the redness, swelling and itching.

Is stung repeatedly, play it safe and seek medical help immediately. Other more severe symptoms include: difficulty breathing, dizziness, chills, fever, hives and joint pain.

This information was obtained from Wikipedia, WebMD, and Rescue.com.



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## About Your 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 & INC Rep.: Deb Hawkins; Vice President: Jeff Bakalchuck; Treasurer: Dan Singer; Secretary: Fred Westbrook; Past Pres. Ian Pond; Members at Large: Alice Kolacinski, Terry Kolacinski, Melissa Harrell, Bernie Page

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## Northgate Park Real Estate

During the past 90 days the following real estate transactions have taken place in Northgate Park.

There are currently 5 active listings ranging in price from \$104,900 to \$340,000. These homes were built from 1923 to 1950 and have from 888 sf to 2400 sf of living space.

There were 6 closed transactions ranging from \$94,000 to \$225,000. Built from 1940 to 1950 they have 861 to 1205 sf living space.

3 were properties Under Contract. Sales price cannot be determined until closing is completed. For more info about properties in Northgate call your neighbor and realtor. Nancy Rizzo ReMax Broker 919 308 4306

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## Note From Deb Hawkins New NPNA Prez

After 4 superlative years, Ian Pond has stepped down as NPNA President. Thanks for choosing me to replace him; big shoes to fill, but I'm glad to have terrific predecessors to guide me. Special thanks to Melissa Harrell, founder/first president; and all officers, members and volunteers. Together we've made this a great place to live.

I welcome your ideas, concerns, feedback – most of all, your participation. It's the effort we all make, great or small, that makes this place magical and a delight to come home to. Reach out anytime – I'm here for you.

### InterNeighborhood Council Update, May-July 2015

D Hawkins, delegate: [dhawkins913311@gmail.com](mailto:dhawkins913311@gmail.com)

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\*Presenter Elizabeth Chan of the Environmental Affairs Board discussed Durham's tree canopy. \*Resolutions were passed supporting greater inclusion of citizen input in the design and location of prospective light rail transit stations and the final selection of proposed route alternatives. \*Presenter Erik Landfried discussed complete streets \*INC's Membership & Outreach group will coordinate election candidates' forums this fall; watch INC listserv/

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