



newsletter

Member of the Inter-Neighborhood Council

South Ellerbe Wetland Project

If you've lived in Northgate Park more than a month, you've observed an Ellerbe Creek boundary marker. If you've walked the perimeter of the park, you've seen the results of the 2009 Ellerbe Creek Northgate Park restoration project. Ellerbe Creek impacts not only residents of Northgate Park but all of us in Durham every day.

Your most recent water bill mailing included information about public hearings about the South Ellerbe Wetland Project and encouraged attendance. The Storm Water Services staff is charged with making a recommendation to the City Council about the project and the reaction of folks at the Public Hearings. Sometimes this fall, they will make their recommendation. City Council will make a decision about how to proceed. For those who have internet access, information about this project can be found at <http://durhamnc.gov/ich/op/pwd/storm/Pages/DukeDietFitness/DukeDietFitness.aspx> For those who don't have internet access this article is a very abbreviated synopsis of the information presented at the North Regional



Library public hearing on August 7, 2012

The South Ellerbe Wetland Project proposes to trade the former Duke Diet and Fitness Center grounds for a constructed wetland. Demolition of the physical building will allow construction of the wetland. That wetland area will handle runoff from both the Trinity Basin (230 acres) and the Downtown Basin (253 acres.) The South Ellerbe Wetland will be bounded by Dacian Avenue, N. Duke Street, W. Trinity and a re-aligned Southern Ellerbe Creek Trail. . The concept plan shows a wetland area that is intended to be a community asset with viewing areas and potential "Living Laboratory" areas. This picture shows a proposed seating/observation area. According to the City's Public Works Department, "the project is still in the conceptual design phase and final plans would not be developed unless City Council decides to move forward."

The primary function of the constructed wetland is to reduce pollutants to help satisfy the Falls Lake Nutrient Management Strategy Rules adopted by the State of North Carolina in January, 2011. This South Ellerbe Wetland Plan is anticipated to do the work of 15-25 smaller projects and remove 500-1000 pounds of nitrogen annually from the flow to Falls Lake.

The South Ellerbe Wetland Plan is only one of the watershed improvement plans designed to lessen the pollution levels in order to meet the Falls Lake..Strategy Rules. Plans for Northeast Creek, Crooked Creek and Third Fork Creek are also under consideration and will be publicized in late 2012.

As with any public hearing, participants were encouraged to express opinions and concerns. Both positive and negative reactions to the proposal were voiced. Two of the most vocal points of view were in sharp contrast – a group who wants to repurpose the building and another group who sees the plan as the most efficient, economic way to address a portion of the Falls Lake Nutrient Management Strategy Rules.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Saturday September 15th, Park clean-up
- Monday September 17th, Civitan Luncheon for Vets
- Thursday September 20th Food Truck Rodeo,. By the tennis courts, 5.00pm-8.30pm with Durham Ukulele Duo
- Thursday September 27th, NPNA meeting, Civitan, 7.00pm
- Saturday September 29th, Chalk Walk, 4.00pm
- October all month, National Crime Prevention month
- Saturday October 13th, NPNA Yard Sale
- Thursday October 18th, Final Food Truck Rodeo of 2012 by the tennis courts, 5.00pm-8.with the Blue Tailed Skinks!
- Monday October 31st, Halloween
- November—no meetings or events!
- Saturday December 15th, Park clean-up
- Sunday December 9th or 16th (TBA), Luminaries

As of August NPNA has 84 residential and 2 corporate members. We NEED your involvement. Please join NPNA by going to northgateparknc.org and paying via PayPal or, use the membership form on the back page

PORCH-Durham

PORCH-Durham provides food for the weekend through its BackPack Buddies program at the following schools:

- Eastway Elementary
- Forestview Elementary
- Glenn Elementary
- C.C. Spaulding Elementary
- Y.E. Smith Elementary
- E.K. Powe Elementary
- Club Boulevard Elementary
- John Avery Boys & Girls Club of Durham

On the third weekend of each month, neighborhood coordinators collect food donations left on various porches in their neighborhoods or ask that neighbors leave the food donations on the coordinators porch to be turned into a central collection point. The foodstuffs are then packed into the backpacks and delivered to students on Friday. Each backpack contains individual servings for breakfast, lunch and dinner for Saturday and Sunday. Food donations need to be individual serving sizes and foods that children can prepare themselves. Below are some guidelines and suggested foods for collection:

- Individual serving sizes and foods with pop-top lids
- Pasta dishes (Easy Mac, Ramen noodles, canned ravioli, etc.)
- Meat/Beans (tuna fish, stews, canned chicken, etc.)
- Canned fruits and canned vegetables
- Breakfast (instant oatmeal packets, single serving cereal boxes)
- Snacks (individual boxed raisins, granola bars, cereal bars, etc.)

In Northgate Park, food donations may be left on either porch at 210 West Murray Avenue. Signs will be posted on the lawn on the third weekend of the month as a reminder that it is PORCH-Durham time.

To learn more email apkolacinski@yahoo.com or visit PORCH's website www.porchdurham.org

Beaver Queen Pageant

By Debra Hawkins, aka Down Under Beaver

8th Beaver Queen Pageant a *stunning* success for ECWA; Participants to celebrate at NC PRIDE Parade Sept 29th @ Duke East Campus

Thanks and a big congrats for the hard work & efforts of an amazing group of planners, participants, and attendees (including many from our own NGP 'hood!) who made the 2012 Beaver Queen Pageant a whomp-ing success for ECWA. From kickoff to pageant day, our community raised/contributed the stunning figure of \$13,000 dollars (yes, you read right!) to the cause of preserving & protecting our dear Ellerbe Creek Watershed. The figure far exceeds the hoped-for goal of the fundraiser, and sets an amazing benchmark for what a little local effort can do. Goo-donya!

Yours truly was extremely proud to assume the persona of Down Under Beaver and represent Northgate Park and its humblest denizen, our stretch of Ellerbe Creek. In addition to achieving a dream of supporting a cause that's been the mission of a lifetime as an outdoorswoman & onetime wetlands scientist, I made a host of new friends and had a 'dam' fun time.

Hope you had the chance to be in on the fun, but if not, you can relive the highlights at www.youtube.com/user/BeaverLodge - and you can come along and celebrate ECWA's (and our community's) achievement with the Queen & court, as we take a merry part in this year's NC Pride parade, Saturday September 29th, on the streets surrounding Duke East Campus. Details of the day at www.ncpride.org - Hope to see you there! Cheers, DownUnda

Northgate Park Neighborhood: A great place to live and run a small business

Dear Neighbors,

My husband, Tony and I moved into our 1940's bungalow up here on Delafield in May of 1998. For many years we lived in an old farmhouse in the country and I was a bit apprehensive about moving into town and having my neighbors so close by. Much to my surprise I genuinely enjoy most every aspect of city life, being so close to the exciting goings on downtown, the truck rodeos, the tennis courts and the park and being part of a real community.

I have been teaching voice and beginning piano and theory in the Durham area since 1985 but moving into town has really helped my studio to grow. Last year, I actually opened a small extension to my studio, The Alderman School of Music.

In September one of my former students and a recent M.M. graduate from Leeds University in England will be teaching private voice and group singing lessons there.

It was particularly important to me as a resident of the North Gate Park neighborhood, to find a location nearby. I was excited to find space for the school at Durham Presbyterian Church on North Roxboro Rd. The idea of having lessons easily available for the residents of north Durham and my own neighborhood is important to me as I am very much interested in being a positive asset to my community.

Thank you North Gate Park for being great neighbors!

Catherine Alderman, Vocal Instructor
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Partners Against Crime (PAC2)

I have attended District 2 (our district) Partners Against Crime meetings for more thirteen years (PAC-2). I also had the privilege of co-chairing the meetings for 4 years.

In all these years, there is one thing that is a constant. When a neighborhood experiences problems with crime: home break-ins, vehicle break-ins, theft, vandalism, illegal drug sales, abandoned, run-down houses, a new group of faces appears at a monthly meeting looking for help.

This was the case at the August meeting. Our new-concerned citizens discovered that they could talk with police and other departments that would send staff out to investigate, report and help them solve their current problems. The monthly newsletter and agenda handed out at each meeting has an abundance of departments, contacts, emails and phone numbers for getting to the right people to solve problems. Each District also has a Durham police Department Crime Prevention Officer to help neighborhoods organize a Neighborhood Watch group. Many Northgate Parkers probably remember when Officer Eric Hester helped us organize our 'Watch'. The Partners Against Crime meeting held the second Monday of each month at the Durham Public Schools Training Facility at 2107 Hillandale Road, 6pm till 8pm, is like a specialized library with programs, literature and networking opportunities to meet with our Durham City and County government representatives to solve problems.

I can think of at least 30 Northgate Parkers that I have seen at the PAC-2 monthly meetings over the years.

In light of the recent vandalism by B-B gun incident in our neighborhood, I would urge anyone concerned about this situation and preventing other security issues to attend monthly PAC-2 meetings.

Our NPNA list serve will provide everyone with a gentle reminder of when the meeting will take place each month.

Please consider attending some of the monthly Durham District 2 Partners Against Crime meetings. It's always better to know how to handle a situation before it occurs than to look for a way to handle damage control after.



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July 2012 Real Estate Notes from Nancy

Using information provided by the Triangle Multiple Listing Service, the following report compares Northgate real estate data from 2011 to this year. Information is deemed reliable but NOT guaranteed.

From January to August of 2011 there were 12 homes sold in Northgate.

One year later, January through August 2012, there were 11 homes sold.

It is interesting how consistent sales are in Northgate. There are currently 8 homes listed for sale and 2 under contract.

During 2011 the average size home SOLD in NG was 1236 sf, 3 bed/1.5 bath and built in 1951. Sold price per sf was \$120 or .96% of asking price.

In 2012 the average size home SOLD was 1062 sf, 2 bed/1.5 bath and built in 1951. Sold price per sf was \$127 or 96% of asking price. Values are moving up in Northgate. Statistics for the Triangle look very encouraging per Stacey Anfinsen, Triangle MLS statistician. He reports the overall local Triangle market is seeing "fantastic" improvement. (www.youtube.com/user/TriangleMLS)

Going back to 1995 throughout the Triangle the average number of closings in July was 1964.

Compare this to July 2012 when closings are up 16%.

In 1995 average price of a home in the Triangle was \$147,000.

In 2012 average price of a home in the Triangle is \$230,000.

This is an increase of 56% overall from 1995 and represents a home value increase of 3% per year.

If you need more information about this report, need data about any other NC area, or need a Realtor referral to an area outside of NC call Nancy Rizzo at 919-308-4306 for assistance.

REMEMBER: It is important to interpret market statistics based on LOCAL market information.

Prices are a reflection of many conditions including location, condition, economic factors, and motivation of the buyer and seller. Use caution when interpreting any statistics. If you have questions about what the numbers really mean, ask your trusted professional REALTOR for assistance.

Nine- Day Slaw

Mix these five items: 1 cabbage -- shredded diagonally; 2 medium onions (choose Vidalia or sweet if sweeter slaw is preferred) -- sliced diagonally or diced; 1 small jar pimento; 2 celery stalks—diced; 1 green pepper – diced

Pour 2 cups sugar over the above items and set aside. (Note: you may use a combination of sugar and sugar substitute or sugar substitute like Trivia)

For Dressing: Combine the following and heat to boiling point, stirring constantly

1 cup salad oil (Crisco); 1 cup cider vinegar; 2 TBSP salt; 2 TBSP sugar

Pour over dressing mix over cabbage and sugar mix. Stir. Cover and refrigerate.

This will keep for 9 days. You may add more cabbage, celery, onions, peppers as desired without making extra liquid.




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Lots Happening in the Neighborhood!

Park clean up Saturday September 15th

Meeting place – small picnic shelter by the playground in the middle of the park. The group typically meets around 9.00am but please turn up at whatever time you can and give any time that you can. Volunteers of all ages are welcome to collect fallen tree limbs and litter, prune and weed etc

Civitan Vets lunch

The Civitan are honoring vets from WWII, Korea and Vietnam at a luncheon on September 17th. Approximately 40 vets will be honored!

EVOS slide in June

The infamous "Slide of Doom" at the park playground was withdrawn from service after the vendor received accident reports from across the country. A replacement slide has been agreed with the vendor/Parks and Rec and was due to be manufactured in June, shipping to us in August—keep your fingers crossed!

There is still hope for a swing set too; that is working its way through the bureaucratic process.

Food Truck Rodeo

The last two rodeos of 2012 are scheduled for September and October and come with musical entertainment! A duo from Durham Ukulele Orchestra will perform in September with the Blue Tailed Skinks finishing the season in October. Both acts include neighborhood residents. The rodeo runs from 5.00pm through 8.30pm. Come on down and join your neighbors to picnic and just hang out! Rodeos will resume in March 2013 and will be scheduled for the 4th Thursday of each month.

Inter-Neighborhood Council (INC) Debra Hawkins has stepped forward to be NPNA's new representative, taking over from Mike Shiflett.

Blue Bin Bunch leader Bernie Page is heading a move to get recycling containers positioned in the park. Contact Bernie via the listserv if you want to help.

Neighborhood project team

Do you know a neighbor who would benefit from help to complete a one-off project—clearing a garden, moving furniture, building a fence etc? If so, we have a number of folk in the neighborhood with the skills and willingness to help. Pass on such requests to ian.pond@yahoo.com

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NPNA October Yard Sale

The Northgate Park Neighborhood Association (NPNA) will sponsor a neighborhood yard sale on Saturday, October 13 from 8 a.m. to noon. The rain date for the event will be the next week, Saturday, October 20. 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.



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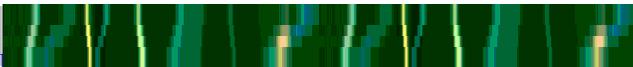
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Michael Konvicka (Farthing Street) sells hand-dyed clothing for babies, children, and adults at the Durham Farmers Market on Saturday mornings. The Farmer's Market is located in the Durham Central Park pavilion on Foster Street on Saturdays from 8 a.m. until noon. Lots of good locally-produced food, baked goods, and crafts.



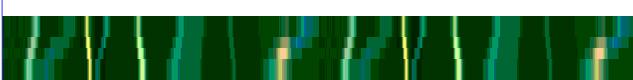
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ABOUT NORTHGATE PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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: Ian Pond; Vice President: Adam Shestak; Treasurer: Dan Singer; Secretary: Carol Henderson; Members at Large: Alice Kolacinski, Line Dempsey, Jeff "Boomer" Bakalchuck