

Police Preview New Crime Prevention Program as part of NPNA Crime Prevention Month

In 2010, there were 3687 burglaries reported in Durham. Roughly 85% of these involved residences. 85% were also by forced entry, most of which involved a door or window. Burglaries were more likely to occur during the day and from Monday through Thursday, rather than Friday, Saturday, or Sunday. After a burglary, the risk of a second incident occurring within 400 feet of the victimized residence in the next seven days increased by 94%. The risk of a second burglary occurring at the same residence within this period increased by 127%.

At a neighborhood event on August 18, Jason Scheiss, the Durham Police Department's Analytical Services Manager, gave attendees a sneak preview of the Resident Awareness Program or "RAP." The RAP relies on statistics like those above in an effort to predict and reduce burglaries throughout Durham. By identifying patterns in the location and frequency of burglaries, the RAP enables the Durham Police Department ("DPD") to make personal contact with those homes that are statistically

most likely to be targeted. Through such contact, the DPD can raise resident awareness, give tips on home security, and gather information about suspicious activity in the neighborhood.

According to Scheiss, the RAP will also enable DPD to increase visibility in areas that statistics indicate are likely to experience repeat burglaries. Such locations will be targeted for stepped up traffic enforcement and other efforts designed to deter and prevent crimes.

During his presentation, Scheiss emphasized that police efforts are most effective when the Durham community and DPD work together. Things residents can do include: i) reporting suspicious activity, ii) asking door to door solicitors to provide their City issued permits and identification, iii) implementing crime prevention tips, and iv) recording license plate numbers for suspicious vehicles. Through cooperation, Scheiss said, the DPD and the community can act as a "force multiplied." The RAP will be officially launched in the near future.

(NOTE: DPD has also upgraded its crime mapping functionality to include anonymous tips and email notifications. Visit durhampolice.com or raidsonline.com for more detail.)

Membership Form

Join or renew your membership today!

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Durham, NC 27704

Individual Household \$5-\$15, pay what you can

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I'm interested in helping with the following:

Winter Luminaries Creek Cleanup

Newsletter Distribution Administration

Neighborhood Watch Park Clean Up

SUBMISSIONS

The NPNA Newsletter is published on a quarterly basis. If you would like to submit articles, news, recipes, favorite websites, or announcements for next quarter's issue, please email Ian Pond at ian.pond@yahoo.com



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: Rebecca Gibson; Members at Large: Alice Kolacinski, Line Dempsey, Jeff "Boomer" Bakalchuck

newsletter



Welcome to northgateparknc.org!!

Northgate Park Neighborhood Association is proud to launch our new website, northgateparknc.org!

The site is intended to provide all the information necessary for potential residents to assess our community and commit to move in.

Technical development and maintenance has been kept in the family with residents doing all the work. Toban Penner took the lead on development with help from Jason Murtha and ongoing maintenance and updates are administered by Rebecca Gibson and Amy Jordan.

Please take the opportunity to visit the new site and give us your feedback and contributions. We particularly want your community photos to load to the gallery with select photos rotating on the Home Page.

Please email your photos to Rebecca at gibsonreba@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- September 10th, Park clean-up—family friendly, clear dead wood, invasives and litter
- NPNA September Meeting, September 22nd
Agenda: Membership drive, Newsletter content/costs, advertising rates
- NPNA October Meeting, October 20th
Agenda, Bylaw review
(All meetings start at 7.00pm: Civitan Club, Glendale)
- October 1st, Ellerbe Creek Big Sweep. Get down and dirty in the creek bed and leave it healthy!
- October 8th, Annual Yard Sale
- October 31st, Elgin Street Halloween Party
- December 10th, Park clean-Up
- December 11th, Night of Lights, Luminaries

Did you know?

May 24, 1988 was the Incorporation Date for Northgate Park Neighborhood Association.

May 24, 2013 will be the 25th anniversary of the incorporation of the Northgate Park Neighborhood Association.

Any good party involves pre-planning. The planning for the 25th Anniversary of NPNA's founding is no different. Beginning with this newsletter, information about the history of NPNA will be revealed and sought. Your information and participation in NPNA is vital. Your participation makes the community. And the information you have will help fill in the blanks of our history.

A good party planner begins by selecting a theme; therefore, the first question is:

Which of the following quotes would you choose to be the theme/motto for the NPNA 25th Anniversary celebration?

"That government is the strongest of which every man feels himself a part." Thomas Jefferson President

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." Margaret Mead, anthropologist

"As citizens, we all have an obligation to intervene and become involved - it's the citizen who changes things." Jose Saramago, writer

Or do you have another suggestion? Send your answer to 210 West Murray Avenue, Durham, NC or email your suggestion to apkolacinski@yahoo.com.

Coming next newsletter –Who have been the leaders of NPNA? If you have names or information to contribute to that article, please email apkolacinski@yahoo.com or mail your information to 210 West Murray Avenue, Durham, NC 27704. Self-reporters are requested.

Annual Neighborhood Yard Sale

Do you have an attic, garage, or basement full of things you don't want or need? Are your closets full of 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 8 from 8 AM - noon. The rain date for the event will be the next week, Saturday, October 15. 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 2010, more than 40 households and one church participated in the NPNA Yard Sale. If you are interested in taking part this year, please e-mail Mike Konvicka at mkonvicka@aol.com or call him at 220-4277 by Tuesday, October 4 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.

Know your Neighbors

I have fallen in love with the neighborhood. I moved to North Carolina from Louisiana in June and my family is living out on Erwin Road. I have lived most of my life in Louisiana. I met my wife, Jill at Louisiana Tech University back in '92 and we have been married for 15 years now. We are from the northern Louisiana where all we get from hurricanes is a little rain and evacuees. We have two boys ages 12 and 8 years old. Big or small we love going on adventures with the kids (if you get bored you can read about our adventures on my blog <http://murphys3rdlaw.blogspot.com/>). My wife has been a special education teacher for the last 15 years, and before starting this journey of being a pastor I was the media director at a church. I created graphics and produced videos for worship and worked on the church's website and the like. We are excited because my wife just got a job at Carrboro Elementary. This was the last big piece to fall into place to make our transition here complete.

On one of my first wanderings around the neighborhood I discovered Erin's Lazy Turtle Farm table set up with some fresh garlic and Jalapenos over on Shenandoah. I met Liz who was getting ready to take her bar exam (I prayed for you, I hope you did good!). Then I met Carol and Donna who told me all about the neighborhood. I was greeted with great warmth and I feel like I caught a glimpse of what a great community you have.

When I was shown the listserv I saw an even deeper sense of community. I read about neighbors sharing with each other, helping each other, looking out for each other and protecting each other. I even read about how you guys work together to figure out who lost what dog. I had been in a neighborhood before where my family connected with 3 or 4 other families and we helped each other out, but you have something much more than that. It is beautiful. Not to mention all the great suggestions everyone made for places for me to take my family to eat.

I am the new co-pastor at St. Paul United Methodist Church on N. Roxboro and I will be attending Duke Divinity School this fall. So I will be studying how to be a pastor while practicing at the same time. I believe God is inviting the people of St. Paul to love our neighbor. So if there is anything we can do to help please let me know. I have enjoyed meeting some of you already and I am looking forward to making many new friends. Thanks again for the wonderful hospitality you have already shown me and the supportive community you demonstrate.

God bless,

Steve Murphy

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Neighborhood Real Estate News

Nancy Rizzo, Realtor, 919-308-4306

There were 6 houses sold in NG from April 1 to June 30 2011.

Average size 1199 SF, 3 bed 1.5 bath, built in 1952, 91 days on the market. Average sales price \$132,250 or \$124 per SF.

There were 7 houses sold during the same time frame in 2010. Comparative statistics follow; average size 920 SF, 2 bed 1.5 bath, built in 1947, 51 days on the market. Average sales price \$114,914 or \$125 per SF.

Home sales in Northgate Park from January 1, 2010 through August 18, 2010 totaled 11 sales. Average sold home statistics for this period were as follows; 993 SF, 2 bedrooms 1.5 baths, built in 1949, \$126 per SF, 69 days on the market and average sold price was \$126, 273.

For the same period in 2011 there were also 11 homes sold. Average size was 1288 SF, 3 bedrooms 1.5 baths, built in 1950, \$108 per SF, 139 days on the market and average sold price was \$132,658.

If you have questions about this report or other real estate related questions please call Nancy Rizzo at 919 308 4306, your Northgate neighbor since 1988 and licensed Realtor® and Broker.

NOTE: this information was taken from the Triangle MLS and is deemed reliable but not guaranteed. Likewise past sales performance is NOT a guarantee of future sales performance. Individual home location, condition and the overall economic market are also factors which may influence the sales price.

Contact a professional Realtor® for more information. Nancy Rizzo, Broker, ABR, GRI, SRES, ReMax Winning Edge 501 Washington Street, Durham, NC 27701, Cell 919 308 4306, Fax 888 792 5111



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What's Cookin'? A Neighborhood Recipe Share

Easy, Modified to Suit Me Fruit Cobbler

Submitted by Alice Kolacinski

Ingredients:

1 stick margarine
1 qt (4 cups) Fruit – peach, strawberry blueberry, blackberry
¾ cup of flour
2 tsp baking powder
¼ tsp salt
1–2 cups of sugar (Adjust as desired—recommendations below)
1 egg and milk to make ¾ cup of liquid (crack egg into measuring cup and pour either buttermilk or milk to make ¾ cup of liquid—stir to break egg.)

1st Prepare the fruit --

use either 1 quart of peach slices (if fresh/ slice and sugar to taste; if canned, drain.)

or 1 quart of strawberries, blueberries, blackberries or combination of berries, sugar to taste.

2nd Place margarine in 8" glass rectangle dish in 325 degree oven and melt margarine

3rd While margarine is melting, mix 2 tsp baking powder and ¼ tsp salt in ¾ cup of flour. Stir in 1 cup of sugar. Add egg/milk mixture. Flour/sugar mixture should be thick but pourable.

4th Remove melted margarine dish from oven. Pour flour mixture into pan, (you may spread mixture but do not stir mixture and margarine.) Top dough with fruit. Do not stir fruit in.

5th Place dish back in oven and bake at 325 for 1 hour.



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