

Real Estate News

It's important to remember all statistical Real Estate information is LOCAL. What's happening nationally does not necessarily reflect what's happening in our specific area. The following Triangle MLS statistics are monthly indicators for October 2012.

"Sales in the Triangle region were up 31.1% in October to 1,966. New listings increased 11.8% to 2,986. Pending sales were up 40.5% to 2,078. Inventory levels shrank 22.7% to 12,599 units. The Median Sales Price increased 2.7% to \$187,990."

Note: These statistics include short sales and foreclosures as well as "normal" sales.

If you have questions about this report or other real estate concerns call your neighbor, Nancy Rizzo

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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.

Membership Form

Join or renew your membership today!

Make checks payable to: "NPNA"

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- 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

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

Tight for space!

Space challenges caused us to carry over a recycling plant visit report to the next newsletter but we will post it to the listerv for those who have access!

SUBMISSIONS

The NPNA Newsletter is published on a quarterly basis. And does not happen without the support, input and commitment of the community. 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. If you would like to volunteer to deliver newsletters, please contact ian.pond@yahoo.com or 919-317-1241 We specifically struggle to get volunteers to deliver Roxboro Street, Club Boulevard and Duke Street

Want to Join the NPNA Listserv?

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NORTHGATE PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

WINTER 2012



newsletter

Member of the Inter-Neighborhood Council

INC Neighborhood Hero

The Inter-Neighborhood Council (INC) annual Heroes Awards were held on Tuesday 16th October at Motorco to recognize individuals from across Durham who make significant contributions to their neighborhood.

For Northgate Park, our nomination this year was Donald Clary.

Many of you will know Donald for his volunteer work organizing the Elgin Street Halloween Party that entertained hundreds of folk for five years, his volunteer presence at the Life and Science Museum and the recycling newspaper collections he arranges to support that, his delivery of more newsletters than is humanly possible, his contributions at early voting stations and a host more things.

Donald wasn't available to collect his reward personally as he was volunteering at the early voting station, what more can be said!

As you see Donald walking his dog around the neighborhood, take the opportunity to congratulate him for the award and to thank him for all he does for Northgate Park

Be Safe Over the Holidays

With the Holidays fast approaching, I wanted to send out a reminder in reference to **Social Media Postings**. Please be mindful of what you post with regards to being on vacation and/or out of town. In recent years, several burglary rings have been linked to such postings. These suspects were searching sites like Face book and Twitter to look for public postings about people taking vacations. They would then utilize public records to get and address and break in while they were out of town. Please be mindful of your privacy settings as well.

Here are some basic safety tips with regards to Social Media Postings.

1. Only friend people that you know in real life.
2. Be careful how much personal information you post in your profiles.
3. Don't post your phone number or address on your profile or any place else on your social media accounts.
4. Don't use apps or anything else that automatically broadcasts your current location to social media networks.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- December 8th, Park Clean up
- December 9th, Luminary sale/Light The Park. 2-5pm picnic shelter by tennis courts

Chalk Walk — Laronda Blessing

Northgate Park's second annual Chalk Walk took place Friday, September 28. While the turnout was a bit lower than last year, those who did come got right into the spirit of things, creating everything from dragons and underwater creatures to flowers, bugs and rockets. Sgt. Dale Gunter was in attendance and once again brought some friends on the force. Durham's finest not only showed off their artistic talents, but completely stole the show by allowing kids to sound the police car air horns and loudspeakers. Luckily, the rain held off until just after everyone had finished, and several neighbors were able to photograph the works of art before they were washed away forever. Thanks to everyone who came out--we'll try to find an opening on a weekend next year to allow more Northgate Parkers to come out and show off their chalking skills!



For more information on Internet Safety, please take a look at : <http://www.onguardonline.gov/>

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Seasonal Recipes—Crock Pot Pudding

Submitted by: Alice Kolacinski

Crock Pot Corn Pudding

Ingredients:

(8 ounce size) cream cheese, softened; 2 eggs, beaten; 1/3 cup sugar; 1 package (8.5 ounce size) corn bread or muffin mix; 1 can (16 ounce size) cream-style corn
2 1/3 cups fresh or frozen sweet corn; 1 cup milk; 2 tablespoons margarine or butter, melted; 1 teaspoon Vanilla extract



DIRECTIONS:

Lightly grease Crock-Pot. In a mixing bowl, blend cream cheese, eggs, and sugar. Add the remaining ingredients and mix well. Transfer to Crock-Pot. Cover and cook on High 3 to 4 hours

Luminary Sale

On Sunday December 9th NPNA will be holding the annual Luminary Sale and Lighting the Park. Based at the picnic shelter by the tennis courts, volunteers will be selling kits of ten tea lights, bags and sand for residents to decorate their homes for the evening lighting.

From around 5.00pm, we will be placing luminaries around and throughout the park for lighting around 6.00pm. Kits will cost \$8 for members and \$10 for non-members. Membership can be taken out on the day for \$5-\$15 as you feel comfortable paying.

Volunteers are sought to staff the sale, prepare luminaries for the park and to place/light the luminaries. Notify Carol Henderson in advance at chende2292@aol.com or just turn up on the day. Tradition has it that hot gumbo and wood fires are on hand to warm the afternoon volunteers!

OPEN STUDIO

Saturday, Dec. 8 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Neighborhood artist, Tony Alderman would like to invite all to come to his open studio.

The Studio show will feature paintings from his "On the Water in Carolina" series.

Prints from this series and his Durham series will be available as well.

Tony Alderman Arts is located in Durham Presbyterian Church at 2504 Roxoboro St.

Use the side entrance on Ellerbee Rd.

For more information contact Tony Alderman at 919-491-9592 or check out the paintings at Tonyaldermanarts.com.



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TV Options by Lynn C

Several neighbors have had concerns with TV reception and cable costs. Here is a creative approach one neighbor took to save money!

TWC alternatives...my 2 cents
I'll admit it...I love watching TV. So, for many years I paid a LOT of money to TWC for their services--digital cable and DVR, phone and internet. And I was pretty happy with it. Then my "promotion" ran out, and slowly the cost of their services began to rise. Despite a lot of effort on my part, they refused to lower (or even maintain) my fees. I longed for the days when TV was free (and it actually still is...with a little effort). So last spring, I ditched them altogether.

Here's what I have patched together as an alternative. I use Frontier for home phone and internet. I feel like I got a pretty good deal paying about \$15 a month for internet, \$25 a month for phone. I installed an antenna in my attic (make sure you look for one that picks up both UHF and VHF or you'll never get ABC11). I also bought a signal booster which helped immensely since I have a loooong cable run from the antenna to two TVs. The antenna and signal booster cost me about \$70 total. I pick up all the local channels (ABC11, NBC17, CBS5, and 3 PBS4). I get a bunch of others that I don't really watch. I bought a Roku box (\$70) that lets me stream from the internet directly to my TV. I subscribe to HuluPlus for \$8 a month which lets me watch most network shows a day after broadcast, a good alternative to the DVR.

So my investment in switching over was about \$150, and my monthly cost for TV and internet is less than \$25. It's not perfect. The signal is not always great, and I seriously miss the Food Network and HGTV. But I feel better knowing that I'm not feeding TWC, and I'm saving about \$100 a month in the process. It CAN be done.

A good website is tvfool.com. If you put in your address it will tell you which channels you should expect to pick-up. It also tells you which direction to point your antenna.

Canker Worm Battles—Tom Melby

Don't want to see those cute, green, wriggly things chomping your tree leaves this year? Here's advice local gardener Tom gleaned at a Trinity Park event:

The essence of the kits comprise 3 components: tar paper (roofing felt or similar product), something like foam packing material, cotton batting, or even insulation; and, most crucially, a product called tanglefoot, which is available online and also at Stone Brothers and Byrd. The instructions are to wrap the tree with the foam sheet, tucking it into and filling all crevices, and affixing with a staple gun or your method of choice. Then put the tarpaper over that and staple it on. Your goal here is to fill all the crevices so that the flightless moths that will be climbing up the tree cannot crawl under the tar paper and have to crawl over it. You then apply tanglefoot over the tarpaper. When they crawl over it, they stick.

It was suggested that this be placed about 4 feet up the trunk; that we put the physical barrier up at our convenience and then apply the tanglefoot when most of the leaves have fallen (the moths will start to climb with hard frosts), and that we apply both in fall (which will get the ones that come down in spring) and again in late spring (say mid may, I think it was). This could be done by covering half of the tarpaper in tanglefoot now and the other half in spring. The strips in the kit were about 1 foot wide.

Note that tanglefoot is all natural, but a sticky mess. Also, the Durham forester will be treating some of the affected trees on city streets where infestations were reported. Obviously they cannot do all of them, so will just be addressing places where people specifically complained etc. Good Luck!

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