

Northgate Garden Club

The Northgate Park Garden Party meets on the fourth Monday of the month at 6:30 pm for a Potluck Supper, fellowship and discussion. Different members host each month. And different members provide leadership when a need arises. There is no business meeting, no particular agenda.

But the group has managed to host a Garden Crawl in 2010, a seed exchange, a field trip to Tony Avents' Plant Delights, and demonstrations about Rain Barrels and Banding Trees. Our members participate in Park Cleanups, bulb planting in the fall and most recently, banding tree.

Any Northgate resident is welcome – fourth Monday of the month-- just watch the listserv for location.

Meringue Cookies (no carb)

From Alice Kolacinski

Ingredients:

- 4 Egg whites (room temperature)
- 1 4 oz pack Sugar-free Jello-type mix --flavor of your choice (Lemon will complement any fruit.) (Strawberry flavor is great with fresh strawberries)
- 1/2 tsp vanilla extract

Begin by preheating oven to 225F, and lining 2 baking sheets with aluminum foil. Spray pans with non-stick cooking spray.

Use a high-speed mixer, mix egg whites and vanilla until almost solid (you won't see any liquid and they will be white). Gradually pour in jello mix while beating, until stiff peaks form.

Using a pastry bag or a zip top plastic bag with the corner snipped off, squeeze out small mounds onto foil. Or just use teaspoon to make 1—2 inch circles with a peak.

Place both baking sheets in 225F oven, on top and middle racks. Cook for 45 minutes to 1 hour. Check by looking at meringue bottom – slight brown, but not burnt. Cut oven off and let cool.

When cool, –Serve or Pack in air tight container for later. (If you want a sweeter cookie –sprinkle with Truvia.)

NPNA Membership Form

Join or renew your membership today!

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

**Singer/NPNA, 311 Greenwood Drive
Durham, NC 27704**

- Individual Household \$5-\$15, pay what you can
- Business/Institution \$20

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Or use PayPal at our website Northgateparknc.org

The Museum of Life and Science

Museum After Hours : Science of Attraction – Thurs. July 17 6–9pm (21 & over only) \$10* Members and General Public (*Members get a free beer ticket!)

Pulse pounding and cheeks flushed? Butterflies in your stomach? You might just be in love with this event! Explore a wide variety of attractive forces from electromagnetism to the birds and the bees.

As always, we'll have food trucks on-site, DJ tunes and plenty of cold Triangle beer to go around.

3rd Annual Watermelon Day Festival, Fri. August 1st, 10-5pm/free with admission. All ages:

Celebrate National Watermelon Day by enjoying special watermelon-themed animal programming. Bring a watermelon to share with your favorite Museum animals! Learn more about the hot weather care of our animals.

Lab Summer Camp, June 15 – Aug 23; Free with regular admission. **Open every day! Extended summer hours: Mon–Sat 10:30 - 4:30; Sun 12:30 - 4:30.** * Summer Science Shows: Every Wednesday in July.

Summer/Fall Camps: Start June 16, Pre-K - Grade 8

More info: <http://lifeandscience.org/>

If you are a member of NPNA and you'd like to place a text ad HERE you can! \$10 an ad.



Join the NPNA listerv at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NPNA> click "join this group" OR send an email to npna-subscribe@yahoogroups.com



Newsletter

Member of the Inter-Neighborhood Council



Upcoming Neighborhood Events

- Park Clean-Up: Saturday, June 7, 8:30am
- Annual Picnic and NPNA Meeting: Sunday, June 8, 4:00pm, Stone picnic shelter
- Thursday June 26 Food Truck Rodeo with the Durham Ukulele Orchestra
- NPNA Board Meeting: Thursday, July 17, 7:00pm, Civitan
- Thursday July 24, Food Truck Rodeo with Eternal Hiccups



Come to the Northgate Park Annual Neighborhood Picnic - June 8

On Sunday June 8th at 4:00pm you will see a horde of residents descend on the stone picnic shelter by the bridge in the middle of the park to enjoy NPNA's annual picnic. Please come! This is a potluck event where NPNA provides the meat, drinks, utensils and neighbors bring their favorite potluck to share. There will be kids games with a pinata and a display of some of the history of Northgate Park.

Elections for NPNA's Board of Directors will also take place. Standing this year are: President - Ian Pond; Vice President – Debra Hawkins; Treasurer Dan Singer; Secretary – Carol Henderson; Board Members at Large –Alice Kolacinski, Terry Kolacinski, Melissa Harrell

10th Annual Beaver Queen Pageant

The 10th Annual Beaver Queen Pageant (FREE & family friendly) Saturday, June 7, at Duke Park (Acadia @ Knox Street). Pre-pageant activities start 4pm; Pageant 5-7 pm. Proceeds support the Ellerbe Creek Watershed Association and thus our beloved Ellerbe Creek!

Started in 2005 to protect beavers from a road construction project the BQP has grown to attract hundreds! Judges are anything but impartial. The audience 'bribes' them and buys multiple votes to support their chosen contestant. WUNC's Frank Stasio returns as emcee!

BQP camps it up with outrageous costumes and audience engagement. There's Food Trucks and a Scrap Exchange booth to make your own beaver tail!

Northgate Parkers Deb Hawkins, Carol Fuqua, Richard Milward, Sandee Washington, Dian Wilson & Melissa Harrel are 'handling' contestant Beaverina-Ballerina (like her on Facebook!) Please join us!

Info: www.ellerbecreek.org
www.beaverlodgelocal1504.org

Community Assets

This new column recognizes individuals or groups who make our neighborhood even better!

Martha Dyer- Art Therapist, gardener and member of the Blue Tailed Skinks. She performs vocals, plays the bones, spoons and other interesting accoutrements. The Skinks play venues such as Shakori Hills/Coffee Barn, Carrboro Music Festival, Motorco, Full Steam, etc. Martha and the Skinks play for free at our Food Truck Rodeos!

Aura Heine- Physical Therapist, Guatemalan cook, gardener and fund raiser extraordinaire. Aura has raised thousands of dollars for APS, adopts animals in need and brings our community together with her authentic tamales. An asset indeed!

Jessica Moore- Founder of Open Art Society, openartsociety.org. Jessica recently coordinated a project associated with the de-construction of the house on Lavender, e.g., beautiful bird mural, historical documentation, video of the de-construction and more. She has created many store front art installations in the downtown area.

If you have someone for Community Assets send an email to chende2292@aol.com Carol Henderson

Use your PayPal account to join NPNA at Northgateparknc.org

Our Very Own Northgate Mall Events!

Our wonderful neighborhood mall is locally owned, and home to many LOCAL businesses & non-profits! Our mall's administration is dedicated to community participation.

Durham County Library Summer Reading Kickoff FREE for all ages: June 14 10:00 am – 1:00 pm: Performers, music, games, face painting & more. Featuring The Balloon Lady, Caricaturists, Durham Arts Council, The Scrap Exchange, Sol Terra Mobile Farm Bus, Criss Cross Mangosauce, NC Zoo, Lunch Money, Mad Science & many others!

American Red Cross Blood Drive July 18, 2014 10:00 am – 7:00 pm: Visit the Blood Mobile on The Plaza. Pre-schedule your appointment: www.redcrossblood.org; The Red Cross needs you!

DAC Parent/Child Clay Workshops Project for August: Bird Houses! Mon 8/4, 10:00 – 11:30 Am OR Tues 8/5 4:00 – 5:30 Pm; \$15 per child: Using slab construction, build your own bird house! Because projects need to be fired, artwork is available for pick up about two weeks after the workshop. Classes take place at the DAC Clay Studio located at Northgate Mall. Visit durhamarts.org to register online before attending.

<http://www.northgatemall.com/> & Like Northgate Mall on FB!

Edison Johnson – Events

Youth: Summer Camp: Starting soon! March 15, 9 am – 1 pm; sign-up online, or call Lucille P. on 560-4270. Runs June 16 – August 15

Adults/teens: Zumba fitness: Tues. 6/3 – 8/26, 6:15 – 7:15 & Thurs 6/5 – 8/28, 6:30 – 7:30

Mature Adult: FREE activities – Bridge, Thursdays 12-3pm; Walking, 8-10 am weekdays

Special events: Dive in Movie Nite Fri. July 18, 8 – 10 pm Enjoy a movie while you stay cool & hang out in the water!

SUBMISSIONS / DELIVERY—WE NEED YOU!

NPNA's Newsletter is published quarterly -- but doesn't happen without support, input & commitment from our community! To submit, articles, recipes, etc. email Sandee sandeelw@gmail.com

To help deliver newsletters, please contact ian.pond@yahoo.com or 919-317-1241.

NOTE: We especially need help for Club Blvd & Roxboro/Duke Street routes.

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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: Ian Pond; Vice President: Adam Shestak; Treasurer: Dan Singer; Secretary: Carol Henderson; Members at Large: Alice Kolacinski, Debra Hawkins (INC representative), Melissa Harrell

Summer Decorum

It's 8.30am Sunday morning, the sun is shining, you're full of energy and the lawn is just waiting for you to knock it into shape. You head for the garage and pull out that loud gas mower and are just about to fire it up when you think "Hey, I wonder if my neighbors are maybe sleeping in and catching up on some rest? The lawn mower goes back in the shed.

The lawn can maybe wait a little while until a "safer" time of day. Thank you for being considerate of your neighbors

Interneighborhood Council

Deb Hawkins, Rep for NGP

INC's busy quarter included - Membership/Outreach represented INC to the community as co-sponsor of the recent School Board Candidates' debate. Zoning & Devel. continue to work on issues regarding cell towers, and track proposed alterations to the Durham UDO. Speed/Traffic met with DPD Chief/staff, with excellent rapport for developing a n'hood traffic enforcement initiative. Bike/Pedst/Transit note the completion of the citywide Bike/Ped Survey with record participation. Parks/PublicSpace/Environ. working on a final report for delegates including their kids' awareness project.

* Co-sponsoring of a School Board Candidate Forum in April with others.

* Invited speakers on logistics, benefits and potential roadblocks (from HOA's, governments) involved in installation of residential solar energy collection systems

* Passing a motion (by the full delegate body) supporting better traffic enforcement on residential streets

* Viewing the interactive flyover presentation / info about the proposed Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit Project. Information: <http://ourtransitfuture.com>

* Presentation about Durham's application for a TIGER grant (<http://www.dot.gov/tiger>) from the US Department of Transportation, to create a master plan for the Duke Belt Line .

Durham INC for a greater Durham for all. Meetings: 7pm each 4th Tuesday, Golden Belt Complex www.durham-inc.org Summary given at NPNA meetings every 3rd Thursday by delegate Deb Hawkins dhawkins913311@gmail.com

Northgate Real Estate News

Nancy Rizzo, ReMax Realtor, Broker, ABR, GRI

There has been a strong increase in home prices this past year. One reason is the dramatic growth of downtown and the proximity of Northgate Park to downtown amenities. Its an easy walk, bike or car ride to the Farmers Market, DPAC and many other popular places.

Below is a comparison of last year's Northgate Park sales to this year's. Prices are determined by several factors but the most critical are location and condition. Size is a factor but if condition and location are not desirable, price will reflect that. If the property is in the flood zone price it is also impacted.

If you need help determining the value of your home call an appraiser or your preferred Realtor.

From Jan 1, 2013 to May 1, 2013 three homes sold in Northgate. Average size was 1042 SF, built in 1943 and sales price was \$146,500. Days on the market 29.

From Jan 1, 2014 to May 1, 2014 five properties sold in Northgate. Average size was 1173 SF, built in 1956 and sales price was \$174,745. Days on the market 25.

Pricing a home is not easy task. Price it too high and it sits too long and you lose equity. If you have question about this information obtained from the Multiple Listing Service, please call Nancy Rizzo, ReMax Winning Edge Broker 919 308 4306.

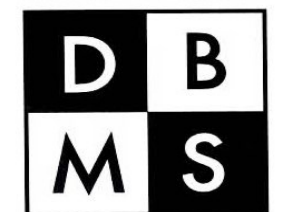
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