

NNO = Northgate Night Of Fun! 2018 National Night Out Recap

On Tuesday August 7, over 80 residents plus planners and visitors celebrated the nation's 35th Annual National Night Out in NG Park. Free meat/veggie hot dogs and juicy watermelon from Northgate's own King's Red & White Grocery were 'relished' by all, while kids enjoyed an outdoor play zone and bounce house from great locals EZ Rentalz who serve many of the 100+ neighborhoods holding events on the evening! Attendees were able to meet and speak to several of our county commissioners, our state reps for NG & Colonial village, our Sheriff-elect Clarence Birkhead, and senior members of DPD staff. There were many smiles & much laughter as friends and neighbors known and new spent time together. One family with three young ones remarked, "This is our first NPNA event we've checked out - been living here 5 years. Thank you for a fun Tuesday-evening event! We hope we'll see them, and the many other new faces, at some of our slate of great rodeos and block parties/potlucks scheduled for the autumn months.

A big round of thanks to our head organizer Mike Shiflett, Grill-Master/past president Line Dempsey, Membership table guys Tom Melby & Dan Singer, and everyone else on the NPNA board who helped make this a memorable 35th NNO for all. Save the date (Tues, Aug 6) 2019 and join us for all the fun next year!

-- Deb Hawkins



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Upcoming Neighborhood Events

- Sept 8 - Park Clean Up, Picnic shelter across from the church 8 a.m.
- Sept 20 - NPNA meeting, Civitan Center, 7 p.m.
- Sept 27 - Food Truck Rodeo, NGP 5 - 8:00 p.m.
- Oct 13 - Neighborhood wide Yard Sale, 8a.m.-noon
- Oct 18 - NPNA meeting, Civitan Center, 7 p.m.
- Oct 25 - Food Truck Rodeo Finale, NGP 5 - 8:00 p.m.
- Oct 31 - Elgin St. Halloween Block Party, 5:30 - 8 p.m.
- Nov 15 - NPNA meeting, Civitan Center, 7 p.m.

Northgate Park Neighborhood Yard Sale Oct. 13

The date is set for the annual Northgate Park neighborhood yard sale! Saturday, October 13, 2018 is the official date with the following Saturday as a rain date. This is early but it's your chance to start setting aside those items you just can't fit in your storage bin or that your significant other has asked you so nicely to "do something with." As the date gets closer there will be more to come, but please keep my contact handy so if you are interested in participating you can let me know! It's nice to broadcast what everyone is offering as well so we can attract more folks! If you'd like to be involved in any volunteer help or want to participate please let me know at tomkeiger@gmail.com

Northgate Halloween Festival Set for Oct. 31, 5:30-8:30

The 11th Elgin Street Halloween Festival is just over two and one half months away. Make plans to attend the street festival as we close the block and present our gift to the neighborhood kids (and the young at heart.)

If you're new to the neighborhood, the 2700 block of Elgin sets up games for the kids from 5:30 to 8:30. The street is blocked with permission from the city and the fun begins. Our traditional food truck, Only Burger, will be there serving up yummy burgers so bring a little cash and have supper while you play.

More details will be provided as we get closer to the event. Also, if you're wondering what day it's held, we do call it the Halloween festival after all -- for those born yesterday that would be October 31st. We would love to have entertainment from the neighborhood if you're so inclined and would like to participate. Contact Donald Clary at donaldclary@yahoo.com or call 919.220.3439 if you want further details or would like to show off your talents. Additional information will be put on the listserve as we get closer to the event.



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NPNA Membership Form

The membership year of the Northgate Park Neighborhood Association runs from April 1st to March 31st

Join or renew your membership today!

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

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Durham, NC 27704

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

Helping our outdoors: Remove bands, give water, adopt a drain

Ellerbe Creek & our treescape need your help! Be sure to take off any cankerworm bands on your own or park/street trees (or help your neighbors!) you see 'round NGP. It can hurt the tree to leave them on later than May, and undo the good of putting them on!

Now's also the time to ensure any baby personal/public/neighbor trees get a gallon of water if there's been less than an inch of rain for 7 days or more. Baby trees need the help for 2-3 years until their roots grow enough to make it on their own.

When we do have deluges of rain, we can help Ellerbe Creek by taking care with our street drains. These feed straight into the creek so anything going on or in them can affect creek habitat for non-human residents! We can keep them clear of debris and ensure nothing's going down them except (clean) storm/rainwater. You can even adopt it with a new city program!

Link to this site to make your adoption official & get great info! www.adoptadrain.codefordurham.com
Thanks and a happy summer to all!

Neighborhood Association Bylaws

The Bylaws Committee has been reviewing the NPNA Bylaws. The purpose of the review is to add/delete/change any bylaws (constitution/rules) that need editing. The most recent version of the Bylaws are posted on the NPNA website.

We are ready for review of the document by interested members of the association. If you'd like to review the proposed changes, please send an email request to apkolacinski@yahoo.com or attend the monthly meeting on the 3rd Thursday of the month at the Friendly Civitan building at 7:00 pm.

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Interviews from Around the Neighborhood: Amy Lin of Chopstix Restaurant

A chat with Amy Lin, owner: Chopstix Restaurant (2000 Avondale Drive, Suite B (next to Compare foods), Durham 919-220-1188 (7 days ,open to 11 pm eat in/delivery)



Amy Lin

For many years, Amy Lin has owned and operated this bustling Asian food eatery that is our N'gate (and CV/Duke Park/University) late-night hunger, budget destination. As an inspirational Durham Asian-American & woman entrepreneur, long days & nights for this working mom have paid big dividends in long-time loyal customers and a well-established enterprise serving the community. We asked her to share some history, amazing facts and reflections with us.

How long has Chopstix been operating? "Over 40 years! We are a 'long term NGP resident' !!"

What made you choose a location in NGP? "This is a great area, so many nice people and from all kinds of backgrounds...and who all love good Asian cuisine & the food we serve!"

What do you like best about your work? "That I have so many happy regular customers – one is 100 years old and has been coming here to eat for almost 44 years!"

People work many hours in the food biz. How do you coordinate this & personal/family life? "People in my industry work long hours only if they care about their customers – which I do! But I have a supportive family for my career, and when I am with them we have lots of quality time together. And of course, sometimes they are here at Chopstix too!"

How many meals/orders do you fill each week? "At least 350-400 per week between in-restaurant and deliveries. We serve lots of people in Durham!"

What is your most popular/signature dish? "Hard to choose! Sesame Chicken is a specialty of the house, but popular orders include fried rice/lo mein and honey chicken as well."

Do you have a catering enterprise or will you in future? "We do cater! All sizes and kinds of events, weddings, business receptions...for bookings, ask for Amy Lin (me) at the main number for quotes."

-- Interview by Deb Hawkins


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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: Bernie Page; VP: Jeremy Jorgensen; Treasurer: Dan Singer; Secretary: Ian Pond; INC Rep: Deb Hawkins; Members-at-large: Sue Gilbertson; Alice Kolacinski, Tom Melby, Mike Shiflett, Keith Cochran

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