

### Northgate Doughman Racers

Northgate Park was well represented at the 10th annual Doughman, Durham’s premier quadrathlon. Racers consume a full meal immediately before embarking on their run, bike, or swim. This year’s menu included loaded fries (5k), three cheese lasagna (4 mile bike), pulled pork and sweet potato biscuit (2 mike run), and spicy daal (1 mile run + swimming), plus a dessert plate for the whole team! The Doughman gives new meaning to the phrases “gut check” and “intestinal fortitude”! In fitting with the festive atmosphere, our team wore balloon sculptures made to resemble our beloved Bronto. Race proceeds benefited the Durham Bike Co-op.



(Left to Right) Patrick D’Silva, Jon E. Walker, Matt Schu, Sarah Nelson

### Help Needed on Election Day

Hi Northgate Neighbors, I really enjoyed seeing so many of you come to Precinct 21 at Club Blvd Elementary School on May 8th. I’m a retired teacher and your Chief Judge on Election Day. The Board of Elections would love to have more applicants to help run the elections. Visit [pollworkers@dconc.gov](mailto:pollworkers@dconc.gov) I hope to see you in November. --Emily Wilkins

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# Newsletter

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## Upcoming Neighborhood Events

- May 25 – Food Truck Rodeo, NGP 5–8:30
- June 2 – Thirteenth-Annual Beaver Queen Pageant, 4–7PM Duke Park
- June 21 – NPNA meeting, Civitan Club w/guest speaker DP&R, time TBA
- June 28 – Food Truck Rodeo, NGP 5–8:30 pm
- July 19 - NPNA meeting, Civitan Club, 7 pm
- July 26 – Food Truck Rodeo, NGP 5–8:30 pm
- Aug 7 – National Night Out Celebration, NGP 5–7pm

## Lavender House Update

Have you been hearing the words ‘Lavender House’ lately ‘round the neighborhood? The foundation nestled in the woods across from the main park was once a house built in the 1930s (!) for the park ranger and his family. In 1946, it then housed the Children’s Museum, now known as the Museum of Life and Science who moved up to their campus off Murray Avenue. Then to now a storage space for Parks and Rec, and after many decades of flooding (it sits in Ellerbe Creek’s 100 year floodplain!) it was not possible to use/repair, and was deconstructed. Over a few seasons and with much input from NG residents and DPF collaborators, the space has finally been refurbished as an open play/performance space, with plans for future features (ecological, historical, botanical and artistic!) and activities.



The design and execution won \*TWO\* 2018 City/County Golden Leaf Awards (Neighborhood Garden & Landscape & the Keep Durham Beautiful Award). On Thursday April 26, over 70 residents and special guests from the Museum, DPR, KDB, and NPNA enjoyed a rededication/opening celebration with cake, historical presentations, speakers and three delightful music & dance performances from special guests from our sister neighborhood’s cultural treasure Walltown Children’s Theater. A great time was had by all! Watch the space in the coming



months for additional transformations, activities, and a chance to take part in shaping the design and features of this reclaimed, ‘Dirty Durham’ repurposing adventure!

# New Path at Beaver Marsh

Beaver Marsh is Ellerbe Creek Watershed Association's nature preserve right behind Compare Foods, off Avondale Road. It is the home to an active beaver colony and also to a wide range of other wildlife - deer, raccoons, otters, coyotes, mink, turtles, Blue Heron, White Egret and more.

There are several existing paths to walk as you enjoy the woods and views of the marsh and now there is a new path! Not yet named, this path runs from Harbor Freight down to Public Storage, running alongside the creek for most of its length and making it possible to now do a full circuit of the preserve. The path also crosses a tributary where the marsh drains in to Ellerbe Creek with views of tiered dams made by the beavers to hold water in the marsh.

Enjoy the walk!



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# NPNA Picnic and Annual Meeting May 20, 2018

Dozens of Northgate Park neighbors gathered in the sultry late afternoon on Sunday May 20 to participate in the NPNA annual picnic and meeting. Tom Melby and Mike Shiflett grilled hamburgers and hot dogs and made a fantastic Chicken Tikka Masala. Multiple neighbors brought delicious side dishes and desserts. Fahsyrah's lemonade helped quench the thirst from the warm weather. There was a piñata organized by Farrah and Andy Shapiro which many kids enjoyed, a raffle organized by Deb Hawkins, which included multiple items including some weighty gift certificates from King's Red and White and Kidscycle. The President's Award was given to Deb Hawkins

At the annual meeting, some of the high points of the year for NPNA were reviewed. A partial list of these include:

### AWARDS RECEIVED

2 Golden Leaf Awards for input re renovation of Lavender House: Deb Hawkins and Garden Club

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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: 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

### NEW INITIATIVES

- Striping of Murray Ave: Sue Gilbertson
- Permanent signs for food truck rodeos: Carol Henderson
- Financial support for Elgin St Halloween given: Deb Hawkins liaison
- Message Board repaired: Ian Pond, Tom Melby
- Input re new location of Dog Park: Tom Melby Mike Shiflett
- Message Board Guidelines posted: Deb Hawkins, Bernie Page
- Discussion on Diversity Sept 2017: Deb Hawkins
- Healthy Mile markers: Mike Shiflett
- Assisted in City Tree Planning: Mike Shiflett Mark Ambrose
- First annual Budget: Ian Pond
- Assist in Renovation of Lavender House: Deb Hawkins Garden Club

Elections were held for the upcoming NPNA year. The Officers and board of directors elected are: President: Bernie Page Vice-President: Jeremy Jorgensen Treasurer: Dan Singer Secretary: Ian Pond Members at large: Keith Cochran, Sue Gilbertson, Deb Hawkins, Alice Kolacinski, Tom Melby, Mike Shiflett A good time was had by all and we hope that Mike and Tom will grill again next year!