

Northgate Park Neighborhood Association Bylaws

For the past two years, NPNA’s Board has been working to revise the Bylaws for the association. We now have a document that defines us as a non-profit with the intent to facilitate community involvement, brands us as an inclusive organization and clarifies how we operate. The entire document is available online at <http://northgateparknc.org/> If you want to read a print version, a copy will be available at future business meetings. Meeting are held on the third Thursday each month at 7:00 pm at the Friendly Civitan Clubhouse, 2510 Glendale Ave, Durham.

Because the NPNA Board feels the community is an inclusive community, the first change was the addition of this statement to the Bylaws:

Section 4. Northgate Park Neighborhood Association does not discriminate for any reason including but not limited to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identification (including gender expression,) sexual orientation, disability, age or any status protected by law.

Other major changes add the potential for more membership involvement at the Board meeting, clarify the duties of Board members and refine quorum for both Board meeting and the general meeting. The primary reason to address the definition of quorum for the general meeting was to emphasis that the general membership is important in the decision-making process. Instead of a general statement that could be interpreted that only Board members’ votes are counted, the wording now states that if quorum is reached, the attending membership passes a motion or elects officers with a simple majority.

With this revision of the Bylaws, the membership has the possibility of electing as many as 12 at-large members on the Board. Because we have such a vibrant community, the hope is more members will want to serve.

To restate: the entire document is available online at <http://northgateparknc.org/> When you get to the website, hover over "meetings," click on the drop down "bylaws," click on "Northgate Park Neighborhood Association Bylaws February 21 2019."



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Upcoming Neighborhood Events

- March 21 6 pm Speaker Nate Baker, Friendly City Civitan Club, 2510 Glendale
- March 21 7 pm NPNA board meeting, Friendly City Civitan Club, 2510 Glendale
- March 28 5 pm to 8 pm Food Truck Rodeo in the park
- April 14 4 pm Annual Egg Hunt in the park (0-5 yr. olds)
- April 18 7 pm NPNA board meeting, Friendly City Civitan Club, 2510 Glendale
- April 25 5 pm to 8 pm Food Truck Rodeo in the park
- May 19 4 pm Annual Picnic and NPNA meeting in the park
- May 23 5 PM to 8 PM Food Truck Rodeo in the park
- June 8 8:30 AM Quarterly Park Clean up in the park
- June 20 7 pm NPNA board meeting, Friendly City Civitan Club, 2510 Glendale
- June 27 5 pm to 8 pm Food Truck Rodeo in the park

Update on the 2019 Northgate Park Food Truck Rodeo Season

Our annual Northgate Park Food Truck Rodeo (FTR) is only weeks away! Our food truck season runs from March through October, every 4th Thursday from 5pm-8pm. If you want to go ahead and mark your calendar, the dates are 3/28, 4/25, 5/23, 6/27, 7/25, 8/22, 9/26, and 10/24.

This fun-filled family event is held in our beloved Northgate Park, near the picnic shelter and tennis court. This is not just a food truck rodeo but there are local musicians/artists, kid-friendly events and toys, the Northgate Park Neighborhood Association (NPNA) info kiosk, and most importantly your fellow neighbors. My favorite things about the rodeo are seeing new faces, catching up with neighbors, watching little kids make new friends on the playground, and people enjoying the music... and of course the food :)

Here are some of 2019 FTR Updates:

- Each month will feature 3 dinner trucks + 1 dessert truck + 1 lemonade stand
- New Trucks: Caribbean/Soul food, Sushi, Southern Fusion, and Dumpling trucks. Old favorites: Greek, Latin, American, Taco, Pizza, and Burger trucks will return too!
- Dessert trucks: Our well-loved Chez Moi dessert truck (Winner the title of 2018 Dessert Food Truck Of The Year) is returning AND we are able to add new dessert trucks this year (hint hint: Cannoli and Donuts)
- By popular demand, Cousins Maine Lobster is returning!

The food truck and entertainment line-up will be posted on the NPNA listserv Monday before the event. You can also visit Northgate Park Neighborhood Association Facebook Page for events details and roster updates. Our roster of vendors always subject to last minute changes and we will do our best to provide you with the most up-to-date list.

Thank you neighbors for your continuing support of Northgate Park Rodeo!

Neighborhood Annual Picnic is May 19

May 19 Annual meeting 4 pm and picnic 5 pm in the park shelter by the tennis court

Each year NPNA has a picnic. This will be the second year that the fabulous chefs Tom Melby and Mike Shiflett will grill some delicious meats and vegies. The rest of us are asked to bring our favorite spring dish to share starting at 5 pm. In addition to delicious food there will be a chance to meet long term and new neighbors, as well as some entertainment for the children. Please come! Bring a dish if you can, or just come. There is always too much food.

The picnic will be preceded at 4 pm by the annual NPNA (Northgate Park Neighborhood Association) membership meeting. We will have a brief summary of what the organization has done over the year and election of new officers. Please come, meet the officers if you don't know us, give us your input on what you like about Northgate Park and what you think we should be working on. The times they are a changing, so let's try to make it changes that most of us like.

— Bernie Page, President, NPNA

PS We are always looking for new officers. If you have an interest in your neighborhood and a couple of hours a month you can spare, please volunteer!

Northgate Park Neighborhood Egg Hunt

There will be a Neighborhood Egg Hunt In Northgate Park, near the small playground by the bridge. 4pm, Sunday April 14th (rain date Saturday April 20th). Ages 0 through kindergarten

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Speaker on Expanding Housing Choices

At 6 pm on March 21, Nate Baker will speak about Expanding Housing Choices. He has a Masters in City and Regional Planning, is on the Durham City-County Planning Commission, and lives in Northgate Park. Please come and join us to learn more about the opportunities and challenge facing our neighborhood and all of Durham. Friendly City Civitan Club 2510 Glendale Ave. The presentation will be followed by the monthly NPNA board meeting. We would love to have you attend one or both.

Very brief review of presentation on Ellerbe Creek

On Feb 21 just prior to the NPNA board meeting, three speakers (City, County and Ellerbe Creek Watershed Association) reviewed the history of Ellerbe Creek and flood water control in Durham and the current situation. Loss of forestation and increased impermeable surfaces (houses, driveways, streets) have caused a marked increase in flooding and erosion. Durham City, working with Durham County, was able to secure funding to help mitigate the severe erosion that has occurred on several of the lots in Northgate Park.

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About Your Association

NPNA Meetings: Northgate Park Neighborhood Association meets the third Thursday of every month (except May 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

15th Annual Beaver Queen Pageant is JUNE FUR(FIR)ST!

The beloved Durham-grown BQP, a FREE family-fun event, will be Saturday, June 1 at Duke Park (Acadia @ Knox Street). Pre-pageant activities start 4pm; Pageant 5-7 pm.

The BQP is rich in community history & culture. Begun in 2005 by Duke Park residents to protect beavers from a road construction project, it now attracts 1,000+ merrymakers to celebrate & preserve our local creek. It's a free for all ages 'beaver beauty pageant' and creative festival for audience & contestants alike. Celebrity judges are anything but impartial – audience 'bribes' them (and votes multiple times!) to support their chosen contestant for queen. Many Northgaters have competed, judged – even won!

The goal of the show is to raise funds for Ellerbe Creek Watershed Association, celebrating 20 years of cleaning, protecting and preserving this vital & challenged Durham resource this season!

Votes, bribes and a portion of other funds spent (visit ECWA's booth to become a member!) support their efforts in ensuring Ellerbe remains a thriving, clean, and precious resource for all.

Join us on June 1st to save the Ellerbe!

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