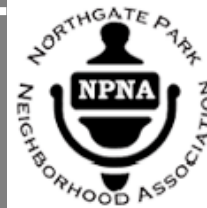




Newsletter

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Upcoming Neighborhood Events

- June 1 – Annual Beaver Queen Pageant, 4-7 pm Duke Park
- June 20 – NPNA meeting, Civitan Club, 7 p.m.
- June 21 – 9 am, soil prep at Colgate, Washington and Glendale Circle
- June 24– 9 am, planting at Colgate, Washington and Glendale Circle
- June 27 – Food Truck Rodeo, Northgate Park, 5-8 pm
- July 13 – 8:30 am Quarterly Park Clean up in the park
- July 18 – NPNA meeting, Civitan Club, 7 pm
- July 25 – Food Truck Rodeo, Northgate Park, 5-8 pm
- Aug 6 – National Night Out Celebration, Northgate Park, 5-7pm
- Aug 15 – NPNA meeting, Civitan Club, 7 pm
- Aug 22 – Food Truck Rodeo, Northgate Park, 5-8 pm

Northgate Park Neighborhood Picnic Summary

May 19, 2019 was a great day for a picnic and the turnout for the NPNA annual picnic was great. Approximately 60 people came to the picnic. The weather was sunny and hot, and the lemonade and iced tea icy and cold. Tom Melby and Mike Shiflett grilled again and the hamburgers and hot dogs were delicious. New this year were grilled portabellas, which were also eagerly eaten. NPNA also provided chips, drinks, cake and watermelon. The chicken and vegetable tamales made by Aura Heine were a huge hit. There were many delicious sides brought by multiple neighbors, more than enough for everyone.

A highlight of the picnic was the piñata donated by Don Becerra. Not only did he bring it, but also he raised and lowered and somehow made the rope jump so the piñata seemed to do somersaults, giving the little ones a good chance to hit it and making it a challenge for the bigger stronger kids. About a dozen kids participated and loved every minute of it, and every prize in it. Many thanks to Don Becerra. The picnic was a wonderful event.

New officers for NPNA

Elections for 2019-2020 were done by acclamation: President: Mike Shiflett, Vice-President: Jeremy Jorgensen, Treasurer: Ian Pond, Secretary: Bernie Page Board of Director Nominees members at large: Kara Andrade, Keith Cochran, Sue Gilbertson, Deb Hawkins, Alice Kolacinski, Tom Melby. Congratulations to the new (and renewing) board, and thanks so much for volunteering to help our neighborhood.



President's Award

For many years Dan Singer has quietly and faithfully served as treasurer of NPNA, thoughtfully and meticulously handling the treasurer's duties and giving monthly reports to the board. Moreover, years ago Dan thought up the idea of an NPNA list serve, started it up, wrote the original rules, watched it grow, and served as its administrator for many years. The list serve has helped this neighborhood come together and will continue to do so. Thank you Dan for all your work. The President's award is a small token of our appreciation of all you have done. We hope to see you around Northgate for several years and hope you love the co-housing when you move, but remember to return and enjoy some of our NPNA activities even after you move.



Thanks for a wonderful 2 years

Many thanks to you all for a wonderful 2 years as your NPNA president. Northgate Park is a great neighborhood with so many talented, caring, friendly people. Thanks to everyone who has volunteered their time and energy to the neighborhood. With each of us donating our 5 minutes or 5 hours (or more) a year, we will have an ever-increasingly vibrant, open, friendly, wonderful neighborhood. Our neighborhood is what WE make it. Thanks so much for all you do!

-- Bernie Page immediate past president of NPNA

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Colgate, Washington and Glendale Circle

As many of you are aware, traffic circles are designed to provide smooth travel within a neighborhood. The intent is to make motorists proceed in a safe and slower pace.

Unfortunately, while the Colgate, Washington and Glendale Circle has made travel easier, it has been plagued by large trucks and cars going too fast, as evidenced by the number of deep tracks near the edge of the circle. One action to slow down traffic is to use plantings as a traffic calmer. At present, the circle has a lovely crepe myrtle and some canna lilies and spendthrift.

The canna and spendthrift were planted in 2018 after a planting of bulbs in 2017 proved to be ineffective. Both plantings were undertaken by Northgate Garden Club members. Those members with help from Durham city's Ground and Traffic Planning Divisions buried the communication cables, which had been an eyesore for several years..

With funding from the Northgate Park Neighborhood Association, there is a plan to purchase and add plantings such as year-round (short) shrubbery and seasonal flowering plants to provide interest and work as a traffic-calming incentive this year. The NPNA Board has allocated funding for the foundation plants. Volunteers are needed to prepare the soil, plant the plants and water during the first year.

Thus, this appeal:


We need volunteers to prep the soil on June 21 starting at 9 am. Come when you're able.

We will plant on Monday June 24 starting at 9 am. Feel free to come slightly after 9 if it doesn't work with your schedule. You need not be a gardener. Easy instructions will be given.

Please contact Cheryl or Mike to volunteer your services. Cheryl: 919-641-6540, Mike: 919-368-7329.

As an incentive, anyone who works for one hour or more will have their name placed in a raffle for a picnic package.

--Alice Kolacinski, 919-251 8683



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National Night Out Aug. 6

Northgate Park neighborhood is again participating this year in Durham's observance of National Night Out (NNO), America's Night Out Against Crime, on Tuesday, August 6, 2019. We will join other neighborhoods, agencies and businesses in supporting the celebration.

Fellow neighborhood volunteers are organizing and sponsoring a NNO event this year in the parking lot near the tennis courts. Please plan to come on the evening of August 6 at 5:30 at the parking lot next to the tennis courts for balloons, food, watermelon and fun activities for children.

How can you help? Contact Mike Shiflett at 919 368 7329/mwshiflett@hotmail.com or post your question on the npna listserv. We will get back with you.

Residents are asked to secure their homes by various methods (information provided) and burning their outside lights at night. Come and spend the evening outside with neighbors, law enforcement and public safety partners. It's a block party on a grand scale with a cookout with friends and neighbors you know and will get to know better!

Northgate Park Neighborhood Association has registered again with the Durham Police Department's NNO program and you can find out more by going to www.durhampolice.com and click the 2019 NNO logo or contacting Durham Police Department's Public Affairs Office by emailing DPDNNO@durhamnc.gov or by calling (919) 560-4322 (Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.).

You'll find out just how you can work with your neighbors to make your home and our streets a place you've always wanted to live in.



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