

Leash the beast and scoop the poop!

Owning a dog is both a pleasure and a responsibility that impacts not just you and your dog but other members of the public too. All dogs must be on a leash when off their owner's property. There have been several incidents over the past year of dogs being attacked within the neighborhood by unleashed dogs resulting in serious injuries and high expenses for the owners of the attacker.

Durham dog owners who do not clean up after their dog on any public property/right of way or on private property without the owner's permission are subject to fines of \$50 for a first violation, \$100 for a second and \$150 for all subsequent violations. Dog poop left lying around is both a health hazard and pollutes storm water run-off in to creeks.

Dog waste left on the ground increases exposure of you, your neighbors and our community to bacteria, viruses and parasites. Fecal coliform – bacteria/Salmonella – bacteria/Hookworms, roundworms and tapeworms – parasites/Toxoplasma gondii – virus/The EPA considers dog waste a pollutant of water bodies and it is most often introduced in to receiving waters by way of storm water run-off.

Who do you call to enforce these regulations? Call the Durham County Sheriff's Office Communications Center at 919-560-0900



MYSTERIES of Northgate Park

How many of you knew that the site of today's Northgate Dog Park used to be a baseball field? Many young men who played league ball on that field grew up to be good citizens of Durham's communities. Does anyone know who this young man was and/or who he became as adult? Solve the Mystery, P.O. Box 15845, Durham NC 27704. If you have additional information or pictures to share about old ball park send to P. O. Box 15845, Durham NC 27704.

Recycling Dos & Don'ts

These recyclables can go into your blue cart: magazines and catalogs; white and colored paper; newspapers, inserts and junk mail; paperback books and telephone books; corrugated cardboard (NOT pizza boxes); glass bottles and jars; metal food & drink cans, trays and clean foil; plastic bottles, tubs and clamshells; gable top cartons & drink boxes; paperboard boxes, tubes and spiral paper cans. DO NOT put in blue cart....wire hangers, motor oil plastic bottles, dishes, mirrors, bulbs, hardback books, used paper napkins, towels and tissues. WWW.DurhamNC.gov/Recycling



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Upcoming Neighborhood Events

May 1-NPNA Annual Picnic (rain 5/28) 4 pm
 May 25-Food Truck Rodeo, NGP 5-8:30 pm
 June 3 - Beaver Queen Pageant 4-7 pm, Duke Park
 June 10 - NGP Clean Up, NGP 8 am
 June 22 - NPNA meeting, Civitan Club, 7 pm

June 29-Food Truck Rodeo, NGP 5-8:30 pm
 July 20-NPNA meeting, Civitan Club, 7 pm
 July 27-Food Truck Rodeo, NGP 5 - 8:30 pm
 August 1-National Night Out., NGP 5-7 pm

YOU'RE INVITED! NPNA COMMUNITY PICNIC/POTLUCK MAY 21 (RAIN DATE MAY 28) 4PM - TIL

Please join us for our 30th picnic in the park on May 21. Your n'hood association brings picnic faves like fried/grilled chicken, BBQ, beverages and tableware; you bring a side or dessert to share. FREE Door Prize Drawings from local N'gate businesses (NG Mall, King's R & W, Alpaca, Pelican's, to name a few from last year!)

So many great NG activities couldn't happen without our members, Board members/officers, and single-activity volunteers – so it's time to say thanks to them with special surprises and encourage other residents to take part! We'll give out awards (find out who to!) choose new board members, and reveal some new fun things that are being planned. See you at the park for a great, fun time!

13th Annual Beaver Queen Pageant for the Ellerbe arrives June 3rd!

The beloved Durham-grown BQP, a free family-fun event, will be Saturday, June 6 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 – the audience 'bribes' them (and votes multiple times!) in support of their chosen contestant for queen. The goal of the show is to raise funds for Ellerbe Creek Watershed Association, to support cleaning, protecting and preserving this vital & challenged Durham resource.

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 3rd to save the Ellerbe!

Vote/Bribe online (follow links) at: www.ellerbecreek.org & www.beaverlodgelocal1504.org

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President's Corner

What a fun spring and summer are on tap in Northgate and around us/around Durham! Read here for all sorts of great local happenings that are part of what makes living here so special. It's been a pleasure serving you all as president this year/cycle, and I look forward to seeing you all at our annual picnic on Sunday May 21 (rain date May 28) from 4pm on. Especially to hear from those who may be able to invest an hour a year, a month or a week in helping make all the things you love about this neighborhood happen. WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU! (This year's helpers at the picnic will enter a drawing for a special thank you from our local businesses who appreciate being neighbors too!) Thanks and a safe and happy outdoor season to all – see you at the park!

Debra Hawkins, NPNA President

Club Blvd Summer Food and Toiletry Drive, May 27-Jun 4

During summer break, students in need no longer have access to school breakfasts and lunches. Cans for Club, Club Blvd Elementary's food pantry program, is collecting family-size food and toiletry items for summer boxes to send home with students in our backpack program. We would greatly appreciate the following donations: peanut butter, canned or dry beans, oatmeal, canned meats, vegetables and fruits (no glass jars, please), toothpaste, toothbrushes, bath soap, dish soap, and toilet paper. May 27 through June 4, items may be dropped off at the following locations: Club Blvd Elementary School at 400 W Club Blvd, 107 W Lavender (screened porch), 2411 Glendale (side porch), and 3012 Glendale Ave. We would also like to thank our NGP PORCH coordinators and donors for their generous support of our weekend backpack program—you all make a tremendous difference to our students! Laronda Blessing, Cans for Club Chair

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Save Date! Fun & special guests 4 National Night Out in NGP, Tuesday, Aug 1st 5-7pm

Mark your calendars & don't miss Durham's city-wide NNO celebrations, including here in Northgate Park! Over 120+ local neighborhoods participate in this America-wide event against crime. We'll have refreshments, kid's play zone, music, giveaways, trivia contest – and hope to have some special entertainment! Watch NPNA's Facebook page (like and subscribe to events) for updates and news!!



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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 & INC Rep: Deb Hawkins; VP: Jeff Bakalchuck; Treasurer: Dan Singer; Secretary: Carol Fuqua; Members-at-large: Alice Kolacinski, Terry Kolacinski, Melissa Harrell, Bernie Page, Karen Smith, Tom Melby

Help Our Treescape's Oldsters & Babies This Season Remove Bands & Give Water!

It's time to take off any cankerworm bands you have on trees at home or street trees you see 'round the neighborhood. Please pass the word to other neighbors you may know with bands still up! It can hurt the tree to have them remain any longer than early May, and thus undo any good putting them up may have generated!

TREE SHERPAS: Recognition for our N'gate Arboreal Angels (aka sapling water watchers)

It's also time to ensure our baby street/yard trees get an inch of water a week when there's less than that in rain – the need the help for two years or so after planting, until their roots are established enough that they can thrive on their own. A couple of gallons of water will do the trick for most babies.

NPNA thanks the residents who are on 'water patrol' for all the saplings your association bought and planted for our replacement tree canopy in 20 years!! These folks will also go into a raffle at our picnic for an appreciation prize. Kudos to all our green-wet thumbs! Want to join? Email president@northgateparknc.org

Glendale Cherry Reach: Josh F., Tonya S., Joel B., Jan E., Tom K., Connie G, Danielle R., Blessing family
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