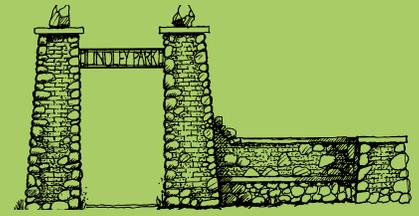


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CELEBRATING LINDLEY PARK

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NEWSLETTER
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By Stephen Johnson

Vibrant neighborhoods are places that have a strong identity with folks who care deeply about it. Is Lindley Park a vibrant neighborhood? Yes! Ask anyone in Greensboro and they can certainly tell you a little about our neighborhood. We boast many existing and new residents who care deeply about the neighborhood. We have places to shop, dine, play, swim, read, meet friends or watch butterflies. We are (so far) the only neighborhood with a regular farmer's market. The sense of being a vibrant, friendly, livable place to be has attracted many new families into our neighborhood and reinvigorated some businesses.

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The Lindley Park Neighborhood Association is committed to helping strengthen this sense of being a great place for people of all ages to live, play and work. In 2014 we made changes to our bylaws to reflect the vision of advocating and supporting a vibrant, sustainable and healthy neighborhood that embraces both the history and potential for Lindley Park. We also created four working groups to enable folks to participate as much or as little as they can to help create our future. Government and Community Liaison helps maintain connections with other groups and institutions in our city and focuses on issues such as zoning, sewers, parks and sidewalks. Events and Celebrations helps run things like the Chili Cook-Off, Spring Fling, Easter Egg Hunt and LPN-100 Celebration. Healthy Neighborhood works to keep abreast of the recreational, health and other needs of our residents. Finally, Communications oversees the newsletter, website, Facebook page and other ways our residents can use to stay on top of what's happening in the neighborhood.

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A new neighborhood fixture
in front of an old one.
Photo by Pete Schroth



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These are the folks you can contact with your ideas and concerns. We have many volunteers and welcome you to join us at 7 p.m. on the last Tuesday of each month. We meet at the Lindley Park Rec Center and have loads of fun.

You might notice a new newsletter format. It was compiled by Kathy Newsom, who has three years of experience as Girl Friday of the Lindley Park Gazette young people's paper. Her background is limited to glue sticks and typewriters. Although she had lots of help from folks like Anne Embrey and Tim Brown, this is her first big-kid assignment, so please be kind.

BACKYARD STAGE OPENS ON WALKER STREET



Get Updates

To get updates, email mary.herbenick@gmail.com or follow us at www.facebook.com/pages/Walker-Project.

Two years ago, Mark Toole and Mary Herbenick started testing an idea with neighbors and friends. What would you think about having a backyard stage on Walker Avenue where people could join together to celebrate creativity?

"We talked with dozens of people who would pause, think about it, start smiling, and ask how they could get involved," Mark said. He continued with a laugh, "We also tend to be 'big fish' storytellers, so they probably didn't think we'd actually go through with it."

The stage opened May 2 for the launch of the Walker Project, a backyard variety show that showcases local talent, builds community and raises money for a local nonprofit or project. Performers included The ToadFrogs (the house band), The Quintessentials (featured musical act), Maddie Werle (teen talent), Julia Ridley Smith (neighborhood author) and Mark Toole (sage on stage).

The event raised \$400 for Renaissance Community Co-op. In an interview during the show, Jay Jones, the co-op's board chairman, shared information about the proposed co-op on Phillips Avenue that would create 30+ living wage jobs and eliminate one of Greensboro's food deserts.

Constructing the stage was a community effort, too. More than a dozen friends and neighbors invested their time, talent and energy in this work last fall.

"The stage started as a community effort and we really want it to be a community asset," Mary said. "We're eager to explore how it can be used to bring people together."

Next Walker Project show

When: June 6. Gate opens at 5:30 p.m.; show runs from 6:15 to 9 p.m.

Where: 2403 Walker Ave.

What to bring: Bring food and beverage of your choice and a blanket or lawn chair.

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You may have also noticed that some of the LPNA traditions have been updated to meet our goals. For example, we changed the location of our annual Spring Fling to the old Craven Elementary site across from the Arboretum. Old friends and new came together as we made use of a lovely and large outdoor space. Earlier this year we held the egg hunt at Lindley Park Elementary which attracted lots of families and media coverage and created a stronger connection with the PTA.

As we move into 2016, which is a year away from the neighborhood's 100th anniversary, we are looking for other opportunities to celebrate the old, think about the future and connect more of our residents and businesses. It is through this work that we aim to sustain and build Lindley Park as a gem amongst Greensboro's neighborhoods.

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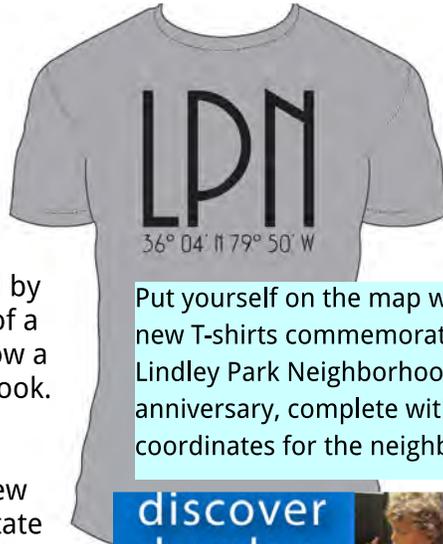
Come worship

LPN100

In 1917 the Lindley Park neighborhood was developed by Earle Draper over the bones of a lake and amusement park, now a park on Lindley and Willowbrook. Inspired by compatriots like Frederick Law Olmsted, the designer of Central Park in New York City and the Biltmore Estate in Asheville, he went against the tradition of the time of set grids. Walk around the neighborhood and you will notice that north-south roads run along the ridge lines of the creeks. We have other elements of his design left over, such as the recently restored stone columns. In 2004 the City of Greensboro and LPNA released a neighborhood plan designed to guide the city and neighborhood as it changed to a more diverse urban location than originally envisaged by Draper.

As we move towards our 100th year in 2017, the LPNA is beginning the process to gather ideas and updates that we can integrate into a vision that helps maintain a vibrant and welcoming, people-centered neighborhood.

To start this we are holding pop-up events in 2015 and 2016 to bring folks to underused spaces in our neighborhood and think about ways to better integrate those areas. Pop-ups are short-term uses in a location that aim to spark ideas and discussions and draw attention to an area. To help with the pop-ups contact Adam Spivey nspivey@elon.com.



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Big kids Maura and Gabrielle help little kids Kai and Watts (and Josh) with the popular water balloon toss game.

Ethan McGovern and Kai Brown rock the balloon toss.



So many glamorous jobs to volunteer for: burger handler (Adam) and beer handler (Blake). All in a days work as a LPNA neighbor!

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RESTAURANT OPENING

FREEMAN'S GRUB & PUB

The neighborhood has a new restaurant: Freeman's Grub & Pub on Spring Garden Street at Chapman Court.

The restaurant in the former Sessions spot held a soft opening in early May. Triad City Beat reported that the completely redone interior has "a beautiful wooden bar ... a reasonably-priced menu and considerable whiskey collection."

Another major change from Sessions: The side door is now a service entrance, so you enter from Spring Garden.

Freeman's entrees top out at \$10. The quiet, cozy space seats 36. Restaurant manager Michael Marlowe said the restaurant will add late-night hours (until 2 a.m.) on the weekend and lunch soon, probably in June. The reviews on

Facebook are glowing, so we have high hopes for the new space!

Freeman's was opened by the owners of Jake's Billiards on Spring Garden.

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The eggs were dyeing — and getting hunted and gathered on April 4 all over the neighborhood. The morning began with The Corner Market's annual egg dye and dozens of eggs donated by Faucette Farms. Afternoon fun came in the form of a huge egg hunt in the Lindley Elementary field. The event was such a success the PTA has offered to co-sponsor the hunt next year to include more kids and eggs!



The lucky finders of the golden eggs were Emerson Althaus, 10, and Cassidy True, 5.

Michael Duez, the neighborhood Easter Beardy.



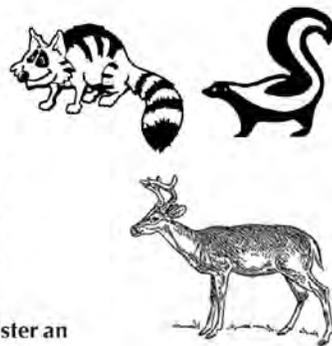
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Water for South Sudan

Every year, thanks to a gift from an anonymous donor, each classroom at Lindley gets \$100 to use towards a charity of their choice. This is a great lesson for kids as they research local charities, carefully choose who they want to support and make posters to convince others to choose their charity too! During the 2014-15 school year, Lindley participated in a modified One School, One Book program focused on the Lost Boys from South Sudan. Students in kindergarten through 3rd grade read or heard "Just Add Water," and 4th and 5th graders read or heard "A Long Walk to Water." Both books deal with Salva, a boy from southern Sudan who walked 1,000 miles to escape war and starvation. After hearing the stories, the students pledged all of the Gifts of Generosity money towards building a well in South Sudan. They held fundraisers, walked and ran laps, paid a dollar to bring a stuffed animal to school and collected pennies during the ACC Tournament. In the end, they raised the money and by March of this year, the well had been drilled! Well done, Lindley! It's amazing to see the power of kids at work!



Lindley Spring Carnival

In what has become a full-on neighborhood and family affair, this year's Lindley Elementary Spring Carnival did not disappoint! Sibling alumni came back to help run the games, and parents passed out hot dogs and home-baked goods. Neighborhood merchants generously donated silent auction items that parents and neighbors happily bid on to raise money for the hardest working PTA in town. Pooches lined up to be smooched and teachers got dunked in the dunking booth. Everybody pitched in to clean up and smiled when they found one more ticket in their pocket at the end of a great day.

Eat for the Kids!

Thanks to our wonderful neighbors, families and friends for supporting Lindley Nights at Kiosco and Chick-fil-A! Through April the two restaurants have donated \$811 and \$443 respectively. Watch for the signs to show your support. We appreciate it immensely!

Upcoming events

June 12: 5th grade graduation.
June 16: Last day of school; early release at 12:20 p.m.
July 11: Lindley Elementary at the Corner Farmer's Market.
Aug. 8: Lindley Elementary at the Corner Farmer's Market.
Aug. 20: Open house for students and parents, 5 to 6:30 p.m.
Aug. 24: First day for students.

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June events

Saturday, June 6: Walker Project Show. See page 3 for details.

Saturday, June 20: The Greensboro Summer Solstice Festival will be held at the spectacular Greensboro Arboretum and Lindley Park. This 11th annual event is family-friendly and brings joy and wonderment to all ages! Musical performances, face painting, hooping, drums and dancing will be showcased throughout the day, beginning at 2 p.m. Don't miss the Fire Finale beginning at 9 p.m., where you will be surrounded by wide-eyed children clutching their light wands, You will be mesmerized by the awe-inspiring feats of daring performers.

June 23, 2 to 4 p.m.: Art in the Park will be held in Center City Park in downtown Greensboro to highlight the park's programs as well as the organizations housed in The Cultural Arts Center.

Ongoing events

Each Wednesday evening from 5 to 7 p.m. is ArtQuest at Greenhill Family Night. Free and open to the public, Family Night is a great place to enjoy an art-driven evening with family and friends. The ArtQuest studios are active, social spaces where families can create art, share ideas, create one-of-a-kind paintings or work with clay or new and unexpected materials at the hands-on exploration table. ArtQuest at Greenhill is located at 200 N. Davie St. in downtown Greensboro.

Music for Sunday Evening in the Park (MUSEP) offers families a lovely evening outdoors at various locations. Pack a picnic dinner and join us! Locations can be found on the MUSEP Facebook page.

Every Saturday morning year-round, The Corner Farmer's Market offers fresh, local fruits, vegetables, dairy products and meats, and local artisans have items for sale. On many Saturdays there are free children's activities. Lindley Elementary families sell produce from the school's garden on the first Saturday of each month. Check out their Facebook page for more details.

The Lindley Pool at 2914 Springwood Drive has opened for the season. The pool is open Tuesdays through Sundays until Aug. 16. Admission is \$1 per visit for children 12 and younger and \$2 for those 13 and older. An annual pass for children 17 and younger is \$30; for adults, a season pass is \$50.

The pool always has a lifeguard on duty. Children 9 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. All young swimmers must pass a brief swim test to go in the deep end.

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