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Thank You

This is the last newsletter of 2007, the perfect opportunity to say thank you to everyone who has contributed to the LPNA this year. Many of you have contributed financially, others through the donation of food, supplies, and equipment at our social events. Also, many have given their time to the neighborhood by volunteering to serve on our association board and committees, or by delivering newsletters. In addition to the gift of time, many of you shared the gift of great ideas at our neighborhood meetings. Thank you for voicing your concerns and suggestions throughout the year.

Next year there will be more work to do and more fun to be had together. I invite you to be as involved in the neighborhood association as you would like. Volunteers for board positions are needed, and elections will be held in late January. For more information about specific roles, please contact me or any of the other board members. Contact information is listed in the left column on the front page of this newsletter.

Thank you again for your support this year.

Best wishes,
Susan Taaffe, Lindley Park Neighborhood Association Chair

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**LUMANARIES IN THE
PARK
DECEMBER 15
4:00pm
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CENTER**

Inside Issue...

- NCO Q&A
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SCOTT AVENUE NEIGHBORS GATHER

Scott Avenue neighbors in the 600 block of Scott Avenue got together for the first block party in many years on Saturday, September 29. Hosted by Charlie and Deborah Hertlein and Tom and Judi Duncan, the party featured drinks and snacks and music.

It was a great chance to meet neighbors and to answer such questions as "who does the orange cat belong to?" and "who used to live in that house?". Old-timers who'd been on the block fifty years got to chat with folks who had just moved in.

Some of the neighbors who had moved away over the years came back and shared stories of what the street and Lindley Park were like in the 50's through the 90's.

Given the increasing number of children on the block, there were actually two parties swirling around each other—adults sipping drinks and chewing on chicken wings and children running and playing and driving bikes up and down the sidewalk. The event lasted from 6:30 pm until almost midnight. Plans are underway for a similar event in the spring.

The 600 block recommends a party like this to create a stronger neighborhood on a block-by-block basis and, of course, to have a good time with new and old friends.

Website is alive...

Lindley Park is pleased to announce that our website is active. The address is www.lindleyparknc.com. The newsletter, social activities, important neighborhood information and much more is now available at the site. Yea!!!!

City Council District Change For Lindley Park

An email to LPNA from Sandy Carmany indicates that if the annexation of the Cardinal is approved, as it likely will be, it will cause voting precincts 14 and 15 to be moved into District 5.

At this time about half of Lindley Park is in District 5 and half is in District 4. The change would bring all of Lindley Park and most of Sunset Hills into District 5. This will be beneficial to LP.

Federal law requires that all city council districts be within 10% of each other in population. With the proposed annexation of the Cardinal adding 9000 + residents to District 4. Some shifting of precincts out of District 4 would be necessary to accommodate this requirement.



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LINDLEY PARK LUMANARIES

DECEMBER 15

Once again, Lindley Park residents will show their holiday spirit by placing more than 1200 luminaries around the borders of the Park: S. Lindell, Willowbrook, Park Terrace, the west side of Spring Garden, the east side of Walker Ave. and the entrance to Lindley Park from Holden Rd. This year's luminary display will not be held in conjunction with the Girl Scout's luminaries in the Arboretum, planned for Dec. 1. The LPNA Executive Committee wanted to wait until leaves were picked up by the City (*less chance of an accidental fire*).

Volunteers of all ages - kids included, are needed to fill bags of sand, put candles in bags, place and light the luminaries. We'll be assembling the luminaries in the **Lindley Rec. parking lot, starting at 4pm.** So -- **bring the kids and some hand shovels** to make scooping sand easier! And, adults - if you have a **lighter/striker to light the luminaries, please bring it.** We'll have **hot chocolate to keep you warm and holiday music to get you in the spirit.**

If you would like to place luminaries in front of your own house, **packs of 10 candles and bags can be purchased thru the neighborhood association for \$6.00.** Make your **checks out to LPNA - luminaries.** **To order your luminaries supplies,** contact Patti Eckard by email - Patti.Eckard@gmail.com, or by phone - 632-1448 **by Dec. 12** so that we'll be sure to order enough supplies.

We hope you will come join in the fun. It's a great way to meet your neighbors, get some exercise as well as add a special glow to our neighborhood during the holiday season!

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Toxic Holidays

by Brooke Schwabenton, DVM

Its 4 o'clock in the afternoon on Dec 25, wrapping paper and toys are strewn everywhere, the kids are chasing the dog around the house because he just ate a Christmas ornament, and the cat is now vomiting tinsel. You will be spending the rest of your Holiday at the emergency clinic and, little do you know, you will be waiting in line while the dog that ate 4 lbs of chocolate and the cat that decided the liquid potpourri looked like a nice bowl of warm milk are seen first.

Some emergencies are completely unforeseeable and unpreventable, but there are some things that you can do to prevent that late night trip. Rather than boarding your pets or forcing them to wear a basket muzzle all season long, take some time to look around the house. Also, be aware of what is potentially dangerous and know the signs to watch for if something does happen. Some items can be extremely toxic and can send a dog or cat into organ failure while others may simply cause profuse, yet highly disturbing, drooling (picture your rabid-looking cat with drool rivaling that seen in Turner and Hooch).

Here is a list of things to be aware of during the season.

PLANTS WITH VERY LOW TOXIC POTENTIAL: Poinsettia, Mistletoe, Holly, Christmas trees, and Christmas cacti – These (especially Poinsettias) are highly misunderstood plants. Ingestion rarely causes signs more significant than profuse drooling. Can cause mild, self-limiting vomiting and diarrhea, but rarely requires any medical attention.

HIGHLY TOXIC PLANTS: Lilies- including Easter lilies, tiger lilies, Oriental lilies and day lilies – Can cause severe kidney failure and death in cats, even with the smallest exposure. Vomiting and lethargy usually develops within several hours and they can rapidly deteriorate.

CHOCOLATE: Though it can require large quantities, chocolate and cocoa powder (and also cocoa bark mulch used in gardens) can cause hyperactivity, vomiting, diarrhea, hypertension, seizures, and even death. Don't indulge your dog's sweet tooth!

XYLITOL SWEETENER: One of the newer artificial sweeteners contained in some chewing gums, toothpastes, puddings and some baked goods. It can cause severe hypoglycemia and liver problems with even a very low exposure. So far, it appears that dogs are the only animals sensitive to these effects. If your dog ingests the sweetener or a product containing this sweetener, contact your veterinarian or take them to the emergency clinic before clinical signs develop.

LEFTOVERS: A small piece of lean turkey is typically fine for an otherwise healthy pet; however, pancreatitis and



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GI upset is the #1 reason for emergency visits during the holidays. Small pets and animals with sensitive systems can develop serious illness from only a small amount of our holiday treats.

MEDICATIONS: Ibuprofen, Tylenol, other anti-inflammatories can cause gastric ulceration, liver failure, and even death. Cats are the most sensitive to pain medications and even the smallest dose of

LINDLEY PARK AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION OVERLAY

A few year ago we as a neighborhood and the city of Greensboro created, revised and implemented a neighborhood plan for Lindley Park. Within that plan are several projects that the neighborhood has and are putting into action. One of them is the Neighborhood Conservation Overlay. We are currently in talks with the city to implement this next part of our plan. Following are several frequently asked questions about the NCO. Look for more information in the upcoming issues of the Columns, mailings and neighborhood meetings. If you are interested in helping with this project please contact Michael Searce at **336-209-0049** or **NCO@MichaelSearce.com**

What is a neighborhood conservation overlay district?

A Neighborhood Conservation Overlay (NCO) district is a zoning layer placed on top of the base zoning district that serves to protect unique features of a residential neighborhood. The zoning overlay is tailor-made to each neighborhood and reflects the special qualities of that place. It protects elements visible from the public right-of-way and may vary from setbacks and building massing to distinct architectural features to special natural or environmental characteristics. An NCO also serves to facilitate compatible development or redevelopment.

What changes will happen when a neighborhood becomes a conservation district?

The purpose of an NCO is to maintain the existing setting and features of a neighborhood that give it its special character. A property owner will not have to change or alter the property due to the designation. If the owner does want to alter the property and the proposed changes are addressed in the neighborhood design guidelines, plans will be reviewed by City staff to ensure that any alterations are compatible with the existing neighborhood guidelines.

Who will decide how the guidelines will affect my property?

Residents within the overlay district determine what is included in the guidelines. The neighborhood creates its own design guidelines and conservation plan with the help of City staff. The City serves to help property owners comply with the neighborhood's goals.

How can an NCO help a neighborhood?

One of the goals of an NCO district is to stabilize and enhance neighborhood character by providing a clear plan and set of design guidelines that accurately reflect the neighborhood as a cohesive unit. By establishing a higher standard of development, NCOs typically stabilize property values and encourage quality new development and reinvestment in the area. Increased neighborhood pride, resident involvement, and a greater sense of community often result from this recognition as a unique and special place.

Will being an NCO make me change the appearance of my property or rehabilitate it right now?

No. Property owners are not required to alter their properties upon designation. If, however, an owner wishes to alter property after designation, the owner would be required to follow any applicable NCO guidelines.

What sorts of things can the guidelines regulate?

Items such as, but not limited to: building height, massing, and orientation, principal elevation features, fenestration, building materials, roofline and pitch, dimensional requirements, setbacks, lot size, floor area ratio, parking and loading requirements, garage entrance location, driveways, landscaping, fences and walls, lighting, signage, general site planning for both primary and accessory structures.

What sorts of things can the guidelines not regulate?

Interior alterations, routine maintenance or repair of any structure or site feature, demolition of any structure, exterior paint colors and types of land uses permitted by the underlying zoning district.

Can an NCO be used to exclude certain types of housing?

No. An NCO is used to maintain the character, setting and identity of a neighborhood and to promote quality, respectful investment. If a parcel is currently zoned for multi-family, an NCO will not change that current land use.

Tylenol can send them into respiratory distress. Another thing to be aware of, cats, for some unknown reason, have an affinity for the taste of the anti-depressant **Effexor**. So whether the holidays have you reaching for the pain meds or the anti-depressants, make sure everything is out of reach of your pets and do not give anything to your pet without consulting your veterinarian first.

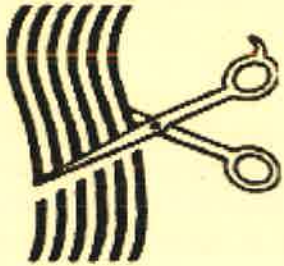
LIQUID POTPOURRI: Cats may lick or get the liquid on their fur. This can cause irritation and ulceration of the skin and the GI tract. Do NOT induce vomiting. Offer a small amount of milk for dilution and take your cat to the emergency clinic for continued care.

GRAPES AND RAISINS: Okay, maybe not a typical holiday treat, but many are not aware that grapes and raisins are toxic to dogs. Only a small amount of grapes can lead to vomiting within a few hours and kidney failure can develop within hours or days. If your dog ingests grapes or raisins, early treatment is important to prevent kidney failure from developing.

TINSEL AND ORNAMENTS: How (or why) a dog will chew and swallow a glass ornament is beyond me. The tree can be an inviting new toy for cats and dogs alike. Be sure to place the tree in a location where they only have access while supervised (use baby gates in the doorways if needed), don't use tinsel, and place ornaments higher on the tree.

For more information, visit www.asPCA.org. There is also an **Animal Poison Control Hotline (888-426-4435)** that is staffed by veterinarians and toxicologists 24-7 365 days per year. The one-time consultation fee of \$55 per case allows you and your veterinarian access to the specialists for the entire time your pet is sick.

The holidays are a wonderful time to spend time with family and friends- including those of the four-legged variety. I hope yours is a safe and wonderful one!



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Lindley Park Neighborhood Association Minutes

September 25, 2007

Meeting called to order at: 7:04 pm

Special Presentations

George Linney City of Greensboro, Public Transportation Department

George provided a brief history of the transportation department. The city took over the system in 1991 from Duke power. It has grown tremendously since then. The system is doing a great job. The department's goals are efficiency and safety. George was asked here to discuss Lindley Park Neighborhood Association's concerns about route 9 which goes up and down Walker Ave. It leaves the depot every 30 minutes on weekdays and every hour on weekends

The message about speeding busses has been received from the LPNA and drivers have been asked to slow down. They have route supervisors on the route to monitor the route. They can't be there all the time so if you see a bus speeding please give them a call about the speeding immediately and give the bus number, time and date, and the direction the bus is traveling. Disciplinary action will be addressed with driver.

Officer Francis Community Resource Officer

Officer Francis started last November. He's worked with Dyan to get the lights in the park.
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Dyan announced that the streetlight on Walker is now working. Lifting tree branches will not help. Parks and Rec will put a light wherever LPNA wants and city will pay for it. Officer Francis reported crime aspects in the neighborhood.

Reports:

Welcome new folks and neighbors.

October 27 Oktoberfest fall fest 4 pm

Mike suggested that when you have concerns call your district reps. Find their name and contact on the newsletter

Patti suggested to send out emails about issues too.

Thanks to Dyan for arranging guest speakers

Who has received a newsletter? No one on Springwood has gotten one.

How many saw the LPNA sign announcing the meeting. Almost everyone.

We are against the Lindley Elementary PTA meeting tonight which may be why the meeting has a smaller turnout.

Michelle Schneider is co pres of PTA ask her for dates.

Theresa Miller, a LP park neighbor, gave a Bicentennial update. The Bicentennial is march-may 08. There will be a torch run, festival, calendar, etc. At exec committee last month discussed the spring fling to coincide with neighborhood night on April 26th. We need to help with this program: collecting old photos, oral history project, do we have old pictures? Some pictures are hanging in registry of deeds office. Bill Schneider said they had boxes of old pictures. Boshers story in newsletter is the kind of stories we need. Contribute stories from 1920-50s. Contact her with suggestions.

Treasurer:

There is \$4659.47 in the treasury. \$30 came from contributions and \$105 from businesses. The newsletter cost \$644.

Secretary:

May minutes correction: Special reports change name to Davis Lumpkin. Change: Joe did not speak against the zoning issue. Joe move to approve minutes. Bill seconded. Minutes passed unanimously.

Website Update

Lindleypark.com was taken. The owner of domain allowed us to put our stuff there. Lindleyparknc.com was our backup. We will always maintain 2. Dot org is owned by Baptist church. Domain was not renewed initially. Web will be up in about 3 days. Link to yahoo group. Call Adrian if there's a problem.

Should we proceed with signs? Go ahead and buy them. We have the site back.

Webmaster is now in Hong Kong.

Yahoo group: integrated into website. Info is in the newsletter.

Zoning:

Rezoning at Betsy's house on Spring Garden did take place. Tore down the house and the other houses. They will be made into condos. Limits put on it. Most conditions were met.

Opposite of drug house on corner of Walker and Scott, Tina wanted to build another house. She plans to move and not be there. LPNA worked together, lots of suggestions made, interviewed the neighbors, created set of conditions for construction: set back, detached garage, preserve the tree canopy, etc. May have set in motion the idea that tree canopy will need to be replaced. Joe still has a concern that this was our first RS5 and we set a precedent. There are 9-11 other lots that this could affect. We have to pay attention to this. Others may want to do this.

Patti attended her first zoning meeting. Adrian did a great job representing the neighborhood. She saw what happens when there is no representation from the neighborhood. No one from the other neighborhoods was there to represent. Now new apartments are being build behind Holiday hardware and opening up that street. Alan Sharp has options on all those houses between Sherwood and Spring Garden. It was approved with very little discussion.

Adrian: there were some zoning issues that didn't always go in favor of the neighborhood.

Susan: thanks to the team!

District #3 Rep.:

Mary Montgomery: Zoning issues discussed tonight are both in her district.

619 Scott hosted a 600 block Scot party. New neighbors came. It created great relationships. Everyone's name tags had their house numbers. They were invited by cards.

New Business:

Joe: several people want the band he had at his neighborhood bash to play at the fall fest. Need to get on this and be able to pay \$150-200 for it. Bill: can you call Stephanie McGovern to discuss this? Can she engage them without a vote from LPNA? Leigha: can we set a budget before fallfest? Patti: can we check old expenditures for an idea of what was spent in the past? Bill: what does the signs for fallfest say? Make sure to change the times to the correct time.

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:27 pm

Editors note: The minutes have been edited. You can read the full minutes at www.lindleyparknc.com

Fall Fun in the Park

Young and old turned out for Lindley Park's Fall Festival held on Oct. 27 in the Park. With Halloween just a few days away, kids were encouraged to wear their costumes. Special thanks to Stephanie McGovern and Bernie Sisk for coordinating the food and Joe Wood for arranging for the band. Appreciation is also extended to all of the residents who came, brought a dessert and made this event a very special one.



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You can protect your family, neighbors, and tenants from lead hazards by letting others know: **DON'T SPREAD LEAD.**

1) Become familiar with lead safe work practices through reviewing a short booklet and video called: *"Don't Spread Lead,"* so that you can recognize the safe - and unsafe - ways to handle surfaces painted with lead paint. Call 691-9521 to receive a DVD or watch the video on the Internet at http://douglassarpy.unl.edu/eh/indoor_lead.shtml.

2) If you are doing the work yourself, take the steps shown in the video, using plastic, duct tape, spray bottle, safety glasses, masks, gloves, and shoe covers. We will soon have a HEPA vacuum cleaner to check out -- just like borrowing a book. Greensboro Housing Coalition will offer free clearance testing to check for residual lead dust after you have thoroughly cleaned up from working on the home.

3) If you are selecting painters or repair workers to work on your home or rental properties, ask them about how they handle lead paint risks. If they are not aware of the preparation and clean-up steps in *"Don't Spread Lead"* materials, encourage them to study the video and booklet or look for another contractor. Guilford County Health Department also provides one-day classes in Lead Safe Work Practices; call 641-3771 for schedules. (Lead - cont. pg. 11)



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(Lead cont. from pg. 10)

4) Discuss Lead Safe Practices in your neighborhood association meetings if there are older homes in your neighborhood so that other homeowners and rental property owners will be safe; lead dust can easily blow from one house to another, contaminating *your* home too.

5) Tell neighbors about "Don't Spread Lead" information packets if they are considering repainting older homes or doing extensive renovations. Call Greensboro Housing Coalition and we can provide one to your neighbors if they have not received one with their building permit.

Young children are at special risk of lead poisoning because of their developmental stage, so Guilford County Health Department provides free blood tests to children under 6; no appointments are needed at 1100 E. Wendover Ave. When the lead level in their blood indicates that they are at risk, the Health Department checks every source of possible exposure to lead dust, such as their homes, places they play outside, and day care centers. Lead poisoning can cause life-long learning and behavior problems as well as other health disorders. Don't spread lead - no one wants to hurt a child.

Neighborhood ('s) Talent Show!

Did you know Lindley Park and Sunset Hills have an amphitheater at our borders? It's located between Lindley Elementary and Market St. Sunset Hills and Lindley Park would like to show off our neighborhood talents by having a Lindley-Hills Concert in the park. We're thinking about a late spring concert. Would you be willing to serve on a planning committee with Sunset Hills neighbors? If so please email or call Susan Taaffe susantaaffe@bell-south.net or 297-0306.

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Listed below are names of Lindley Park supporters who made a financial contribution to the Lindley Park Neighborhood Assoc. as of November 2007. With your support we are able to sponsor the Children's Easter Egg Hunt, the Spring Fling and Fall Fest the Park, also light up the Park with Holiday Luminaries. Your contributions helped launch our new neighborhood website. Again, ***your financial support is so very important, so very much appreciated and truly makes a difference.***

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CALENDER

December 15,
4:00 pm
Lindley Recreation
Center

December 4
Hanukkah

December 25
Christmas

January 1
New Years

January 29
General meeting

There is still room for your name. Contributions are greatly appreciated and they go right back into the neighborhood. Thank you.

2007 LPNA CONTRIBUTION FORM

Now's a good time to make a contribution to your neighborhood association. Please fill out the form and mail it with your check to the address listed below. If you'd like to be involved with any of the committees, or activities, please check your preference. **Note: New committees added: Website, Ways & Means (FUN-raising activities), Neighborhood Long-Range Plan.**

Name(s) _____ Address: _____

Email: _____ Home Phone: _____

Please check your interest(s): Environmental Issues FUN-raising Park preservation/improvements Website
 Public Safety/Public Works (speeding, burglary, sidewalks, etc) Zoning Issues Neighborhood Long-Range Plan
 Social activities (spring, fall events & Christmas luminaries) Newsletter volunteer -- help distribute in your area

\$\$ household contribution enclosed (\$15 suggested) \$ _____ Date: _____

Please make checks payable to LPNA and mail to: LPNA c/o Leigha Shepler, 614 Northridge St. Greensboro NC 27403