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THE LINDLEY PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER
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Pictures from neighborhood egg hunt...



From the Chair

by Larry Barnes

Those of you that know me know that I generally say what's on my mind. That has worked for me relatively well in life with just a couple of exceptions. Many of you read my "Letter" in the last issue that talked about the two positions that the LPNA still needed to fill after elections of Officers in January. This is one of those times when speaking up paid off. We had great response to the call for volunteers. Anne Embrey agreed to be the Recording Secretary and Josh Sherrick took on the Social Chair. He also has 4-5 people willing to help him out with all the activities the LPNA tries to put on each year. In fact, we just had the Easter Egg Hunt that was a very well planned and was well attended by 40-50 kids.

I was very pleased (needless to say) that people stepped up to help. I am also ecstatic with all the new faces within the LPNA. We really are a vibrant and meaningful group that not only tries to encourage relationships between neighbors, but looks out for their better good as well. The LPNA needs all the help we can get dealing with Duke Power "trimming" of trees, continued zoning issues, re-districting, and the steady creep of UNCG into our neighborhoods. Many faces, both new and old, reflect the diverse nature of Lindley Park and will best represent us in these challenges moving forward.

One last thing struck me over the course of the last month. More than a few people came up to me saying, "I was so close to emailing you back and taking on the needed position after reading your plea, but (insert reason for not)". In just about every case it was persons that I know already do so much for the neighborhood, the Association and Lindley Elementary. The fact that they were contemplating yet another commitment shows how deeply they care about their neighbors and their neighborhood. Lastly, I said it last issue but it's worth repeating. I would encourage all of you to use the Association's get-togethers to come out to meet and enjoy your neighbors. Come to the meetings and hear about all we are involved with and do for the neighborhood. The next Executive Committee meeting is April 30th. The next General meeting is May 28th.

ps. I am supposed to tell you Ginny (my 9 year old) likes basketball, swimming and piano. I failed to mention those in my letter last issue – she was not happy...

Save the Columns Contributors

Great news! The city approved LPNA's grant application to fix the Lindley Park columns and work will begin this summer.

The grant money must be used exclusively for column repair so gifts to the "Save the Columns" campaign are being considered for related projects such as repair to seating under the columns, landscape and solar lighting.

Thanks to the listed "Save the Columns" donors for supporting this cause and saving these historic entrance icons into our community! Please email us at lpnagso@gmail.com if you have feedback on these prospective ideas.

And a special thank you to LPNA Environmental Officer Elizabeth Link for all of her efforts on this project!

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MAY 4 8am until... 8th Annual LP Yard Sale

MAY 18 4pm until... Spring Fling Springwood/Lindell

MAY 28 7pm LPNA General Meeting

Come a few minutes early to the General meeting for refreshments, meet your neighbors and register for exciting door prizes. You can also save a stamp by bringing your 2013 LPNA contribution to the meeting.

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Your contributions help sponsor our wonderful neighborhood events, such as the Easter Egg Hunt, Spring Fling, Fall Fest and Holiday Luminaries. For only \$15 a year, you can help make our neighborhood association the best it can be! Please fill in the contribution form on the last page of this newsletter.

The Columns cost around \$585.00 per issue to print 1250 copies. We need to support those that advertise. A huge thank you goes to the folks that deliver the newsletter to every door. It is the neighborly involvement that makes Lindley Park so great.

Need an extra copy?

Lindley Park Columns is available at a number of local businesses. Stop by one of these shops and grab a copy.

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Put a spring back in your aging pet's step



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"Respect Our Trees" Signs

Pete Schroth wanted to let everyone know he has "Respect Our Trees" signs available on his front porch. They cost \$10 cash and can be picked up at 2607 Beechwood Street.



Neighborwoods

NeighborWoods is a program developed through a partnership between Greensboro Beautiful Inc. and the City of Greensboro to help restore our City's tree canopy by planting trees in neighborhoods and neighborhood parks with assistance from neighborhood residents.

Neighborhoods are eligible for neighborhood park plantings or neighborhood street tree plantings. Tree plantings take place on a "planting day" in which the planting and mulching of trees is done by the homeowners and volunteers.

There are 4 requirements to be eligible for the NeighborWoods program, which include:

1. Neighborhood must be located in the Greensboro City Limits.
2. Trees must be planted adjacent to City's Right-of-Way or in a City Park.
3. Commitment to care for trees (water, plant, mulch).
4. Neighborhood participation

One neighborhood will be selected each year. The selection will be based on neighborhood involvement, existing tree canopy in the neighborhood, project justification, how well the project is organized and location of the project (the goal to spread the planting projects around the City).

Neighborhood responsibilities include:

- *Get tree planting permission forms signed by homeowners.
- *Dig holes, plant and mulch the trees provided

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RUCO Code Compliance Policy Proposals

Areas of agreement between the G4 (Greensboro Housing Coalition, Greensboro Neighborhood Congress, Tenant Association of Greensboro, and the Human Relations Commission, which recommends that the Council Sub-committee consider the G4 proposal equally with the Staff proposal of January 31), and the rental industry (TREBIC, Piedmont Triad Apartment Association, and Greensboro Landlord Association):

- 1) We need a simple process that preserves housing stock and prevents harm to occupants and neighbors.
- 2) Owners should be allowed a "cure period" to correct violations before they are considered noncompliant, but the period would be limited.
- 3) City would impose financial consequences for noncompliance. Areas of Disagreement between those two groups about how to change and enforce current of Minimum Housing Code, the MHC
- 4) What level of violation triggers consequences?
 - o G4: any violations of MHC not corrected within the "cure period" would trigger consequences because the combination of several violations could be deadly.
 - o Rental industry: 1 major or more than (5) violations not corrected within "cure period."
 - o Existing Code currently not enforced: Currently the existing code distinguishes between "unfit for human habitation" and a single violation of the MHC. "Unfit for human habitation includes more than five types of violations" or one of ten additional conditions. Currently single violations are not enforced.

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by Anne Embry

We had our first child in 2004 and shortly thereafter, began thinking about schools. For us, it wasn't a question of public versus private, it was which private school. I learned from my friends which pre-school fed which private school and once our son turned 3, with another child on the way, we knew it was time to act. We picked a terrific preschool (Starmount) and continued our private school research. But then something funny happened.

We live 5 houses away from Lindley Elementary. Much of our play time was spent at the playground, hiking the nature trails, and playing in the creek. We watched with interest the surrounding streets fill with cars for PTA meetings. We met some pretty neat Lindley parents. Our minds began to change. Gosh, the school is so close - does it make sense to pay thousands of dollars for kindergarten? We revised our plan. Our son would start at Lindley and then we'd move him. Sure, we heard stories about other kids moving from public to private and being years behind academically but you know what? After the first half of the year, we saw our son learn and grow and be pushed by his teacher. Some of his classmates were better at things than he - and suddenly we saw a competitive streak that had been long dormant. Maybe Lindley made sense for our family.

A couple years later, our daughter joined our son at Lindley. We were nervous when we learned she would have a different kindergarten teacher. What if we had just been lucky with teachers so far? What if it wasn't the school, it was only a few teachers? We were wrong. Both of our kids are thriving. It's not always easy for them - we learned this year there is a big difference between first and second grade homework!

My husband and I realized we had made the absolute right choice when our son announced last year he wanted to be the first child in his class each morning. We live 5 houses away, and if anyone wanted to sleep a little extra in the morning, we certainly have some wiggle room. But nope - we are out the door at 7:18 every morning marching happily to our lovely neighborhood school - Lindley Elementary.

Kindergarten registration is going on now and we hope you choose Lindley. We are sure glad we did.

Passalong Plant Sale & Festival

Guilford County's Extension Master Gardener Volunteers invite everyone to their 11th Annual Passalong Plant Sale & Festival. This event, their only fund-raiser, will be held Friday, May 10, from 9 - 3 and Saturday, May 11, from 9 - noon at the Guilford County Ag. Center at 3309 Burlington Road. The sale will feature thousands of plants for sale -- most of which were propagated by Guilford County's own Master Gardeners -- as well as educational displays and informative speakers.

For a terrific selection of plants at an unbeatable price -- and the knowledge that the plants that you're buying have had a history in a passionate gardener's landscape -- come on out and see why people mark their calendars from one year to the next so they never miss a Passalong event! All proceeds benefit the activities of the EMGVs in helping provide research-based information for Guilford County's gardeners.



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News from Lindley Elementary

Spring is an exciting time at Lindley! We had a successful Garden Week and the students planted all sorts of yummy vegetables. Thanks to the many neighborhood parents and volunteers who helped spread two mountains of mulch and prepared the beds for planting. Lindley is the first school partnering with Share the Harvest, which shares fresh produce with people in need.

Back by popular demand, the Lindley Summer Farmer's Market will be held the first Saturday of every month. The Farmer's Market is a great way to support our local artisans and pick up a few goodies from the garden. Buy Local - and this is about as local as it gets.

Our ever popular Spring Carnival is Friday, May 3rd from 5:30 to 7:30pm. There will be games and bouncy houses for the kids and wonderful baskets of goodies for the raffle. Kids already graduated from Lindley? No problem! Come join us for some old fashioned fun, food, and prizes.

Many of the students have been participating in GO FAR and have been training after school for the GO FAR 5k in High Point. Register to run or come out and cheer them on! Even if you don't have school-aged children at home, you can collect Box Tops for Lindley. You may turn them into the office or give them to a Lindley family. Thank you! These box tops become real money to help programs at Lindley.

Check out Lindley on Facebook:
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Lindley-Elementary/263069577071423>

Good, Fast and Cheap

by Jeri Henderson

This new Columns section will include recipes that are as the title indicates (good, cheap and fast) and are favorites at our house. Hope you try them and enjoy as much as we do!

TUNA AND CANNELLINI BEAN SALAD

We discovered this recipe in our local newspaper when we lived in Florida and it quickly became a family favorite. It is a great as is for a light lunch or expanded as a nicoisse-like salad for dinner (lettuce, tomatoes, capers, olives, boiled eggs, etc).

- 20 ounces canned cannellini beans, drained
- ½ cup finely chopped sweet onions
- 1 small clove garlic, minced
- ¼ cup finely chopped fresh parsley
- 1 teaspoons dried oregano
- 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- Juice of ½ lime
- 6 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 14 ounces canned water packed tuna, drained

In a large bowl, combine all ingredients except tuna and mix well. Flake tuna into mixture and toss gently. If possible, prepare at least a day ahead to allow flavors to mellow. Serves 4 to 6.

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The Yard Sale is sponsored by Patti Eckard of REMAX REALTY CONSULTANTS. It will be promoted in the News Record, FACEBOOK, and the Lindley Park website prior to the event. Directional signs and flyers listing all of the locations will be provided to you. This is a great way to get rid of your stuff, make a little money, contribute to the neighborhood association and meet some of your neighbors. For now, all you need is your name, address, telephone number and/or email address. Deadline to reserve your spot is April 27. Contact Patti Eckard, - Patti.Eckard@gmail.com or by home phone 632-1448.



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We would love to have you participate in the Columns by submitting articles you feel would be interesting or beneficial to the neighborhood. We would love to have submissions from your kids also (artwork, writing, photos, etc.). Do you have a neighbor with an interesting story to tell? Do you have neighbors that are new to the area? Write us about it. We are always interested in any history of the neighborhood that you may know about or have a connection to. What makes this neighborhood great is the strong sense of community and the diversity of our residents. The Columns serves as glue to connect us to one another. It is one of the reasons we are the envy of other in-town neighborhoods!

Please send all submissions to roobait@msn.com. Keep in mind that the newsletter is published about every other month with deadlines on (or about) the 1st of Feb., April, June, Aug., Oct. and Dec.

Thanks for making LP great!

RUCO CODE COMPLIANCE POLICY PROPOSALS,
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5) What are the consequences for not complying within "cure period"?

o G4 and Existing Code: both would enforce MHC penalties currently in Section 42 of municipal code (civil penalties of \$200 for the first violation and violations subject to \$75 daily after that; misdemeanor charges for not more than 20 days in jail). Plus \$150 for first failed re-inspection, \$300 additional for second failed re-inspection, and \$400 additional for third failed re-inspection;(italicized o be adopted now for implementation in 2014: 12 month registration required for unit with more than 3 violations and authority to inspect owner's other properties if more than 2 violations not corrected)

o Rental industry: \$150 for first failed re-inspection, \$300 additional for second failed reinspection, and \$400 additional for third failed re-inspection

6) What consequences to impose for tenant damage?

o G4: it is impractical for the city to collect penalties from tenants; owners can address this issue in their leases.

o Rental industry: city should impose penalties for tenant violations when tenant behavior results in damage and/or disturbs neighbors

o Existing code deals with tenants in Section 11-9.

7) Whether vacant properties should be subject to consequences.

o G4: yes - almost a quarter of properties with violations were vacant and causing problems to neighbors and the public at the time of complaint; if owner-occupants and commercial properties are subject to penalties, vacant rental housing should not be excluded

o Rental Industry: make repairs only when they have a new tenant; vacant housing is not a danger because it is no longer occupied.

o Existing Code applies to vacant dwellings.

8) What should happen when condemned properties are re-rented while unfit for human habitation or condemned?

o G4: this is a serious problem and merits maximum penalties allowed in Section. 42. Clarify that renting a dwelling unfit for human habitation is unlawful and a violation of the MHC.

o Rental industry: owners need to be able to market properties.

o Existing Code has penalties; owner cannot receive rent, etc.

9) What level of staffing is necessary to achieve desired results?

o G4: since Greensboro is substantially below other cities in the proportion of inspectors to population, and the benefits of safe housing stock make a good Return on Investment, additional inspection and compliance management staff are justified. G4 proposes adding two Housing Compliance Inspectors by August of this year.

o Rental industry: save city money by limiting the scope and number of inspectors' work. Additional G4 proposals from "Minimum changes to MHC March 15" document not addressed by Rental Industry

10) Clarify illegality of renting dwelling which is "unfit for human habitation"

11) Make all types of Administrative Warrants applicable to MHC.

12) Make service of notices on owners easier by incorporating other service laws.

13) Add a requirement the Planning Dept. continue to maintain a list of rental dwelling units.

14) Allow anyone to request that a building be inspected.

15) Reduce time for inspector extensions to 90 days before referral to Minimum Housing Standards Commission, no documentation required.

16) Require all MHC inspectors to be certified in the International Property Management Code.

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by the NeighborWoods Program. *Ensure that the trees will be maintained for at least two years after planting. This includes watering and mulching as needed. City of Greensboro and Greensboro Beautiful responsibilities: *General coordination of the project.

*Advice about planning the tree planting project. *Planting supervisors (if needed) and detailed planting instructions. *Trees (7 to 15 gallon and 4 to 12 feet tall, depending on availability and species) *General information about design specifications *Develop final planting plan

One important component of the NeighborWoods program is support from the neighborhood residents. To confirm overall interest, the project application includes interest forms to be signed by neighborhood residents.

An informational flyer explaining the program and project interest forms will be emailed to residents and available online soon. Please take a moment to review these documents and return completed interest form to LPNA by June 1. LPNA will submit the application and interest forms prior to the June 30 deadline. The winning neighborhood will be announced July 31 so stay tuned!

Burglary Home Defense

by Steve Way

First, I'd like to take a moment and introduce myself. My name is Steve Way and I'm your Public Safety Committee Chairman for 2013. My wife Susie and I moved to Lindley Park last June, and we are thrilled to not only be your neighbors, but to have the opportunity to participate in such a vibrant and active neighborhood association. I am a former police officer, I now work for the Greensboro Police Department as a CSI, and I am also your neighbor! Please feel free to contact me to report any crime or safety issues you feel are important, and I will get back to you to address your concerns. Also, if anyone would like me to evaluate your home for potential crime prevention issues, I would be more than happy to come by and give you my thoughts. I can be contacted at stevenjway@yahoo.com.

I'd like to take the time now to discuss residential burglary. Lindley Park is fortunate to have a low crime rate and this is one of the reasons it is such a desirable location to live in. Although some of you have experienced burglary first hand, many of you have not. The fact that so few burglaries occur in our neighborhood can lead to complacency, one of the burglar's best friends. In order to combat this, we need to take steps to protect ourselves. There are many ways to accomplish this, and in the next several issues of Columns I will outline some ways you can protect your homes and property.

Burglary defense is best thought of as a pyramid with four sections, with each section represented by one of four D's: Deterrence, Delay, Denial and Detection. The first D, Deterrence, forms the base of the pyramid and is the most important aspect. Deterrence is achieved when we convince the would-be burglar that your particular home just isn't worth the effort. We, in essence, deter him or her from even trying to break in. What are some of the ways we can deter potential burglars?

One of the best ways to deter crime is by participating in an active Neighborhood Watch program. Being the eyes and ears for the police lets the criminal element know they are being watched and are not welcome in our community.

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Pay particular attention to suspicious vehicles, people and activity in and around your home. Report anything you feel is suspicious, and communicate with your neighbors. The nosy neighbor can reduce crime more than anything else!

It is also important to give your property a "lived in" look. Unkept yards and houses, accumulated newspapers and mail, and empty driveways advertise the fact that your home might be an easy target. Keep yards clean of debris, keep grass and bushes trimmed, and collect any trash that might have blown into your yard. Also be vigilant for doorhangers or flyers that might have been left on your door or mailbox. Thieves use these to identify unoccupied dwellings! If you only have one car and use it everyday for going to work, try and arrange to have a neighbor park in your driveway. Mix it up and try not to be predictable by following a set routine.

Finally, the existence of a burglar alarm and a dog can go a long way in deterring a potential burglar. If you use a monitored intrusion system, advertise this fact with signs and decals. If you have an unmonitored system, make sure you work with your neighbors and have them call in any alarm activations. If you don't have an alarm system, consider investing in one. If you have a dog, make sure the burglar on the prowl is aware of its presence by posting Beware of Dog signs. Chaining a dog to a tree in the backyard or keeping it in a crate will not prevent a burglary! The dog must be able to protect its territory, whether its an indoor or outdoor dog.

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- 17) Cap penalties at the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of tax value, this could avoid fair market value appraisal issues.
- 18) Add the Standard for Housing Commission to grant additional time by incorporating language from City Charter Section 5.74(d).
- 19) State that Director of Planning and Community Development is responsible for enforcement of MHC. Additional G4 proposals from Proposed Resolution Document
- 20) Clarify definitions such as workmanlike, Unfit for Human Habitation, etc. (see document entitled "Minimum changes to MHC March 15"
- 21) Direct Budget and Evaluation Dept. to monitor implementation of Benchmark Recommendations.
- 22) Direct Budget and Evaluation Department to evaluate effectiveness of the enforcing Existing Code with suggested modifications.
- 23) Consider repairing some buildings and foreclosing the lien, so that they will not become vacant lots.

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