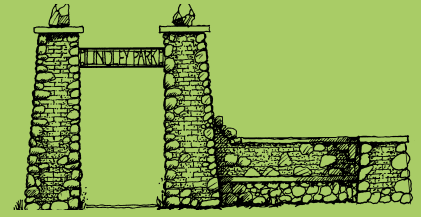


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## KEEPING IT COOL?



By Stephen Johnson  
LPNA chairman

I'm sure that many of you may have noticed over the last few years a surge of new households, and especially young families, in the neighborhood. Clearly there are some appealing elements for folks — a local "cool factor." While Lindley Park might not be as hip as downtown (or Upper East Side New York), there are certainly things that are attracting people. Certainly The Corner (Walker and Elam) is a big part of that. The work that Neil, Sarah and Chris have done for the

restaurants and the stellar revitalization of a locally owned grocery store by Nancy and Roger have clearly added to our neighborhood. Shrinking violet that I am, I won't dwell too much on the Saturday Corner Farmer's Market, now in its third year, and its impact on the sense of a hip community. But a cool neighborhood can't rely on one area of fashionable places to eat and shop.

Lindley Park is also tolerant, supportive of diverse views and lifestyles. (Hey! I'm developing an urban farm!). It has an excellent sidewalk system that connects places in the neighborhood, and it's accessible by foot, bike or public transport to downtown, Friendly Center and other areas. It's also not that expensive (yet!), and it has a good mixture of owner-occupied and rental houses.

Much of this has arisen organically, but we are one of the few neighborhoods in Greensboro that actually has a neighborhood plan (see it at [www.lindleyparknc.com/neighborhood-plan.html](http://www.lindleyparknc.com/neighborhood-plan.html)) and a planning overlay. This helps the neighborhood, city staff and others think about how their projects will support and enhance the neighborhood.

In fact, thinking about other parts of our neighborhood is becoming a major theme as we approach 100 years in 2017. For example, Sarah Keith and Chris Blackburn are preparing a new restaurant for the Josephine's site on Spring Garden Street. It will have a breakfast/brunch focus that should fit in well with Hops Burger Bar and the other casual dining spots at the Howard Street hub. But it's also clear that crossing Spring Garden to and from Hops and the other nearby restaurants and stores is a challenge. I know of folks who'd rather walk farther with their families to The Corner than cross Spring Garden to eat. Clearly we need to address access that connects not just Hops and the rest but also the businesses near Park Terrace (such as Fentress Jewelry) so that our neighbors have more places to go. (see **Keeping it Cool?** page 4)

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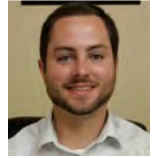
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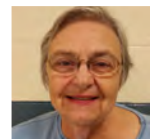
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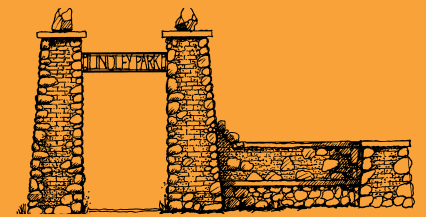
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## EDITOR'S NOTE

Thanks for the positive feedback on the new newsletter format. The kindest praise someone offered was that it felt neighborly. The comment that really has me over the moon is that the newsletter made someone not just feel informed but invited. I hope you'll enjoy this newsletter (our biggest yet!) and the remaining dog days of summer in the best neighborhood I can think of for a "staycation."

— Kathy

## WE GOOFED

In the story about the Walker Project in the May-June issue of The Columns, we incorrectly identified neighborhood author Julia Ridley Smith. We're sorry about that, and we promise to do better next time. If you'd like to read one of Smith's recent short stories, which features vampires and magic, visit [failbetter.com/56/SmithHLVMS.php](http://failbetter.com/56/SmithHLVMS.php)

# Scrambled!

After five years as Lindley Park's go-to spot for that special date night dinner, Josephine's Kitchen has closed its doors. We're sad to say farewell to this neighborhood fixture, but we're excited to see what owners Sarah Keith and Chris Blackburn have cooking next. Their next venture: Scrambled Southern Diner, a farm-to-table breakfast spot with a fun, diner feel. Sarah and Chris hope to open their new restaurant in early August in the old Josephine's spot at 2417 Spring Garden St.

"We want to have that neighborhood barbershop vibe — that place where you go in, see friendly faces and leave feeling great," Sarah said. "We're lowering the booth backs, bringing in high chairs and, of course, totally revamping the menu."

Scrambled will serve breakfast all day. The menu ranges from simple (fresh local eggs, meat and biscuits) to fancier fare such as Eggs Benedict and over-the-top French toast. There will be a blue plate lunch special starting at 11 a.m. each day. The menu also will have vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free options.

Entree prices will range from \$3 to \$15 — about the same as at Lindley Park Filling Station, Sarah and Chris' other restaurant. "You can splurge on an awesome breakfast," Sarah added, "but you can also get out of here for under five bucks for a simple egg and toast."


Scrambled will have more parking than Josephine's. Chris and Sarah, with support of the LPNA, got Greensboro Zoning Commission approval in July to rezone the lot next door. Sarah and Chris plan to remove the house and create much-needed off-street parking.

Traffic at Spring Garden and Howard Street is a concern, as Scrambled will share the corner with Hops Burger Bar, Fat Dog's Grille & Pub, Barberitos and China Cafe. LPNA is discussing the issue, and Sarah and Chris are committed to working with the neighborhood association to improve pedestrian, bicycle and auto access at the intersection.

As Spring Garden Street continues to attract restaurants and other stores, let's support our neighborhood businesses, put on our collective thinking caps and figure out ways to make walking, biking and driving in the area safer.

## WANT TO GO?

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## KEEPING IT COOL? continued from cover

But it's not just shopping that makes a neighborhood. We are also lucky to have a swimming pool, a recreation center and lots of parks. While they are generally well used, they do need some attention and more involvement from the neighborhood. How many folks go swimming at a private club but not our local pool? Use it or lose it, folks!

The bridge across Wendover Avenue also needs a focus as it currently (dis)connects two parts of the neighborhood. I know that many folks who live west of Wendover feel somewhat isolated from the happenings in other parts of our neighborhood. As a neighborhood association we are aware of some of these issues, but more involvement, or communication with a member of our team will help us think a little more broadly about our community.

Long term, I don't wish for a cool or trendy neighborhood. Trends come and go. I'm looking forward to working with all my neighbors — homeowners, renters, and business owners — and the city at large to create a vibrant, sustainable, diverse and resilient community that takes care of its shared environment and has places to live, work, eat, shop, and play. So join your neighbors, figure out what small (or large) part you can play in creating a place you want to be in, and I'll see you at our next meeting — or at The Corner.

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Opticians Wally and Betty Forrest have opened up **Waldo's Optical** on Spring Garden Street across from Fat Dog's Grille & Pub. With over 40 years (each!) in the business, they offer a stylish collection of eyeglass frames with lenses from local labs. Bring in your prescription and they can fill orders for eyeglasses and contacts in one to seven days. They offer a 10 percent discount for students and veterans. Some insurance plans are accepted.

Betty grew up on Brice Street in Lindley Park in the 1960s. (She was known as Betty Barnett back then.) Her grandfather, Thomas Brown, owned Elam Appliances, which

was in the building that Lindley Park Filling Station occupies now. Her uncle owned Elam Cleaners next door. Betty and Waldo said they're happy to be back in Greensboro after living on the Outer Banks, and they welcome visitors to just stop in and say hello.

Waldo's Optical, 2500-C Spring Garden St., (336) 818-8733; [www.waldsoptical.com](http://www.waldsoptical.com). Hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

## NEW RESTAURANTS

Lindley Park recently welcomed two new restaurants to the neighborhood: **Mythos Grill** moved a mile down West Market Street in May to a new home in the 3900 West shopping center (at Walker Avenue). It's one of two Greensboro locations for the casual Greek restaurant, which serves traditional Greek fare (gyros, souvlaki, spanakopita and Greek salad, to name a few) as well as subs, sandwiches and pasta.

The new location — in the old Panera Bread spot — is a little bigger than the old location, and it has more parking and better access to West Market. Miranda Balla of Greensboro is the restaurant's owner.

Mythos Grill, 3900 W. Market St., (336) 218-1113; [www.mythosgrillinc.com](http://www.mythosgrillinc.com). Hours are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday (closed Sunday).

**Barberitos**, a Southwestern style restaurant, opened earlier this summer in the shopping center on Spring Garden Street shared by Papa John's and China Cafe. The restaurant sells fresh-made tacos, burritos, nachos, quesadillas and salads. There's also a salsa bar, and kids eat for free on Sundays.

This is the second Greensboro location for the chain, which is based in Athens, Ga. and has 41 stores in the Southeast. Mike Dowling is the district manager.

Barberitos, 2408-D Spring Garden St., (336) 663-7148; [www.barberitos.com](http://www.barberitos.com). Hours are 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

## KUDOS

Big congratulations to **Hops Burger Bar**, voted best burgers in the nation by Trip Advisor! "Serving premium Angus burgers on buttery brioche buns, this popular eatery pairs each patty with a side of crispy fries salted to perfection. Guests can choose from a variety of burger options including the Hops Classic, or the Hawaiian topped with sweet and spicy chili sauce, blue cheese and grilled pineapple." TripAdvisor said. Yes, please!

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## NEIGHBOR PROFILE: TRACY LAMOTHE, BLUE SPOON COOKING SCHOOL

With a background as a chef, caterer and restaurant owner, Tracy Lamothe has evolved yet again in a tasty way — by opening her own

cooking school. In February of this year Tracy started Blue Spoon Cooking School here in Lindley Park.

"I want everyone to enjoy cooking, eating healthy and feeling stronger about their abilities. As they said in the movie 'Ratatouille,' anyone can cook," Tracy said. "I really believe that."

Tracy is currently using Reto's Kitchen, at 600 S. Elam Ave. next door to Common Grounds, for most of her classes.

Tracy also participates almost every Saturday at The Corner Market in the Sticks and Stones parking lot at Elam and Walker. She does cooking demonstrations and sells fresh salad dressings to go with that amazing tomato that you can only find in a farmers market this time of year.

## WANT TO COOK? TAKE A CLASS!

"Singles Survival Night" from 6 to 8 p.m. July 27. Tracy will focus on cooking for one and two people, practicing safe knife skills and how to effectively use leftovers. Pre-registration is required. Visit [www.thebluespooncompany.com](http://www.thebluespooncompany.com) for information and a registration form for this and other class offerings.

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# HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOOD



Sept. 12 marks the seventh annual Miles for Matthew 5K and 10K to honor a young Lindley Park resident, Matthew Greiner. Matthew is a curious, happy and vibrant 9 year old who loves history, nature, animals and Star Wars. Secondary to all of this, he has a neuromuscular disease called Duchenne muscular dystrophy. Miles for Matthew is our way of

fighting for his future by raising funds to support research. All proceeds will benefit Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy, which fights tirelessly for a cure for this lethal muscle disorder.

## HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT MILES FOR MATTHEW?

1. Run or walk. It's \$25 for the 5K or \$30 for the 10K paid online before race day at [www.parentprojectmd.org/MilesforMatthew](http://www.parentprojectmd.org/MilesforMatthew). The price goes up \$5 on race day. Strollers and dogs are welcome!
2. Sponsor a runner already registered, or buy a T-shirt online

- and pick it up on race day.
3. Step out your front door and cheer on the runners. These small gestures mean so much!
4. Volunteer. On the website there's a sign-up for volunteers.
5. Make an in-kind donation. We are always looking for good food to nourish our runners, prizes to motivate them and items for the raffle and silent auction.
6. Come to Lindley Elementary on race day to cheer, buy a raffle ticket and savor the joy of a community coming together for the good of others!

The Kids Dash starts at 8:15 a.m. followed by the 10K at 8:30 a.m. and the 5K at 8:35 a.m. Babysitting is available at \$5 per family.



Matthew hands out prizes after the 2014 race. Get more info at [www.parentprojectmd.org/milesformatthew](http://www.parentprojectmd.org/milesformatthew).

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## "RUN CLUB" BY PETE SCHROTH

There once was a small group of guys who thought it'd be cool to gather on the full moon and run a few miles and then drink a few beers and talk about music. Thus the Wolfman Runners were born. For more than a year the group would gather down at The Corner before heading out to run roughly 3 miles, randomly howling along the way. Some folks even rode bikes. It was the spirit that mattered most. A pack of friends moving down the streets of Lindley Park — laughing, howling, telling stories, waving to neighbors. It was a loose arrangement, extremely low-key. It was excellent, but they thirsted for more running time. The full moon only comes along ever so often.

Changes were made and Run Club was born.

Brian Crean and Pete Schroth served as the primary organizers in the beginning, but slowly the group began to take on a life of its own. New members joined up and the group quickly grew from the initial five runners to a large rotating cast of merry-makers.

On a Monday night a pack of 15 or more runners gathers outside of Sticks and Stones. They stretch their legs, laugh and give high-fives.

Last year Run Club took part in the Valentine's Day Massacre Relay Run. The group has even organized a few unofficial events of its own. Last fall marked the first Unofficial Guerilla Half-Marathon & 10K. The club pulled in sponsors from friends and neighbors. Triad Paw Prints helped with the shirts. Triad City Beat helped with promotion. Fleet Feet threw in some free socks. And Sticks and Stones graciously donated its parking lot and a bevy of refreshments afterwards. Although there was no official clock, no closed streets, a starting line drawn with chalk and a loosely laid-out course, buckets of fun were had and the anticipation for this year's event is building. Look for it in the fall, unofficially on Nov. 1. Profits will go to Foundation Fighting Blindness.

Run Clubbers also organized the Run Club Pub Run. (Say that five times fast.) They started the run at Revolution Cycles and made their way downtown with stops at Gibb's Hundred and Preyer Brewing Co. before heading back to Sticks and Stones. Miles were run, beers were had.

Run Club always starts and finishes at Sticks and Stones. The pizza joint has become the group's official home. Where the run goes is always a toss up although the group has established a few preferred routes varying from 3 to 4 miles. Stand By Me is a route that'll take you along the train tracks with one or two killer hills. The Tour De Rich is named after longtime member Richard Wells who thrives on the hills. Alpe Duez is another hilly route inspired by the Tour de France and created by Michael Duez. The Dorangle, a combination of Dorothy and rectangle, is a nice steady angular run with some killer hills to finish it out. It's all fun and games with an emphasis on good times and a few hills.

The beauty of the group is the variety of personalities and the spirit of support and encouragement. They're truly in it for the fun. It's never a race. Yes, sometimes there may be a bit of competitiveness between runners, but that's what strengthens them. At the end of the run everyone is gathered around the same table eating wings, drinking beers and talking about one of their favorite topics, rock 'n' roll.

## WANT TO JOIN RUN CLUB?

Please do. All levels are welcome. During the spring and summer the group meets up at 6:30 p.m. every Monday. In the fall and winter Run Club starts at 6 p.m. to squeeze in a little extra daylight. You'll find them at the benches in front of Sticks and Stones. Rain, snow, heat, whatever — they're always there. Bring a friend and some good stories.





## PARTICIPATE IN LINDLEY PARK'S FIRST YARN BOMB!

The Walker Avenue bridge connects two vibrant sides of the Lindley Park neighborhood. On one side, The Corner is a bustling hub of food and commerce. On the other, there's the 17-acre Arboretum, full of diverse plant collections and blissful sculpture. But that connecting bridge is as uninviting as they come, with its low rails and steep climb. With traffic zooming below on Wendover Avenue (and sometimes alongside us on Walker Avenue) it doesn't always feel cozy to walk a dog or stroll with a child. The lack of visibility makes parents think twice before putting their kids on a bike to make the ride across. To put it bluntly, the bridge often feels like a dividing line rather than a unifying link at the heart of our neighborhood.

The goal of the Knit the Bridge project is to unite the neighborhood through casual gatherings called Knit-Ins that culminate in a unique community art installation called a yarn bomb.

### WHAT IS A YARN BOMB?

A yarn bomb is a fun, bright and beautiful way to celebrate public space. We will take hand-knitted material and wrap urban (bridges and telephone poles) and natural elements (tree trunks) with color. Unlike graffiti, yarn bombing is done without any damage to existing structures, is easily removable and the knitted material can be repurposed. Imagine giving Lindley Park an enormous hug from the hippest grandma ever!

### HOW WILL IT WORK IN LINDLEY PARK?

For the months of August, September and October we will hold Knit-Ins (see below) to create the materials for the Yarn Bomb. The Yarn Bomb will be installed in November. We will announce the actual installation date closer to the event. It will all go up at one time so we will need a big Yarn Bomb Squad to help with the installation.

## HOW CAN YOU HELP KNIT THE BRIDGE?

- KNIT!** **Attend a Knit-In.** Community Knit-Ins will be announced on the Lindley Park Knit the Bridge Facebook page and also on yarn bombed notices at The Corner and throughout the neighborhood. Bring extra yarn and/or needles if you have them and add them to the communal knitting basket!
- Host a Knit-In.** Pick a time and place and announce it on the Facebook page — simple as that! Knitting attracts all ages and we hope to generate good conversation and friendships among neighbors. We encourage you to run with this! If you'd like to open your living room, church basement, front porch or just give a shout out to meet at the Arboretum gazebo, go for it!
- Knit on your own.** Each bridge rail piece will use a cover that is 13 inches wide and 77 inches long. We will need 64 of these. Go for it! We also plan to use any other shapes and pieces that are donated in hopes of extending the color onto both sides of Walker. If you have ideas for a telephone pole, get creative!
- Teach a kid to knit.** We are looking for folks to teach knitting, if you would be interested in connecting in this way, email Elsbeth Todd at [sudokugirl@gmail.com](mailto:sudokugirl@gmail.com). We plan to coordinate with after-school programs at Lindley Elementary and the Lindley Recreation Center.

### DONATE!

This project is not a fundraiser, just a friendraiser. But we do need yarn and needles (and money to buy them). Also, we can re-purpose granny square afghans and other random knitted pieces. We will have donation points at Common Grounds, The Corner Farmers Market, and The House of Hope (2626 Beechwood St.). We also will have super cool T-shirts for sale thanks to our friends at Blue Zoom.

### BOMB!

Stay tuned for the date of the actual yarn bombing. We will need lots of guerrilla artists of all ages to install the softest and most colorful explosion in Lindley Park history!



# EXPLORE THE ARTS

## NEIGHBOR PROFILE: JERRY CARTWRIGHT, ARTIST



If you see the “Fresh Art” sign at Spring Garden and Collier, it means that you’re invited to a free art show in Lindley Park.

Jerry Cartwright opens his back deck and studio at 3018 Collier Ave. on occasional weekends for an art

show that is not to be missed. Cartwright uses a putty knife and paint to create large abstract masterpieces on canvas that are full of texture and color. He also has a fascinating collection of small and large found objects that he uses to create outdoor sculptures and intricate dioramas. Those found-object pieces are like an “I Spy” book come to life. Jerry’s artistic range is tremendous, and his work is fascinating. Most pieces are priced for sale, but you’re invited to browse.



Jerry home shares the open garden space near the middle of Collier Avenue. He is a full-time artist who shows his work nationwide. Jerry is a former owner at the Artmongerz gallery on South Elm Street in downtown Greensboro.

### WANT TO GO?

Jerry’s next Fresh Art show will be from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Aug. 15 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 16.



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## NEIGHBOR PROFILE: JULIA RIDLEY SMITH, DOCENT, WEATHERSPOON ART MUSEUM



photo: Rachel Richardson

Maybe you know there is an art museum at UNCG. But did you know that it houses one of the largest collections of modern and contemporary American art in the Southeast? And did you know that the museum is free and open to the public?

You can just pop in and browse, or you can get together a group and call ahead for a tour with a docent. Lindley Park neighbor Julia Ridley Smith has worked as a docent at the Weatherspoon for the past year.

“We get such a wide range of people in the Weatherspoon — plenty of people who have never been to an art museum — and it sparks such fascinating dialogue.” Julia said. “I don’t lecture. I just try to engage folks with the pieces on display, to spark conversations, to let visitors come to the art from where they are.”

One current exhibit is Tom Burckhardt’s “FULL STOP.” It’s a full-scale artist’s studio made entirely from cardboard, wood, hot glue and black paint. “It is like walking into a 3-D cartoon,” Julia said, “so it is very appealing to all ages.”

Shows turn over every few months. If you happen to visit right before a new exhibit opens, you might see neighbor Susan Taaffe. She works for the Weatherspoon as a preparator; her job is to install all the new exhibits.


When Julia isn’t volunteering at the Weatherspoon, she works as an academic copy editor and can frequently be seen walking her dog, Rosie. She lives in Lindley Park with her husband Glenn and son Theo.

## WANT TO GO?

The Weatherspoon Art Museum is located at 500 Tate St. on the UNCG campus. Parking is free behind the museum. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information or to schedule a tour, call (336) 334-5770. Visit [weatherspoon.uncg.edu](http://weatherspoon.uncg.edu) for a calendar of exhibitions and educational programs.

## WANT TO PARTY?

The museum will hold Spoonmosa from 1 to 3 p.m. Aug. 30. Grab a free beermosa or mimosa, explore the sculpture garden and take a tour of the current exhibitions with a trained docent. This event is free and open to the public.



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**Monday, September 14 at 7 pm**— Newberry Award-Winning Children’s Book Author Kwame Alexander.  
Elliott University Center Auditorium, UNCG.

**Wednesday, September 23 at 4 pm**—Our State Magazine editor Elizabeth Hudson.  
Virginia Dare Room, Alumni House, UNCG.

**Thursday, October 8 at 4 pm**—NC Poet Laureate Shelby Stephenson.  
Hodges Reading Room, Jackson Library, UNCG.

**Thursday, October 22 at 7 pm**—Margaret Maron Presents Women of Mystery—Charlaine Harris.  
Virginia Dare Room, Alumni House, UNCG.

Book discussions on September 21, October 5 and November 9 in the Hodges Reading Room.  
Call 336-256-0112 for more information.

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## INSIDER'S GUIDE TO LINDLEY ELEMENTARY

Whether you are new to the Lindley Park or new to the school, here are some insider tips from Lindley mom Anne Embrey to help you feel right at home at our neighborhood school.

**Volunteer.** It isn't always easy to know how to help at school, so talking with your child's teacher is a good step. There are opportunities to read with the kids before school starts (from 7:20 a.m. until about 8 a.m.). There is always a need for lunch buddies, and each class has different support needs during the school day. When students call out to you in the hallway, "Hey Robbie's mom!" it will make you feel like a rock star!

**Be a garden parent.** There are garden activities throughout the year, and we try to get the classes out to the garden as often as possible. They get to plant seeds, harvest fruits and vegetables, make and eat a salad and learn about how things grow and thrive. There are opportunities for families to help on weekends, too.

**Join the PTA.** Something else tricky to navigate can be the PTA. The General PTA Meetings are open to all parents and normally include a student performance. There are also monthly planning meetings on the first Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Media Center. Attending does not mean you have to volunteer to do anything. (I promise!) The meetings are an excellent way to get to know the school on a different level.

**Linger after school.** The driveway to the right of the campus on Camden Road is where walkers get picked up. Even parents who drive to get their kids often park nearby and walk up to join in the community feel of afternoon pick-up. When schedules allow, many families stay after school to play soccer, play on Project Fit or run around on the Nature Trail. This relatively unstructured play time is great for the kids and a way for parents to get to know each other better. It's also a great way to establish carpooling and play dates.

**Get to know Mr. Johnny.** There's nothing like the small-town feel of a crossing guard who knows us and helps keep an eye on what's going on with the kids and the neighborhood. He knows the children by name and even helps us celebrate birthdays and other holidays.

Elementary school is the time to find the balance between guiding your children and allowing them independence. Elementary kids love to have a parent show up for lunch or to help in the classroom. Enjoy it while it lasts!



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## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES MAY 26, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. after pizza dinner from Sticks and Stones.

**Attendees:** Stephen Johnson, Ashley Duez, Kristin and Blake Sagar, Dana and Philip Gorham, Cathy McCormack, Kathy Newsom (and Lucy and Jonah), Mary Alice Austin, Virginia Driscoll, Christina and Tim Brown (and August) Josh Sherrick, Susan Taaffe, Jeri Henderson, Randy Henderson, Charlotte Plyler (Oleynik), Gertrude Beal, Mark and Rebecca Mendendorp, Elizabeth Link, Bill Eckard, Adam Spivey, Anne Embrey

We were joined after dinner by Officer Wingfield, Officer Roberts, Captain Davis and Deputy Chief Hinson to discuss prevention of crime and recent trends. They are focused on Neighborhood Oriented Policing. Summer is coming! If you see something odd, call the police and be specific as possible as to what was suspicious, where it happened and what did they look like (race, gender, clothing description — start from the top and go down). There has been a recent trend of auto break-ins along Ashland Drive; car windows have been broken to get at what's in the car. Don't leave items in plain view. Break-ins and attempted break-ins to homes on Willowbrook Drive and two house next door to each other on Collier Drive. Don't hesitate to report suspicious activity. It might deter something that was going to happen. Make sure someone watches your home while you are on vacation. Neighbors present discussed a few issues — satellite parking lot at The Arboretum, parking issues on Walker and Scott and some specific house issues.

### Executive committee updates

**President's Update:** Stephen Johnson gave the State of the Neighborhood report. It covered the Chemistry Nightclub rezoning request, the next round of Duke Energy tree trimming, a slight uptick in reported break-ins, quick turnover of houses on the market, Easter Egg Hunt, Spring Fling in new locations and the Neighborhood Yard Sale success. Sadly we noted that Burt Romer, a Holocaust survivor and neighbor for more than 50 years, died recently.

**Treasurer's Report:** Blake Sagar reported that contributions are lower than previous years. Stephen showed off the T-shirts —fundraising opportunity! Encourage neighbors to pay dues; see page 15 of the newsletter.

### District Reports

**District 1:** Mary Alice Austin thanked the LPNA for having the Spring Fling in their district.

**District 2:** Virginia reported that in two separate incidents, her home and her car were broken into

**District 3:** Rebecca Mendendorp said they're still working on creating the mulch path off of Howard Street.

**District 4:** Gertrude Beal reported that Burt Romer died.

**Gov't and Community Liaison:** Zoning and government affairs fall under Bill Eckard.

**Greensboro Neighborhood Congress:** Susan Taaffe reported that the GNC will do a mock budget at its July meeting for money available in 2017 for neighborhood projects. The Aug. 13 meeting (7 to 9 p.m. at the Greensboro Central Library) will be an introduction to zoning.

**Healthy Neighborhoods:** Elizabeth Link reported that the group's goal is to help people engage in healthier activities in the neighborhood.

**Communications:** Anne Embrey reported that Kathy Newsom is now handling the Columns. We are looking for someone to take over managing our advertisers; we typically carry a waiting list so we don't have to sell ads. (Update. This position has been filled. Thank you, Patti Eckard.)

**Website:** The website is being redesigned with a completion goal of September. Stephen is currently managing our Facebook and email communication. See page 2 of the Columns for info on how to connect via these means.

**Events and Celebrations:** Josh Sherrick reported that the Spring Fling was successful. The Easter Egg Hunt in a new location was one of the most well attended. National Night Out is Aug. 4. We will have a process to accept old flags for proper disposal. Chili Cook-Off is Nov. 7 at the Lindell/Willowbrook park. The Summer Solstice celebration is June 20 in the Arboretum; do we want to sponsor a table again for \$250? We can promote the LPNA and sell T-shirts. Motion, seconded, and carried. There will be 6,000 to 7,000 community-minded people coming through the event.

**LPN100:** Adam Spivey talked about the pop-up projects and shared the new T-shirt design. To celebrate our 100th anniversary in 2016, we will have several pop-up events leading up to the celebration. We have a core and central part of our neighborhood and we want to use the pop-ups and other events to focus on under-utilized sections. Holding the Spring Fling at the site of the former Craven School is an example. Our goal is to highlight areas and build our community.

We plan to work on an updated **Neighborhood Plan**. The original was completed in 2004 and we'd like a new one by 2017. An example of a project we'd like to take on is the Lindley Pool. City Council has been cutting funding to the four open-air swimming pools. There are limited hours and little shade, and the facilities are showing their age. Josh said that from the city's perspective, pools are isolated, they are seasonal, they are old and there can be lots of maintenance issues. We'd like two or three neighbors to take this on — work with the city, work with the pool and see how we can improve it. Interested? Please contact Stephen Johnson or Anne Embrey. This could be a really cool thing!

We ended the meeting recognizing and thanking volunteers who made a special impact in the last year: Jeri Henderson for her work with the newsletter content, Bill Eckard for the Neighborhood Watch and Larry Barnes, Elizabeth Link, Tim Brown and Bill Eckard for getting the Columns repaired! We appreciate you!

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. The next LPNA general meeting is at 6 p.m. Sept. 29.

# ASK THE LPNA

## NEIGHBORHOOD EYESORE? NEGLECTED PROPERTY?

Lindley Park is certainly a wonderful neighborhood with sidewalks and tree-lined streets. Most properties are well maintained and reflect the eclectic architecture that makes our neighborhood so special. However, because of absentee owners and other reasons, there are properties that are neglected or in need of repair.

There has been some online discussion of what neighbors can do to deal with eyesores or problem properties. The city does have specific ordinances and codes to deal with situations like overgrown lots and similar eyesores.

City spokesperson Donnie Turlington recently said in the News & Record that there are a variety of ways to contact the City and the response is very prompt. He also stated that the city Government's response is generally complaint driven, which means that the city relies on neighbors and other concerned residents to make officials aware of persistent problems.

The easiest way to report concerns about proper maintenance is by calling the city's Contact Center at (336) 373-2489 or the city's code compliance office at (336) 373-2111. You can submit a complaint online at [www.greensboro-nc.gov/neighborhoodissues](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/neighborhoodissues). According to Turlington, "the standard operating procedure is not to include the name of the person who issues the complaint." In other words, you remain anonymous.

There is an app for this. It is called "Fix it Greensboro" and is available at the Apple Store or Google Play store. If a complaint is filed online, it is completely anonymous.



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# FAMILY FRIENDLY HAPPENINGS

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday, Aug. 2: Music for a Sunday Evening in the Park.** Lindley Park (Starmount Drive at West Market Street and Wendover Avenue). The Rob Massengale Band (variety and rock 'n' roll) plays at 6 p.m., and Soul Central with Jay Bird (blues, R&B, jazz, soul) goes on stage at 7:15 p.m.

**Tuesday, Aug. 4: National Night Out** will be held outside Lindley Recreation Center and pool from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. There will be a free ice cream bar along with visits from the police and fire departments. The Lindley swimming pool will be open and free to all neighbors and their families!

**Saturday, Aug. 8: Celebrate National Watermelon Day** at The Corner Farmer's Market from 8 a.m. to noon. We'll have games, and Lindley Elementary will be there with flowers, crafts baked goods and produce from the school garden.

**Sunday, Aug. 9: Knit-in for Lindley Park Knit the Bridge** at Common Grounds from 2 to 4 p.m. Bring yarn and needles or just bring yourself. Knitting lessons are available. For details, see page 9.

**Saturday, Aug. 15** (10 a.m. to 8 p.m.) and **Sunday August 16** (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.) **Fresh Art Show** on Collier Drive. For details, see page 10.

**Sunday, Aug. 16: The Lindley Pool** at 2914 Springwood Drive closes for the season. Until then, the pool is open from 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and Sunday and 1 to 7:30 p.m. Saturday. For details, call (336) 299-3226.

**Saturday, Aug. 22: Back to School Day at the Corner Market.** From 8 a.m. to noon, vendors will have ideas for healthy lunchbox treats and other items to get geared up for the first day of school.

**Monday, Aug. 24: First day of school** for Guilford County Schools students.

**Sunday, Aug. 30: Spoonmosa** at the Weatherspoon Art Museum from 1 to 3 p.m. For details, see page 11.

**Saturday, Sept. 12: Miles for Matthew.** For more details, see page 7.

**Saturday, Sept. 19: Second annual Dog Daze.** Bring your four-legged friends out to The Corner Farmer's Market from 8 a.m. to noon and have your photo made with your pooch. We'll be making make dog poop bag dispensers from milk carton and poop bags to post in high-traffic areas.

**Tuesday, Sept. 29: LPNA General Meeting** at Lindley Recreation Center. Social and food at 6 p.m. followed by the meeting at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will focus on Healthy Neighborhood projects, people and groups.

**Saturday, Oct. 3:** At **Taste the Market**, The Corner Farmer's Market vendors will be sampling and gathering feedback from customers to create specialty offerings that reflect the taste of the neighborhood.

**Saturday, Oct. 24:** The Corner Farmer's Market gets punk'd (one week before Halloween) at **PunkFest**. There will be pumpkin painting, face painting, pumpkin recipes, hayrides and live music.

**Saturday, Nov. 7: Art In the Yard** Local artisan fall show and sale on Beechwood Street from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Saturday, Nov. 7: LPNA Annual Chili Cook Off** from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the park between Lindell and Willowbrook.

**Saturday, Nov. 21: Shop Local Saturday** at The Corner Farmer's Market.

**Saturday, Dec. 5: Third Annual Tree Trimming** at The Corner Farmer's Market. Bonfire, hot cider, music, chestnuts. Santa and reindogs. Artisan gifts and gift certificates for sale all month.


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