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# **LOVELINDLEY: NEIGHBORHOOD FAMILY DANCE PARTY**

By Shaun O'Connor

Hey,neighbors! It's the dead of winter and we all need to get out and heat things up a bit. Come on down to the Lindley Recreation Center on Saturday night, Feb. 11, from 6:30 to 8:30 to show your love for the neighborhood.

Love Lindley is a chance to shake a leg with your friends and neighbors and keep the positivity flowing in our beautiful neighborhood. Not a big dancer? That's OK! Come for some snacks and refreshments and maybe meet a new neighbor or two. DJ Danny will be in the house spinning a mix of old school and new tunes.

Love Lindley is absolutely a family-friendly event so bring the kids so they can show off their sweet dance moves. Admission is free but we'll take small cash donations at the door to benefit the Lindley Park Neighborhood Association.



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## SNOW DAY DELIVERS FEAST FOR THE HUNGRY

On Jan. 6 the forecast called for snow — possibly a lot of snow, starting that night. While making the requisite Bestway run for weekend essentials, Palmer McIntyre ran into a neighbor whose weekend outlook was not so cozy. Michelle Kennedy, the director of the Interactive Resource Center, said that feeding programs would be shutting down for the next few days because of the snow and single-digit temperatures. The IRC would remain open, but the center was struggling to find a way to feed more than 90 folks and families who count on meals.

Palmer didn't just offer her help. She also posted a call to action on the Lindley Park Facebook page. Would anyone join her in making a pan of ziti or a pot of spaghetti? The directive was to drop it off at Michelle's home on Sherwood Street to be taken to the IRC.

Within minutes neighbors chimed in their support on Facebook. By the next day, homemade meals, breads and desserts showed up on Michelle's porch. The power of community and social media allowed our neighborhood to meet the need and the IRC was able to feed everyone who took shelter in the storm.



# MLK DAY OF SERVICE: CLEAN UP LINDLEY CAMPUS

Lindley Junior Girl Scouts (Troop 02483) collected heaps of trash from around the Lindley Elementary campus as part of MLK Day of Service. Interesting finds: a golf club, pillows, bandages, water bottles and more. Here's to girls making the world a better place!

# LINDLEY LOVES TO HELP 5

## YOUTH BOOK DRIVE FOR IMMIGRANT FAMILIES



The first week of January, Laura Moodie put out a box and a sign, "Youth Book Drive," in her yard. Then it snowed 8 inches.

Laura works through Americorps for Church World Services to help refugee families in Greensboro. The books she hoped to collect were to be used in literacy programs for refugee children who are students at New Arrivals Institute. All grades and reading levels were needed. But the box was covered in snow.

But the community came through. "I was pretty surprised to see footprints in the snow around the book box," she said. "But I was thrilled when I opened it and saw that it was full of books!" To find out more, contact Jazmine at Volunteernc@cwsglobal.org

# STOCKING THE PANTRY FOR SOME OF GREENSBORO'S NEWEST NEIGHBORS

Yet another call for donations came around the time of January's storm.

Hana Brown let neighbors know that Guilford College's Every Campus a Refuge program had been alerted that it would be hosting a family very soon. It was a big family, with two parents and nine children from ages 19 to 10 months. And they would be starting from scratch.

Hana shared a list of grocery and toiletry items needed. Within two days her porch was full. Once again, we see the power of community and social media to generate goodwill and generosity. To find out how you can help Guilford College's Every Campus a Refuge program, email everycampusarefuge@guilford.edu



# 6 LINDLEYLIGHTSUPTHENIGHT

## **ANNUAL LUMINARIA LIGHTING**



Philip Gorham and Dortch Mann fill some of the 1,000 bags that lined the streets for the annual luminaria lighting in December.

In Lindley Park we sure know how to decorate our homes for the holidays. From simple Moravian stars to blow-up characters, our neighborhood sure is pretty around the holidays. And because we live next to the nationally famous Sunset Hills neighborhood of lighted balls, we can enjoy quite a spectacle every December.

But one night a year is extra special in Lindley Park. The first Saturday in December all the Girl Scout troops in Greensboro light luminarias at the Arboretum. Additionally, the Lindley Park Neighborhood Association sets luminarias onto the Walker Avenue bridge and throughout the neighborhood. According to Head Luminarian Bill Eckard, this year the LPNA set out and lit 1,100 luminaries.

Thanks to the many neighbors who came out and brought the family for this annual lighting of Lindley Park!



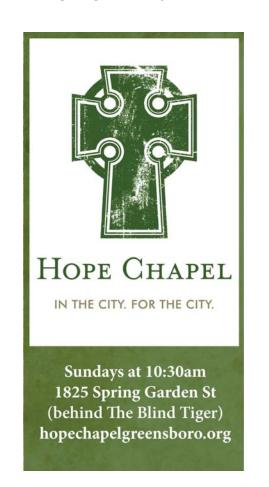
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### **BARRED OWLS**

By Elizabeth Link

I was walking in the neighborhood at dusk recently when I heard a Barred Owl calling. Before the days of phone apps or readily available recordings of bird calls, the way to remember the call of the Barred Owl was the query, "Who cooks for you? Who cooks for you all?" which mimics the rhythm of the owl's call. Barred Owls choose their mates in late fall and early winter, and they call a lot during the process. They establish nests and usually lay their eggs sometime between December and March. The eggs hatch about a month later, and the young fledge about a month after that.



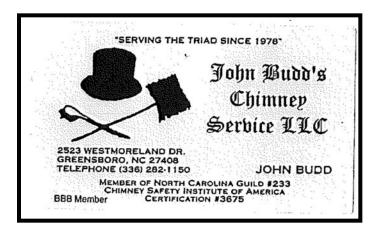
Barred Owls like to nest in cavities in trees, so the many large older trees in our neighborhood may be what attract them to the area. Their main food is mice, voles and other small mammals, but they will also take squirrels, rabbits, and occasionally other birds. In addition they will eat crickets and other large bugs, and sometimes will wade into shallow streams to catch crayfish, small fish and frogs. While their traditional habitat has been old growth forests with large, mature trees, they also thrive in suburban areas where there are large trees to roost and nest in and enough parks and gardens to provide a plentiful supply of food.

Owls are mostly active at night. During the day they will usually roost quietly in pine trees or vine-covered trees where they are difficult to see. If a group of crows finds an owl they will gather around and make a lot of noise, cawing and diving at the owl in the hopes of driving it off or at least alerting the bird neighborhood that it is there. They will also do this to hawks. If you want to see big raptors, look for those groups of excited crows.

The most likely time to see a Barred Owl in the open is in the spring, when their young leave the nest. The young owls are almost as large as the adults then, but they're fuzzier, and they won't be able to fly for another few weeks. The adults are active during the day. They feed their young and hang out in nearby trees to keep an eye on them. The young owls will hop from branch to branch and make short flights between trees as they build up their flying muscles. Sometimes the flightless young will end up on the ground. If you find a young Barred Owl on the ground, it's best to leave it alone — they usually can climb back up a tree by using their beak and claws and flapping their wings.



To hear the call of the Barred Owl, see pictures and learn more about them, visit the Cornell Ornithology Lab at www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Barred\_Owl/sounds.





### A REMINDER TO PICK -UP

By Ginny Gaylor

Many Lindley Park residents have enjoyed the privilege of sledding on the hills behind Lindley Elementary. But part of being a good neighbor is keeping our neighborhood clean. After the January snow there was a significant mess left on the sledding hill — pieces of sleds, hats, gloves, bottles and other trash.

Several former Lindley Elementary students—Jeb Barvir, Gabrielle Howard and Scevynne Johnson—helped clean up the mess that others left. It's important that we take responsibility for ourselves and our children to clean up to show respect for our community. It would be incredibly sad if the neighborhood left school grounds so littered again.



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# **SLEDDING HILL**

By Jenna Gerber

Growing up in the South, I always thought a big snowfall was very rare and completely magical. While the world turned quiet and still, the neighborhood came alive as streets shut down and businesses closed. Neighbors went for walks, little kids made snow angels, and the big kids headed to The Hill. I remember the first time I got to go. I went with my big sister and her boyfriend, who insisted it was the best place to sled in Greensboro. It was the biggest hill I had ever seen, and it was the scariest and most exciting sledding experience of my life. It was the winter of 1987, and I was 9 years old when I conquered The Hill.



Thirty years later, a big snowfall in the South means streets get plowed and only a

few businesses close. But in Lindley Park, with our winding, hilly streets and few main roads, we catch a glimpse of a bygone era. Our streets shut down for at least one day, neighbors go out for walks, kids make snow angels, and everyone heads to The Sledding Hill. It's the old outdoor amphitheater site behind Lindley Elementary and is the snow day meeting spot for all our neighbors, young and old. It's where a fire is built so people can warm up a bit. It's where families pile on a sled and laugh their way to the bottom, it's where kids meet up with old friends and make new ones. It's where this 39-year-old gets to relive part of her childhood and watch as my own kids experience theirs.

The Sledding Hill is more crowded now than in 1987. Though the energy is electric and the air filled with the screams and laughter of so many, when I take a step back and look, the world has once again become quiet and still and completely magical. And though the name has changed slightly, The Sledding Hill is just as exciting as the very first time I went down it.





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MALE AND FEMALE WAXING

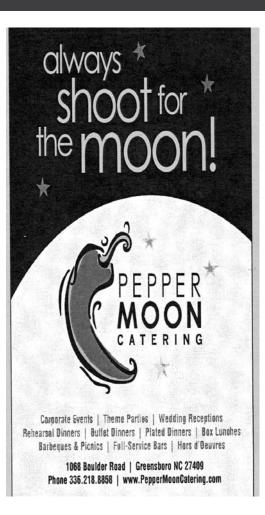


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### FIT 4 MOM

By Tara Wommack

Working out after having a baby can be tough, both mentally and physically, whether you're brand new to fitness or have previous fitness experience. A new business in town, FIT4MOM, takes away some of the challenges of working out after having kids.

FIT4MOM offers a variety of programs, including Stroller Strides, which allows moms to get a great one-hour full-body workout with the babies and kids in tow. Stroller Strides incorporates many fun activities to entertain babies and kids, such as bubbles, songs and rhymes and other interactive play from the moms and instructors. The program also focuses on functional fitness for women to gain strength and stability through challenging and fun exercise routines.



A core tenet of FIT4MOM is creating an environment for moms to meet, support each other and enjoy the company of others who are experiencing the same joys and challenges of motherhood. With free weekly playgroups, Mom's Nights Out and Quarterly Missions, moms gain a sense of place in the community and a sense of self nurtured in the FIT4MOM village.

Throughout the chilly winter months of December, January and February, the workouts are all indoors, thanks to support from REI and the Greensboro Parks and Recreation Department. On Mondays, the workout starts at 9 a.m. in the REI store at Friendly Center. On Wednesdays and Fridays, the workouts begin at 9 a.m. at the Lindley Recreation Center located on Springwood Avenue.

Workouts will be held outdoors starting in March (weather permitting) at the Greensboro Arboretum at 9:30 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Additional times and locations will be added to the spring schedule as well. You can stay up to date on these new offerings by visiting the website and setting up a free account.

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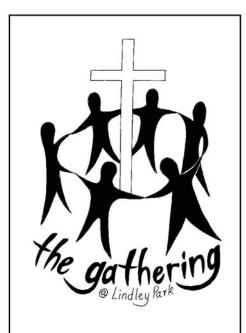
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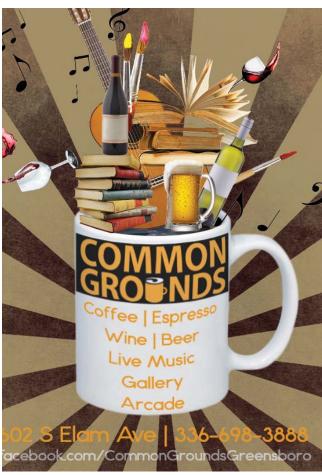
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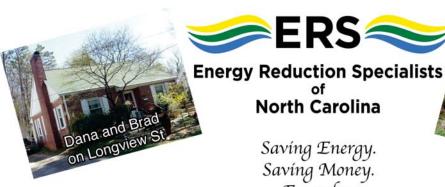


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### LINDLEY PARK HOME SALES SOAR IN 2016

By Patti Eckard

I've tracked home sales in Lindley Park over the past 16 years, and 2016 proved to be just as challenging as previous years. While we sold more houses in 2016, the houses on average were smaller. Average list and sale prices rose, but it took longer to sell Lindley Park houses. The average was 97 days.

Sellers were able to net 96.6 percent of their list price. Considering we had several houses to sell as foreclosures, or "as is," sales stayed strong in our neighborhood.

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Lindley Park will continue to be a sought-after destination for many prospective homeowners. Besides the obvious — tree-lined streets, the park, sidewalks, walking distance to restaurants, stores and an elementary school — we truly do have a sense of community. Folks stop to talk with their neighbors when they're out walking. Residents keep a watchful eye and sound the alert over suspicious activity. Found dogs are kept safe until owners are found. Parents feel comfortable letting their children walk and ride their bikes on the sidewalks. Life is good in Lindley Park.

The following report on Lindley Park home sales since 2000 was compiled from the Triad Multiple Listing Service. It does not include For Sale By Owner homes.

#### LINDLEY PARK HOME SALES BY Patti Eckard, REALTOR®,

YR	# Homes	Aver SQFT	AVER #BR	AVER #Full Baths	AVER # Half Baths	AVER #Garage Spaces	AVER Yr. Built	AVER List Price	AVER LP S/SF	AVER Closed Price	AVER CP \$/SF	AVER DOM (days on market)
2000	21	1505	3	1	1	1	1940	\$132,238	\$89	\$128,588	\$86	51
2001	38	1557	3	1	1	1	1941	\$139,676	\$92	\$136,164	\$90	71
2002	34	1441	3	1	1	1	1948	\$136,441	\$96	\$133,064	\$94	73
2003	36	1416	3	1	1	1	1942	\$138,872	\$100	\$134,105	\$96	73
2004	39	1458	3	1	1	1	1944	\$148,436	\$104	\$145,244	\$102	79
2005	56	1493	3	2	1	1	1947	\$155,284	\$105	\$151,378	\$103	67
2006	40	1382	3	2	1	1	1952	\$162,140	\$119	\$158,116	116	45
2007	39	1415	3	1	1	1	1944	\$164,723	\$118	\$160,049	\$115	42
2008	44	1443	3	2	1	1	1944	\$171,177	\$119	\$166,638	117	76
2009	38	1,571	3	2	1	1	1945	\$179,225	\$114	\$172,076	\$109	68
2010	36	1,482	3	1	1	1	1943	\$167,043	\$113	\$160,928	\$109	89
2011	29	1,504	3	2	1	1	1947	\$169,279	115	\$163,455	\$111	65
2012	43	1,662	3	2	1	1	1942	\$165,293	\$103	\$157,671	\$97.8	85
2013	26	1,668	3	2	1	1	1947	\$180,271	\$109	\$172,929	\$104.8	85
2014	39	1,635	3	2	1	1	1944	\$193,444	\$120	\$187,492	\$116	94
2015	37	1,512	3	2	1	1	1949	\$167,803	\$114	\$162,716	\$111	78
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