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Luminaries – December – Willowbrook Dr.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Hi neighbors,

*Spring Garden Street*...I live just a few houses away from it and I think about it a lot, but even if you aren't as close, I bet you might too. Many neighbors consider Spring Garden the border of the neighborhood, however it runs smack through Lindley Park. For those who don't live here though, Spring Garden is often the first, and sometimes the only area of Lindley Park they see.

Personally, I love that there is a bus line that is easy for people in and around the neighborhood to access and encourages others to use public transportation. I love that the City has installed bike lanes. I love so many of the businesses that have popped up here.

However, I am frustrated and concerned that bike lanes are dangerously used as passing lanes - of both stationary and moving vehicles! The speeding in some sections, notably from Elam to Holden, is alarming - after all this is a residential area. I am concerned that this unruly traffic makes it difficult for pedestrians to safely access the businesses we enjoy, and concerned that some businesses are open 24 hours which creates an environment for disruptive behavior.

Over the next few months, the Board will be asked to look more closely at the Spring Garden corridor and ways the LPNA might facilitate improvements to help make it a more positive first impression.

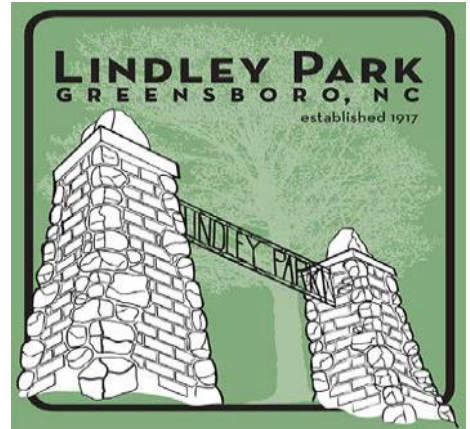
To be effective this will require involvement beyond the Board. You might think "well this is what the LPNA is for" and yes, it is. However, LPNA is *all* residents of Lindley Park: homeowners, landlords and tenants. We are the LPNA - and we all have a vested interest in Spring Garden Street thriving and being safe. The Board is here to facilitate more involvement - the more people involved with Spring Garden St., the more effective we will be at making it what we would like it to be.

We could think of this as a "Friends of Spring Garden Street" effort. However a friend told me this sounded too soft because getting more attention focused here is serious work and requires serious solutions. What could this look like? In an organized way, neighbors who are in regular contact with various City departments for support. Neighbors who help build relationships with businesses. Neighbors who can inform the rest of us of ways we can influence what we want to see.

We are lucky to have this vibrant commercial corridor within our neighborhood, so I am asking all of you - what do you love about Spring Garden St. What could make it even more of an asset? What concerns you? What ideas do you have that may help address these concerns?

Please reach out to me or any member of the LPNA Board, or leave a comment here: [lpnagso@gmail.com](mailto:lpnagso@gmail.com). We would love to hear your ideas.

*Joyce*



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# Open Board and other LPNA Roles

Officer roles (Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, District Reps) are for 3 year terms. Committee chairs and newsletter roles do not have a set term.

## Vice-Chair

- General membership development
- Helping recruit for Executive Committee Officers and Working Group Chairs
- Manage Quarterly Welcome letter
- Along with the Chair, follow-up / support of committee chairs / committees
- (I am proposing that Chair and Vice-Chair each support two committees depending on interest)
- Attend monthly board / general meetings
- General awareness about neighborhood needs
- In the absence of the LPNA Chair at meetings, shall take the chair, call the meeting to order, and preside

Time commitment: 1 hour a week including the monthly board meeting

## Secretary

- Keep minutes at monthly meetings. Coordinate sharing minutes with email coordinator and webmaster to be shared with neighborhood
- Keep up-to-date roster of Officers and Working Group Chairs
- Keep and maintain the archive of LPNA documents (e.g., minutes, newsletters, annual reports, committee reports, working group reports, etc.)
- In the absence of the LPNA Chair and Vice Chair at meetings, shall take the chair, call the meeting to order, and preside until a Chair Pro-tem has been selected from the members in attendance

Time commitment: 1 -2 hours a month including the monthly board meeting

## Community and Government Liaison - Chair

This committee includes sub-committees for the Brooks and Lindley school construction, liaisons for Short Term Rental issues and for the Greensboro Police Dept. Community Resource program. This committee chair role is more of a coordinator with sub-committees and to keep the LPNA board updated.

- Communicate with governmental (usually just City) agencies and other organizations (ex schools, new development around the neighborhood ) in matters affecting the neighborhood
- Keep informed of the needs of our area in regards to streets, sidewalks, water and sewer, parks, green spaces, or any other area of concern
- Review monthly agendas for city planning/zoning commission and board of adjustment and inform board of items within and around LP as needed
- We are considering forming a sub-committee to focus on Spring Garden St - promote traffic calming with GDOT, GPD, streetscape development per the Spring Garden Overlay Plan

Current committee chair, Dyan Arkin, has offered to work with the next committee chair for a period of time

Time commitment: 1 hour per week (including monthly board meeting)

## Assistant Newsletter Editor

- Work with newsletter editor/publisher, Maury Schott, to help gather and edit articles submitted for the newsletter. The newsletter is published four times a year.

Time commitment: 1 hour a month on average. More likely just 2-4 hours the month the newsletter is edited.





# Annual Lindley Park Chili Cook-Off



On November 2, the LPNA hosted its 13th annual Chili Cook off. We had **13** entries, **150+** attendees, and **4** winners. Congratulations to our chili winners in each category:

- Vegetarian - **Trevor Stilphen's** Vegan Inferno Chili
- Spicy - **Nick Benshoff's** Reaper in the Park Chili
- Traditional - **Jenny Zimmer's** Voter Fuel Chili
- Non-Traditional - **Daniel Moodie's** What the Cluck Chili

And they're all being congratulated by Jason!

And of course, we need to extend a HUGE thank you to the amazing **Lorraine Kingham** and **Jason Pierce** for a bang-up job of organizing this event (AGAIN!).

And we are enormously grateful to three of our favorite neighborhood businesses for providing the awards for our winners.

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# Park Workdays – Autumn Edition

From the Editor

**Elizabeth Link** and **Maury Schott** met with Matt Hicks, from Parks & Recreation about working to schedule a major workday for P&R employees this winter to make a dent in all the deferred maintenance in the park. More on that as we have it.

Elizabeth also discovered a long-forgotten landscape plan for the park done in 1997! It appears much of it, other than some of the trees, was never realized. Elizabeth is looking at updating it and starting to implement the (primarily) native parts of it. Stay tuned!




## Near the 'Hood

Contributed by Dyan Arkin

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The Artery also showcases works by local and regional artists, most recently hosting *Liminality*, paintings, drawings, prints, and words by artist Lynn Buchanan as a silent auction fundraiser for those affected by Hurricane Helene. Between Thanksgiving and Christmas, stop by to visit their Holiday Show, where they will have a variety of works by local artists for sale.

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# LPNA September General Meeting

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

## Treasurer Report

Available Balance: ~\$5,000 (waiting for Q3 newsletter to come through)

## District Reports

**District 3** (Ken Jones) - Short term rentals have improved after many calls, and direct neighbor reports

## Old Business

Introduced and thanked Nicholas Jordan as new Historian, has an article in the Fall 2024 newsletter-check it out (there is a QR code at the end-looking for information about Lindley Park in the 1980s).

## New Business

### **New Website Launch**

- Same as the old web address: [www.lindleyparknc.com](http://www.lindleyparknc.com)

### **January elections**

- Secretary-up for elections
- Vice Chair-up for elections

## Committee Reports

### **Communication:**

- Erin Oliver-will help manage the website and social media
- Website thank you Maury-went live Aug 1<sup>st</sup>, now under the LPNA email account, 3 years for \$300 dollars is well below our \$400 budget for this year alone.
- T-shirts are on sale

### **Healthy Neighborhoods:**

Park workdays 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday every month 9am-11am, looking for volunteers who might help with maintaining flowers at the signs, or improving them, need people to adopt a section of the park as well. Have been in talks with the city about ongoing maintenance.

### **Community Engagement /Gov't Liaison:**

- MoJud Lofts has more than 60 occupants
- Charlie Brown represents us with the police department, watches Nextdoor to see what is happening, car break-ins are being reported (seems to be one person), lock your cars, call 911 when it happens (request an officer come to your house). If the person is still on site give the dispatchers info and do not approach. If found at a later time still call and file a report (can be filed online as well—see Summer 2024 *Columns* for link).

### **Other News from Neighbors:**

- Koury development on W. Market St. - 200+ luxury apartments-entrence through the existing office park drive. Looking to see if there will be an exit onto Ardale/Ashland, as part of the development, there is sidewalk going in on that side of Market St. to Holden.
- Corey Johnson-brought up the important desegregation history of Lindley Park Pool.
- Russell Standard Asphalt plant-smells have decreased, they did an overhaul

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**If you haven't already,  
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# LPNA Business Meeting

Tuesday, October 29, 2024

## Treasurer's Report

Balance: \$5,884.90

## Old Business

### Open positions:

- Secretary
- Vice Chair
- Government and Community Liaison (committee chair)

## New Business

- Duke Energy was installing fiberoptic lines on Walker
- City has approved 25 mph on Howard St., Sherwood St., Scott Ave., and Longview St.
- Work on leveling sidewalks - report to the city, walk your area, send Joyce the area surveyed. Use GSO collects app for your phone, go to help button, pick "I have a different problem", "What type of issue do you have?"- suggested to use "potholes" for sidewalk cracks.
- Simple Gestures (non-profit food donation organization) would like to have a table at Chili Cookoff

## District Reports

**District 1** (Vicki Foust): re-doing pipes, so the roads are looking rough, school is getting closer to being done.

**District 3** (Ken Jones): Halloween is this week and the barricades are out and ready.

## Committee Reports

### Communication:

- Started long sleeve T shirt sales at the corner market, still have short sleeve and pig picking shirts

## Healthy Neighborhoods/Park Maintenance:

- Would it help attendance to avoid doing park workday the same day as the neighborhood events?

## Community Engagement/Gov Liaison:

- GPD – Car break ins and attempts at home break ins by same individual-police are on this attempting to identify the individual (district 4 area)
- Homicide on Spring Garden (earlier this summer) no new updates
- Homeless encampment on city property-red tent, Wendover bridge-likely state
- Brooks Global – on schedule to open in January 2025
- Lindley Pool – Construction is underway for stabilizing the deck and doing upgrades to electrical system. No rec center, parking, or street closure impacts anticipated. Completion expected summer 2025.
- MoJud Lofts - 112 units are occupied with 5 additional move-ins scheduled for next month.
- Hiatt Street Apartments (prior trailer park). Project is still in the planning phase for approx. 75 apartments.
- Holliday Apartments. Project is still in the planning phase for approximately 24 apartments.
- The Lindley on Market Street – Construction is underway for 213 luxury apartments anticipated to be ready for occupancy in 2025.
- Spring Garden Corridor – Several neighbors have expressed interest in working specifically on safety and traffic issues in the corridor.
- 2805 Hiatt – property is being used for auto sales – question as to whether they have complied with City requirements is being researched

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# Brooks Global Opening Day Approaches



# LINDLEY PARK ECHOES

Contributed by Nicholas Jordan

*Lindley Park Echoes* is the new name for our new recurring column on Lindley Park history. This issue we continue Nick's first column that we printed in the Fall issue of *Columns*.

The origins of Lindley Park are deeply tied to the economic forces shaping Greensboro and the nation during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. After the end of the Civil War, the United States experienced massive industrialization, and Greensboro, with its strategic location along major rail lines, quickly grew into a booming manufacturing and transportation hub. Following World War I, the U.S. economy surged, entering the Roaring Twenties—a decade of rapid economic growth, technological advances, and suburban expansion.

It was within this context that Lindley Park began to take shape. While the area had remained mostly farms and woodlands in the 19th century, its transformation into a suburban neighborhood was largely due to the vision of John Van Lindley. A horticulturalist and local businessman, Lindley ran a large nursery on the land (which grew to about 900 acres), and also established a connection between the area's natural beauty and its future as a residential community. This ensured that when the land was eventually developed, it maintained a strong connection to nature, a legacy we still enjoy today through the park's greenery and old-growth trees.

Lindley Park officially opened to the public in 1902 as a leisure destination, thanks to Van Lindley's donation of 60 acres of land to Greensboro. The land was used as a public park, with the condition that it would be accessible via the electric trolley line connecting to downtown—which helped facilitate its suburbanization.

By the time the park's public use agreement expired, the economic conditions were ideal for residential development. Greensboro, along with much of North Carolina, saw significant growth during the 1920s, fueled by the booming textile industry and an influx of new businesses. The city's population surged from 19,861 in 1920 to 53,569 by 1930, a remarkable increase that reflected the rapid urbanization of the region.

Lindley Park, annexed into Greensboro in 1923, played a key role in this growth. Its proximity to downtown, the burgeoning State Normal and Industrial College (now UNC Greensboro), and local businesses like the Mock, Judson, Voehringer Hosiery Mill made it a prime location for middle-class families seeking a suburban lifestyle with urban convenience. While early homes in the neighborhood were largely Victorian-style, the 1920s brought an influx of bungalows, cottages, and Tudor Revival-style houses, reflecting the architectural trends of the era.

Following World War II, Lindley Park, like much of the country, experienced a housing boom in the late 1940s and early 1950s. As soldiers returned home and started families, demand for housing soared, and nearly all the remaining available lots in Lindley Park were filled. This post-war development solidified Lindley Park as a well-established residential area, and many of the homes built during this period continue to contribute to the neighborhood's distinctive character today.

At the heart of Lindley Park's appeal, however, is the horticultural legacy left by John Van Lindley. The lush greenery and beautiful trees that adorn the neighborhood are a reminder of the area's roots in nature and its connection to one of the largest nurseries in the Southeast. This unique element of Lindley Park's identity is one of the many reasons the neighborhood continues to be a special place to live.

As you enjoy our 100-year-old neighborhood, I encourage you to always think historically and remember that you exist in the context of all that came before you.

The QR code should lead you to a Google Form where you can submit photos, comments, or questions you have about the history of Lindley Park. In upcoming columns I'll write about development from the 1980s, the history of Lindley Park Pool and other topics, so any information in that regard would be much appreciated.





# Lindley Park Calendar

<https://lindleyparknc.com/events-calendar/>

## LPNA at The Corner Market

Last Saturday of the month. 8am - 12noon

Contact Virginia Miller: [millervir@gmail.com](mailto:millervir@gmail.com)

January 25, February 22, March 29

## Park Work Days

First Saturday of each month, 9am - 11am unless canceled for rain.

Contact Elizabeth via the *Park Upkeep* recipient on the website:

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Generally meet at the park on Springwood between Lindell and Willowbrook.

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January 4, February 1, March 1

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# Past and Future in the Park. And Pawpaws.

Greensboro is laced with a number of small creeks such as the one that flows through the park between S. Lindell Rd. and Willowbrook Dr. The creeks mostly flow into Buffalo Creek, which flows into the Haw River, which flows into the Cape Fear River, and into the ocean south of Wilmington.

Greensboro had for a number of years treated these creeks as storm drains to handle water from rain events. The land around the creeks was kept mowed, right up to the banks, and no vegetation was allowed to grow on the banks, the better to speed up the flow of water in the creeks. It was thought that this would prevent flooding. By the 1980's the thinking was starting to change, and folks were realizing that speeding up the flow of water was causing erosion, and flooding downstream. What was needed was to slow down the flow into and in the creeks during big rain events, and one way to do that was to let vegetation grow along the banks.

This change in thinking coincided with a desire by some Lindley Park residents to make the park more attractive by planting trees, shrubs, and small plants. During the 1990's, these residents worked to convince the City to let them do this. They raised money to have a planting plan done and to purchase trees and plants. Eventually the City was convinced, and helped by providing plants and planting. Most of the trees growing along the creek bank and in the park, as well as the trees and shrubs along Spring Garden Street and Walker Ave., were planted as a result of the work of those volunteers and their coordination with the City. The plan also contained flowering plants and grasses that were planted and didn't survive, or were just not planted.

Our park work days have been focused on trying to maintain the original plantings by pruning and removing invasive vines and plants that may compete with them, as well as maintaining the landscaped areas around the stone signs on Walker, Spring Garden, and Holden Rd., which were installed along with the original landscaping. We're also trying to add some plantings, with an emphasis on the native flowers and grasses that support birds and pollinators. One native tree that we have planted is the Pawpaw. It is one of the few native fruit trees in eastern North America, and most people have never seen one. (Apples? Pears? Oranges? – nope, those were brought from Asia and Europe.) The Pawpaw fruit is delicious, tasting like a cross between a mango and a banana, but doesn't last long when it's ripe, so is not sold commercially. The trees are often found in creek and river floodplains, so our park seems like a good place to put them. It will be 5-10 years before the trees get big enough to bear fruit, but hopefully these will introduce the fruit to a new audience.



We will also be working to establish some new plants that can live in the un-mowed floodplain areas, such as River Oats and Sensitive Ferns, and flowering plants such as Cardinal Flower, Jewelweed, and Swamp Mal-low. If you are interested in helping with the park maintenance or with growing and planting new plants, come out to a park workday or email me at [elizink04@gmail.com](mailto:elizink04@gmail.com). Workdays are on the first Saturday of each month at 9 a.m. (meet on Springwood btw Lindell and Willowbrook). I hope to see you there!



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# Luminaries Lit Up the Night

From the Editor

This year we had a near-perfect weather - wintry but clear and dry - for our display of luminaries on both sides of the park, and even reaching across the Walker St. bridge to meet the Girl Scouts' *Candle Fest* in the Greensboro Arboretum. It was my first year doing the setup and 'installation', but it's *definitely* going to be on my calendar from now on. And the kids (OK, of any age) were all in. And yes... the cookies and hot cocoa didn't hurt either!

Special shoutouts go to **Peggy Culkin** for organizing the whole shebang, and **Stephen Johnson**, playing the critical role of *Mr. Sandman*!



That's Mr. Sandman himself on the left..... with his crew.



Patti Eckard scrambles to the truck with finished luminaries.

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