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### Join the LPNA and Help Steer the Future of Your Neighborhood!

Each year at the January General Meeting the LPNA holds elections for the General Council of the Lindley Park Neighborhood Association. These important and rewarding positions can be held by anyone residing in the neighborhood, even if they have previously not been involved with the neighborhood association. New perspectives and ideas are welcome and vital to the vibrancy and desirability of our neighborhood.

While all positions are open to nomination at any time, we are specifically looking for new members for the following positions:

- Treasurer
- Government / Community Relations
- Newsletter Distribution

The LPNA is also seeking new members for our Working Groups. Working Groups enable the vision of the LPNA to be achieved and encourage wider participation in the decision making of the LPNA.

- Government & Community Liaison
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If you are interested in any of these roles, please contact Josh Sherrick, Chair or Patti Eckard, Vice Chair at their email addresses to the left.

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Hi Neighbors! What a time to live in Lindley Park! I shouldn't jinx it, but how lucky are we to see so many 80 degree days in mid-August. This summer has been full of good times here in the neighborhood. The Summer Solstice at the Arboretum was once again whisking Lindley Parkers and fairies alike into summer, while the National Night Out at the Rec Center allowed us to show our public safety officials some love. It has been a welcome refresher to the pleasure of gathering with neighbors and friends, even as the risk of COVID continues to demand respect.

Earlier this summer, my folks came to visit for a week and became temporary Lindley Park residents. After a couple days, I had to chuckle when they remarked about how much folks walk in the neighborhood. (they live on a slow rural road and daily walks are not frequent experiences for them). I couldn't have been happier when I came home from work to find them 'porch sittin' instead of flipping mindlessly through TV channels. We chatted more that week than we had in years, all the while smilin' and wavin' away at neighbors as they walked by. I was so happy that they got to experience a little chunk of what makes our neighborhood so special. Our streets and canopy provide the perfect walkable setting for all ages and all activities. And they're right, people sure do walk a lot around here!

*-Josh Sherrick*

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- a topic about which you are an expert, such as gardening or home renovation
- historical anecdotes about Lindley Park
- other social/community topics/issues that you think would be of interest to our neighbors

### WINTER NEWSLETTER CONTENT

**DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 4.**

- This issue covers events and topics
- relevant to JANUARY, FEBRUARY, and MARCH, 2023

(Note: you may not receive a reply, but that doesn't mean we didn't get your message!)

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# Hedging for the Edges

contributed by Stephen Johnson

In the gardening world the edges of things are often the most challenging, or should I just be honest and say difficult? In an urban environment it's where our properties meet our neighbours, in the peri-urban or rural environment it's where they often meet what my granddaughter calls The Wild. Even within a property there are many edges that we have to contend with. Whether it's the fence that's been installed to keep in a beloved pet, a path to the front door, a driveway, or the proverbial garden path. In my own experiences they are often places that can end up weedy, harbouring invasive plants or other undesirables such as English Ivy, and I can often end up spending a lot of time maintaining an unproductive and visually unsatisfying transition between different areas of the garden.

Many years ago I learnt from my readings and understandings of Permaculture about the challenges and also the importance of edges. One of the major takeaways I had from that period of my life was ways in which to work with different types of plants to create a more natural and somewhat resilient transition zone. I am also well aware of the loss in the farming world, particularly in Europe, Australasia, and to some extent North America of transitions between fields that we called hedgerows. More recent agricultural research has shown that hedgerows have a positive impact on the surrounding fields in terms of providing habitat for predators of pests, control of erosion and other pollutants, providing shade and potential foods and fodder for people and grazing animals, and other benefits.

In putting all of these things to practice it's been a bit more of a challenge. How do you make the edges easier to manage, productive, meet an aesthetic goal, and at the same time be somewhat physically restricted? I have one area out the back where I've been trying to build a nut hedge with beeches, peaches, hazelnuts and other shrubs that is, to put it

mildly, unsuccessful. It seems to mostly be overwhelmed by the native grapevine (Fox grape?) as well as weedy trees. In the east facing front yard I focused on the transition from the public footpath across the front of our property into the more productive landscape. We did not want to put a fence there or grow a tall shrubbery as we like to be able to look out and interact with our neighbours as they move along the pathway. Many years ago I planted it with catmint, which



is a low growing perennial, somewhat less invasive mint. It provided a level of deterrence for dogs to pee and poop on my strawberries, as well as a nectar and pollen source for the local bees and insects. However visually it was kind of lacking.

This year when we redid the front yard I decided to seed the north side of the garden with hybrid sunflowers that would grow to about 4 feet. On the south side it was a wildflower mix with zinnias, Cosmo's, sunflowers, and other plants again that would grow to 3 to 4 feet. This made the hedge even

though it is more of an annual hedge with some perennial elements. The sunflowers, when they were blooming, were big hit with the neighbors. They were attractive, fun to walk by, enabled a wider level of insects and other predators and pollinators to enjoy, and also attracted birdlife. However, as the summer season progressed the flowers, when they died and fell over were not the most attractive of elements. So far I've left them there as I'm trying to encourage the birds to eat the seeds there rather than other plants.

The mixed wildflower section, while it did take a little longer to get going, has a lot more interest. It is not just the attraction of the different colours of the flowers but also the foliage of the plants. They are also longer flowering and, if I deadhead them correctly, should provide flowers and interest well into late autumn, perhaps even early winter.

With the catmint it has meant that the front hedge is a little wider, it's gone from about 2 feet to 3 feet, but the addition of height, colours, foliage, and habitat, has been well worth the little effort. And I do mean little effort. Apart from the initial bed preparation and sowing, the only thing I've really had to do is keep it watered, pull the very occasional weed, because the intense planting has done an excellent job of shading out a lot of undesirable growth, and a little bit of deadheading. I'm sure come winter I will have a little more cleanup, and some extra preparation for the following late winter early spring sowing time, but that is nothing compared to maintaining a fence, a more intensive shrubbery, or even mowing on the almost twice a week schedule that summer in North Carolina demands.

I am very pleased with how it's turning out, and I think it may be a better resolution to have an "annual" hedge, rather than rely on a shrubbery or rather bland entrance.



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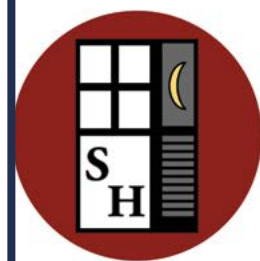
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# Park Work Days

contributed by Elizabeth Link



On Saturday, August 6, a small but energetic group of people ventured down to the park between Lindell and Springwood, to work on keeping the park clean and groomed.

Judy and Cahoon went for garbage pick-up along Spring Garden St. and in the stream, and pulled out a huge amount of trash. Since trash gets washed down the creek from Spring Garden St., this involved some climbing around on the creek banks. Their effort filled a couple of our enormous trash bags that were provided by Parks & Rec. Mary, Lorraine, Becca and I concentrated on moving dead limbs to the curb, pulling the persistent English Ivy and Porcelainberry vines off of the trees, and removing Privet

and other invasive plants. Keeping these vines and undergrowth cleared out helps make our park cleaner and safer, and the effort everyone contributed was greatly appreciated. Thank you all!

Our next park workday will be on **Saturday, October 1, from 9:00-11:00AM.** We will meet at the corner of Willowbrook and Springwood. If you can come out for an hour or two hours, every bit of your time will be appreciated. Since we are usually a small group, and spread out to different areas of the park, you may have to look around a bit to find someone for an assignment, but believe me, your contribution will not go unnoticed! Snacks and bottled water will be provided.

While working in the park we noticed that someone had sprayed herbicide along the steps that go down from Walker Ave., and under some of the trees along Lindell. I have inquired if this was done by the Parks & Rec folks, but they do not use herbicides in that manner, so I can only assume this was a well-meaning neighbor, perhaps getting rid of some excess herbicide they had on hand.

Please note that Round-up can remain in the soil for an extended period of time, which allows it to be taken up by tree roots, and may damage the trees. You should try not to apply Round-up close to trees in your yard, especially those with exposed roots.

pictured: Becca, Lorraine, Mary, and Elizabeth

# Kickin' It Up

contributed by Joyce Eury

Have you heard? Lindley Park is now represented in the City of Greensboro Kickball League. *Alive & Kickin* is a team of mostly Lindley Park neighbors! This is our first year competing and it's a lot harder than we remember from school. That won't stop us, we are out there to have fun and maybe score a run or two. Lindley Parkers face a challenge head on and this group is showing the rest of the city that we come together and face adversity as one (even if the challenge is a small red ball!) The season started in late August and runs through September. Lorraine Kingham (Sherwood St.) serves as the official PT for the team, Jason Pierce (Sherwood St.) is helping to coach and Michelle Schneider (Longview St.) and Joyce Eury (Howard St.) serve as co-captains and Gene Bordinger of Emma Key's fame (Northridge Ave.) is the official team photographer. There are 23 members on the team and we span roughly 25 years in age!



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contributed by Adam Spivey



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So, how did CPC come about? The four of us used to work at the same law firm, and throughout the week we would huddle to swap thoughts on the latest Panthers happenings, especially after game days. The confab was occasionally serious, often raucous, but always filled with laughter. At times, someone would float the idea of starting a podcast. Even when BK and I left the firm, the four of us never stopped

jawing about the Panthers, except now the banter and analysis happened through group chat. This virtualization didn't feel the same, and from time to time someone would reintroduce the topic of starting a podcast. Needing to scratch that itch, and primarily as an excuse to get together, we finally made a plan and hit the ground running in October of '21. A lot of learning took place in the subsequent months: recording (no clue - didn't know anything about a podtrak), editing (no clue - didn't know anything about editing software), publishing (well, Willstradamus claims that part was easy), the list goes on. Everything about the podcast, except the music, has been painstakingly and collaboratively created by your four hosts! We have grown a TON since CPC's inception; every episode feels a little stronger and better put together than the last. There have been trials and tribulations (plus a few sleepless nights...), but we've had a blast stretching our creative legs together. After all, it is hard to call CPC work when you get to hang out with great friends and banter until Mel is falling out of her seat (mostly because she hasn't eaten in the ten hours between her lunch and our recording).

## Memorial Trees Replanted

contributed by Michelle Schnieder

2022 marks the twenty-year anniversary of the Campus Walk apartment fire that killed four local college students. The apartments were located behind what is now Bites and Pints. They have since been rebuilt using updated designs that help to ensure the safety of residents. One of students killed in the fire was the son of then Lindley Park neighbors, the others attended UNCG and Greensboro College. Many years ago four memorial Cherry trees were planted on S. Park Terrace. To commemorate the anniversary a few neighbors pitched in to clean up the area around the trees and to add a bed of mulch.



Thanks to Parkwood Drive neighbor, Adam Lantz of A to Z Outdoors, it looks great! If you need help with your yard you can reach him at 336-337-9646.

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## What Does the Rest of 2022 Hold for the Housing Market?

contributed by Leslie Stainback

If you're thinking of buying or selling a house, you are probably starting to think about the timing of your big decision. Curious what the rest of the year holds for the housing market?

### The Number of Homes Available for Sale Is Likely to Grow

Economists are showing that the gap between supply and demand is decreasing, creating more options if you are looking for a home. Inventory will continue to be lower than the pre-pandemic normal, but the numbers are steadily increasing. As a buyer, having more options is welcome news but housing supply is still low, so be ready to act fast and put in your best offer up front. As a seller, your house may soon face more competition when other sellers list their homes. But the good news is, if you're also buying your next home, having more options to choose from should make that move-up process easier.

### Mortgage Rates Will Likely Continue To Respond to Inflationary Pressures

Experts also agree inflation should continue to drive up mortgage rates due to inflationary

pressure, albeit more moderately. As a buyer, work with trusted real estate professionals, including your lender, to understand how rising mortgage rates impact your purchasing power. It may make sense to buy now before it costs more to do so, if you're ready. As a seller, rising mortgage rates are motivating some homeowners to make a move up sooner rather than later. Timing your move correctly is key to getting the best rates in the best possible market.

### Home Prices Are Projected To Continue To Climb

Home prices are forecasted to keep appreciating because demand still outweighs supply. Experts agree that after the intense surge in prices around the country, the appreciation should slow, but because there is still low inventory, prices are unlikely to decline. As a buyer, continued home price appreciation means it'll cost you more to buy the longer you wait. But it also gives you peace of mind that, once you do buy a home, it will likely grow in value. Purchasing a home is historically a good investment and a strong hedge against inflation. As a seller, price appreciation is great news for the value of your home. Again, look to your real estate professionals to determine the right balance of the best conditions possible for selling your home and buying your next one.

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# I go out walkin', after midnight...

*When is it too dark to walk in our neighborhood? With the right mindset, never!*

**M**y family - we like to walk. All times of the day and night - look out your window and you might see one of us. I prefer early mornings by myself and late at night stargazing with my son. My husband likes to run after dinner. My daughter, well - she's the one I worry about. She walks for hours often starting right after dinner (when it's light) and walking long after the sun goes down. After a few close calls with cars, she has finally agreed to wear a hat with reflective tape and carry a headlamp. It's a start.

This spring I started working from home sitting at a desk and now I really understand the importance of movement. I want to encourage my family (and all of you) to get outdoors, enjoy our lovely neighborhood and be safe while you're doing it. Now that the long summer days are behind us, it's time to think about updating our habits.

Here are a few things you can do to keep yourself safe as we move into fall and winter.



**Reflective Gear** There are shirts, jackets, hats, leggings, shoes, and socks available with reflectivity built in. There are also bands, straps, and vests for even higher visibility. Pick your favorite and keep it by the door so you don't forget it. And pay attention especially when going at dusk - the start of your walk may be light, but the end may be in the dark and that can be the trickiest time to be seen.



**Lights** A headlamp or flashlight are easy items to grab when you head out at night. They can be used to light your way and signal your presence to motorists.



**Dog Gear!** A reflective collar or leash are smart ways to help your dog be seen at night. Light up vests or harnesses take it to a new level!



**Awareness Plan** your route to include areas with streetlights and sidewalks. Avoid distractions when walking at night. People in cars tend to look out for other cars and don't always notice people even when they are right in front of them. Use your

flashlight or headlamp to help you avoid trip hazards.



**Other Safety Tips** When possible, walk facing traffic. Wear a hat with a brim to shield your eyes from bright headlights. Don't take unnecessary risks, especially at intersections.

We love our neighborhood, and we love seeing our neighbors out walking. Help us (and all the other motorists!) see you by lighting up the dark!

contributed by Anne Embrey

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### HALLOWEEN

When: Monday, October 31, dusk

Where: Longview, Springwood, Beechwood streets

### 14th ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

When: Saturday, November 5, 4:00-6:00PM

Where: Springwood & Lindell

Where Lindley Park's finest chili cooks go head to head in a battle of the beans! Contenders will face off in four categories with a winner being selected from each category: traditional, non-traditional, vegetarian, and spicy. Visit [www.lindleyparknc.com/chili-cook-off](http://www.lindleyparknc.com/chili-cook-off) to register and for more info!

### LUMINARIES

When: Saturday, December 3, 2:00PM

Where: Lindley Rec Center

Volunteers needed to prep and distribute luminary bags + clean up early the following morning. Email [luminaries@lindleyparknc.com](mailto:luminaries@lindleyparknc.com) to volunteer!

**Keep an eye on social and your inbox for more details to come!**

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