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# COLUMNS

THE LINDLEY PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER  
[www.lindleyparknc.com](http://www.lindleyparknc.com)

## Tree Trimming & Removal Practices

Duke Energy's tree-trimming practices continue to make news by being a heated topic for Greensboro City Council and concerned citizens.

The Dec. 18 meeting of the Greensboro City Council marked a turning point in the Duke Energy tree controversy where residents demanded en masse that the Greensboro City Council take action against Duke.

The City Council meeting held on Tuesday, Jan. 15, highlighted the continued importance of this issue to Greensboro residents. A standing-room only crowd of over 100 people attended to voice their desire to stop Duke Energy's current tree cutting program. The overall message from numerous speakers and those in attendance was "Stop cutting down our trees," not "Make sure you tell us before you cut down the trees."

Then on Thursday, Feb. 7, Duke Energy held a "community workshop" in the Lindley Park recreation center. This workshop was about clearing trees around transmission lines which was scheduled to begin mid-February. Unfortunately, there was no opportunity for resident groups to question Duke Energy personnel. Many Lindley Park and Westerwood neighbors expressed disappointment over the meeting format which is used to try to keep opposition to a project from coalescing.

The conversation continues on March 4 at the meeting of the City's Tree Ordinance Review committee. The committee was created by City Council in January and consists of four city council members (Nancy Vaughan, chair, Marikay Abuzuaiteer, Yvonne Johnson and Nancy Hoffman).



# From the Chair

by Larry Barnes

In January, the LPNA held elections for officers and I have the honor of being the Association's new Chair for this year. I know a lot of you through long friendships and have met quite a few of you at our Spring Fling, Fall Chili Cook-Off, Luminaries, National Night Out, etc. For those that don't know me and my family though, I will introduce myself. Charlotte and I moved to our house on Springwood Drive in 1995. We were the second owners of a house built by the Alspaugh's in '37. We fell in love with the house and the neighborhood almost immediately. We have three wonderful kids! Margaret (15) is at Grimsley and loves playing volleyball, Will (12) is at Brown Summit Middle and loves playing lacrosse and Ginny (9) is in 4th grade at Lindley Elementary. We have brother and sister Border Collies (Cooper and Emma) that bring joy to our family but are slowly destroying my back yard... I build homes in and around Greensboro for Wolfe Homes and did an extensive remodel on our home about 4 years ago. Charlotte teaches pre-school at First Baptist Church, carts the kids all over Greensboro and generally takes care of our family.

I started getting involved with the neighborhood almost from the beginning. We were blessed in that we connected with a large extended group of friends around the neighborhood all with kids being born around the same time. Because of these similar life experiences and needs, we collectively helped out with many of the events mentioned above. Through those experiences our friendships have been strengthened and many new relationships formed.

As our children have grown older and started to not participate in some of the neighborhood get-togethers (National Night Out, Easter Egg Hunt, etc.) our relationship to those events (and our volunteering) started changing as well. We find it harder to find the time to volunteer when our family is not directly affected. This is just a natural progression - there were so many before us that gave of their time. What this means is that younger families are going to have to step up and find their place in this wonderful group and find ways to volunteer their time. It's what makes Lindley Park truly a special place to live. It is also the only way that we can maintain the strong neighborhood association we have today.

There are two positions open right now that need to be filled - we need a Social Chair and a Secretary. The Executive Committee will be meeting again March 26th and will need to have minutes recorded. Planning needs to be started on the Easter Egg Hunt (late March) and Spring Fling (mid May). Without a Social Chair, these events may not take place. Even if you are willing to head up one of these events only, we'd love to hear from you. Contact us at [lpnagso@gmail.com](mailto:lpnagso@gmail.com).

Regardless of your level of time you're willing to commit, I would encourage all of you to use the Association's get-togethers to come out to meet and enjoy your neighbors. Come to the meetings and hear about all we are involved with and do for the neighborhood. I look forward to meeting more of you and we are going to have a great year!

Larry Barnes



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## Lindley Garden Workday

If you like to be outside, then help support our neighborhood school by coming to Lindley's Garden Workday!

We will be spreading mulch, pruning berries and fruit trees, getting garden beds ready for spring planting, and cleaning out our tool shed.

When: Saturday, March 2nd from 9am - 12 noon

What to Bring: shovels, wheelbarrows, rakes, pruners, gloves

All ages welcome!

Questions? Contact Palmer McIntyre at mcintyrepalmer@gmail.com

## Lindley Park E-List

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## "Respect Our Trees" Signs

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

## FYI

### "FRIEND"

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#### LP ITEMS FOR SALE

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- History of LP books (\$12)
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## Please Support the LPNA

Listed on page 12 of the Columns are members of the LPNA that made a financial contribution to our Association.


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

The Columns cost around \$585.00 per issue to print 1250 copies. We need to support those that advertise. A huge thank you goes to the folks that deliver the newsletter to every door (see that list of folks on page 12!). It is the neighborly involvement that makes Lindley Park so great.

## Need an extra copy?

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# Lindley Park Home Sales in 2012

by Patti Eckard, REALTOR®, CRS, GRI, SRES®

Over the last 12 years, I've tracked home sales in Lindley Park. Last year proved to be more challenging than expected. While we sold more houses in 2012, and the average square footage was more and days on market was less, our average list price and closed price went down. In my opinion, several key factors attributed to this outcome. Foreclosures took their toll with 8 houses selling much lower than normal market value. Several homes in need of renovations or repairs were sold "as is" which brought down prices. More one level ranch style homes with more square footage came on the market in 2012, causing the "supply and demand" theory to come into play.

But – lower sale prices also turned into a plus for some young families. They were able to purchase in Lindley Park and are currently renovating their new homes. Several foreclosures were snapped up by contractors willing to bet money and resources on the neighborhood and that their projects will attract buyers and that their newly renovated houses will sell at much higher prices.

The outcome in Greensboro, on average, was that houses stayed on the market longer, prospective sellers had to do more to attract buyers and had to tighten up their list prices. In our own 27403 zip code – which includes Sunset Hills, 143 houses sold. The average price was \$158,802. The sale price percentage to list price was 93.2%. Days on market (DOM) was 119.9 days.

Home sale activity for 2013 is getting off to an even slower start than usual. Inventory is low with only 11 houses on the market. Some are carryovers from 2012. Period homes, i.e. Bungalows, Tudor or Cape Cod styles – so very popular with buyers are limited at this time. But, with spring just around the corner – we will be moving into our busiest timeframe for selling. Spring is traditionally when more buyers start searching. So, if you are thinking about putting your house on the market – use this slower time wisely. Get your house ready. Consider a pre-listing home inspection to make sure your home does not have any hidden problems. Freshen up the inside with paint. Clean out closets, attics of unwanted or needed items. Work on your curb appeal. Most importantly, be realistic about your expectations. Regarding timeframe to get your house ready – it always takes longer than you will think. And when it comes to pricing – remember, we are still in a buyer's market and they can afford to wait and be choosy.

Lindley Park will always 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 in our neighborhood. When out walking, folks stop to talk with their neighbors. Residents keep a watchful eye and sound the alert over suspicious activity.

Found dogs are kept safe until owners are located. Parents feel comfortable allowing their children to walk or ride their bikes up and down the sidewalks. Life is good in Lindley Park.

*Note: Information compiled from the Greensboro Housing Report, 2012 by Jud & Associates and the Triad Multiple Listing Service.*

NOTE: Please see chart on page 5 for more detailed information and statistics regarding home sales in LP over the past decade.

## Put a spring back in your aging pet's step



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 2	Lindley Garden Workday 9am-Noon
MARCH 10	Daylight Savings!
MARCH 23	Easter Egg Hunt 3pm

# Lindley Park Home Sales: The Numbers

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

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## News from Lindley Elementary

Lindley Elementary is our neighborhood's district school. Currently 430 students are enrolled in pre-K to 5th grade. For the second year in a row, Lindley is one of a handful of "Schools of Distinction" in Guilford County, which means that students performed very well academically. Lindley is the 2nd oldest school in Guilford County so we are proud of its history. If you are thinking about schools, please consider Lindley and arrange a tour!

Lindley will celebrate its annual Garden Week, March 4-8th, when students will plant seed trays to raise in their classrooms and spring crops in the garden. This year, students will dedicate a garden bed to Share the Harvest, a local organization which gives produce from local gardens in Guilford County to those in need. Look for our monthly Farmer's Markets starting in June!

Even if you don't have any school-aged children at home, you can collect Box Tops for Lindley! You may turn them into the office or give to a Lindley family! Thank you! These box tops become real money to help programs at Lindley!

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UNCG-Greensboro established a Neighborhood Consortium several years ago in an attempt to keep the lines of communications open between itself and nearby residents. The group includes representatives from the university, neighborhoods and merchants. UNCG is expected to continue expanding in coming years to accommodate enrollment growth, and this consortium will play a key role in keeping the lines of communication about that growth open.

Neighborhoods involved in the group include College Hill, College Park, Greater Glenwood, Lindley Park, Mayflower, Sunset Hills and Westerwood, in addition to local merchants.

On January 4th, the group met and discussed several construction projects that are underway along the Lee St. corridor as UNCG reaches into the Glenwood neighborhood. These include the "New Spartan Village", the new Student Rec. Center, the new central campus police station and the pedestrian underpass. The underpass will connect the campus to Lee St's new development allowing students to walk under the railroad tracks.

There was also some discussion about "off-campus" student housing (rentals) and their impact to the surrounding neighborhoods. All were aware of the on-going challenge to handle yard / shoulder parking, trash, deferred maintenance and noise complaints. The group was told to have concerned neighbors call the City Contact Center at 373-CITY. If a photo is appropriate to the complaint, it can be sent through an email link from their web site. As always, email the LPNA if there is an issue that you are not having success dealing with and we will help any way possible.





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It is that time of year again! On Sunday, March 10, turn your clocks forward one hour to begin Daylight Savings Time.

According to Wikipedia: Daylight saving time—also summer time in several countries in British English, and European official terminology is the practice of advancing clocks so that evenings have more daylight and mornings have less. Typically clocks are adjusted forward one hour near the start of spring and are adjusted backward in autumn.

The modern idea of daylight saving was first proposed in 1895 by George Vernon Hudson and it was first implemented during the First World War. Many countries have used it at various times since then.

The practice has been both praised and criticized. Adding daylight to evenings benefits retailing, sports, and other activities that exploit sunlight after working hours but can cause problems for evening entertainment and other occupations tied to the sun. Although an early goal of DST was to reduce evening usage of incandescent lighting, modern heating and cooling usage patterns differ greatly, and research about how DST currently affects energy use is limited or contradictory.

Also, don't forget to change your smoke alarm batteries if they are more than one year old. Don't have working smoke alarms? Contact the Greensboro Fire Department at 574-4088 for free equipment and installation.

## Ideas for the Newsletter

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

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

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## NC Extension Gardening Classes

The NC Cooperative Extension Service, along with organizations in Guilford County, can help. Classes beginning in February in Greensboro will show you how to plan and manage your garden.

In Greensboro, NC Cooperative Extension and Extension Master Gardeners have partnered with Greensboro Parks & Recreation and Greensboro Beautiful to offer a series of classes called "Growing the Green Way".

The free classes are open to adults and run on a varying schedule through April 21. Required registration can be made by calling Pam Marshall at 336-375-5876 or by e-mailing her at [pamela\\_marshall@ncsu.edu](mailto:pamela_marshall@ncsu.edu).

Classes held at the Greensboro Arboretum 401 Ashland Dr. include:

Grow Your Best Vegetable Garden: March 10 – 4 p.m.  
Flower Power! Flower Gardening 101: March 17 – 4 p.m.  
Totally Tomatoes: March 24 – 4 p.m.  
Backyard Habitat: Gardening With (and in spite of) Wildlife: April 21 – 4 p.m.

Classes are also held at other locations. Check their website for more information: <http://guilford.ces.ncsu.edu/2013/01/winter-days-are-time-to-think-about-the-upcoming-growign-seaon/>



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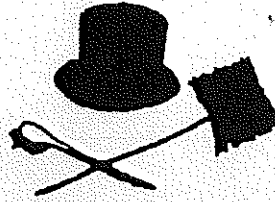
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Photos from LPNA General Meeting on January 29.

# Minutes from LPNA General Meeting, January 29, 2013

Meeting called to order 7:06

Treasurer's Report: Lauren Smith gave a brief report of the account balance in Shawn McGovern's absence.

New Business: 2013-2014 Executive Committee members elected to positions as follows:

- Officers: Chair – Larry Barnes
- Vice Chair – Patti Eckard
- Secretary – OPEN
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- Parliamentarian – Gertrude Beal
- Committee Chairs: Zoning – Bill Schneider
- Public Works – Virginia Driscoll
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- Environmental – Elizabeth Link
- District Reps: District 1 – Mary Alice Austin
- District 2 – Max Armfield
- District 3 – Stephen Johnson
- District 4 – Gertrude Beal
- Newsletter: Coordinator – Jeri Henderson
- Layout – Michael Van Patter
- Advertising – Diann Gackenbach
- Distribution – Joyce Eury
- GSO Neighborhood Congress: Susan Taaffe

Special Guest Speaker s - Nancy Hoffman, Nancy Vaughn, and Yvonne Johnson were present to host an open discussion regarding the recent tree trimmings being performed by Duke Energy in Lindley and surrounding neighborhoods. A variety of questions and statements arose from the audience. Essentially, communication concerning the tree ordinances are still in conversations between Duke and City Council with meetings scheduled for the near future. More information can be found on the city website and FaceBook pages

New Business: Larry Barnes gave a brief report on the UNCG Neighborhood Consortium. This included information about New Spartan Village, Student Rec. Center, Police Station and Pedestrian Underpass (all along Lee St.) There was also information regarding how to contact Ordinance Enforcement. It was stated that neighbors should call 373-CITY to report yard / shoulder parking, deferred maintenance issues, trash removal or noise complaints. It was also suggested in that meeting that emailing the City's address (from their web site) with pictures has proven to be most effective

Old Business: Lauren Smith gave a brief report on the status of the column repair grant request. The LPNA hopes to hear something from the City in the next few weeks.

## Committee Reports:

- Zoning: Nothing to report
- Public Works: Nothing to report
- Social: No report – OPEN
- Parks & Rec.: Barry will be sending a request for money for more bags.
- Public Safety: No report
- Ways & Means: No report
- Environmental: Elizabeth Link gave a brief report on the Neighborwoods Program

## District Reports:

- District 1: Nothing to report
- District 2: No report
- District 3: Stephen Johnson brought before the group concerns about a house on Elam where loud music and parties have taken place. It looked to be a frat house in one instance. He questioned whether there was anything the LPNA could do about this.
- District 4: Nothing to report

May 21st 2013 – next General Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm



## Lindley Park Neighborhood Association Supporters, 2013

With neighbor support, the association is able to sponsor the annual Easter Egg Hunt, Spring Fling, Fall Fest, and Holiday Luminaries. Your contributions also helped launch our Lindley Park Web site.

Margaret Gertrude Beal  
Thea & Anthony DeLoreto  
Rob & Karen Grier

Durante & Kathy Griffin  
Randall & Jeri Henderson  
Tony Horney & John Neal

Jay Lennartson & Max Armfield  
Mary Ann & David Murray  
Ellen Muratori

Bob & Phyllis Postma  
Lauren Smith & John Kelly  
Norman & Carolyn Smith

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### 2013 LPNA CONTRIBUTION FORM

Now's a good time to make a contribution to your neighborhood association. Please fill out the form and mail it with your check to the address listed below. If you'd like to be involved with any of the committees, or activities, please check your preference.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### PLEASE CHECK YOUR INTEREST(S):

- Environmental Issues
- FUN-raising
- Park Preservation
- Website
- PublicSafety/Public Words (speeding, burglary, sidewalks, etc)
- Zoning Issues
- Neighborhood Long-Range Plan
- Social Activities (spring, fall events & Christmas Luminaries)
- Newsletter Volunteer — help distribute in your area

\$\$ household contribution enclosed (\$15 suggested) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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