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Ben Crissman, Adam Spivey, Josh Sherrick and Blake Sagar hand made 150 burgers for this years Spring Fling.

A quick rain shower cooled things off and got our water slide extra slippery for this year's Spring Fling held at the former site of Craven Elementary. Blake Walters and Roger True filled the afternoon with live acoustic favorites. A full potluck table plus more than 100 burgers and hot dogs ensured that no one went home hungry. A big thanks to Josh Sherrick, Blake Sagar and Adam Spivey for another well-done gathering!

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MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR, AURELIO RUIZ

By Kathy Newsom

Imagine growing up on a farm that your family shares with several other families.

Most of your eight brothers and five sisters were born at home. There's no electricity on the farm, which struggles to provide enough corn, beans and tomatoes for every family to share. Any meat or dairy is raised on the farm. School is two hours away by horse, but most children stop going by age 7 or 8 because they're needed to help out on the farm.

This was how Aurelio Ruiz lived when he grew up near Jalisco, Mexico. Today, Aurelio lives in Lindley Park and owns the popular Kiosco restaurant.

In 1991, Aurelio left Mexico at age 15 to find a better life. He walked across the desert for a week. He carried his own food and water and followed a guide, but the group had no map, no cell phone, no GPS. It was a terrifying choice to make, truly life or death, but Aurelio dreamed of a better life in the United States.



Aurelio connected with his uncle in Winston Salem and began working days in his Mexican restaurant. He worked nights at Golden Corral and learned English from customers and his coworkers. He sent home money to his parents and saved the rest.

Aurelio at Kiosco, in front of the mural depicting the restaurant's inspiration

Soon after, Aurelio moved to Greensboro to work for his uncle at the former Mi Pueblo restaurant on Spring Garden near Holden Road. There, in 1996, he met Florayma. He was 22; she was 18. They dated for two weeks; within two months they were married. They moved into a trailer on Milton Street in Lindley Park. Their first daughter, Alondra, was born four years later.

In 2002, after working for his uncle for so many years, Aurelio opened his first restaurant in a former gym in Pfafftown. His daughter Karime was born in 2003. In 2005 he opened a second restaurant, this time in Walkertown.

As Aurelio commuted to work in Forsyth County, his family was building a life in Lindley Park. His girls had neighborhood friends and would be attending Lindley Elementary. They built a strong church family at Our Lady of Grace. But Aurelio was worried that his children didn't know what he did — only that he left home early and got home late — and he longed to spend more time with his family and be a part of the Lindley Park community he loved.

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PROJECT UPDATES

Big Ideas for 2016 and Beyond

Here are some of the initiatives that are in the works here in Lindley Park. Jump on board one of these or suggest your own.

Tree survey: Neighbors! We kicked off our our tree survey in May in the park off of South Lindell Road. Do you know how to tell a tree from a bush? Can you help hold a tape measure around the trunk of a tree? Excellent! Join us **June 4** from 9 to 11 a.m. as we begin the second phase of documenting the current trees in the park. The first draft will be low tech with pencil drawings of the tree locations, measurement between trees and of tree girths and basic identification. We hope to have some Scout troops to help do much of the leg work. See pages 8-9 of this issue of the Columns for inspiration. Contact Anne Embrey at aeembrey@gmail.com.

Living map: As we approach Lindley Park's centennial, it's a great time to look to the past as well as the future. A living map allows us to collect artifacts (photographs, written and spoken memories, etc.) and layer them on a map to show where they occurred and how our neighborhood has changed over time. We will have events to share and grow our maps as we create them as a community. We've been awarded grant funding from the Building Stronger Neighborhoods program and have a team from Guilford College involved to help with the project. A sample map and more info can be found on page 8-9. Contact Damon Akins at akinsdb@guilford.edu.

Lindley Park Athletic Crew: Neighborhood parents Shaun O'Connor and Josh Sherrick have begun a Saturday morning kids games and sports club. Come out and bring the kids — and donate sporting equipment if you have it! See page 11 for details. Contact Shaun O'Connor at shaunliam@gmail.com.

Re-imagining intersections: Through Participatory Budgeting, we've gotten approval to fund several street, intersection and bridge initiatives in the neighborhood! See page 12 for details on the winning projects. Contact Kathy Newsom at kathyhouseofhope67@gmail.com.

Pool Improvements: Interested in supporting the neighborhood city pool? Contact Stephen Johnson at stephen@elamgardens.com. See page 6 for pool opening dates and other information. And look out for information on this year's Pool-A-Palooza coming out soon!

Street playgrounds: Sometimes "street closed" signs actually mean "party ahead"! Got an idea for a street playground? Contact Ashley Duez at ashleyduez@gmail.com.

SUMMER SOLSTICE 5

THE FAERIES ARE COMING!

By Susan Sassmann, Head Faerie

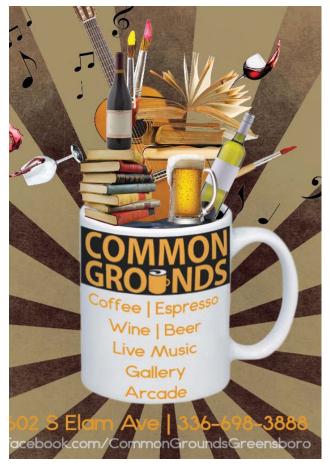
On June 18 enjoy a wondrous family-friendly festival with 8,000 others at the Greensboro Arboretum. Prepare to be dazzled with eclectic world music, a parasol and puppet parade, a riveting drum circle and the most amazing butterfly release to date.

For 12 years, the faeries have sprinkled magic on Lindley Park and brought together people of all colors, ages and interests to celebrate the longest day of the year. More than 100 local entrepreneurs will display their art, promote their businesses and educate the public at this earth-centered, volunteer-driven celebration.



The faeries are most grateful to the Lindley Park Neighborhood Association for its ongoing support of the most creative event in the land. Our focus is always to highlight Triad entrepreneurs and talent so that they may continue to prosper and revitalize our community. The Solstice Dream Team delivers magical memories for thousands of children and adults who are delighted to engage in an inclusive experience. Wander through our Midsummer Night's dream, sipping libations and tasting the culinary gifts that await you. It is a festival of goodwill and creative genius.

We are grateful to the neighborhood association for its ongoing financial, physical and emotional support. Our partnership with your neighborhood makes it possible for the entire community to celebrate all the things in life that bring joy, peace and prosperity. Thank you for embracing us!

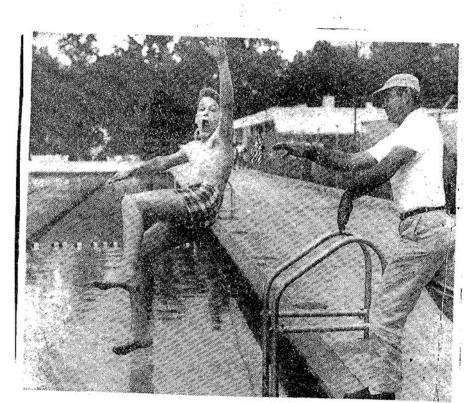


WANT TO GO?

The 2016 Summer Solstice Festival happens at the Greensboro Arboretum from 2 to 10 p.m. Saturday, June 18. Admission is free. For more information, visit www.greensborosummersolstice.org.



LINDLEY PARK POOL



(Dally News staff photo by James Wommack.)

YIPPEE . . . LINDLEY'S OPEN FOR BUSINESS AS USUAL'

Danny Short, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Short of 607½ Park Terrace, christens Lindley Park Pool as it opened for the season yesterday. Giving Danny the honors was pool manager Clyde Tesh. The pool, operated this year as a private corporation since purchased from the city, will be open each day from noon until 8 p.m.

The pool is open for lap swimming from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Fridays from May 30 to Aug. 19. The cost for lap swimming is just \$2 and is reserved for those 18 years and older. Season passes are accepted.

WANT TO GO?

Lindley Pool is located at 2914 Springwood Drive and is open May 28-30, June 4-5, and then for the season June 11 to Aug. 21. The pool is closed (except for lap swimming) on Mondays except July 4. For information on swim lessons, pool rental and other general information, www.greensboro-nc.gov/index.aspx?page=3645 or call (336) 299-3226.

By Kathy Newsom

Lindley Park is one of the few Greensboro neighborhoods that can boast a city-run community pool. Our pool, located across from the Lindley Recreation Center, opens May 28. Did you know that our pool offers affordable swim lessons? Dedicated times for adult lap swimming? Is available to rent for parties?

The standard operating hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. A day pass is just \$1 for guests 12 and younger and \$2 for those 13 and older. A season pass, good for any city pool, is \$30 for those 17 and under, \$50 for 18 and older. A senior pass (55 and older) is \$30.



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CORNER FARMERS MARKET 7

VENDOR SPOTLIGHT: BOBBY COLTRANE, COLTRANE FARMS

By Emma Breslin

Bobby Coltrane is a fourth-generation farmer with deep ties to the Piedmont area. Bobby began Coltrane Farms in the early 1970s and has produced quality products throughout the years. And he's done all of this while he worked for the City of Greensboro for 30 years as its landscape superintendent.

Coltrane Farms raises grass-fed beef, which you can find each week alongside locally-sourced chicken and fresh seafood from the North Carolina coast. The farm operates four large greenhouses filled with tomatoes and other veggies, vegetable plants, and amazing flowers and hanging baskets that Bobby grows for local businesses and for your delight.

Coltrane Farms' cattle herd is 18

cows strong, and they graze on lush green pasture at Reedy Fork Ranch. Bobby's beef is a big hit at the Corner Market, where you can buy ground beef and whatever cut your heart desires. He also offers whole or half grass-fed and grass-finished cows.

Because his seafood is fresh, products are varied and always delicious. If you want to be sure to get the type of seafood you're dreaming about each week, you can pre-order by email to ensure you go home with exactly what you and your family want. Coltrane Farms' chicken is naturally raised. You can purchase the cuts of your choice, such as thighs and breasts.

You can find Bobby on Saturday mornings at the Corner and at our new Westerwood Wednesday market at First

Baptist Church. When you stop by his table, be sure to stay and chat for a while. Bobby always has a smile to share and plenty of interesting stories and jokes, too!

WANT TO GO?

The Corner Farmers Market operates in the Sticks and Stones parking lot every Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon and Wednesday evenings from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on the lawn at First Baptist Church at 1000 W. Friendly Ave. (between Mendenhall and Tate streets).

For more information on shopping or vending at The Corner Farmers Market, check out the market's Facebook page or email market@walkerelammarket.com.



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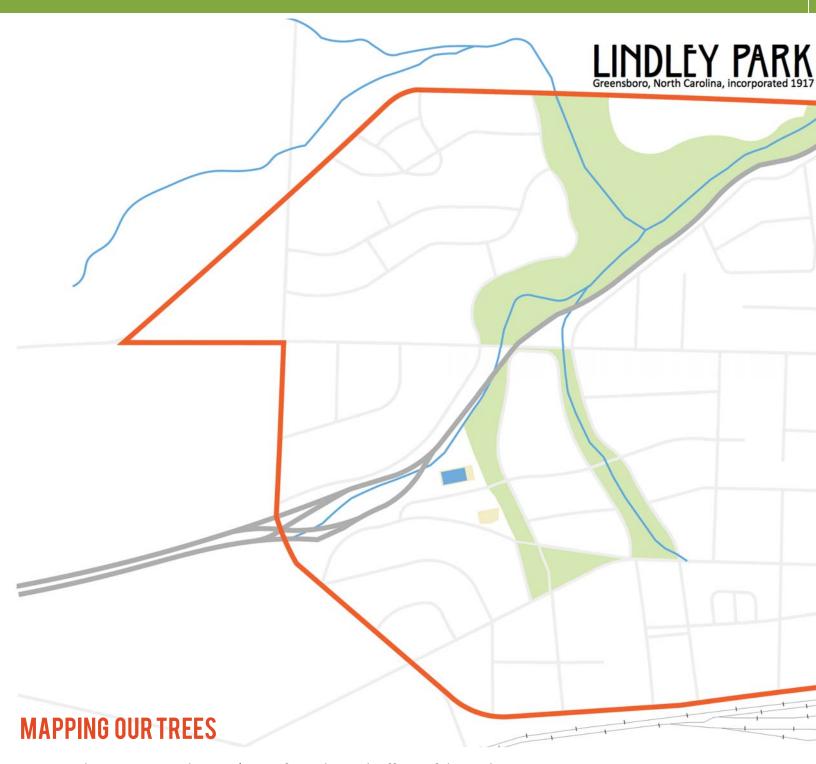
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In 2015 the City removed several trees from the park off South Lindell Road due to blight. They asked for neighborhood input before replanting. After much discussion about what trees to plant, the neighborhood association decided to do a tree survey and document all of the existing trees.

On My 14 we began our work! Thanks to our 15 volunteers, we covered an area about halfway between Springwood and Sherwood along Lindell to the creek. We identified the trees, measured their girth and measured the distance between trees. We have a lot of maples in the park and other, interesting trees.

A pack of Girl Scouts joined us and after doing some awesome measuring helped color our first draft of a tree map. We will have other tree survey events throughout the early summer as we work to complete the tree map

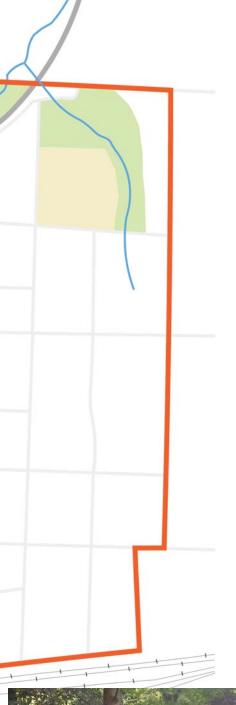
of the park.

In the meantime, we have come across a map from 1999 which shows much of the same details. It will be an exciting project to compare tree growth in the 17 years between mapping projects. The tree survey is being done as part of our neighborhood Living Map efforts.

WANT TO PARTICIPATE?

There is a tree survey scheduled for Saturday, June 4 from 9-11 a.m. Meet at the corner of Springwood and Lindell. No experience necessary and all ages are welcome! For more information, contact Anne Embrey at aeembrey@gmail.com

LIVINGMAP 9



FIND YOUR PLACE INLINDLEY PARK WITH THE LIVING MAP PROJECT

As Lindley Park approaches its centennial in 2017, the Neighborhood Association is focusing on hands-on, inclusive projects that both look to the future and document our rich history as one of Greensboro's oldest communities. Through a series of brainstorming sessions, we came up the idea of a Living Map.

Lindley Park is an active and alive community. This mapping project seeks to capture that quality and connect it into the past. By collecting and displaying place-based information from people who live or have lived in the neighborhood, the project will document how the neighborhood has changed — and what it might have been like to live here at different times over the past 100 years.

The Building Stronger Neighborhoods program awarded LPNA a \$3,000 grant to support the project. Neighbor and Guilford College professor Damon Akins has a group of students involved in the project as well. Neighbor Anne Schroth, owner of Red Canary, is printing a wall-sized map to kick off the project at the LPNA meeting May 31.

We will delve into the evolution of The Corner business district, the Spring Garden Street trolley line that fed to what once was an amusement park and lake, the development of the Greensboro Arboretum and Lindley Elementary and other neighborhood aspects.

Most of all, we want to hear from you. Where are you on the map? Where is your home? Where do you have memories? Where do you eat? Ride your bike? Walk your dog? What changes have you seen or would you like to see?

Use this map to get your bearings and think about parts of the neighborhood you're familiar with. What about other areas? What potential for our neighborhood do you see?

Join our Living Map group page on Facebook (search for "Living Map Project") and look for LPNA emails and other communication about how you can participate!



Hollis, Reuben and Jonah plot the trees identified in the park on May 14.



Carefully identified and plotted trees, colorfully adorned by girl scouts — now that is a living map!

10 LINDLEY ELEMENTARY

LINDLEY CAPS OFF THE SCHOOL YEAR WITH ANOTHER GREAT SPRING CARNIVAL

By Anne Embrey

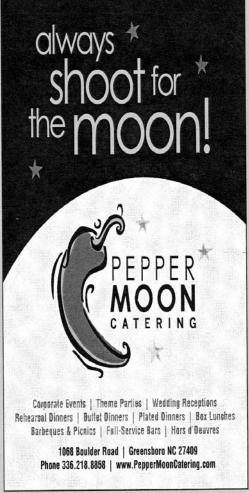
The Lindley Carnival was a roaring success! It was the second year in a row we've had to move the date because of rain, but our spirits were not dampened on a Monday evening in early May.

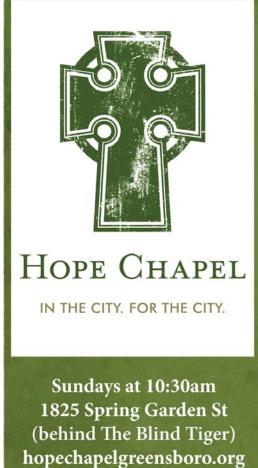
It was great to see so many neighbors there — many who don't have kids at Lindley Elementary. It's nice to have a late spring celebration at a good, old-fashioned carnival. How many people were there? I'm not sure how we did it but we went through 500 hot dogs and drinks! Put it on your calendar for 2017 — it'll be the first Friday in May.

Carnival worker Angus Schroth coaches Iris Miceli-Candler at the strongman booth









LINDLEY PARK ATHLETIC CREW 11

LPACOFF TO A GREAT START!

By Shaun O'Connor

The Lindley Park Athletic Crew is a family-friendly way to provide our neighborhood kids with the opportunity to grow through to sports and games, socialization and increased exercise and play. LPAC is a stress-free zone with minimal emphasis on competition and a strong emphasis on having fun! We have had three meetings and each time is better than the last. We are thrilled with the turnouts we are getting. We start each day out with open play followed by some structured games and activities. After a snack and water break, we end the day with more open play. The kids have been having a blast, and the parents enjoy a morning getting to hang with other parents and watching their children have fun and make new friends!

Activities are designed for the younger ones up to elementary age, but kids of all ages are welcome. We play everything from T-ball and kickball to soccer and freeze tag. We've had a great turnout of kids ages 2 to 6, and we'd welcome some older kids, too! Come on down!

We've had some schedule changes as well. We will meet now on Saturday, June 11 and Saturday, June 25 at 9:30 a.m. We will not meet in July since it's a busy travel month.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

Check out the Lindley Park Athletic Crew Facebook page for more details and to stay up to date with the latest info.







Hot Dog Festival Saturday, June 4th, Ilam-2pm



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12 PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING

LINDLEY PARK BENEFITS BIG FROM PB!

By Kathy Newsom

The first cycle of Participatory Budgeting in Greensboro is complete and Lindley Park fared very well! All of the winning District 4 projects are in our neighborhood:

- Crosswalk at Elam Avenue and Camden Road: \$6,000
- Bridge repair at the Greensboro Arboretum: \$20,000
- New, raised Walker Avenue bridge railing: \$30,000
- Walker Avenue painted walkway: \$5,000
- Crosswalk at Spring Garden and Howard streets: \$20,000

Thank you to everyone who worked as a budget delegate and to all who took the time to vote. We look forward to seeing these projects through to completion over the course of the next year and are already dreaming of proposals for next year.



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NEIGHBOR SPOTLIGHT 13

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Aurelio had been watching a restaurant space near his home. It was an Italian restaurant, then Chinese, then a sports bar — nothing stayed long. But Aurelio saw its potential.

"In order to make this space work I knew it would have to be excellent," Ruiz said. "Most customers would have to drive to the location. It would take a special trip to get there."

In July 2009, after four months of remodeling, Kiosco opened its doors. Kiosco means "pavilion," and in the restaurant lobby there's a beautiful handpainted mural that shows the ornate plaza of Degollado in Aurelio's native state of Jalisco. The central feature of the plaza is a pavilion, or kiosco.

"I miss my home very much. My parents they come here and see the mural in the restaurant and see how well we live and they are very proud, but I miss them," Aurelio said. "I am glad that I am able to give back to them, to help them be more comfortable as they get older, and to have medical care."

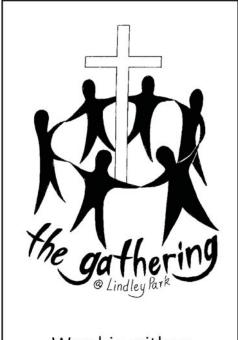
Soon after Kiosco opened, the family bought a home on Beechwood Street. The children are friends with other children on the street. The neighbors joined them to celebrate the birth of their third daughter, Lucero, and Alondra's quinceanera. In May 2011, Aurelio Ruiz became a U.S. citizen.

Now that Aurelio has turned over management of his other restaurants to his brothers, he travels to Walkertown and Pfafftown less often. After seven years in business, Kiosco has become a neighborhood fixture because of its fresh and unique Mexican food and outstanding customer service. The restaurant hosts popular fundraising nights for the neighborhood schools and donates generously to schools that serve the neighborhood. This year, more than \$4,400 was donated to Kiser and Lindley by the restaurant.

"I am blessed everyday with this good community," Ruiz said. "We love Lindley Park and our neighbors and try to give back to our community, to the church and the schools. Lindley Park is our home."

WANT TO GO?

Kiosco Mexican Grill is located at 3011 Spring Garden St. Hours are 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. (336) 617-0350



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16 FAMILY-FRIENDLY HAPPENINGS



11th annual Lindley Park Neighborhood Yard Sale runs from 8 a.m. to noon on **Saturday, June 4** throughout the neighborhood. To participate, contact Patti Eckard at Patti.Eckard@gmail.com or (336) 632-1448.

Round two of the **Lindley Park Tree Survey** also happens **Saturday, June 4**. Hit the yard sales early and head over to the park at Springwood and Lindell to ID and map trees from 9 a.m. to noon. All ages welcome. Contact Anne Embrey at aembrey@gmail.com for more information.

Also on **June 4** is the **Hot Dog Sale** at the First Moravian Church on Elam Avenue from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturday, June 11 and **Saturday, June 25** from 9:30 to 11 a.m. are the next two meet-ups for the **Lindley Park Athletic Club**. There will be no meetings in July. For more information see page 10.

The 2016 Summer Solstice Festival happens at the Greensboro Arboretum on **Saturday**, **June 18** from 2 to 10 p.m. Admission is free. For more information,

visit www.greensborosummersolstice.org.

Mark your calendars on **Tuesday, Aug. 2**, for **National Night Out**. Details are still being finalized for a pool party that evening! Check the Lindley Park FB page or website at www.lindleyparknc.com.

Ongoing

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Monday, June 6, and the first Monday of each month: The Corner Farmers Market has its monthly meeting at Common Grounds at 6 p.m. Neighborhood residents are welcome to attend, give input on the market and events and get to know the vendors.

The Corner Farmers Market happens every Saturday morning from 8 a.m. to noon in the Sticks and Stones parking lot and every Wednesday night from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on the lawn of the First Baptist Church at 1000 W. Friendly Ave.

Tuesday, June 28, and the last Tuesday of each month: the **Lindley Park Neighborhood Association** meets at Common Grounds at 7 p.m. Come find out what's happening in the neighborhood and how you can get involved.

Every Monday night at 6:30 p.m. **Chess Club** meets at the Lindley Recreation Center. All ages and skill levels welcome!

Every Thursday from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. **Wee-ones Meet-up Group** gathers at Lindley Rec Center.
Caregivers are invited to come with their infants, toddlers or preschoolers to play and meet other families in the area. For more details, contact Christina Rodriguez at la_chabochi@yahoo.com.

You can see more events online at our website www.lindleyparknc.com, and Facebook page www.facebook.com/lindleypark.

If you don't see your neighborhood event, it's because we don't yet know about it! Please contact Kathy Newsom at kathyhouseofhope67@gmail.com and we'll help spread the word.