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If your last name begins with A-M, please bring a salad or side dish to share; if your last name begins with N-Z, please bring a dessert to share.

If you would like to donate a cake for the cake walk, please let Joyce Eury know by April 19th. Contact Joyce at eury1234@bellsouth.net or at 292-7129. If you donate a cake, you do not need to bring another dish to share.

The LPNA will raffle off a \$50 gift certificate to a restaurant. Just find the membership table at the Spring Fling and fill out a membership form to join the LPNA. Donations are welcome, but you do not have to make a donation in order to join the LPNA or to enter the raffle.

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Looking forward to seeing everyone on April the 26th! If you have questions, contact Theresa Miller, 299-2102 or millerther@aol.com.

(See the really cool pictures of Lindley Park on page 7.)

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Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt -- A HUGE Success!

More than 60 children and 40 parents turned out for a fun-filled Easter Egg Hunt in the Park. A special guest appearance by the Easter Bunny was a big hit. Special thanks to Carrie Little, Meg Sisk, Teresa Byrd, Tricia Bouras, Joyce Eury and Danielle for all of their work. Easter basket giveaways were donated by Tricia and Joyce. Bill Schneider loaned the drink dispensers. If you are interested in helping out with future social events like this one - please contact Joyce Eury at 292-7129.



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Neighborhood-UNCG Watch Group

by Bill Schneider

UNCG is in the process of developing their Master Plan to handle the expected growth at the University in the foreseeable future. LPNA has been involved in an on going discussion with UNCG's Office of Business Affairs Representative, Mike Byers, for the past year. The University is currently looking at several options/ areas (neighborhoods) that could help accommodate their needs for housing, athletic fields, classrooms etc. I will now be heading our neighborhood committee with Bill Eckard. We are looking for assistance on two levels and would like anyone interested to participate in some way.

- 1) We need a core group, interested in actually meeting with UNCG representatives, to hear their latest developments and express LPNA views while working toward a mutually beneficial agreement.
- 2) The second need of the committee is a group that can be called or e-mailed with any developments. This will allow a pulse of the neighborhood to be taken in a short period of time. The industrial area south of Spring Garden St. has some appeal to UNCG. LPNA is interested in ensuring that any encroachment by UNCG is compatible with the Spring Garden Pedestrian Overlay District and our neighborhood plan. We don't need a lot of time, just your opinions on the future of Lindley Park

If you would like to be involved with this committee, please email me at bsschneider@peppermooncatering.com

Lindley Park Neighborhood YahooGroup

We now have a YahooGroup for Lindley Park. If you want to check it out, go here - <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/lindleypark> , and to post messages to the group, just send them to this address - lindleypark@yahoogroups.com .
- Neb Rodgers

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Taking Care of Your Trees

One of the things I like about Lindley Park is the many large, old trees growing throughout the neighborhood. The shade and beauty of these trees are something that no recent development can offer. Here are some simple things you can do to help your trees stay healthy.

Bark: A tree's bark is like its' skin: it protects the living layers beneath from fungus, disease, and insects. Injuries to the bark can open avenues for these pests to infect the tree. Avoid running machines such as lawnmowers and weed-whackers up against the tree bark. Piling extra soil or mulch up against the tree trunk holds moisture against the bark, which rots the bark and allows infection by bugs and disease.

Roots: Trees have 2 kinds of roots: structural roots that help hold the tree up and transport nutrients to the branches, and the fine roots that take up nutrients and water from the soil. These roots usually extend out beyond the canopy of the tree. Most of the fine roots live in the top 12" of the soil, and they need oxygen in order to grow and function. Parking vehicles under trees or driving vehicles over the root zone severely compacts the soil and prevents oxygen from getting to the roots, so should be avoided. Turf grass, with dense roots concentrated in the top 6" of soil, competes with tree roots for water and nutrients, to the detriment of both the trees and the grass. If you've struggled to keep grass around trees alive in the drought, you might consider mulching some of it instead. Mulched areas around the trees will help keep machinery away from the trunk, and reduce the amount of turf competing with the tree. 2-3 inches of mulch should be adequate to keep moisture in and inhibit weeds. Impervious mulches such as plastic sheeting, or thick layers of natural mulch, cut off the roots' access to water and oxygen and should be avoided.

Branches: I see many trees in the neighborhood with vines growing on them. Vines add weight and mass to the branches that makes them more susceptible to breaking in an ice storm or in wind. One of the biggest offenders is English Ivy. This vine puts out little hairs, or "feet", which excrete an acid that eats into the tree bark and allows them to attach to it (This is also what allows it to cling to the side of your house, eating holes in your paint or mortar all the while). The acid breaches the bark and makes the tree susceptible to fungus and insect infestations. To get English Ivy or any other vine out of your tree, cut the vine near the ground and leave the vine on the tree until it turns brown and crisp. Trying to pull live ivy out of your tree can tear off chunks of bark, and other vines may pull down branches. The dying vines will look unsightly for awhile, but your tree will be better off. Pull up the vine roots or apply a weed killer such as Roundup to the stubs if you can do so without getting it on the tree.

If dead branches need to be pruned or if you see problems with your tree, please consult a reputable tree professional, preferably one with a certified arborist on staff. Trees are not shrubs, and improper pruning such as topping can permanently disfigure trees, or even kill them in the long run. It may (or may not) cost more for a good arborist to prune your trees, but no amount of money can replace an old tree. Additional information about your yard, landscape, and trees is available by calling the North Carolina Co-operative Extension at Guilford County, at **375-5876**. Their website, www.guilfordgardenanswers.org, has a host of information about a large range of subjects related to horticulture and home landscaping, with many informative links.



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Bicentennial Website

Great news! The bicentennial website is up and running. Go to www.Greensboro200.com

Editors Note...

The letter on page 8 was sent to the Justice Department on behalf of the neighborhoods that are represented by the Neighborhood Congress. The letter is directed to Don Jacobsen. However, through telephone conversations, Don stated that the Greensboro redistricting is being handled by Stephanie Calandine. Her name and the redistricting file number is placed as the addressee on the letter.

This City Council was elected because of promised transparency in government so what do they do? Pull up some backroom Plan Q that was never reviewed by the public. This plan disrupts many precincts and divides districts. It is pure gerrymandering to insure electability. Please email the Justice Department and voice opposition to Plan Q.

On a lighter note: The Easter Bunny and all the volunteers did a great job on the Easter Egg hunt. This is becoming a wonderful tradition for Lindley Park. And lastly, I've heard from some neighbors about garbage cans left on the street after collection. The ordinance states - cans to the curb 7:00 pm the night before collection and off the street by 7:00 pm the night of collection. A warning from the City and then a \$25 fine for not bringing in the cans.

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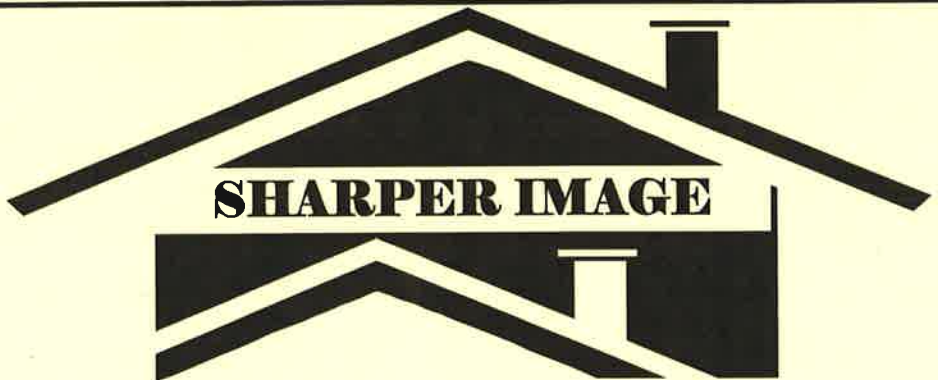
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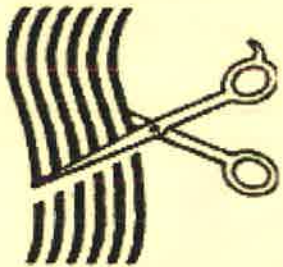
Etiquette: a six week program starting in April for ages 3-5 (Tea for Tots), 6-11 (Ladies & Gents), and 12-15 (Lindley Cotillion) in which children and young adults will learn manners and etiquette as well as a little ballroom dancing (Ladies & Gents and Lindley Cotillion only).

Kinderdance: an ongoing program for ages 3-5 incorporates educational concepts while teaching the basics of ballet, tap, acrobatics, and creative movement.

Kung Fu: an ongoing martial arts program for ages 13 years and older to gain an understanding of Kung Fu focusing on Tan Tui (Springy Leg), Lian Bu (Continuous Step), and Gong Li (Power & Strength).

Tiny Tots Soccer: a six week soccer skills program for ages 3-8 in which participants will learn the basics of soccer: dribbling, kicking, and shooting a goal

Summer Day Camp: ages 5-12 \$70 per week Camp will run from June 16-August 15 7:30am-6:00pm. We will have different themes each week and we will go on different field trips on Thursday and swimming on Tuesdays. Come at 9:00am (be here earlier too) on MAY 3rd if you want to register.



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Special thanks to J. Stephen Catlett, Archivist at the Greensboro Historical Museum for sending us these great pictures of Lindley Park before it became our neighborhood.

While some locations are easy to figure out, others like the Arch, the Lake and the Amusement Park are educated guesses.



Lindley Park Arch - possible location -
Masonic & Spring Garden Sts.



Paul Lindley House
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Lake at Lindley Park - possible location
is area between Lindell, Willowbrook and
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Neighborhood Congress Addresses The District Change

Stephanie Celandine

Voting Section
Civil Rights Division
Room 7254 - NWB
Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
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File Number 2008-1361.

Re: City of Greensboro, NC Council Districts

Dear Mr. Jacobsen:

We are writing as Co-Chairs of the Greensboro Neighborhood Congress (GNC), at the direction of the GNC membership, to express the GNC's strong displeasure concerning the City of Greensboro's recently adopted City Council redistricting plan that is currently under review by you and other United States Department of Justice personnel. The GNC is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization comprised of neighborhood organizations representing neighborhoods located throughout Greensboro. We currently have 43 member neighborhood organizations that include more than 16,000 households. These neighborhoods are located throughout Greensboro's five City Council districts, making the GNC one of the most socio-economically and racially diverse organizations in Greensboro. The mission of the GNC is to address issues of citywide concern to neighborhoods and to empower neighborhood leaders to address their specific neighborhoods' own issues of concern. We focus on advocacy for the improvement of the quality of life in Greensboro neighborhoods and on the education of neighborhood leaders.

On February 19, 2008, our City Council voted to adopt what is known as redistricting Plan Q over other redistricting plans, including a Plan B that had been recommended by City staff. (We believe that you have been asked to review both the adopted Plan Q and the alternative Plan B). At a meeting on March 8, the GNC membership in attendance voted unanimously to comment to the United States Department of Justice to protest the procedural deficiencies involved in the adoption of Plan Q, as well as the substantive deficiencies in Plan Q relative to Plan B. We are writing this letter to you in accord with that mandate.

The GNC membership is particularly dismayed with the manner in which Plan Q was adopted. Unlike Plan B and most of the other plans that were made available for public review and comment well ahead of the Council's February 19 meeting, Plan Q was unleashed on the public for the first time during the Council's meeting, by its sponsor, Council Member Zach Matheny, who is the District 3 representative. (In fact, The GNC has been informed that some of the Council Members themselves had only 24 hours or less to review Plan Q prior to the Council meeting.) The public had no opportunity to review any maps depicting the impact of Plan Q before (or even during) the Council's meeting at which Plan Q was adopted. It is hard to imagine a decision more fundamental to our Country's democratic processes than a redistricting that will deprive some voters of representation by the candidates they voted into office. For our Council to have made such a decision by adopting an alternative that the public was denied access to until after the fact is simply repugnant. We urge you to reject Plan Q for that reason alone.

We also want to make sure that you are aware of the substantive inferiority of Plan Q relative to Plan B. Plan Q results in 26 voting precincts being shifted from one district to another, whereas Plan B would have shifted 3 precincts. This means that, absent your intervention, voters residing in 26 of Greensboro's precincts (about one third of the total precincts in the City) will find themselves represented on July 1, 2008 by a candidate whom they did not have the opportunity to vote for in the general election on November 6, 2007. To deprive this many voters of the opportunity for representation by a candidate they had the opportunity to vote for (or against) is a serious

usurpation of democratic processes. Plan Q also will split 22 neighborhoods whereas Plan B would split only 5, and the current districting splits 6 neighborhoods. Plan B would therefore result in one less split neighborhood than the status quo, compared to Plan Q, which will double the number of split neighborhoods.

Dept. of Justice, cont. from pg. 8

Moreover, Plan Q has a more insidious impact. Under the current districting, Districts 1 and 2 are majority minority and Districts 3 and 4 are majority majority, whereas District 5 is almost balanced with 47.5% minority population. What this means is that our City's most likely opportunity to have a third district represented by a minority candidate is in District 5. But Plan Q would dilute the minority population in District 5 down to 41.3%, undermining the prospect of a minority candidate being elected in District 5, and making it unlikely that minority representation on our Council will have any prospect of increasing in the foreseeable future. This is a serious impact, and although some of it is inevitable given that the areas recently annexed by the City have a primarily white population in District 5, Plan Q's magnification of that dilution relative to Plan B constitutes another serious substantive flaw in Plan Q.

Because Plan Q is flawed substantively compared to Plan B in so many respects, it renders the procedural deficiencies attendant to Plan Q's adoption all the more suspect, and begs the question of whether Plan Q's conception and 11th hour unveiling was engineered by special interests. Plan Q has obvious political benefits for certain elected representatives and less obvious impacts for some business interests.

For the reasons set out above, the GNC strongly urges the United States Department of Justice to give Plan Q the strictest scrutiny, and to reject it in favor of Plan B.

Sincerely,
Kathleen Sullivan
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Check out the NCO website at <http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/departments/Planning/urbandesign/nco/>

Procedures and timing have not been finalized, but pictures need to be taken before spring leaves hide all the buildings! Please call or email your neighborhood district representative if you would like to volunteer to help.

Neighborhood Reps:

- District 1: Neb Rodgers at 294-1734; nrodg27403@hotmail.com
- District 2: Virginia Driscoll at 855-5233; dachelmama@yahoo.com
- District 3: Palmer McIntyre at pmcintyre@piedmontland.org
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If you are not familiar with the neighborhood plan or the Spring Garden Street Pedestrian Scale Overlay check them out on the city website at <http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/departments/hcd/planning/neighplan/lindley.htm>



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Susan Taafe/Hank Rudisill
Jack/Annmarie Atchison
John/Patti Raxter
Gerald Martin/Jennifer Kramer
Mike Simmons
Margaret Beal
Sheila Duell/Robert Bellomy
Dyan Arkin/Ken Snowden
Jeffrey/Lynn Sausser
Jerry Baumgartner/Anne Sparks-
Baumgartner

CALENDER

APRIL 7- 1st home game of Grasshoppers. New Bridge Bank Park, downtown Greensboro, 7pm with post game fireworks!!!

APRIL 26 - 4:00pm Bicentennial Celebration/ Spring Fling in the Park (Willowbrook & Lindell) Contact Theresa Miller at 299.2102 or Joyce Eury at 292-7129 for more info.

MAY 6 - Primary Election Day. Be sure to vote!

MAY 10 - Article/Ad Deadline for May/June Columns

MAY 26 - Memorial Day

MAY 27 - LPNA General Mtg. 7pm Lindley Rec. Ctr. Open to all Lindley Park residents.

SEPT. 30 - LPNA GENERAL MTG. 7PM Lindley Rec. Ctr. Open to all Lindley Park residents.

2008 NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE ?

Is your attic full of stuff you've saved forever? Are your closets threatening to explode? Maybe you're ready for a Neighborhood Yard Sale! If there is enough interest -- we will hold a Neighborhood Yard Sale - **Saturday, May 17th, 8am - until.** Sponsors for the yard sale are your neighbors, Patti Eckard and Michael Scearce of RE/MAX REALTY CONSULTANTS. **Deadline for entry is April 30.** To register, email Patti.Eckard@gmail.com or call 632-1448 with your name, address and telephone number.

2008 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. **Note: New committees added: Website, Ways & Means (FUN-raising activities), Neighborhood Long-Range Plan.**

Name(s) _____ Address: _____

Email: _____ Home Phone: _____

Please check your interest(s): Environmental Issues FUN-raising Park preservation/improvements Website

Public Safety/Public Works (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: _____

Please make checks payable to LPNA and mail to: LPNA c/o Dyan Arkin, 635 Scott Ave. Greensboro NC 27403