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Inside this issue of the Columns, you'll find a pull-out map of great walking and cycling routes throughout the Lindley Park area and updates on public works projects in the neighborhood. We also offer advice on dealing with leaves and what to do if you find or lose a pet. We list our picks for the places to be and events not to be missed. And what to expect locally on your ballot in November. Finally, here's the the answer to everyone's burning question: "Will there be a Chili Cook-Off in Lindley Park this year?" It's all here!

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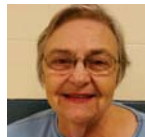
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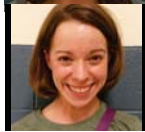
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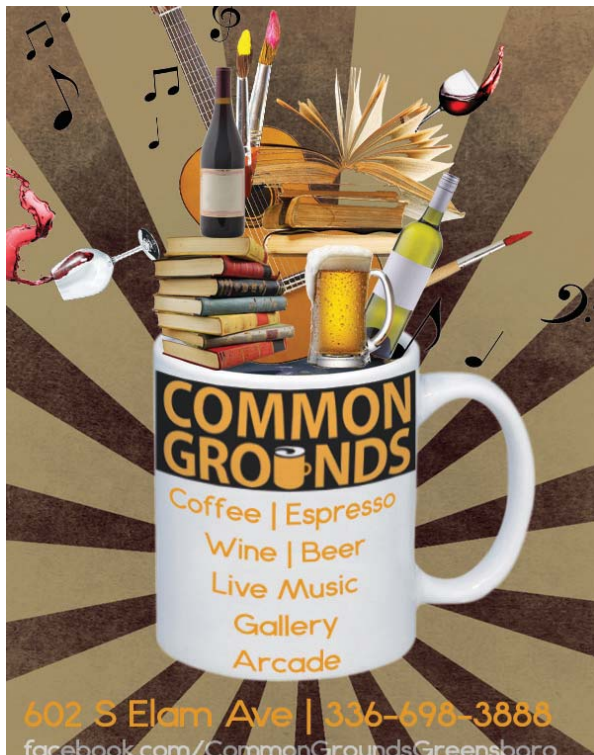
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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



By Kathy Newsom

"It never rains in Lindley Park," claims one of my favorite neighbors, Bill Eckard.

While most other neighborhoods in Greensboro were canceling their National Night Out events on Aug. 2, Bill unloaded tents and tubs of ice cream in the rain. Damon Akins unfurled a big map. Adam Spivey rolled a giant slip-'n'-slide down the hill. Josh Sherrick fired up the grill. Stephen Johnson pulled out bins of free Lindley Park T-shirts. Patti Eckard and her sister, Kathy, along with Meg Sisk and Charlotte Plyler, started dipping ice cream. Soon the pool was open for swimmers. Yes, it was raining. But somehow that made it more fun — or at least it did in retrospect. I mean, really, what's more stylish than Dana Gorham in her plastic rain bonnet?

Between hot dogs, slip-'n'-sliding and diving into the pool, the LPNA gathered together the neighborhood kids to present Mr. Johnny, the Lindley Elementary crossing guard, with an appreciation award. Mr. Johnny was delighted by the honor and thrilled with the recent story in the Columns about him.

Sure, it was a wet time. But as we always do, the neighborhood rallied and ignored the precipitation — because it never rains on good times in Lindley Park.

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WHEN LEAVES FALL, WHERE DO YOU LEAF THEM?

By Stephen Johnson, LPNA Chairman

I love my neighbors. In the autumn, they leave bagged brown leaves at the curb for me on Monday nights. When my pickup is full, I unload them near my chicken run for later in the year. When the chickens get bored I'll open a few bags and throw them into their run. Two months later I have lovely rich compost.

Or I'll punch the bags with a garden fork to let moisture in and let them sit for six months. Then I add the mostly rotted leaves to my garden beds as mulch and to attract worms. I used to leave piles of leaves around, but the piles took up a bit of space, and the wind sometimes blew away the top layer.

For the leaves that fall in my yard, I run a mulching mower over them. The worms love the bite-sized snacks and quickly drag the remains deep into the soil.

Whichever way I choose, it's much cheaper than buying bags of compost. It's also doing my neighbors a service by getting rid of those unsightly bags from their curbs.


So thank you, dear neighbors, for your consideration in helping me keep the soil in my garden high in organic matter.

LEAF PICKUP BASICS

The city will pick up loose leaves in two rounds. The first round runs from Nov. 7 to Dec. 22. The second round goes from Dec. 28 to Jan. 20. For city crews to take away your leaves, follow these steps:

- Rake leaves to the edge of your yard behind the curb. Don't pile them in the street or on the sidewalk.
- Remove sticks, rocks and other debris that may damage equipment.
- Don't park vehicles on, in front of or near leaves.


The leaf collection program helps keep leaves from blocking storm drains and prevents decaying leaves from polluting our lakes and streams. The collected leaves are made into compost to fertilize city gardens and landscaped areas. Residents may purchase the compost at the White Street Landfill at 2503 White St., or by calling (336) 373-2489.




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CHILICOOK OFF

By Josh Sherrick

Come out Oct. 15 for some great live music from Lindley Park's own, "Chili Con Carne" (Blake Walters, Jacob Brown, Stefano Cazzaniga, Federico Borso), socializing, and of course, chili prepared by our talented Lindley Park neighbors!

Participating chefs will prepare chili in one of three categories — traditional, non-traditional and vegetarian. Winners will receive prizes and neighborhood bragging rights. This year we expect over two dozen entries!

Register your chili online at www.lindleyparknc.com/chili-cook-off. Chili cooks should register by Oct. 13. Winners will receive prizes generously donated by neighborhood businesses. More information is available on the registration website.

Not much of a cook? That's OK. We still need folks to bring cornbread and toppings (shredded cheese, sour cream, hot sauce or any other fixin' of your choice).

We'll also need something sweet to go with the spicy, so don't forget to bring a dessert, too!

Bowls, napkins, cups and utensils will be provided. In an effort to reduce waste, please consider bringing your own bowl (BYOB) and spoon!

Reminder: Springwood Drive will be closed between Lindell and Willowbrook from 2 to 8 p.m. on the day of the cook-off.



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A NEIGHBORHOOD OF DOG LOVERS

By Tracy on Sherwood Street

As my Realtor and I walked up to what is now my house in Lindley Park, I briefly met a neighbor who was walking his dogs. Jokingly, he said to me: "You must have a dog if you plan to move into this neighborhood!" In that moment, I knew I was home.

Since that day eight months ago, I have met many neighbors and their dogs – from tiny Chihuahuas to large Great Pyrenees, from playful puppies to active seniors. (My dog, Gabby, having fit into the latter category.) From every encounter, I have come away with the strong sense that we Lindley Park neighbors love our pets and want to do what is best for them.

Many of us have (and love to share) our respective stories of pet adoption, rescue and fostering. Some of us have adopted our pets from animal shelters and rescue organizations, while others have ultimately taken in stray, abandoned and harmed animals that have landed on our doorsteps and in our backyards. Regardless of how our dogs came to be members of our families, they are beloved household residents with whom we always share our hearts.

As a dedicated pet parent and new Lindley Park neighbor, I set out to learn about the local ordinances that inform and instruct pet ownership in our community. Below are some local resources I found. Perhaps it will be as helpful to you as it was to me.

Guilford County Animal Control: www.myguilford.com/animal-services/animal-control

Guilford County Animal Shelter: www.myguilford.com/animal-services/animal-shelter

City ordinances about animals:

www.municode.com/library/nc/guilford_county/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=COCO_CH5AN

Humane Society of the Piedmont: www.hspiedmont.org

If you lose or find a pet in Lindley Park, please post photos and information on the Lindley Park-NC Facebook page. We have almost 2,000 followers in the area, so chances are good that someone will be able to help reunite the pet with its family. Of course, please tag and chip your pets, even those who spend most of their time indoors!



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EVERYBODY WALK SOME!

By Kathy Newsom

I recently read an article that recommended that healthy adults walk 10,000 steps each day to sustain or improve our health. When I realized my iPhone had a built-in app that was already spying on me — and counting my steps — I decided I needed to step it up!

A mile equals about 2,000 steps. So I need to aim for five miles a day. What does that look like in and around Lindley Park?

I talked to some avid walkers and measured the distance to interesting destinations and landmarks around Lindley Park. My starting point is the center of Lindley Park — where the Walker Avenue bridge intersects Ashland Drive at the tip of the Arboretum. For fun, I've sketched out some possible routes on a removable map in the centerfold of the newsletter.

From the Arboretum to:

- **The Corner** is about 1,000 steps, or a half a mile
- **"Howard Hub"** (at Spring Garden and Howard Street, where Hops, Scrambled and Fat Dogs are) is 0.7 miles.
- **"Bianca's Corner"** (at Chapman and Spring Garden, where Spring Garden Bakery, Revolution Cycles and Empire Books are) is 1.3 miles.
- **Yum Yum** is 2 miles.
- **Weatherspoon Art Museum** (at Spring Garden and Tate streets) is 2.3 miles.
- the entrance to the **Downtown Greenway** (on Spring Garden near the Freeman Mill Road bridge) is 2.5 miles.
- **Elm Street** downtown is about 3 miles.
- **LeBauer Park** downtown is 3.3 miles.
- **Greensboro Coliseum** and the **Greensboro Aquatic Center** (via Chapman Street) is 1.6 miles.
- **Glenwood Library** (at Chapman and Florida) is 2 miles.
- **Safari Nation** (at the Walker and Market intersection) is a half mile.
- **Friendly Center** (cutting through Arboretum to Avondale) is 1.9 miles.
- **The Bog Garden** and **Bicentennial Park** are 2.2 miles.
- **Kiser Middle** and **Grimsley High School** are 2.5 miles.

For the most part these are really interesting, beautiful and walkable routes with sidewalks and low vehicle traffic. With the beautiful fall weather, it is a perfect time to walk!

Thanks to Heather Wright-Borso, Laura Smith Moodie and Thekla Slade, who contributed to this story.

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Walking and Cycling Map

by Kathy

* distances listed are from the ★ (The Walker Ave bridge/ intersection on Ashland + Walker)

* see directions and tips on back of map



WANT TO MAKE YOUR OWN MAP?

Blank copies of this map are available at LPNA meetings, The Corner Farmers Market.



10 CYCLE

IT'S LIKE RIDING A BIKE!

By Kathy Newsom

Fall is a wonderful time to ride bicycles in Greensboro. But if you're new to cycling or haven't ridden much lately, venturing beyond the Arboretum or The Corner might seem a little daunting. I asked some experienced cyclists for tips and recommended routes for safe bike travel in and around Lindley Park.

Cycling to UNCG and downtown:

Most of the cyclists I spoke with agreed that Spring Garden is the best route to take to UNCG and downtown. There are bike lanes going both ways.

Danny Bayer, 48, is a student at UNCG. He says he rides his bike because it's a cheap and efficient way to get around campus. From his home on Elam Avenue he takes either Walker Avenue or Spring Garden to and from campus. He works at the Kaplan Wellness Center on Gate City Boulevard and rides through the new UNCG tunnel under the railroad tracks.

"I haven't really ridden anywhere else besides school, because I'm still building up endurance after not riding a bike for years," Danny said. "When I first started riding it to school, my legs would start hurting so bad after 50 feet or so that I'd have to coast a while. It was pedal, coast, pedal, coast all the way there. Now I pedal more. So far my experiences have been good, no near accidents and no confrontations with angry drivers."

The UNCG tunnel starts on Forest Street, just south of from Spring Garden, and emerges on Gate City Boulevard at Glenwood Avenue. The tunnel connects the two parts of the UNCG campus and provides a nice link to the Glenwood neighborhood as well.

If you're heading downtown, continue on Spring Garden to Smothers Place and take a right, which puts you right near the railroad tracks on Elm Street.

To Friendly Center, the Bog Garden and Bicentennial Park:

Experienced cyclists say Elam is a fairly safe and direct route. But there is a less traveled (by cars, at least) path.

"I usually bike to Friendly Center on Elam to Friendly to Green Valley, but that takes some willingness to travel on some roads that have a lot of cars," Marnie Thompson said. "A more round-about route I sometimes take is through the Arboretum to the parking lot near the former basketball court area, then cross Market at Beverly, take a right on Madison, and a left on West Avondale. That brings you to the stoplight at Friendly by Whole Foods."

To Grimsley and Kiser

Again, Elam Avenue is a pretty direct option but there is quite a bit of traffic. Saskia Barnard suggests an alternate path with less car traffic: Take Greenway Drive across Market and Friendly Avenue. (Some may choose to walk their bike across Friendly.) When Greenway dead-ends into Mimosa, make a left. About a block down, there's a little path on the right that cuts through to Benjamin Parkway at Campus Drive, which puts you right at Grimsley and Kiser.

When Revolution Cycles owner Watts Dixon is on his tandem bike with his son, Milo, they take Elam to the two schools. If Milo's riding solo, Watts agrees that the Greenway route is a safer bet.

The crew at Revolution Cycles (across from Spring Garden Bakery on Spring Garden Street) is happy to pump up tires, help fit helmets, and handle all your cycling requests. They even have beer on tap, if that's how you roll.

And finally, a terrific family bike tip comes from Dorothy Hans. "One of our favorite simple routes is biking along the train tracks with the kids up on Oakland Avenue," she said. "It is so pretty in an industrial way. We often ride that way going to Kiosco." What a clever way to avoid the confusion around Spring Garden and Masonic -- and avoid driving!

David Hampsten and Jesse Day from Bicycling in Greensboro (bikegso.org) contributed to this story.

HOW YOU CAN HELP OUR NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL

By Palmer McIntyre, PTA President

Your neighborhood school serves more than 500 children from preschool to fifth grade. There are great things happening every day at Lindley as our children learn and grow. Even if you don't have a child who has ever attended Lindley, your support helps keep our school strong. That's good for our neighborhood.

Here's how you can support your neighborhood school:

1. **Link** your Harris Teeter VIC card to Lindley Elementary (No. 2872). Remember to re-link your card every year.
2. **Donate** to our annual Fun Run so we can provide more outdoor learning amenities for our students, including improvements to our track. All contributions are fully tax deductible. Checks can be made out to Lindley Elementary PTA and mailed to 2700 Camden Road, Greensboro, NC 27403 or dropped off in the office. Our Fun Run will happen Oct. 19; this year's theme is "Let's GOoutside." Come out and cheer on our students as they run, walk and skip around our track!
3. **Volunteer!** Lindley welcomes neighbors who want to help students with math or reading or to be a lunch buddy. If you're interested, please contact Palmer McIntyre at mcintyrepalmer@gmail.com.
4. **Help** maintain our school garden. If interested, contact Palmer.
5. **Eat** at Kiosco on the second Wednesday of each month. The restaurant donates a percentage of the proceeds to Lindley.

School Traffic Concerns

Lindley Elementary is a busy place in the mornings from 7:15 to 8 a.m. and in the afternoons from 2:15 to 2:45 p.m. Either avoid Northridge Street and Camden Drive during these times or please drive slowly and expect delays. We are grateful to our wonderful crossing guard, Mr. Johnny, who makes sure our walkers get across Camden safely.

Walk to School Day

Lindley will host its annual Walk to School Day on Oct. 12. This is a wonderful event that energizes our students in the mornings and lets them spend some quality time with family before school.




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By John Newsom, Senior Election Correspondent

It's a presidential election year, which means you'll need to spend a little more time than usual with your ballot.

Here's a guide to the state and local races that affect Lindley Park:

Guilford County Board of Education (District 3): The school board districts and election schedule have been shuffled around, so pay attention. Lindley Park is now in District 3, same as with the Board of Commissioners, and school board elections are now partisan. Two people want the District 3 seat. Angelo Kidd, a Democrat, is a former high school principal and regional superintendent with Guilford County Schools. Pat Tillman, a Republican, works for a marketing firm in High Point and is the former executive director of the Guilford County Republican Party. The winner gets a four-year term.

Guilford County Board of Education (at-large): Alan Duncan, the long-time school board chairman, is running as a Democrat. His Republican challenger is Alan Hawkes, who owns a solar company and sits on the boards of two Guilford County charter schools. The winner here gets not a four-year term but a two-year term. Because this is the first year of the new school board districts, five of the nine seats come with two-year terms so future elections can be staggered.

Guilford County Board of Commissioners (District 3): Justin Conrad's seat doesn't come up for election for two more years.

Guilford County Register of Deeds: Former Lindley Park resident Jeff Thigpen scared off all potential challengers. He's running unopposed for his fourth four-year term.

Greensboro City bonds: There are four bonds on the upcoming ballot. If voters approve them, the city will be able to borrow up to \$126 million for a variety of projects:

- Community and economic development (\$38.5 million), mostly for sidewalks, landscaping, lighting and streetscapes in and around downtown.
- Housing (\$25 million), mostly to expand homeownership programs and to build or renovate dilapidated or rental properties.
- Parks and recreation (\$34.5 million), mostly to finish the Downtown Greenway, extend the A&Y Greenway and improve several rec centers and neighborhood parks (but not any in Lindley Park).
- Transportation (\$28.5 million), mostly to repave city streets and add sidewalks.

You can vote for some, all or none of these bonds. If the bonds are approved, your taxes might go up, depending on how many bonds are approved and how the City Council decides to repay them.

For more information on the four city bond proposals: www.greensboro-nc.gov/index.aspx?page=4958

State Senate (District 28): Sen. Gladys Robinson, a Democrat who lives in Pleasant Garden, is seeking her fourth term in the state Senate. Her Republican opponent is Devin King, who lost a bid for Greensboro mayor a year ago.

State House (District 60): Nothing to see here, folks. Rep. Cecil Brockman didn't have an opponent in the Democratic primary and doesn't have a Republican challenger in November. Congrats to Cecil for winning a second term.

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Lindley Park Public Works Projects

An important function of the LPNA is to work as a conduit between the neighbors and the city. We are often consulted in on matters of zoning or traffic issues and we work hard to represent the needs of the neighborhood, taking into account many perspectives. We urge you to get involved, whether you currently have a specific concern or not. Here's an update on Participatory Budget projects, zoning issues and other city projects LPNA is monitoring or has initiated:

New, higher bridge railing for the Walker Avenue Bridge: We are awaiting railing options to review prior to installation.

Safety painting on Walker Avenue bridge: The recent center lines and side markings help push motorists toward the center of the bridge and away from the outer walkways. When the Walker Avenue repaving and painting is complete we will get the thermo paint edging on the sidewalks and revisit the feasibility of staining the concrete walkways.

Pedestrian crosswalks at Camden/Elam and Spring Garden/Howard: No progress report or start date available. Some school buses need to be re-routed at the school crosswalk at Camden and Elam before that project can move forward.

Bridge repair at the Arboretum: The city is currently working with consultants to determine the best course of action to repair rotting wood on the bridges.

Walker Avenue resurfacing and sharrows: The Greensboro Department of Transportation expects to start the project late this year. It might get pushed to the spring because crews can't pave the street when temperatures are below freezing.

Reconfiguring the Northridge and Lindell intersection (at the Lindley Elementary sign): Due to increased traffic and limited visibility, LPNA members recently met with GDOT representatives to discuss possible modifications to the intersection to accommodate both vehicle, bike and pedestrian traffic. Under consideration are painted lines in the roadway, visual blocking of traffic exiting Wendover and a sidewalk that would run along Northridge.

Neighborhood-wide speed limit of 25 mph: LPNA has enlisted the help of our city council representative, Nancy Hoffmann, to assist in our effort to reduce the speed limit in the neighborhood. Unfortunately the way many streets are classified by the city they cannot be reduced that low. We have the option of volunteering for a Neighborhood Speed Watch program to help build a case for lower speeds.

Parking issues on Walker Avenue between Elam and Scott: LPNA is working with GDOT to control parking, especially where parked cars hinder visibility at intersections. One consideration is painted parking spaces in addition to signs.

Apartment Re-zoning Earlier this year the owners of The School at Spring Garden apartments at 2201 Spring Garden Street asked the LPNA for its support in a rezoning proposal. Stephen Johnson, chair of LPNA, attended the Greensboro Zoning Commission meeting Sept. 19. Here is a summary of the LPNA position:

- A. We support the change from 4-bedroom apartments to a mix of 1- and 2-bedroom apartments.
- B. We recognize that Lindley Park is a very desirable neighborhood. Our desire is for a more diverse housing mix, like this change, that will enable a more diverse population mix (young couples, retirees, singles).
- C. Our main concern was with the required change to the LP Neighborhood Plan put into effect in 2004. This was the more contentious area. However, we recognize that the pre-existing use of the lot did not match, and the plan change makes the it consistent with current use.
- D. We want to be on record that this does not mean that it is open season on the neighborhood plan. We are committed to the current plan.

There were no questions and it passed zoning 9-0. Because it requires an amendment to the plan it goes to City Council on Oct. 18.

Got issues or questions? Bring them to the next Lindley Park Neighborhood Association meeting. Our next meeting is at 7 p.m. Oct. 25 at Common Grounds, 602 S. Elam Ave.

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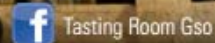
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Upcoming

The annual **Art in the Arboretum** falls on **Sunday, Oct. 2** this year from noon to 5 p.m. The free juried fine craft event features live entertainment, food courts and activities for children.

Saturday Oct. 8 is the 8th annual **Miles for Matthew** race. The race begins at Lindley Elementary at 8:30 a.m.

On **Sunday, Oct. 9** the **Race the Bar** 10-Miler and 5-Miler will take place right here! Athletes will be running from Wahoos Tavern between 4 and 6 p.m. Register here: <http://triviumracing.com/event/race-the-bar-10-miler-and-5-miler/>

Saturday, Oct. 15, 4-7 p.m.: the 8th **Lindley Park Chili Cook Off** happens in the park at Lindell and Springwood. For details, see page 5.

Early voting starts Oct. 20 at the Old County Courthouse downtown and Oct. 27 at 24 other sites. Early-voting sites closest to Lindley Park are the Greensboro Coliseum and UNCG's new student rec center on Gate City Boulevard. Early voting ends Nov. 4.

Punk'd Fest at the Corner Farmers Market happens on **Saturday, Oct. 29** this year from 8 a.m. to noon. Come paint pumpkins and take a urban hay ride. Vendors will have live demonstrations and more.

The 8th **Art in the Yard** takes place **Nov. 5** from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The highly anticipated event features ten local artisans at 2629 Beechwood St., the home of Christina Brown and Moonbird Pottery.

Election day is Nov. 8. To check your registration and find your polling place, go to http://enr.ncsbe.gov/pollingplace_search

Ongoing

The Lindley Recreation Center offers **Open Gym** hours every Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m.

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 to 7:30 p.m. on the lawn of the First Baptist Church at 1000 W. Friendly Ave.

Tuesday, Oct. 25, 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 Wednesday night from 6 to 7 p.m., **Chess Club** meets at the Lindley Recreation Center. All ages and skill levels welcome! It's free.

Every Thursday from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., **Move and Groove** gathers at Lindley Rec Center. Caregivers are invited to come with their infants, toddlers or preschoolers to explore music and movement and meet other families in the area. For more details, contact Christina Rodriguez at la_chabochi@yahoo.com. It's free.

Gentle Yoga meets at 6 p.m. every Monday, and **TaiRoGa** is offered at 6 p.m. each Wednesday. Both classes meet at Lindley Recreation Center. First class is free.

The Lindley Park Athletic Club is a free neighborhood play club for young people. They meet on alternating Saturdays to find out their schedule, like them on Facebook or contact Shaun O'Connor at shaunliam@gmail.com. It's free.

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

