

Columns

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Fall Festival 2008

Howdy Neighbors!

Mark your calendars for this year's Fall Festival to be held Saturday **October 18th from 4:30 - 7pm** in the park at the corner of Lindell and Springwood.

Get your aprons on and family recipes out!!!! We'll be having a Chili Cook-off with prizes (great gift certificates). That's right... the best kind of a contest there is where we all get to taste and vote. There will be categories like the hottest, best vegetarian, best regional, and most unique just to name a few.

There will also be plenty of games and a "family style" sing-a-long so send us your suggestions (lyrics and music if possible). We'll have song sheets made up in advance. Maybe we can even arrange a campfire! Stay tuned for more details in the next newsletter. Questions: *contact Joyce Eury 292-7129 or eury1234@bellsouth.net*

General Meeting

The Lindley Park Neighborhood Associations general meeting will be September 30, 2008, 7:00pm, at Lindley Recreation Center.

The Pedestrian Scale Overlay District that our neighborhood worked hard to implement was recently selected to receive an honorable mention for the Managing to Grow award of the North Carolina Chapter of the American Planning Association, 2008. Mary Sertell (City Planner) will accept the award and will share it with us at the meeting. (See Mary's comments on page 7)

Advertising in the Columns

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The LPNA has been approached to be a sponsor, along with The Shoppes at Lindley, for the First Annual Triad Autism 5k Ribbon Run/Walk fund raiser. Charles Turner, representing The Shoppes at Lindley, will give a brief presentation regarding the plans.

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Donald Foster, our Local Ordinance Enforcement Inspector with the Engineering & Inspections Department, City of Greensboro. will be there to answer questions about enforcement.

Put this date on your calender and please come.

**September 30, 2008. 7:00 pm
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Needed... Newsletter Volunteer Distributors

We now have a couple of routes open and are in need of two carriers. It does not pay anything but the benefits are great. You get to meet your neighbors! Camden, from Elam to Northridge and Walker, from Holden to Market. If you can help out please email me at bill@billeckard.com. Or call 336.632.1448



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Spotlight on Service: Project Access of Guilford County

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Project Access can provide reduced or no cost doctor payments, access to primary care physicians, dental care, case management services and help with program approved medications.

Project Access is a program made up of a network of generous volunteer doctors and other healthcare providers. The Moses Cone Health System and High Point Regional Health System will donate or greatly discount the bill depending on your financial status and type of service delivered.

The Project Access of Guilford County office is located at 1050 Revolution Mill Dr., Studio Four in Greensboro. For more information, call 235-0930.

The article above is the first in a series of articles that will appear in the Columns spotlighting services available in the Greensboro area. We hope you will find the articles to be informative and beneficial.



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THE LITTLE SHOP ON THE CORNER: FEATURING THE 'STUFF' OF LIFE

By Jerry Baumgartner

Eighteen years is a long time for a business to be open in Lindley Park, but that's how long Gail's Consignment Shop has been around. I stopped in for the first time delivering the June issue of Columns and was surprised at the amount of 'stuff' in the place. I expected clothing because that's my idea of what a consignment shop is, and because of the display racks out front. But that's not all I discovered. They really have got 'stuff' - lots of 'stuff'. You can buy clothing, accessories, lots of shoes, make-up, tables, chairs, lamps - you name it and it's there. It's a regular cornucopia of life's stuff. If you think that's an exaggeration, you can even get a dog from Gail. That's right, she runs a dog rescue operation out of the shop, which she calls Miracles at Work.

There are a number of consignment shops in Greensboro and I was curious as to what makes this shop so successful? Well Gail runs the place and really loves what she does. Her assistant Paula is the same and Gail describes her as: "My right arm", but it turns out that both ladies have an 'attitude'. That's right I said an 'attitude'. They aren't interested in anything over two years old because what they want to offer women is affordable fashion.

"Many of the women of Greensboro want to look good without spending big bucks," said Gail. "There are also a lot of women who do go shopping in the fashion shops of the Mall. When they get tired of wearing those clothes they bring them to us and we sell them at an affordable price".

"What we offer", said Paula "is the opportunity to look good without spending your whole check doing it. Almost everything we have in the shop is 'name-brand' and if it's more than two years old we usually aren't interested in it".

Both Gail and Paula were very enthusiastic when talking about the business so I asked them what the best part of running a shop like this was. Paula said: "I love helping people and I really love it when a woman walks out of here feeling good about herself and how she looks because of what she found in the store. That's what makes it good for me."

Gail told me that many of the women who come to the shop are repeat customers: "because we treat them like family. What we do is run a business, but we do our best to also serve the women of Greensboro well"

While I was there Pat Nyajeka, a customer, came into the store. Pat was from Atlanta and she shops here frequently: "I love shopping here because I get a personal experience working with the people here, and because there is a great clash of fashion here. Every shop in the Mall is in this place".

So there you have it. The little shop on the corner has it all - affordable fashion, affordable prices.

What? You say you have some really nice clothes in your closet but they are more than two years old? Don't

despair; there is hope for you. Women's fashion changes all the time and there is really nothing new out there. Just go back and look at the some of the old movies; it's all there. The sequences go something like this. HEMLINES: ankle, mid-calf, knee, mid-thigh, mini and on up to places I'd better not go. NECK LINES: turtle neck, scoop neck, plunging to cleavage, plunging to navel, and on down to places I'd also better not go. In ancient Crete ladies fashion included dressing bare breasted. cont. pg 5



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Go back in 17th Century you'll find ladies fashion including iron corsets to tuck in the tummy, and farthingale petticoats that grew from the waist to the floor with hoops made of wire, wood or whale bone. Finally there was the bum roll, an article of clothing worn under the skirt to add more width to the body. Well, given today's focus on fitness, maybe that's not one that will make it into Gail's Consignment Shop soon - but what a great name 'bum roll!'"

Fashions come and fashions go, but not always the same way. So don't hold on to those things you no longer wear. Clean them and take them to the shop for resale. Then Gail and Paula will be glad help you into the recent fashion parade, provide you a fashionable dog to walk, and engage you in some really nice conversation.

The high point for me in ladies fashion will be when someone re-discovers the voluminous hoop skirts and petticoats of the 1950's. What a hoot that will be.



LINDLEY PARK'S NATIONAL NIGHT OUT -- A SUCCESS!!

On August 5, Lindely Park, along with 114 other Greensboro neighborhoods participated in the 25th Annual National Night Out. More than 60 kids and adults turned out for ice cream and frozen fruit sticks in the Lindley Recreation Center and Pool's parking lot. Turnout would have been larger if not for some of the neighborhood kids' football practice held at the same time. Several new residents had an opportunity to meet their neighbors. Many of the children had a chance to check out the interior of a police car and the equipment inside the van of a local TV station covering the event. The swings and the jungle gym proved to be popular among the younger residents. Much appreciation to Stephanie and Shawn McGovern for coordinating the event -- especially since it was their 2nd wedding anniversary! Thanks also to Bill Schneider for donating the ice cream and helping to set up the tables and chairs along with Bill Eckard.

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Award...

I wanted to let you know that the Pedestrian Scale Overlay District was recently selected to receive an honorable mention for the Managing to Grow award of the North Carolina Chapter of the American Planning Association, 2008! We'll be accepting the award in September at the statewide planning conference and wanted to extend our thanks and appreciation on such a great effort from the neighborhood during the process. The hard work and support of the neighborhood helped to make this an award winning project. Congratulations to Lindley Park and a job well done!

Mary Sertell,
City of Greensboro

Dunkin Donuts

Bill Schneider, Zoning Chair

Since our last LPNA General Meeting I have had discussion with Jeffery Nimmer of Kotis Properties. He said that he thought our meeting went fine. When they present items to neighbors, they want to know what the neighbors think. Our neighbors in attendance made it clear that the proposed traffic pattern and a business with a drive thru in the Spring Garden Pedestrian Overlay District are our objections. Other improvements to the center at Springgarden and

Holden would be welcomed.

Mr. Nimmer said they planned to move forward with this project. I will keep the association updated as things progress.

UPDATE....

Letter From Jeff Nimmer, Kotis Property

You may remember that we met a few months back when I presented at the neighborhood association meeting to discuss Dunkin Donuts on the corner of Spring Garden and Holden. I just wanted to drop you a line and let you know we will be applying for rezoning at the October 13th meeting of the Zoning Commission. I've sent letters to all of the neighbors whose property backs up to our property so that they know about the meeting and when it is. I've also provided them with my contact information so that they can call me with any questions. Please feel free to do the same if you would like to discuss. My information is below.

Thanks,
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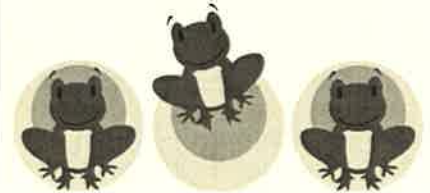
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Do You Want the Good News or the Bad News First?

- Patti Eckard, Realtor®

With all the doom and gloom regarding home sales in the area, I decided to see how the slower market was impacting home sales in Lindley Park. Well, the good news is Lindley Park home sales have managed to increase in average sales price despite a slower economy!

If you remember, back in January, I reported the following statistics which showed, among other data, average list vs. sales price and average days on the market for our neighborhood:

2007	# Homes SOLD	Aver. Sq.Ft.	# BR.	# Full Baths	# Half Baths	# Garage Spaces	Yr. Built	Aver. List Price	LP \$ /Sq. Ft.	Aver.Closed Price	CP \$/SF	CP \$/SF
	39	1,415	3	1	1	1	1944	\$164,723	\$118	\$160,049	\$115	42

As it turns out, as of August 22, 2008, our Lindley Park neighborhood is not only "holding its own" in a challenged real estate market, but it is thriving! Current data from the Triad Multiple Listing Service shows the following:

Jan-08 – Aug '22 08	# Homes SOLD	Aver. Sq.Ft.	# BR.	# Full Baths	# Half Baths	#Garage Spaces	Yr. Built	Aver.List Price	LP \$ /Sq. Ft.	Aver.Closed Price	CP \$/SF	CP \$/SF
	39	1,462	3	2	1	1	1942	\$175,448	\$122	\$170,710	\$118	82

If you look closely at the data, you'll notice that the average list and sales price increased by more than \$10,000. In turn, that increased our average cost per square foot to \$118. But – the bad news is – our Days on Market "DOM" increased to 82 days. But, considering that we are in a slower real estate market, overall, two months on the market is exceptional! So remember, patience is a virtue. If your house is priced competitively and marketed aggressively – then it should sell, on average, at 97% of your list price and in a reasonable amount of time,

With the above figures in mind, I thought it would be interesting to see how our neighbors in Sunset Hills/College Park, Lake Daniel /Westerwood are doing.

	#Closed	Sqft.	BR	FB	HB	GAR	Built	List Price	LP/SF	Closed Price	CP/SF	DOM
Sunset Hills / College Park	21	1,929	3	2	1	1	1944	\$232,590	\$122	\$224,276	\$118	103
Lake Daniel / Westerwood	17	1,703	3	2	1	2	1939	\$220,867	\$129	\$214,352	\$125	61

Please keep in mind that the above information was compiled from the Triad Multiple Listing Service and does not include any houses that were For Sale by Owner. Also – this data shows averages only. Data on specific properties can vary due to age, condition and location of the property. If you would like more information regarding the information I have compiled – feel free to contact me. I'm here to help!

Lindley Recreation Center Tables, Chairs ect....

We, as a neighborhood, have borrowed and used the tables and chairs from Lindley Rec. on many occasions. The tables are the lightweight kind and don't have many years of service. They now need to be replaced and there is no budget. The same with the chairs. One group that uses the Center on a regular basis has pledged or donated some money for replacements. They probably need quite a few items. The question is, what can LPNA do to help?

Bring your comments and ideas to the September 30, General Meeting. We'll see you there!

The Scoop on Recycling

by Elizabeth Link

Recent changes in the recycling schedule spurred me to question whether or not I was recycling everything that I could - and not recycling anything I shouldn't. So I made some calls to the city and did a little investigation, and found out a few things that surprised me.

Here's a rundown of what you can -and can't - put in the can:

Yes: Metal cans - aluminum cans and steel cans with no lids - including cans with a protective coating on the inside. When the recycling program first started, coated cans were forbidden. So now I can recycle those lined cans that I've been throwing away.

No: Aluminum pie pans, aluminum foil

Yes: Newspaper, catalogs, magazines, junk mail, office paper, corrugated cardboard boxes, egg cartons, anything made with brown cardboard (also known as chipboard)

No: Cardboard with a waxy coating such as the sort of box sticks of butter come in, or doughnut boxes. This is usually white cardboard. Also, all paper or cardboard to be recycled should be clean, dry, and free of dirt or grease. Please don't try to recycle that greasy pizza carton or biscuit bag!

Yes: Glass bottles

No: Miscellaneous glass such as window glass, vases, bowls and mirrors.

Yes: Plastic bottles and jugs with a #1 or #2 on the bottom, rigid plastics such as lawn furniture and milk crates, plastic toys, nursery trays and flower pots.

No: Plastic containers not in the shape of a bottle, such as yogurt and margarine containers, plastic bags, plastic wrap, cups or bowls. This surprised me the most. Those yogurt containers have that little recycling symbol on the bottom! Turns out that they are manufactured in a different process from items with a bottle shape, which prevents the plastic in them from being recycled. The "recycling" symbol is a plastic industry symbol, and doesn't necessarily indicate that the item can be recycled. For more information on the different manufacturing

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If you're one of those conscientious recyclers whose can is overflowing by the time pickup day comes around, you might consider asking your neighbors if they have extra room in their can for some of your stuff. An alternate solution is the recycling center at Lindley Elementary, where there are separate dumpsters for each of the recycled materials and you can take your recyclables any day of the week.

If you happen to have an old computer, or monitor that you've been meaning to get rid of but hate to just throw it away, consider donating it to Goodwill. They have an arrangement with Dell Computer to refurbish old PCs, which are then donated to schools. A good deal for everyone!

LINDLEY PARK BAPTIST CHURCH 60TH ANNIVERSARY

The Lindley Park Baptist Church, 4010 Walker Ave. will celebrate its 60th anniversary on homecoming day, October 12th. After the regular worship service at 11:00 a. m., a lunch meal will be served in the fellowship hall. All former members and anyone else in the neighborhood are invited to attend the service and to enjoy the meal. We hope to see you there!
Jack Almon

Editors Note...

Yes, the newsletter is later than usual. It has been a busy summer. The next newsletter will come out October 11 and will include more information on the Fall Fest. The last newsletter of the year will publish the second week of November and will include the details about the Luminaries. Last year we had to cancel because of the drought. Bummer!

If you read the letter from Kotis Properties you see they are on the move. At our last General Meeting the consensus was that Dunkin



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Donuts would be welcomed to the neighborhood but, absolutely no drive thru. Can you imagine the traffic on Collier Drive?

I don't know about you folks but I only support the business that respects our neighborhood. There is a pizza place on Spring Garden that has home delivery and I've seen their drivers fly down Northridge, Longview and Lindell. No pizza for me!

Finally, I've been the editor of the Columns for about five years. It is time for a new perspective. If you would be interested in editing the Columns I can assure you that it is very rewarding and really not that time consuming. Obviously, you don't got too have good grammar and only marginal writing skills. If you think you want to give it a shot email me at bill@billeckard.com. or call 336.632-1448

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Cont. from pg. 5 National Night Out

As many of you may know, the goal of the City's National Night Out is to increase awareness of crime and drug prevention and to strengthen neighborhood spirit and police/community partnerships. With this in mind, it is important to keep an observant eye out for suspicious cars, persons and activities in the neighborhood. We can be a safer neighborhood if we just remember to look out for our neighbors. And, **when in doubt -- call 911**. As a reminder of what can happen, below is a list of incidents pulled from the Police Department's Crime Report over a two month period which shows 42 calls (out of 255 in our zip code) that involved Lindley Park residences or businesses.

Accident/Property Damage (2): S. Lindell Rd./Spring Garden St., Howard/Spring Garden.

Auto Theft (1) 800 block-Scott Ave.

Burglary (9) 400 block- Scott, 800 block- Longview St, 600 block- Ashland Dr., 1800 block-Sherwood St., 2400 block-Sherwood St., 2600 block Camden, 4100 block-Walker Ave., 500 block -S. Holden Rd, 2300 block-Spring Garden St.

Hit/Run w/Property Damage(3) 2400 block-Spring Garden St., Willowbrook/Spring Garden St., Collier Dr./South Holden Rd.

Larceny (1) 2600 Spring Garden St.

Rape/Sexual Assault (1) Spring Garden St./Collier Dr.

Suspicious Activity(10) 1800 block-Sherwood St., 300 block- Ashland Dr.(2 calls), 500 block S. Lindell Dr., 2400 block-Camden Rd., 2700 block of Spring Garden St., 2400 block of Spring Garden St (2 calls)

Suspicious Subjects(8) 2400 block-Springwood Dr, 1700 block - Sherwood St, 600 block Howard St. (2 calls), 400 block- Ashland Dr., 2800 block, 2900 block, 2400 block - Spring Garden St., Northridge/Springwood.

Suspicious Vehicle (7) Northridge St/Camden Rd., 2600- block Camden Rd., 500 block-Park Terrace (2 calls), Ashland Dr./Walker Ave.(2 calls), 600 block- S. Lindell Rd.

Vandalism(1) 800 block-S. Lindell Rd.

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Calender

SEPTEMBER 22 - First Day of Autumn

SEPTEMBER 27 - Huge Yard Sale - Lindley Baptist Church 8:00 am

**SEPTEMBER 30 - GENERAL MEETING 7:00pm
 Lindley Recreation Center. Open to all Lindley Park residents.**

OCTOBER 5 - Deadline for October newsletter

OCTOBER 18 - Fall Fest - 4:30pm - 7:00pm Corner of Lindell and Springwood

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

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