

LINDLEY PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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## LINDLEY PARK CHOSEN TO DEVELOP NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN

by J.P. McIntyre

The City of Greensboro would like to partner with the Lindley Park Neighborhood Association to develop a neighborhood plan. City staff will work with neighborhood residents and property owners over several months. The goal will be to have this plan adopted by the Greensboro City Council. It will be used as a guide for future land use issues that impact the neighborhood such as rezoning cases. It will be used by city staff to deliver city services and possibly budgetary and operational matters. It will also be a guide to private developers and property owners interested in developing and renovating properties in the neighborhood.

Since the early 1970's the City has done neighborhood planning; however, virtually all of the planning efforts since that time were done as part of revitalization efforts. These included federally funded Community Development Block Grant Target areas such as Ole Asheboro and Glenwood. They have also included locally funded redevelopment areas such as Southside and East Market Street as well as local historic districts such as College Hill.

In the late 1990's City Manager Ed Kitchen began an organizational initiative to make Greensboro city government work more effectively with neighborhoods. A team of city employees from across city departments thoroughly researched how Greensboro was currently working with neighborhoods and the best practices from across the country.

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## PREPARING FOR UNEXPECTED EXPENSES

by Chip Slaughter III

It never seems to fail: you prepare your budget for the year, follow it faithfully, and then the unexpected happens — your roof springs a major leak, your car dies on the highway, or your air conditioner gives up on the hottest day of the year. Even if you've factored contingencies into your budget, you probably won't be able to handle major unexpected expenditures.

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# PBS, NPR and LPNA

by Charles Cameron

PBS (Public Broadcasting System) and NPR (National Public Radio) — what does it mean? Have the alternative broadcast media finally heard about our great neighborhood association? Are they planning a feature story?

Not that I know of. The point is that PBS, NPR and LPNA have a common bond in the way they relate to and serve their “audience.” PBS and NPR programming is available to anyone who is within the broadcast signal area. Similarly, membership in LPNA is provided for residents or owners of residential property within the designated Lindley Park Neighborhood area. However, we don’t

know of your interest or who you are unless you notify us of your interest to be included in our membership roster. And, just like PBS and NPR, LPNA has decided to conduct an annual membership drive. Remember, you are automatically a member if you live in the Lindley Park Neighborhood.

The membership drive is to encourage you to become a “participating member.” To do so, please complete the membership registration form on the back page of the newsletter and send it in. Just like PBS and NPR, you aren’t billed for the benefits we provide. But, just like PBS and NPR, LPNA relies on contributions from members to fund our services

(such as this newsletter). We therefore ask you to consider making a contribution to LPNA along with your membership registration form. A *suggested* contribution of \$15 per household has been established for 2003. Contribute more, contribute less, but please send in your membership registration form to let us know you are interested in what happens in our neighborhood.


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# PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE UPDATE

by Annemarie Atchison, Chairperson

Greetings Lindley Park Residents! I recently accepted the nomination to serve as Chairperson of the LPNA Public Safety Committee. Here's an update on what's going on at this time:

I've spoken with Carrie Reeves, Greensboro City Transportation Department, and she has submitted a couple of work orders based on some feedback/suggestions I'd previously provided.

1. The crosswalk markings at Walker Avenue and Ashland Drive will be "freshened up" and new crosswalks will be added at Walker Avenue and Lindell Street. All crosswalks will have "hatching." Pedestrian crossing signs will be installed at the crosswalks. Pedestrian crossing signs will also be installed at Walker Avenue and Sherrill Street (driving west on Walker) and at Walker Avenue just past Wicker Street (driving east on Walker). The signs will be fluorescent yellow/green. Approximate completion date is 4 weeks from 1/30/03.

2. I have a petition, which I will circulate among the residents of Ashland Drive (between Holden Road and Walker Avenue). The petition's purpose is to lower the speed limit to 25 mph. This road is used as a high-speed cut-through and

presents another dangerous situation to pedestrians and homeowners backing out of driveways. The petition requires signatures from 75% of the streets' residents. Once the petition is submitted and allowing for an approximate 2-week turnaround time, 25 mph signs will be installed along this section of Ashland Drive.

3. Once the 25 mph signs are in place for approximately 5 to 6 weeks, then the City/LPNA can use this as a basis to request speed limit enforcement by the Police Department. A speed limit study may be done first.
  4. A work order has been submitted to install orange tabs on the "stop sign ahead" warning sign on Ashland Drive. The sign is not well-placed and is often obscured by tree branches.
  5. The addition of a traffic light on Walker Avenue will definitely be explored. However, as an alternative/companion idea to slow traffic down, I've asked the Transportation Department to look into adding double-yellow lines to the entire length of Walker Avenue. Reasoning for request — motorists would need to travel on the right side of the
- (continued on page 5)*

# WAYS AND MEANS

by Charles Cameron

The Lindley Park Neighborhood Association (LPNA) Ways and Means Committee is responsible for generating funds for the operation of the LPNA. The first way of generating such funds is from member contributions. So, with that in mind, please consider sending a contribution in along with your membership registration. Details of the 2003 Membership Drive are provided elsewhere in this newsletter.

The other ways that have been used to generate funds for the LPNA have been the sale of T-shirts and bumper stickers, the neighborhood yard sale and the Home and Garden Tour. (The Executive Board decided to skip this year before considering another Home and Garden Tour.)

There was a plan to print and sell copies of an original drawing of the neighborhood which has been tabled due to logistics problems. One of our members has mentioned the idea of an Arts and Crafts Fair featuring the work of artists from our neighborhood as another possible type of fundraiser.

If you would like to see any of the above fundraisers carried out this year or if you would like to coordinate a different fundraising activity, please volunteer your time and energy to such a project. I consider the Membership Drive and maintaining the membership roster enough of a responsibility for myself. So, if others don't volunteer for a fundraising activity, it probably won't happen this year.

## PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE UPDATE

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lines, rather than their current habits of "picking a lane" to avoid slowing down to navigate around the many cars parked on both sides of Walker. Hopefully the addition of double-yellows would create a ripple effect the length of Walker and not just around the cars parked on the street/sidewalks.

6. The City Transportation Department advised that Walker

Avenue will be striped with double yellow lines in approximately 4 weeks, weather permitting.

If you're interested in serving on the LPNA Public Safety Committee or if you have a concern which you would like to share with the Committee, please call me at 547-9219 or send me an email at [amatch@triad.rr.com](mailto:amatch@triad.rr.com).



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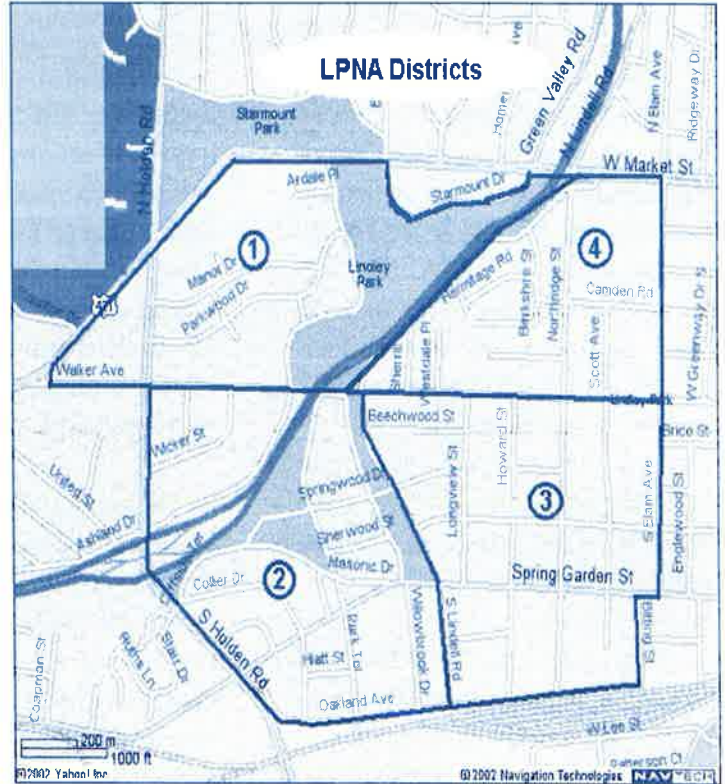
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The position was created to provide an *additional* channel of communication between the LPNA and the residents of the neighborhood — the association's officers and committee chairs (listed on the front cover) continue to welcome comments, concerns and ideas just as before. The District Reps, however, will focus on gathering input and feedback *specifically* from the residents in their particular districts and bringing it back to the executive committee (which meets monthly) or to the LPNA membership as a whole.

During this first year, District Rep priorities include:

1. Facilitating input from all residents of Lindley Park as the LPNA board works with city government on a neighborhood plan for our community.
2. Welcoming new residents to the neighborhood and introducing them to the LPNA.
3. Collecting district-specific news, information and concerns for a regular 'District News' feature, which will appear in future issues of *The Columns*.

Your District Rep is waiting to hear from you. If you have a gripe or a good idea about the neighborhood, let them know! If you know of a new neighbor, a new baby down the block or have some special news you would like to share, give them a call!



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# ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE REPORT

by Elizabeth Mullikin

Have you ever been out walking the dog and noticed, to your displeasure, an odd, heavy chemical smell saturating the air? Or how about enjoying a regular visit to the Greenway's lovely creek to commune with nature a spell, only to see eddies of discolored pollutants forming? Welcome to the reality of city life! However, one wonders (and often pushes away the thought)... is this legal? Is it safe? And if not, what can I do about it anyway?

Perhaps not a whole lot. The federal government has recently retracted certain aspects of Clean Air legislation, leading to laxer emission standards. What we can

do is stay educated, aware, and most importantly, very present in the company of our many industrial neighbors. Who are these? Namely Sherwin Williams on Howard Street and Morflex on High Point Road, but there are dozens of others. Simply go to [www.scorecard.org](http://www.scorecard.org), type in your zip code, and consider the website's findings.

When approached with these issues, the Greensboro City Council encouraged us to call 911 when there is a pollution incident of unsettling quality, and to keep them updated on our endeavor. The Environmental Services director for the City, Jeryl

Covington, responded with concern and recommendations as well, and has kept in close contact as we learn more about environmental issues in our community. Upon further networking the following two professionals appear to be the most effective connections we have:

## Regarding Air Quality:

Eric Hudson of the NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Division of Air Quality, 336-771-4600. He encouraged us to keep careful notes of what we consider to be "bad air." Make a note of the date, *(continued on page 8)*



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time, wind direction and description of the odor, then call me with the information. I will graph these notations and give them to him to cross reference with nearby companies' emission reports. (Elizabeth Mullikin at 273-6405.)

### Regarding Water Quality

Karen Rush of the NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Division of Water Quality. She would like calls directly at 771-4600 so she can send someone from her office to witness the reported incident. If you call, give the precise location of the contamination, your name

and telephone number. You may also give them Meg Sisk's number, 547-9545. Please call Meg with the information you give to Ms. Rush for tracking purposes.

It is important that we pool our findings in order to insure that they reach the same final destination. This creates a more significant and official history of our concerns than the scattered attempts we've been relying on. Please call Meg and me with any questions or to relate your own experiences, knowledge and suggestions. We are committed to doing our part to keep Greensboro, and especially Lindley Park, green and glorious!

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# MINUTES FOR THE GENERAL MEETING

January 21, 2003

## Present:

J.P. McIntyre, Charles Cameron, Diann Bartenfield, Patti Eckerd, Theresa Miller, Allison Chabon, Scott Cripe, Stacey Ryan, Mary Montgomery, Ronnie Smith, Ruth Doggett.

## Absent:

Barry Goldman, Phyllis Dunn, Tim Byrd, Theresa Byrd.

J.P. McIntyre called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

## Minutes:

Stacey Ryan moved to accept the minutes from the last General Meeting as printed in the December 2002 *Columns*. Theresa Miller seconded the motion.

## Chairman:

J.P. McIntyre reported that Casey McGee is the new director for the Lindley Recreation Center.

J.P. also reported that appreciation awards were presented to Jack and Nita Almon at the recent City Council meeting. J.P. will deliver these to the Almons, as they were not in attendance.

J.P. presented the Jack Almon Volunteer Award to Ruth Doggett for her many contributions to LPNA functions. Ruth thanked all those involved in the Home & Garden Tour for their efforts as well.

J.P. also reported that COG Comprehensive Plan is underway in their efforts to work closely with individual neighborhoods for improvements. Lindley Park was chosen as one of the first such

developments. Volunteers and informational input are needed, with meetings starting in February 2003. Virginia Driscoll added that approximately 2 years ago, some COG representatives came and spoke with residents about the future plans for Lindley Park, and this is the final result of those meetings.

## Secretary:

No report.

## Treasurer:

J.P. reported for Barry Goldman that the current balance is approximately \$3600.00.

## Parliamentarian:

No report.

## Public Safety:

It was reported that fliers have been distributed throughout the neighborhood concerning the recent burglaries in the area. One assault has been reported in these incidents.

Dana Gorham reported that there was a separate burglary issue reported near Elam and Walker Avenues; however, this seems to have been taken care of by the police.

Dana also reported that the streetlight outage along Lindell and Springwood Streets has been reported to the proper department, and should be fixed soon.

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Glenn Andrews reported that a police officer positioned on Walker Avenue issued 5 speeding tickets for 45mph and higher within 1.5 hours tonight.

Annemarie Atchison reported that the speed of traffic has increased along Ashland Drive, and may become an issue for Lindley Park.

### Social:

Theresa Miller reported that the luminaries had to be cancelled this year due to weather conditions; however, supplies will be stored until next year.

Allison Chabon asked for volunteers to contact her for the Spring Fling and Easter events.

### Zoning:

Scott Cripe offered a brief explanation of this role in LPNA.

Mary Blake reported a house at Lindell and Northridge that is converting a garage into a salon. Scott will investigate the parking issues and whether this is too close to the elementary school.

Ken Snowden expressed that Lindley residents should keep our future interests in focus for the COG Comprehensive Plan project. All plans will need to be approved by the zoning commission before implementation. Scott added that LP should be well represented at these meetings.

### Parks & Recreation:

J.P. reported that the gas lanterns for the park are in progress, but are being completed in the spare time of a generous volunteer, so they will be coming in due time.

Theresa Miller reported that the climber equipment and some trees have been removed in anticipation for the new playground equipment.

Theresa also reported that her seat on the P&R Commission is open in August 2003. The City Council will be seeking a new appointee for the position.

### At-Large:

No report.

### Newsletter:

Ronnie Smith reported a need for assistance requiring 5-10 hours during the month of printing. He added that the advertising is very important to the production.

Virginia Driscoll inquired about the delivery process. Ronnie (continued on page 11)

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responded that 1200 copies are distributed smoothly, usually within 24 hours of receipt from the printer. Ronnie added that he may want to increase the copies left with advertisers to aid in distribution to readers.

Annemarie Atchison inquired about the recipients in the neighborhood. Newsletters are distributed to single family dwellings, but apartment buildings have certain restrictions about soliciting the newsletter.

Ruth Doggett reported that the ratio of ads to the cost of production is strong.

J.P. added that he has received several comments on the quality of the newsletter.

## **Elections:**

Due to the efforts of the nominating committee, all nominees were chosen and elected on a unanimous decision. Exceptions are in parenthesis:

*Chairman:* Scott Cripe

*Vice-Chairman:* J.P. McIntyre

*Treasurer:* Theresa Miller

*Secretary:* Patti Eckerd

*Parliamentarian:* Stacey Ryan

\*\*Bill Schneider and Virginia Driscoll moved to close nominations as presented.

*Public Works:* Mary Montgomery

*Parks & Recreation:* Barry

Goldman

*Public Safety:* Annemarie

Atchison

*Ways & Means:* Charles

Cameron

*Social:* Allison Chabon

*Zoning:* Jeff Belton

*Newsletter:* Ronnie Smith

*Advertising/Business Liaison:*

(Mary Blake – self-nomination)

\*\*Ron Miller and Stacey Ryan moved to close nominations as presented.

*District Representatives:*

*District 1:* Melinda Brown

*District 2:* Ruth Doggett

*District 3:* (Ken Snowden — nominated by Dyan Arkin, seconded by Patti Eckerd)

*District 4:* Matt Russ

\*\*Stacey Ryan and Ron Miller moved to close nominations as presented.

Glenn Andrews inquired as to how to assist these posts. Charles Cameron suggested anyone interested should contact the committee chairman.

## **New Business:**

Betsy Mulliken and Meg Sisk have been investigating environmental issues in the area, and have been in contact with several agencies concerning recent events. Stacey Ryan offered Marilyn Braun's assistance in these issues. Meg and Betsy see a need to organize the information, so as to present the findings to City Council and relevant agencies. J.P. moved to appoint Meg Sisk to head a standing committee concerning environmental issues, focusing on air and water quality in Lindley Park. Annemarie Atchison seconded the motion. Glenn Andrews and Ken Snowden added that a phone number list should be published as well for general purposes. The motion was unanimously approved.

Dyan Arkin inquired about the status of a Community Watch program. Dana Gorham reported

that the program is established, including several block captains, and meetings taking place. National Night Out is held the first Tuesday in August at their residence on Beechwood.

Dyan Arkin inquired of the possibility for a steering committee to be liaisons for the COG Neighborhood Summit project. Stacey Ryan and J.P. reminded members that the Neighborhood Resource Center is available in Glenwood Library. Annemarie Atchison asked about ideas of how to get more LP residents involved, especially property renters. Bill Schneider responded that LP highly encourages renters to get involved, and most successes are issue driven. Ken Snowden added that the newsletter should include articles as to the progress of the COG Comprehensive Plan meetings.

Ron Miller reminded residents to email City Council members of concerns, especially noting Keith Holliday, Sandy Carmany, and Tom Phillips.

Annemarie Atchison wants to compile information concerning Walker Avenue speed limit concerns. Anyone interested in assisting should contact her directly.

Ronnie Smith moved that the meeting adjourn. Bill Schneider seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:36pm.

Minutes submitted by  
Diann Bartenfield  
Secretary LPNA

# NEW PLAYGROUND

by Meg Sisk

**The new playground at Lindley Park Recreation Center has arrived!!**

The Parks & Recreation crew are putting the final touches on beautiful, new, safe equipment for our children. Thank you to the entire Parks & Recreation Commission, Theresa Miller, in particular for helping us get just the right equipment.

Plan to gather on Tuesday, March 11th at 3:30 pm for an official ribbon cutting and play date! Please bring one new sand toy, if possible, to contribute to an LPNA sand toy box that will be kept at the playground.

**We look forward to seeing you at the playground!!**

*Note Rain Date:  
March 18th, 3:30 pm.*

## PUT THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR

**LPNA  
GENERAL MEETING  
May 27th - 7 PM  
Lindley Rec. Center**

**DEADLINE FOR  
NEWSLETTER  
ARTICLES AND ADS**

- April 10 •
- June 10 •
- August 10 •
- October 10 •
- December 10 •

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*LINDLEY PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION'S 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL*

### EASTER EGG HUNT

**When:** 10:00-11:30 am Saturday, April 12th  
(Rain Date - 1:00 Sunday April 13th)

**Where:** Lindell Road in the park between Sherwood and Walker

**What:** Egg Hunt...Crafts...Story Time...Face Painting...Laughter

If you are interested in helping, please call  
Allison Chabon 856-2947.

## LPNA 2003 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Other Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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