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## HOW DO YOU MEASURE SUCCESS?

by Chairman Jack Almon

“One home and garden tour at a time.” Sounds a little like a Dean Witter TV advertisement, doesn’t it? Well, on May 18th, the Lindley Park Neighborhood Association was not trying to sell stocks and bonds, however, we were trying to cause our neighbors and residents of other neighborhoods to take stock in Lindley Park. For many years, Lindley Park has been “that neighborhood out Spring Garden Street towards Pomona” where people only vaguely knew the boundaries. But for the past few years, the LPNA has been working hard on the goal to put Lindley Park back on the map so that it can occupy its rightful spot among Greensboro’s finer neighborhoods.

The home and garden tour that the LPNA and area merchants sponsored carried us one step further in achieving that goal. On our very first home and garden tour we had approximately 300 people to attend. Although we haven’t had any previous home and garden tours to use a benchmark, it doesn’t seem that 300 is too shabby, does it?

There was a time when Lindley Park might have drifted into obscurity. With the creeping commercial development, a park that received only passing notice, and a slash across its belly called Wendover Avenue, Lindley Park seemed destined to be divided and conquered until one of renowned landscape architect Earl Sumner Draper’s best examples was annihilated and its memory shuffled off to the history books.

Over the years, Lindley Park has lost some of its architecturally significant houses unlike other neighborhoods that have somehow managed to escape “progress.” Some say that there is a void and it must mean that Lindley Park never arose to that lofty architectural peak that someday might help propel it into a historical designation. Others, who lived in Lindley Park many years ago would tell you that at one time Lindley Park had some of Greensboro’s most eloquent and grandiose homes. Those grand mansions that faced the railroad tracks on Oakland Avenue, they say, were as fine and impressive as any that have ever graced the skyline in this wonderful city. But even with that loss, our neighborhood still mustered plenty of fine examples to make a home and garden tour interesting.

The LPNA wants to thank those who worked so diligently to put together and present our home and garden tour. The LPNA also wants to (continued on page 8)

# WHAT A SPRING FLING!

by Theresa Miller

I would like to thank everyone who participated in this year's Spring Fling. With the weather rainy and cool on Saturday, we were able to postpone the event until Sunday and still had a great turnout. Thanks to those who helped out by setting up, procuring tables, cooking burgers and dogs, bringing a grill, ordering food, buying the drinks, making flower arrangements, making (changing) the signs, bringing a dish to share. Thanks especially to the City of Greensboro and Bobby Coltrane for providing picnic tables. Thanks to Sherry Daly, Barry Goldman, John Newsome, Bernie Sisk, Teresa & Tim Byrd, Nita Almon, the Browns, Allison & Greg Chabon, and everyone else who came and had fun and helped out



that gorgeous Sunday afternoon! It wouldn't have happened without everyone there. Events like this

remind us of what a great community we live in! Thanks again, everyone!

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# HOME AND GARDEN TOUR A SUCCESS

by Ruth Doggett

The Lindley Park Home and Garden Tour was the result of a simple remark from one neighbor to another "that it was such a beautiful and unique area that we just ought to **show it off.**" We did not start off with the idea of showcasing what anyone had in their home and garden. We thought it would be fun and though we knew it would entail a lot of work, we really did not know how much would be required! The Board approved the project at the May 2001 meeting, so the prep work took almost an entire year.

Without the graciousness of the homeowners and endless hours of work on their part as well as from the members of the committee, we would have never pulled this project off. For fear of leaving out a name, I won't list the names of all who were on the committee. With all of their talents, we were able to divide the chores up and each one could not have been carried out more efficiently. This is not to say that there were not a few rough spots, and in fact at one meeting someone asked, "Shall we stop now?"

The weather is always a question for such a project, but we were lucky. Having the newspaper story appear on the morning of the tour meant a lot toward the success as well. It was great to talk to so many people who had been raised in the neighborhood but had not been back in many years. It was also good to talk to descendants of some of the original owners of a few of the homes that were open. How many of you knew that Greensboro's first electrified home was in Lindley Park and on the tour?

For those of you who missed out on a great way to make a difference in your neighborhood, and a lot of fun, maybe the enthusiasm created from this project will carry over to other future projects and your willingness to help.

**Many thanks to all who made May 18, 2002 a very special day in our neighborhood.**

**Editor's note:** This project was the idea of Ruth Doggett, she was the driving force from concept to materialization. Thank you Ruth and all others for a job well done!

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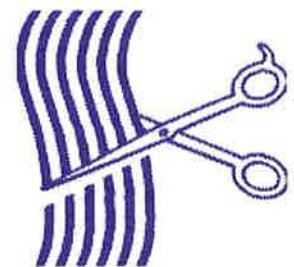
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# BLACK WALNUT

by Nita Almon

The black walnut is a valuable tree growing in rich, moist soil throughout North Carolina. Close proximity to other trees in a dense forest situation creates crown competition for sunlight. Under these conditions, the walnut tree can reach 100 feet in height, producing a very straight trunk

clear of branches for more than 50 feet. In more open spaces, such as our neighborhood, the trunk tends to grow shorter, its crown more spreading. What appears to be a stem is actually a compound leaf. From fifteen to twenty-three 3 inch long leaflets on alternate sides of the "stem" make up the leaf. There is usually a leaflet on the tip of the "stem." This interesting configuration can measure up to two feet long. Bright yellow-green in color, tapering and sharply toothed along their edges, they sway in breezes like giant plumes. The dark gray-brown thick bark is heavily fissured. The fruit of this native "jewel" is an edible and highly nutritious black nut. The hard, finely ridged shell grows enclosed in a solid thick green husk which turns pitch-black at maturity.

During the early founding years of North Carolina, the rich chocolate-brown heartwood of this, then, abundantly growing, highly prized tree became the favorite choice of early furniture makers. For the next 200 plus years, the strong, non-warping superior qualities of the walnut



**BLACK WALNUT**  
*juglans nigra*

tree yielded itself plentifully for making household furniture and thousands of life supporting home use items. Today, these utilitarian treasures, referred to as North Carolina regional antiques are eagerly sought. I am not in any way proclaiming that the trees of long ago fell unnecessarily

or for meaningless causes. Many people collect and enjoy these coveted art forms created by early artisans.

The black walnut tree is easily propagated and grows rapidly under good conditions, however, it is still becoming increasingly less plentiful in our native forest. Heavy demand continues taking its toll. Realizing that this much desired tree is fast becoming rare, especially in my lifetime, strikes within me a sincere sense of appreciation for its mere existence, following this long period of heavy demand for its virtues.

Today, as I sit writing this article beneath the handsome canopy of a specimen walnut tree in our neighborhood, I feel fortunate for this opportunity to reflect on the past contribution this generous giver has given the people and this country as they have grown together. I sit here—thinking.

Now is the time for us to look backwards and contemplate the future of this magnificent native North Carolina tree.

(Second in a series of native tree identification in Lindley Park)

# KEEPING MOLD AT BAY PROTECTS YOU AND YOUR HOME

Indoor mold. There's been a lot of news reports about this topic lately. As a homeowner should this concern you? The answer is yes.

Mold, which can be found virtually everywhere in the home — from bathrooms, carpeting, plants, and food, is formed when there is a combination of moisture and organic matter to feed upon, such as leaves, wood, paper, plants or dirt.

In most cases mold is harmless, such as the small amount you may see in between your shower tiles, which can be easily cleaned up. However, it's when there is extensive contamination that you should be concerned, because it can cause problems to your health and property. Airborne mold spores can cause allergic reactions such as respiratory problems, nasal and sinus congestion, sore throat, reddened and burning eyes, and aches and pains. And if it gets into the wall, floors or roof, it can cause structural damage to your home that may be costly to repair.

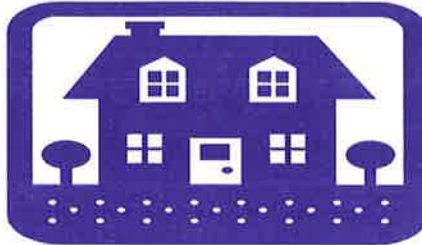
## How do you detect mold?

The most common ways to detect mold growth is by sight and smell. You may smell a musty odor or see visible mold growth with discoloration ranging from white to orange and from green to brown or black. In addition there may be discoloration of building materials in areas where previous water damage occurred or where materials rotted. But mold can also flourish in areas where there are no visible signs of mold or musty odors. But, there are some red flags that alert you to a problem.

- Stains or signs of leaks indoors.
- Mold on landscaping bordering the home.
- Water damage /seeping in basements (standing water breeds fungi and bacteria).
- Stains on carpet, especially over concrete floors.

## What to do if you find mold

If the mold is in your home, you first want to control the source of moisture. The Environmental



Protection Agency makes these suggestions:

- Fix leaks and seepage.
- Put a plastic cover over dirt in crawlspaces to prevent moisture to the outside. Be sure crawl spaces are well ventilated.
- Use exhaust fans in bathrooms and kitchens to remove moisture to the outside.
- Vent your clothes dryer to the outside.
- Use dehumidifiers and air conditioners, especially in hot, humid weather.
- Pay special attention to carpet on concrete floors. It can absorb moisture and serve as a place for mold to grow.

Maintain and clean all appliances that come into contact with water. Mold can develop in standing water often making improperly maintained humidifiers or condensation trays particularly dangerous.

## Cleaning it up

Now begins the clean up. If the mold is less than 2 or 3 square feet, it can be cleaned without professional help. Health House, a national education program created by the American Lung Association of Minnesota, recommends washing the area with soap and water first. Then disinfect the surface using a solution of 10% household bleach

and 90% water (about 1 ½ cups bleach per gallon of water). Add a little detergent to help with the dirt and oil. Let the cleaned areas dry overnight. Remove, bag, and discard any materials affected by the mold. You should also wear rubber gloves and a mask to protect you from breathing airborne spores.

For more information on mold and how to detect and treat it, you may want to visit the Environmental Protection Agency's web site: [www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov).

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# PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES: The Lindley Park Neighborhood Association

At the May 28, 2002 meeting of the Lindley Park Neighborhood Association some proposed bylaw changes were presented for discussion. A few revisions were made based on comments from members present. The following is the final draft of the revisions that are to be presented to the membership at the September 2002 meeting for approval.

**Note:** The proposed changes are noted as follows: -.....- indicates wording to be deleted, and +....+ indicates new wording to be added.

## Article IV. Contributions

Section 2. The Association shall derive its financial support from voluntary contributions from its member households or others.  
-Each household, regardless of the

number of members who live therein, is encouraged to make a five-dollar contribution per year to the Association.- +The Executive Board shall establish the suggested annual contribution amount for each member household. This suggested contribution amount shall not be based on the number of members in the household.+ Member households, etc...

## Article VII. Executive Board

Section 1. There shall be an executive board, which shall consist of the five officers, +the immediate past chairman of the Association+, the chairmen of the -seven- standing committees, and +a district representative for each of the neighborhood districts as established by the Executive Board.+ -who- + The officers and

other members of the Executive Board+ shall be elected from the general membership at the first meeting of each calendar year.

## Article VIII. Standing Committees

Section 1. There shall be the following standing committees: Ways and Means, Zoning, Parks and Recreation, Public Works, Public Safety, Newsletter, Social Affairs and +Advertising/Business Liaison.+

Section 3. If no nominations are forthcoming, the Association Chairman shall appoint -members- +Chairmen+ for the standing committees.

Section 13. +The Advertising/Business Liaison Committee shall act as the liaison between the Association and the local business (continued on page 7)

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## PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES (continued from page 6)

community. The committee shall be responsible for promoting advertisements in The Columns. These responsibilities also include collecting the advertising fees for deposit in the treasury and providing the related advertising copy to the Newsletter Committee.+  
+ Increase numbering sequence of all following sections in this article.+

### Article XII. Elections

Section 1. - The nomination of officers and chairmen of standing committees shall be taken from the floor at the first regular meeting of the calendar year with elections immediately following.- +The election of officers, committee chairmen and other members of the Executive Board will be held at the first regular meeting of the calendar year.+  
Section 2. +The Chairman shall appoint a Nominating Committee to provide one eligible candidate for each office and Executive

Board position. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the time of the election. In the event that no resident of a neighborhood district is willing to serve as the representative for a district that position shall then be open to a member who lives in another neighborhood district.+  
+ Increase numbering sequence of all following sections in this article.+

### Article XIII Order of Business

Section 1. (13) -Speaker, social, instruction hour.- +Social "hour"+  
Section 3. re-number as Section 4.  
New Section 3. +When a speaker (or instructional program) is planned in conjunction with a regular meeting of the Association such activities will be scheduled either prior to the call to order or after adjournment of the business meeting.+

Charles Cameron  
Parliamentarian

## WE WELCOME...

- Fil, Cam, and big sister Carolina welcome Harrison Filmore Sanders to their family (born on March 21st). They reside at 3110 Collier Street.
- Bob, Jami, and big brother Bryson welcome Aiden McDonough to their family (born on March 15th). They reside at 2602 Walker Avenue.
- Kim Gosnell and Cindy Johnson have moved into 3118 Collier along with C.J., Brie, and Phoenix (the cats) along with Max the dog.

### OUR SYMPATHY...

We extend our heart-felt sympathy to Phyllis Dunn on the loss of her husband.

## TEDDYS NEED LOVE TOO!

by Dana Gorham

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## HOW DO YOU MEASURE SUCCESS?

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thank the homeowners who opened their homes and gardens for the public to see and to the sponsors who supported us so strongly. The LPNA is especially grateful to advertising committee chairman, Ruth Doggett for her determination to make this effort a successful venture for the LPNA is an inspiration to us all.

We cannot conclude this article without thanking Greensboro News and Record reporter, Jim Schlosser and photographer, James Parker for the fine article on Lindley Park which appeared in the News and Record on the day of the tour. The article, without a doubt, titillated the interest of our neighbors and others and impacted the turnout tremendously. Also,

Ms. Heather Seifert, Executive Director of Preservation Greensboro promoted our tour in that organization's publications. I am sure that effort had a significant effect on our attendance.

So, with a home and garden tour under our belts, that by

anyone's measure, was a resounding success, we are looking to the future to show off the other virtues of Lindley Park and show our friends and neighbors that Lindley Park is truly a "blue chip" neighborhood.

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# THE DO'S AND DON'TS FOR PET OWNERS

Barry Goldman

Dog do, it still seems to be a problem in our neighborhood. Some dog owners are not picking up after their dogs. A quote from June 7, 2002, *USA Today*, states: "In the mid-1990s, scientists perfected methods for tracking the origin of nasty bacteria in streams and seawater. From Clearwater, Fla., to Arlington, Va., to Boise the trial has led straight to hunched-up dog — and to owners who don't pick up after their pets."

Many dog owners believe that dog do is fertilizer. It is not. It is an environmental pollutant. Another quote from June 7, 2002, *USA Today*, states: "Dogs generate disease-causing bacteria that can make people sick. Studies done in

the past few years put dogs third or fourth on the list of contributors to bacteria in contaminated waters."

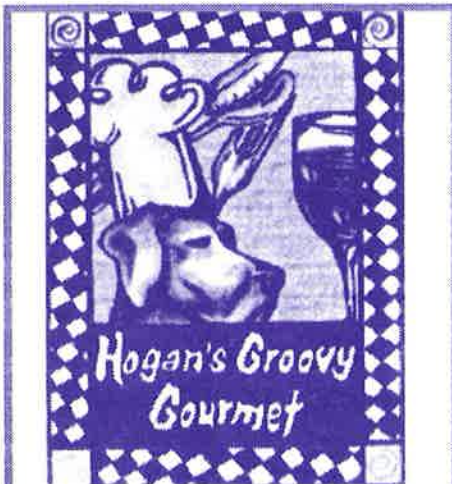
We as residents of Lindley Park need to help keep our neighborhood free from any bacteria that can be transferred from dog do to humans. We can do this by simply picking up our dogs messes. It is as easy as taking a plastic bag with you on any walk with your dog or dogs. Place your hand inside the bag, reach down and pick up the dog do, turn the bag inside out, tie it and toss it in the nearest trash can.

Please help keep our neighborhood dog do free, by cleaning up after your dog. Be a responsible pet owner.

# NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

National Night out will be observed on Tuesday, August 6, 2002. Put this date on your calendar now and plan to join your neighbors for home made ice cream, cookies, and lemonade around 7:30 pm at 2606 Beechwood Street. There will be plenty of police officers to answer questions and talk about crime prevention in our neighborhood. "The Big Red Fire Truck" will be there for the children (and adults) to climb. Firemen will be available to talk about fire safety with the neighbors. If you would like to bring a full ice cream freezer, cookies, or lemonade, please call Dana Gorham @ 855-7066.

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# MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

## MAY 28, 2002

### Present:

Jack Almon, Barry Goldman, Charles Cameron, Nita Almon, Patti Eckerd, Mary Montgomery, Ronnie Smith, Ruth Doggett.

### Absent:

J.P. McIntyre, Diann Bartenfield, Phyllis Dunn, Theresa Miller, Allison Chabon, Tim Byrd, Scott Cripe, Stacey Ryan, Theresa Byrd.

**Prior to the business meeting,** Nita Almon introduced Melissa Begley who talked about her work as the Greensboro Urban Forester. She explained her work as education, maintenance, reforestation, and preservation, and pointed out the importance of keeping healthy trees in our environment. She stated that in the last 16 years, Greensboro has lost 18% of its tree canopy due to development & construction, storm damage, and aging out of trees. She mentioned some tree loss as due to a poor attitude on the part of builders as well as homeowners.

Dana Gorham spoke briefly about the Community Watch and the need for block captains, some of whom volunteered at the meeting that was attended by only 19 residents and several police officers. She stated that the National Night

Out would be held on August 6 at the Gorham home on Beechwood Street. Homemade ice cream and other goodies will be served and policemen and firemen will be there along with their vehicles and equipment. Dana told about the Greensboro policemen who carried teddy bears in their cars to give to distressed children they encounter in their daily work. She asked that neighborhood residents bring to her any teddy bears in good condition and she will get them to the police department. Dana said that if anyone in the neighborhood is interested in participating in the Police Ride-Along program to please contact her. She ended her report by telling that the Super Jam Rappers concert will be held at the Coliseum on June 21 and that the neighborhood needs to stay alert for that event at which up to 50,000 persons may be in attendance.

**The business meeting was then called to order by Jack Almon.** Motion was made by Charles Cameron and seconded by Barry Goldman that the minutes of the January 22 General Meeting, as printed in the February Columns, be approved.

**Barry Goldman,** treasurer,

reported a balance of \$4399.81, with the sun of \$2064 being from the Home & Garden Tour.

**Charles Cameron,** parliamentarian, reported on the changes to the Association by-laws. The proposed changes will be printed in the July-August Columns and will be voted on at the next General meeting in September.

**Nita Almon,** Parks & Recreation chairman, addressed several remarks and questions from those in attendance. It was reported that some of the milkweed plants, a butterfly attracting plant, have been destroyed and she will contact the GSO Parks Department personnel to make sure such plantings are protected in the future. She also spoke (continued on page 11)

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## MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING (continued from page 10)

about new playground equipment, explaining that though Lindley Park is near the top of the list of parks to receive new equipment, it is dependent of the availability of funds. Michelle Schneider suggested that the equipment be placed in such a manner that it would be easier for a parent to watch more than one child at a time. Nita also explained that the additional planting near power lines off Park Terrace is on hold due to lack of funds.

The subject of removal of pet excrement was brought up and it was respectfully requested that pet owners take care of this problem as they walk their pets in the park. Since the chairs were absent, there were no reports from Public Works, Public Safety, Social, and Zoning committees or from Stacey Ryan or Theresa Byrd, at-large board members. Mary Montgomery had no report.

**Patti Eckerd**, reporting for Tim Byrd, Ways & Means chairman, stated that the Neighborhood Yard Sale is scheduled for September at various homes throughout the neighborhood and it is requested that each location participating give 25% of the proceeds to the Association, who will pay for advertising.

**Ronnie Smith** gave a brief report on Columns; he mentioned that the issues were coming out in the same month along with a new twist, digital pictures. He thanked Ruth Doggett for maintaining the advertisement part of the newsletter. He also stated that the average cost per issue is \$726 (with taxes) and that the average income from ads is \$672. The average per issue tax is \$42.

Charles Coleman asked Ronnie to please put the announcements of future general meetings on the

front page of the newsletter and to highlight it in some fashion to make it very visible.

**Ruth Doggett** expressed thanks to all those whose homes and gardens were open for the May 18 tour and to all who worked to make the tour such a success. Frank Brooks suggested that if a tour is held again that it be a two-day event.

**Jack Almon** read a letter from Heather Seifert of Preservation Greensboro saying that the LPNA Home & Garden Tour would be listed in their publication that would be distributed to about 2000 people in connection with Preservation Week and the LPNA tour was in that week. Jack also noted a letter from Councilwoman Florence Gatten thanking the Association for the complimentary tickets and expressing regret that she would not be able to attend. Jack stated

that Councilman Don Vaughan did attend.

**Under new business**, Frank Brooks noted that the increased traffic in his neighborhood; Dana Gorham will pass this concern along to the police department. Frank also mentioned there had been several break-ins in his area. A question was raised about Section 8 housing within the Lindley Park area, as well as a question about activity at the intersections of Spring Garden and Park Terrace and Howard Street. There were brief comments on these matters but no action was necessary or taken.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.


Minutes submitted by  
Ruth Doggett in the absence of  
Diann Bartenfield, secretary

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# EXTENDED POOL HOURS

by Theresa Miller

The City's Parks and Recreation Department has graciously agreed to extend pool hours for neighborhood use on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. Please note that the

baby or wading pool will be open as well as lanes for lap swimming. Given the budget constraints this year, we are especially grateful to the city for making this possible for the neighborhood.

## NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE

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#### LPNA GENERAL MEETINGS

September 24th  
7 PM

Lindley Rec. Center

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- October 10 •
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