

# COLUMNS

December 2017



Neighbors came out to celebrate Lindley Park's Centennial as well as the 10th Annual Chili Cook-off, despite the dreary weather. Photo credit: Pete Zellmer.

The holidays are magical in Lindley Park. Light balls, the smell of wood smoke, and the Christmas tree at the corner all contribute to the festive mood. As we cozy up for winter, let's reminisce about the Lindley Park Centennial and 10th annual Chili Cook-off (p. 4-5). Still holiday shopping? We have you covered (p.6). This month, we also have some informative stories about tree health (p.8-9) and local flora (p.14-15). Lastly, make sure you mark your calendars for the LPNA general meeting and elections on January 30 (more information on p.3). If you've been thinking about getting more involved in your neighborhood, this is the perfect opportunity!

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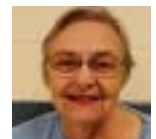
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### GOT IDEAS?

Of course you do! We want to hear from everyone! Send stories, ideas, photos, history or questions to Kate Silton at [newsletter@lindleyparknc.com](mailto:newsletter@lindleyparknc.com)

Dear neighbors,

I'm excited to send my first issue as the new editor of *Columns* out into the world. When my husband and I moved to Greensboro nearly eight years ago, we quickly discovered that Lindley Park was the place to be. When I tell friends from other cities about our neighborhood--where neighbors know each other's names, where we have a grocery store and restaurants within walking distance, where we have access to many parks and green spaces--they are pretty envious. I'm thrilled to be giving back to our community through this newsletter. I hope to continue Kathy's tradition of celebrating our neighborhood on these pages.

Many thanks to Kathy, who has graciously supported me through this transition, and to all the other neighbors who pitched in with this issue. A special debt of gratitude goes to Patti Eckard, Elizabeth Link, Rebecca Medendorp, and Shaun O'Connor, who all contributed articles to this issue.

I'll see you back here in February. In the meantime, please use the email address above if you have a story to tell about Lindley Park!

Cheers,

Kate

## LPNA GENERAL MEETING AND ELECTION JANUARY 30, 6PM AT LINDLEY REC CENTER

LPNA to elect new officers, district representatives and committee chairs at Jan. 30 meeting  
by Patti Eckard

Each year, the neighborhood association holds three quarterly general meetings to keep residents informed on neighborhood concerns, projects, upcoming events. At the January meeting, new officers, committee chairs and district reps are elected to leadership positions within the association, known as the Executive Committee. Below is a list of positions and responsibilities. Nominations will be taken from the floor to fill these positions.

**Chair**– Presides at General and Executive Committee meetings. Works with the district reps, committee chairs regarding policy recommendations, actions taken by or impacting the neighborhood.

**1st Vice Chair**– Is responsible for membership development, identification and development of committee chairs.

**Secretary**– Sends out meeting notices. Keeps accurate minutes of Quarterly General and Monthly Executive Committee meetings. Maintains archive of documents.

**Treasurer**– Custodian of LPNA funds. Provides a summary report at General and Executive Committee meetings.

**District Reps 1, 2, 3, 4** (see District Map below or on the LPNA website): Identifies and reports on any issues, concerns, or activities in their district.

### Committee Chairs

**Government/Community Liaison**– Focuses on safety issues and other concerns in the neighborhood. Contact person for City resource personnel. Coordinates National Night Out Event, holiday luminaries.

**Events & Celebrations**– Coordinates Spring Fling, Chili Cook-off, Easter Egg Hunt

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# 4 LPNA CENTENNIAL

## CHILI BRINGS US TOGETHER

by Shaun O'Connor

Saturday, November 4 was a cool, slightly muggy autumn afternoon in Lindley Park. The leaves on the legendary neighborhood trees were just about at their peak colors, providing a spectacular backdrop for Lindley's own 10th Annual chili cook-off. Despite the steady mist that turned to light rain, the event was well attended by hungry neighbors ready for this tasty annual event. For the first time, the event was held on the bridge on Walker Avenue. This cook-off would also be special in that it was also the 100-year celebration of Lindley Park.



Photos on this page by Patti Eckard



As I walked up just before the 4 pm start time, it was apparent that the ever ready and hardworking LPNA crew were prepared for the weather challenges, with tents up to protect the musical acts, the 100-year celebration table, and of course the local chili artisans.

All the chili entrants were aligned down the sidewalk of Walker Ave with their pots full and ladles ready to start dishing out their personal creations. Kids were running about and some were beautifying the road with chalk art, the 100-year celebration tent was preparing a special celebration video and protecting the birthday cake, and local musicians Found Brown Dog were tuning up with notes of Stevie Wonder's Superstition. This party was ready to start!

Time to hit the chili. There were 20 entrants across 3 categories: traditional, non-traditional, and vegetarian. With my bowl in hand, I approached the quickly growing cluster of folks making their way down the line.

After about 30 minutes or so of chili sampling and trying to wrangle both of my kids, I was ready to check out the 100-year celebration tent. The entire crowd sang happy birthday to the neighborhood and now it was time for cake. I took in the aerial access celebration video which filmed by Brian Talbert with the use of a drone flying overhead. It was really amazing seeing the neighborhood from that viewpoint and gave me an even greater sense of connectedness to our wonderful neighbors.

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# 10TH ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

By 5:30 pm, the rain persisted, Banna belted out their local kilt kicking Celtic sounds, and the votes were in. Here are your 2017 LP chili cook-off winners. The vegetarian prize went to Brandy Woodford and her "Grateful Vegetarian Chili." When asked for comment, Brandy remarked "We need more vegetarians!" In the non-traditional category, the winner was Ellie Todd and her "Mama's Mean Bean and Chicken Chili." A 2-time champion now, Ellie let me know, "It's chili that brings us together." And the winners of the traditional chili prize went to Jenny Marineau and Todd Zimmer for their "Chili That Would've Won." These humble first-time winners were thrilled with the victory and later stated "There's a lot of great chilis out there; we are just happy to compete. We want universal chili, next year chili for all!" Congratulations to all of this year's winners. I'm pretty sure I tried them all and I genuinely did not taste a bad chili that day with so many great ones to choose from, but my personal choice for winner was Blake Sagar with his Ghost Piggy. When asked how he felt about receiving so few votes he replied "It burns."



Cook-off winners (L-R): Ellie Todd, Brandy Woodford, Jenny Marineau, and Todd Zimmer.

Another classic chili cook-off in the books, made even more special by the 100-year celebration of this truly remarkable and special neighborhood, and I am just glad to be a part of it. If you missed the fun, please be on the lookout next year and make sure you experience it for yourself.



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# 6 LINDLEY PARK GIFT GUIDE

By Kathy Newsom

In my job as the market coordinator at The Corner Farmers Market, I get asked all the time for gift ideas. When I can't find the perfect fit within the market, I usually can come up with great ideas from somewhere in Lindley Park. So, here's a list of ideas to get you thinking about shopping super local:

## **The cool kids (of any age) in your life:**

A new helmet, gear or bike from Revolution Cycles

An album, or several, from Hippo Records

A stocking of vintage style candies from Bestway

A growler or six-pack from the famous Bestway Beer Wall

A book or gift certificate to the Boomerang Bookmobile (parked at the Corner Market on Saturday mornings)

A multi-class pass to yoga at the Lindley Rec Center. Stop by to see the wide variety of offerings -- from the Boxing Gym to Zumba and youth programs galore.

A handmade bicycle spoke bracelet from Robert at the Corner Market.

## **The ones with a new home:**

A mid-century modern lamp from Lindley Park Vintage.

A Moroccan throw or basket from Moonbird Gifts.

A shabby-chic find at Adelaides.

## **The family:**

A CSA from Faucette Farms - purchase a 12-week produce share and give the gift of organic produce til spring.

Mugs or a platter from Moonbird Pottery.

## **The practical ones:**

The Corner Market has you covered here: A selection of natural soaps from Donna, a wooden bowl, serving spoon or cutting board from Phil, or a handmade leather journal from Richard.

A legit Moravian chicken pie or tea cake from First Moravian Church on Elam.

Select great, locally roasted coffees and teas at Common Grounds, The Corner Market or Bestway.

## **The ones who prefer to give rather than receive:**

A donation to the Green for Greens fund at the Corner Market, to help feed our neediest neighbors.

## **For anyone:**

If they're local, treat them to a coffee or lunch -- if you can't do it in person, gift cards are always nice to cash in in January. With two coffee shops (Common Grounds and Spring Garden Bakery) plus an amazing array of one of a kind, locally owned restaurants: Fat Dogs, Kiosco, Bites-n-Pints, Scrambled, Hop's, Lindley Park Filling Station, Sticks and Stones, Fishbones and Emma Keys, The Tasting Room, Freeman's, and more.



## LIGHTED BALLS AVAILABLE

Are you looking for a way to light up your yard this holiday season? Grace United Methodist Church Youth are selling Lighted Christmas Ornaments for the trees in your yard just in time for the holidays. These beautiful orbs are the perfect addition to your yard decorations or as a gift to a friend or family member! We offer several wonderful colors and color combinations for you to choose from including red, white, green, gold, blue, and multicolored. Or you can choose a combination of two lights on a large sized ornament. If you don't see a color you like here, feel free to ask and we may be able to find the color you want! A large ball is \$25 or you can buy 3/\$60, and a small ball is \$15 or you can buy 3/\$40.

All of our proceeds go to our Youth Missions Fund, which helps those in need locally and nationally. If you are interested in purchasing an Outdoor Christmas Ornament, please contact Joanna Capps at [joannacapps09@gmail.com](mailto:joannacapps09@gmail.com) or by calling Grace United Methodist Church at 336-272-2171.



## LOVE LINDLEY 2: FEBRUARY 10

Bring the family out the Rec Center from 6:30-8:30pm to show some love and celebrate our great neighborhood!

Come shake a leg during this winter time gym jam dance party. DJ Danny will be back in the house spinning a mix of old and new. Come for the dancing, stay for the cake! Admission is free but donations to the Lindley Park Neighborhood Association are accepted and appreciated.



# 8 TREES OF LINDLEY PARK

## THE DEATH OF A TREE

By Rebecca B. Medendorp

It was not until we had to cut down our more than 50 year-old hickory tree this past summer that I realized how emotionally attached you can get to a living plant. Why was I tearing up? It was just a tree.

The tree provided a large canopy of shade to our home, our first home. This was the home where our two children were both born. They both swung from the branches of this tree. We painstakingly raked leaves and picked up nuts ' every year from under its branches.

So, you say, why did we cut down the tree if we were so attached to it? Well, this spring we started to see signs that something was wrong. The branches on one side had no leaves. The bark started to separate from the trunk and there were small piles of sawdust starting to collect at the base of the tree. Sawdust is a sign that the wood was getting softer and that a boring insect had invaded the trunk. From my extensive Internet research, I knew that all of these these were signs that the tree was not doing well.



The hickory tree in the Medendorps' yard. Photo credit: Rebecca Medendorp.

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I heard that the City of Greensboro had an arborist on staff and I wanted to see if he could help me decide if the tree needed to be cut down or could be treated. Although the city cannot come and physically look at a tree that is not on city property, they will answer questions over the phone, and in my case, look at the pictures I sent via email. The city arborist helped me decide that the tree was diseased and I needed a certified arborist to come and look at the tree on site and help make the decision about whether the tree could be treated or should be cut down.

The arborist came out and told us that we could treat the tree, but in the next few years even with expensive treatment, it would ultimately have to be cut down due to disease. We decided that the risk of the unstable tree falling on our house was too great to wait, and we did not want to pour money into a tree that was inevitably going to come down anyway.

The day the men arrived to cut the tree down, my heart ached. Our whole yard and house would look completely different. There would be no swing for the kids anymore. There would be no tree to hang the Christmas balls from this year. But our decision was reinforced when the tree service men cut through the tree's base and found a 10-inch gaping hole. It was rotten inside and with the next big storm could break.

Today I still have friends who pass our house when coming to visit because the tree is no longer there as a physical landmark. Our grass has grown back over the hole and we do plan to plant another tree in the front yard. I feel better knowing that the tree needed to come down, and that our decision to cut down such a beautiful living thing.



Tree removal in progress. Photo credit: Rebecca Medendorp.



The Medendorps' yard after the tree was removed. Photo credit: Rebecca Medendorp.

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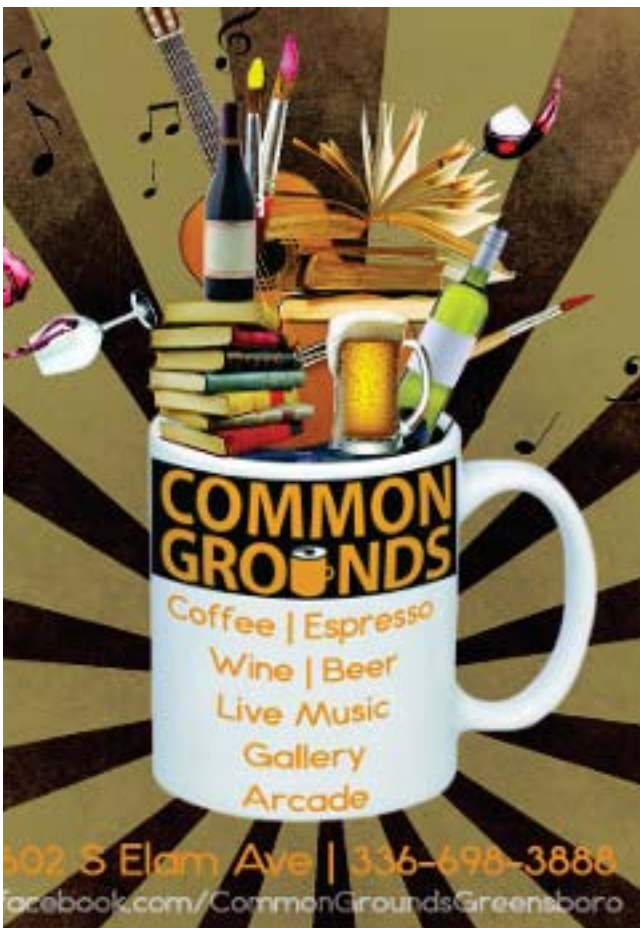



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## PREPPING FOR THE HOLIDAYS

By Tori Carle

Waste Reduction Supervisor, City of Greensboro

Every year during the holidays, millions of packages, shipping envelopes, and goodies crisscross the country. If you took advantage of Cyber Monday deals, you might receive your treasures on your doorstep today. Here are some common recycling questions regarding shipping and packaging:

- If your cardboard boxes have tape on them, they are ok to recycle. Break down boxes to save space!
- Sometimes packages have plastic wrap stuck to the outside to hold shipping invoices. If you could remove that plastic wrap (and recycle at the grocery store), that would be helpful. If it is stuck on with industrial glue you cannot get off, you can still recycle the cardboard box.
- Mailing envelopes that are ONLY paper, even the ones with the little plastic windows you often find in bills. Those are fine to recycle.
- Mailing envelopes that are ONLY made of plastic film, with or without bubble wrap, (i.e. the ones that clothing often is shipped in) are only recyclable at the grocery store-- not at home.
- If a mailing envelope is both paper and plastic (i.e. the kind with bubble wrap inside and paper on the outside), those need to go in your trash can.
- Check out the attached image for examples of the items above.

Have too much recycling? You can take excess recycling to any one of our 20 free recycling drop off locations. You can find recycling drop off locations here:<http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/index.aspx?page=481>


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# LUMINARIES/CANDLEFEST 13

## HOLIDAY SPIRIT SHINES BRIGHT IN LINDLEY PARK

By Patti Eckard

Hot chocolate, cookies and holiday music greeted Lindley Park volunteers who turned out to help assemble and place luminaries around the Park. Started more than fifteen years ago, this yearly event is done in conjunction with the Girl Scouts who place luminaries in the Arboretum.

More than 800 luminaries lined Park Terrace, Willowbrook, and South Lindell. Luminaries were also placed across the Walker Avenue bridge to display our connection with the Arboretum which is located on land once part of John Van Lindley's extensive nursery.



Luminaries line the walkways in the Arboretum.

Photo by Brian Mullins



Volunteers assemble and distribute all 800 luminaries.  
Photos by Patti Eckard

Many thanks to Dana Gorham; Elizabeth and Henry Link; Meg Sisk; Tom, Joanna and Bella Usery; Robert, Ashley, and Trustan Long; Todd and Jenn Zimmer; Tim Brown; Steve Cauthen; Adam Spivey; Dortch Mann; Stephen Johnson; Tim Byrd; Bill, Patti, Mike and Matt Eckard; and Elizabeth, Naomi and Oliver Hall. We even had a few folks from the Hamilton Hills neighborhood who came to lend a hand.

Senior Elf Bill Eckard sends out a very sincere "Thank You" for a job well done!



# 14 WILDLIFE IN LINDLEY PARK

## NATIVE PLANTS

By Elizabeth Link

If someone asked you to guess how many caterpillars a pair of chickadees feeds to its young each day, what would you think? If you guessed 400-600 caterpillars per day, you would be correct. That works out to around 6,000 caterpillars to raise a brood of young chickadees.

That was just one of the interesting facts I learned at a presentation by Dr. Doug Tallamy, a professor in the Department of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology at the University of Delaware. Dr. Tallamy's lecture was about the interconnectedness of native plants, the insects that use them, and all of the animals that depend on insects as part of their diet.

So where did all those caterpillars come from? From the native trees and plants they evolved with. Of our native trees, Oak trees - red oak, white oak, willow oak, pin oak, etc. - support the most bugs, altogether supporting over 500 species of butterflies and moths. Other native trees that are best for supporting caterpillars are black cherry, black willow (not the weeping willow - it's from Asia), tulip poplar, river birch, native maples such as red Maple and southern sugar maple, pecan, and native elms.

We have a history of using plants from other countries in our landscapes - it was once a sign of status. The catalogue from the J. Van Lindley nurseries in the 1900's contains a number of non-native plants that are now considered invasive. We continue to use them today because we've become accustomed to them - many of the most frequently used plants in our landscapes today are not natives. Crepe Myrtles, Zelkova, Bradford Pear, Ginkgo - all are Asian imports, and support few or no insect larvae. Likewise shrubs such as Nandina, Azaleas, Camellias, and Loropetalums. Add in the non-native plants such as Privet, Japanese Honeysuckle, English Ivy, and Kudzu, that have escaped into the wild and are crowding out our native plants, and we have created many gaps in the food sources for native insects, and so for other birds and animals.



## Herford's Christmas Wish List

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3. Real mouse rolled in catnip
4. Tuna flavored treats and catnip
5. Have a Merry Christmas and a great New Year (Did I mention catnip?)

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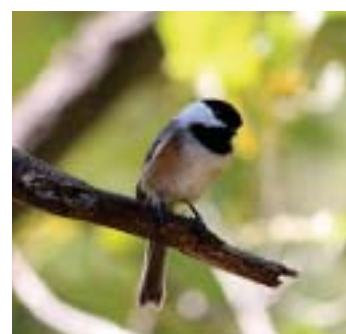
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So next time you're thinking about what to plant in your yard consider helping our birds and wildlife by planting native plants; not just trees, but shrubs and flowers. You'd think a native plant would get completely eaten by insects, but remember the 600 caterpillars per day consumed by that one chickadee nest. Multiply that by all the cardinals, robins, blue jays, bluebirds, mockingbirds, and other birds feeding their young; they'll eat a lot of bugs.

If you're interested in learning more about the role of native plants in our environment, or in finding native plants for your yard, Dr. Tallamy has a website, <http://www.bringingnaturehome.net/>, which includes a list of native trees and plants that foster the most insects, and also has information about his work and books on the same subject. The National Audubon Society has a native plant website at <https://www.audubon.org/native-plants>. You can type in your zip code, and get a list of native plants suitable for our area, and also find a list of local nurseries that can provide native plants.



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