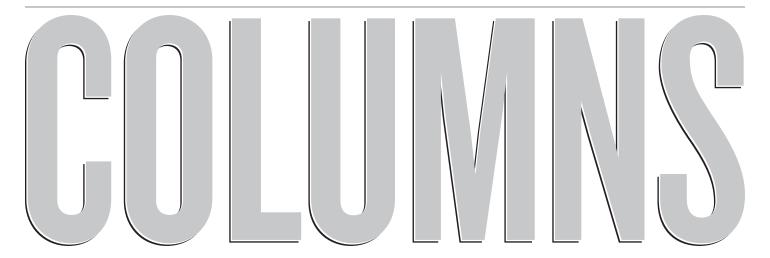


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## Luminaries Lit up the Park



Pictured are Tim Byrd, Tim Brown, Steve Eury, Joyce Eury, Dortch Mann and daughter Haley, Larry Barnes, Larry Boyd, Bill Eckard and Meg Sisk along with a slew of young-ins. Thanks to all that helped. We hope you saw and enjoyed the soft glow around the park.



The Luminaries are scheduled to coincide with the Girl Scouts Winter Fest in the Arboretum. However, for the second year in a row, inclement weather caused a cancellation. Although the Girl Scouts did not reschedule, we did. So, braving a few flurries and very cold temperatures, a dedicated group of neighbors led by Larry Barnes and Steve Eury and a host of young-uns met on December 18 and filled bags, placed candles and distributed about 1200 luminaries around the park.



**FYI-** The Girl Scouts always plan their Winter Fest event at the Arboretum on the first Saturday of December. So, mark the date on your calendar and plan to join us in placing our luminaries in 2011.



## From the Chair

#### **BILL ECKARD**

Judi Duncan shared this letter with me the second week of December. I



was amazed at the response from Sterling Adjustment. I want to know how liability and negligence is determined so I can share

this information with the neighborhood. I called the City Legal Department and talked with Assistant City Attorney Tom Carruthers. Tom, a former neighbor, explained that Sterling Adjustment is a business contracted by the city to review claims made on the city. It turns out that North Carolina is one of the last states in the country that still has a contributory negligence clause on the books. This means that if you contribute at least 1% to a slip and fall, you are negligent. Sterling Adjustment used that clause to deny the claim. The claim is under review by the City Legal Department.

They are aware that Judi has undergone surgery on her nose, dental repair and shoulder rehab. This is not a frivolous claim.

We know that about every five years or so the sidewalk crew comes out and marks the sidewalks for repair. The last markings included the ADA ramps (American Disabilities Act). The City is waiting for stimulus funds to add the ramps. That being said, they did identify areas to be repaired. We all know that Spring Garden is a heavily travelled and a risky adventure to drive on. With the precedent set by the denying the claim, as stated in this letter, would we be negligent if we were on Spring Garden and were involved in an accident. We know it is risky.

Unfortunately accidents do happen. We as citizens have a responsibility to be cautious in everything we do but we also have reasonable expectations that our infrastructure, paid for by property taxes, is in good repair. Especially since the problems were identified and marked. The city spent the same amount of money by quickly reacting to the

(fixing the uneven gap with asphalt) instead of being proactive and temporarily fixing the problem when identified.

Now, because I'm petty and apparently don't have a life I travelled over to Irving Park in search of poor sidewalks. I couldn't find any. I also explored Sunset Hills and did find a few on the south side of Market St.

Please read the letter below and be aware of the liability of walking in Lindley Park. The City also reminds us that it is our responsibility to shovel and remove snow and ice from the public sidewalks on our property or face a \$50.00 fine.

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## **A Winter Eden**

#### BY ROBERT FROST

A winter garden in an alder swamp, Where conies now come out to sun and romp, As near a paradise as it can be And not melt snow or start a dormant tree.

It lifts existence on a plane of snow One level higher than the earth below, One level nearer heaven overhead, And last year's berries shining scarlet red.

It lifts a gaunt luxuriating beast
Where he can stretch and hold his highest feat
On some wild apple tree's young tender bark,
What well may prove the year's high girdle mark.

So near to paradise all pairing ends: Here loveless birds now flock as winter friends, Content with bud-inspecting. They presume To say which buds are leaf and which are bloom.

A feather-hammer gives a double knock. This Eden day is done at two o'clock. An hour of winter day might seem too short To make it worth life's while to wake and sport.



## "FRIEND" LINDLEY PARK

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## **GENERAL MEETING**

The General Meeting will be held at 7:00 pm at the Lindley Recreation Center on the 25th of January.

## **General Meeting, January 25**

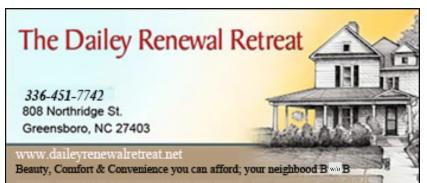
The General Meeting will be held at 7:00 pm at the Lindley Recreation Center on the 25th of January. Our January meetings are when our Board of Directors are elected. The Lindley Park Neighborhood Association has a 17 year history of representing our neighborhood. We have successfully blocked some awkward development and have had influence on other development including setbacks and landscaping. Through grants we have constructed the brick bridges that dot the park. Trees have been planted and with the help of volunteers there is a butterfly garden that attracts Monarchs in the spring.

The Lindley Park Neighborhood Association is recognized through the Neighborhood Congress and the City of Greensboro departments such as; Planning, Engineering, Parks and Recreation, Police and City Council as being a well organized and informed Association. We need to keep it that way. That's why we need involvement and participation at the General Meeting. Door prizes and refreshments are provided so come on out and meet your neighbors.



## **Thanks to Our Supporters**

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# **Beechwood Says Hello and Goodbye**

The neighbors would like to welcome the Shroth's, Anna, Pete and their two boys, Otto and Angus to Beechwood Street. We are pleased to add another young family to our street. Pete is the former proprietor of The Green Bean and is currently the stage manager for The Avett Brothers. (Check them out on youtube). Anna is a fabric designer, can't wait to see her designs. We now have 21 kids under the age of 14. A whole new generation to grow up on Beechwood.

We also have to say goodbye to Ed Howell. Ed passed away on December 18. He lived on Beechwood for 38 years. Ed is survived by his wife, Shirley, sons Randy and Jeff and his dog Spikey. We all knew Ed by the spotless yard that he kept. Shirley will continue to live in their house and we will certainly keep an eye on her.



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## **Chimney Checkup**

Cozying up to a warm fire on these cold winter nights is a pleasant image. But, the picture could be spoiled by a fireplace that hasn't been properly maintained. To make sure your fireplace works properly and safely all winter, consider following the advice from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

ü Clean the Chimney - The NFPA says that most uncontrolled fires linked to fireplaces involve a failure to keep the units clean. Hire a certified chimney sweep to check your fireplace and have it cleaned according to the schedule recommended.

ü Burn Seasoned Wood – A build up of creosote, a flammable chemical produced by burning wood, is the main cause of more than one-fourth of uncontrolled chimney fires, according to the NFPA. To avoid creosote build-up, use properly seasoned wood. Dry, older wood has low levels of creosote, while fresher, wetter woods contain high levels.

ü Start Safely – Use kindling and newspaper to ignite fires, not flammable liquids such as lighter fluid or kerosene.

ü Shield the Room – Use a sturdy fireplace screen large enough to shield your living area from flying embers. Keep

all flammable materials at least three feet from the fireplace. Have a fire extinguisher nearby. ü Monitor Gas – If you have a gas fireplace, make sure you have a carbon monoxide monitor in your house.

ü Cool Ashes – Allow ashes to cool completely before disposal. Collect and store in a tightly covered metal container at least 10 feet from your home. After collecting and disposing ashes, douse them with water.

- Info compiled from State Farm Insurance Newsletter, Oct. 2010

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Despite temperatures in the low teens, Southern Exposure braved the elements to install a park geared to help these dogs recuperate, train, and relax.

Therapy Park To Include: Walkways Plantings High Density Pet Turf Agility Course Boulders Seatwall Enclosed area for dogs to run.

Fox 8, News 2, and News 14, have been covering the story.

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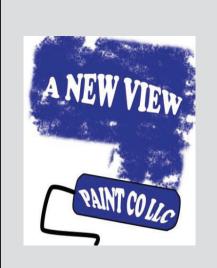
## **Lindley Park Home Sales Chart**

YR	# Homes	Aver SQFT	AVER #BR	AVER #Full Baths	AVER # Half Baths	AVER #Garage Spaces	AVER Yr. Built	AVER List Price	AVER LP S/SF	AVER Closed Price	AVER CP \$/SF	AVER DOM
2000	21	1505	3	1	1	1	1940	\$132,238	\$89	\$128,588	\$86	51
2001	38	1557	3	1	1	1	1941	\$139,676	\$92	\$136,164	\$90	71
2002	34	1441	3	1	1	1	1948	\$136,441	\$96	\$133,064	\$94	73
2003	36	1416	3	1	1	1	1942	\$138,872	\$100	\$134,105	\$96	73
2004	39	1458	3	1	1	1	1944	\$148,436	\$104	\$145,244	\$102	79
2005	56	1493	3	2	1	1	1947	\$155,284	\$105	\$151,378	\$103	67
2006	40	1382	3	2	1	1	1952	\$162,140	\$119	\$158,116	116	45
2007	39	1415	3	1	1	1	1944	\$164,723	\$118	\$160,049	\$115	42
2008	44	1443	3	2	1	1	1944	\$171,177	\$119	\$166,638	117	76
2009	38	1,571	3	2	1	1	1945	\$179,225	\$114	\$172,076	\$109	68
2010	36	1,482	3	1	1	1	1943	\$167,043	\$113	\$160,928	\$109	89

For explaination and commentary on these numbers, see Patti Eckard's article on page 7.



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## **Lindley Park Home Sales - a year in review**

BY PATTI ECKARD, REALTOR®, CRS, GRI, SRES®

WOW! This is the 10th year I've been reporting on Lindley Park home sales. Each year, as I review the data and think back over the previous 12 months I am always surprised how well we do - despite the economy, despite the bad weather and despite the media saying home sales and values are down. Yes, it did turn out to be a very challenging year for home sales. Fewer buyers were out shopping for houses and they had a large selection to choose from. And, due to a larger inventory, buyers could afford to be picky. The outcome was, on average, houses stayed on the market longer, prospective sellers had to do more to attract buyers and had to tighten up their list prices.

But, as you will see from the table, Lindley Park managed to stay even with the previous year in regard to home values. While the average list and sales prices did decrease, so did the average size of the home. Fewer larger homes, including the "period favorite bungalows" and Craftsman design were on the market. More one story ranches built in the early fifties entered the market last year. In the end, homebuyers, on average, were able to net 96% of their list price.

While 2011 is getting off to another snowy start - the real estate market is starting to heat up. Right now it is just a simmer. But, prospective buyers are checking out Open Houses, and websites are getting hits. As the weather warms, flowers start to bloom - Lindley Park will be at its best. So, if you are thinking about putting your house on the market - use this slow time wisely. Get your house ready. Consider a pre-listing home inspection to make sure your home does not have any hidden problems. Work on your curb appeal. Freshen up the inside with paint.

Lindley Park will continue to be a sought after destination for many prospective homeowners. Besides the obvious - tree lined streets, the Park, sidewalks, walking distance to restaurants, stores and an elementary school, we have so much more.





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## **Neighborhood Walk**

The fourth time was the charm. After three previous cancellations due to weather, finally on November the 1st the weather was perfect and the City Officials toured our neighborhood. The group headed down Elam to Spring Garden to Northridge, Sherwood, Howard and then back to Sherwood to the corner of Lindell and Springwood. Where, because of time constraints and a setting sun everyone loaded up on city vans and headed to the Arboretum for refreshments and a chance to meet and talk with the neighbors.

Along the route several neighbors spoke on issues, concerns and how great it is to live in Lindley Park. Stephen Johnson spoke about life on Elam and how important zoning is to the eastern part of our neighborhood. Frank Brooks talked about architecture and property values. Joyce Eury spoke about living in proximity to Spring Garden and student housing. Cary Little spoke on Lindley Park's social outings and how well they are attended. Bill Schneider also spoke on zoning. Palmer McIntyre talked about the importance of Lindley Elementary School and the Recreation center.

This event was coordinated by our neighbor, Susan Taaffe. It was great to showcase Lindley Park and important for the City Staff and Representatives to know who we are. Thank you for a great job, Susan.

# **Food Drive for Lindley Elementary**

Did you know that a number of children at Lindley Elementary miss meals over the weekend due to lack of resources? In fall 2010, several local churches, in partnership with the school administration, created a Weekend Backpack Program. This program sends backpacks, filled with basic foods for two breakfasts and two lunch/dinners, home with these students every weekend. In order to continue providing these meals, we need your help stocking the "pantry". Please check the list and consider donating some items. Volunteers from Hope Chapel will be picking up food from porches throughout the neighborhood on Saturday, January 22, from 2pm-4pm.

#### FOOD items needed:

- + Individual packages of oatmeal
- + Individual packages of grits
- + Individual boxes of cereal
- + Breakfast bars, (Special K, etc.)
- + Fruit cups, pudding, raisins (small dessert or snack)
- + Tuna (small cans)
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On August 16, 2010, as I was walking with friends at approximately 8:45pm, I stumbled on the uneven sidewalk on Northridge Street, Greensboro.

I was taken to Wesley Long Emergency Hospital where it was determined I had broken my nose, cuts and bruising. It was several days later that, because of the fall, I was having should pain and am now having to go for continued treatment.

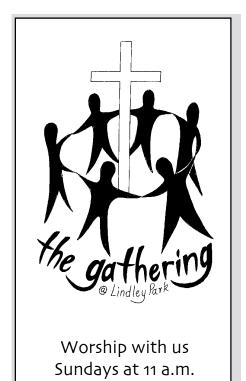
On August 17, 2010, I called the City of Greensboro. I was transferred to the Sidewalk Division and I spoke with a gentleman about my fall. I discussed the white lines and white arrows, that can be found on many of the sidewalks in the Lindley Park area, which showed the need of repair. He informed me that the sidewalks were in need of repair, but they were waiting for stimulus money in order to make repairs. I did ask him if the city of Greensboro was responsible for accidents on the maintained city sidewalks. At that time, he informed me, he did not handle that information, but he did give me the name and phone number of Sterling Adjustment Company.

I followed up with a call to Sterling Adjustment. I spoke with Kay Sterling. I explained the situation to her and she said they would be glad to go out and assess the situation. But quickly informed me that the City of Greensboro was self insured and they would have to be completely negligent in order to take responsibility.

On the evening of August 17th, my husband and I returned to the area of my fall. Within four hours, of my call to the city, city employees had gone out to the exact area and filled in the unevenness of the pavement squares. Not only did they fix where I had fallen, to cover all bases, they filled in approximately six areas in that one block, on both sides of the street. I guess they weren't positive of the exact location of my fall, so they repaired all around.

On August 18, 2010, I called Ms. Kay Sterling again, to inform her that the City had repaired the areas, before she had even had a chance to see the condition of the pavement, that was the cause of my fall. She said that she would try to get out to the area within the next week. I really didn't understand her reason for even going, after the city had repaired that particular bad pavement area.

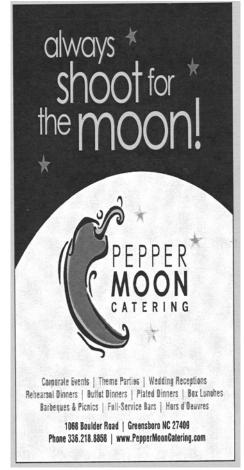
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I waited for a month for a reply from Ms. Sterling. After I left her a message, she called me to inform me that the City of Greensboro determined that I was negligent because I chose to walk on City sidewalks, that I knew were in bad need of repair. I was so shocked at the decision, that I even asked her if she was kidding me.

- 1) I am a taxpayer and when I see how our tax money is being spent on frivolous items that we, as taxpayers, aren't given choices about, then it just stuns me to hear that, "You are a city resident, so you are required to pay city taxes, but because we make all the rules, we don't have to keep public property safe." What kind of city ordinance is that? We choose to live in neighborhoods, that we assume should be kept safe. Lindley ark is one of those neighborhoods. If you fell in my driveway or my walk way, automatically I would be responsible. So, how does the City determine they don't have to play by the same rules.
- 2) Yes, I have walked many times on the sidewalks in the Lindley Park community, as many people do. That is one of the draws for the area. But it is now a risk factor for all walkers in the area.
- 3) I guess I am naïve to think that city sidewalks are there to give you a safe place to walk. Since you have made it very clear that I am negligent, because I chose to walk on unsafe sidewalks. What choice do I have? Walk in the roadway. That would really make a lot of sense in order to be "safe," wouldn't it?
- 4) I am amazed at all of the white lines and arrows that have been put on sidewalks, in Lindley Park, to show where repairs need to be made. Which I might add, the actual one I tripped over was not marked in any way. So, that tells me that the City of Greensboro already knew they had a problem with the sidewalks and have been negligent in not making the repairs. Then as soon as I called, they immediately sent a crew out to repair and cover up the problem. I might add there is a very bold arrow and lie at the exact spot where I fell, after the repair. Then to have Ms. Sterling tell me that the City of Greensboro is not negligent. I am so amazed at the double standards our city Government lives by.

Ms. Sterling with Sterling Adjustments replied that if I was not happy with the decision, I could write to the Legal Department, giving reasons why I don't feel I am me negligent. Just being a hard working taxpayer, I now that a letter is in vain. If nothing else, I have come to realize the old saying "You can't beat City Hall" is very true. How city government can make laws to cover everything for their good, but could care less about the citizens that put money in their pockets. Would you look at your decision any differently, if you were the one that had been injured on a city street? I find it very difficult to understand how to justify my "being negligent" for walking on a city sidewalk.

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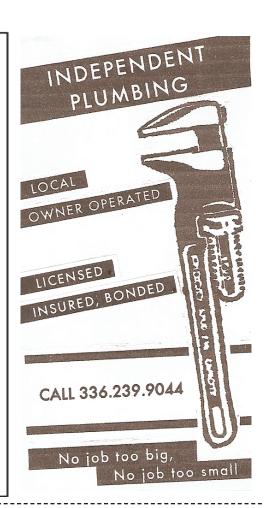




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What are the costs to Guilford County when our children enter school unprepared? INCREASED abuse, depression, school failure, teen pregnancy, education costs, welfare expenses, criminal justice expenses, juvenile delinquency, and crime. DECREASED workforce skills, economic productivity, and responsible citizenship.

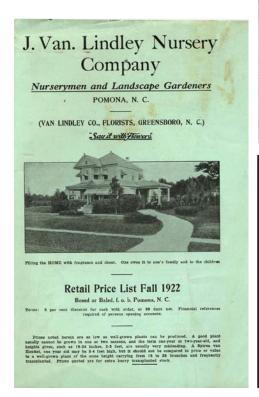
Each day in Guilford County, hundreds of young children sit at home or in a low quality daycare environment. As their chance to prepare for kindergarten decreases, their chance to spend the rest of their lives in poverty increases. Even though substantial evidence supports the effectiveness of early childhood education, less than 5% of public education funding goes toward early learning programs. Therefore, it's up to us to get the job done.

The future of Guilford County depends on the children of today. We desperately need your help to give every child in Guilford County the chance to succeed in school and in life.

Guilford Child Development is located at 1200 Arlington Street, Greensboro NC. 27406]. For more information go to their web site info@guilfordchilddev.org

# Lindley Park, back in the day

Old pictures of the Paul Lindley house on Spring Garden St., circa 1922.





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2206 Walker Avenue 285-9429

11:00 am - 10:00 pm, Sunday - Wednesday 11:00 am - 3:00 am, Thursday - Saturday Saturday breakfast coming soon!

## CALENDAR EVENTS

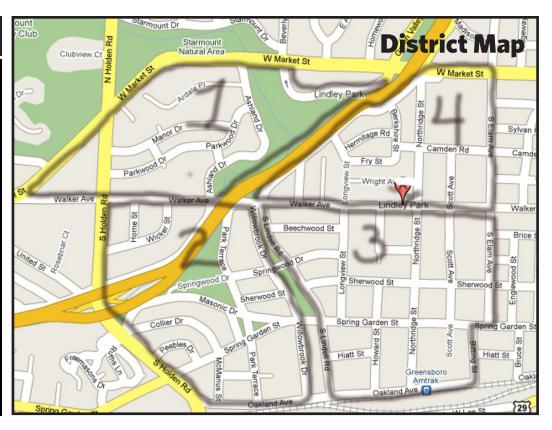
January 17 Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 25 LPNA General Meeting 7pm Lindley Rec Center

February 2 Ground Hog Day (come on Spring!)

February 14 Velentine's Day

February 21 Presidents Day



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