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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Hi neighbors,

Spring is almost here – thank goodness! It's been an interesting winter in Greensboro and even though I was excited to have some snow and hit the sledding hill at Lindley, I am ready for Spring!

My backyard lenten rose (that's Helleborus to those Latin-ly inclined) "farm" is busting out (and if you want any ...seriously, let me know). Soon the azaleas and dogwoods will be blooming, and Lindley Park will be popping with color and looking beautiful.

There are a lot of activities going on in the neighborhood during the Spring months. **Blake Sagar, Josh Sherrick** and **Adam Spivey** ushered in the season with the *Oyster Roast* in March, and **Crystal Stoutz** is hard at work on the *Egg Hunt* which is planned for April 12th.

Blake, Josh, Adam and **Rob Balkind**, will once again be cooking up a storm for our *Spring Fling* BBQ on May 3. This year however they don't have to build a grill to cook for us. We have a fantastic grill courtesy of **Charlie Hertlein** that Blake refurbished.

Our next neighborhood-wide meeting will be Tuesday May 20th, and our annual yard sale will be in May as well. Keep an eye on emails and Facebook for details of all these events and if you are not already signed up for these, now is the time to do it.

Also, if you haven't heard, we would love to have some new members on the LPNA board. **Erin Oliver** volunteered to take on the role of secretary and has also been the face behind our Facebook posts, along with **Carrie Little**. **Brittany Carty**, who has been crafting emails for the past year, has stepped into the Communications Chair role (Thank you Erin, Carrie and Brittany!), but we have some additional open Board positions. **Patti Eckard** graciously came out of retirement to fill in the gap as Interim Vice Chair, but she has made her mark in LPNA for many years and deserves to be able to permanently retire from this too.

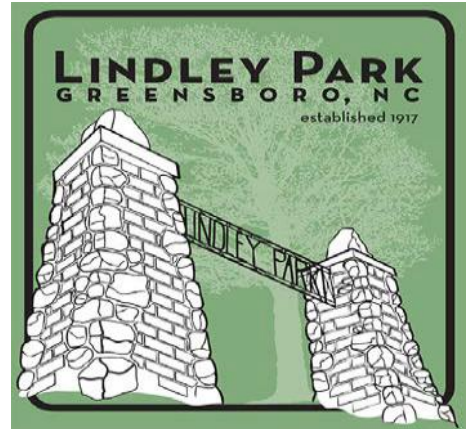
We would really appreciate volunteers taking on the roles of *Vice Chair*, *Community/Government Liaison*, and *Assistant Newsletter Editor*. Please contact me to learn more: joyceury@gmail.com

I also want to thank **Maury Schott** and **Dyan Arkin** (who has now retired from the role) who have done a terrific job of creating this publication. This newsletter has mostly been created and edited by them. It's an act of love to get it out each time it's published. It's funded by the businesses that advertise so be sure to support them with your business. **Melissa Michos** organizes this for us. It also takes a large group of neighborhood couriers to get them delivered led by **Peggy Culkin** who counts and divides out over 1200 newsletters. You can also help our volunteer editors out by contributing articles on community related topics of interest such as special events, neighborhood activities, human interest stories about neighbors or local business highlights.

And if you don't have time to volunteer, you can always help out with a donation. Just use the QR code or link on the previous page!

Enjoy your spring and I hope you will check out all the goings-on in the neighborhood!

Joyce



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LPNA Business Meeting

Tuesday, October 29, 2024

Treasurer's Report

Balance: \$5,884.90

Old Business

Open positions:

- Secretary
- Vice Chair
- Government and Community Liaison (committee chair)

New Business

- Duke Energy was installing fiberoptic lines on Walker
- City has approved 25 mph on Howard St., Sherwood St., Scott Ave., and Longview St.
- Work on leveling sidewalks - report to the city, walk your area, send Joyce the area surveyed. Use GSO collects app for your phone, go to help button, pick "I have a different problem", "What type of issue do you have?"- suggested to use "potholes" for sidewalk cracks.
- Simple Gestures (non-profit food donation organization) would like to have a table at Chili Cookoff

District Reports

District 1 (Vicki Foust): re-doing pipes, so the roads are looking rough, school is getting closer to being done.

District 3 (Ken Jones): Halloween is this week and the barricades are out and ready.

Committee Reports

Communication:

- Started long sleeve T shirt sales at the corner market, still have short sleeve and pig picking shirts

Healthy Neighborhoods/Park Maintenance:

- Would it help attendance to avoid doing park workday the same day as the neighborhood events?

Community Engagement/Gov Liaison:

- GPD – Car break ins and attempts at home break ins by same individual-police are on this attempting to identify the individual (district 4 area)
- Homicide on Spring Garden (earlier this summer) no new updates
- Homeless encampment on city property-red tent, Wendover bridge-likely state
- Brooks Global – on schedule to open in January 2025
- Lindley Pool – Construction is underway for stabilizing the deck and doing upgrades to electrical system. No rec center, parking, or street closure impacts anticipated. Completion expected summer 2025.
- MoJud Lofts - 112 units are occupied with 5 additional move-ins scheduled for next month.
- Hiatt Street Apartments (prior trailer park). Project is still in the planning phase for approx. 75 apartments.
- Holliday Apartments. Project is still in the planning phase for approximately 24 apartments.
- The Lindley on Market Street – Construction is underway for 213 luxury apartments anticipated to be ready for occupancy in 2025.
- Spring Garden Corridor – Several neighbors have expressed interest in working specifically on safety and traffic issues in the corridor.
- 2805 Hiatt – property is being used for auto sales – question as to whether they have complied with City requirements is being researched



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The LP Spring Egg Hunt



Please join us for Lindley Park's annual **Egg Hunt** on
Saturday April 12th at 2 pm

The Egg Hunt is for children up to age 8/9 and will take place in and around the playground on the grounds of Lindley Park Pool. There will be two to three age divisions so everyone gets a great chance to find plenty of eggs.

And there may even be a visit from the Easter Bunny. If you would like to help with the event, want to donate some candy, or stuff some eggs with candy/toys (provided by LPNA) please contact Crystal at: city2surfproperty@gmail.com



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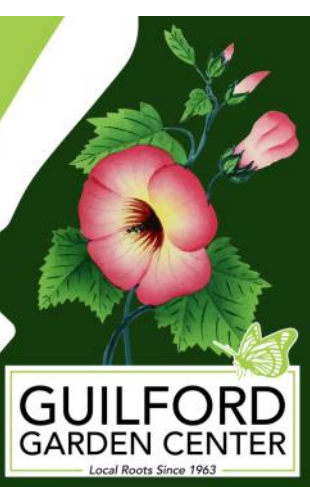
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LPNA Business Meeting

Tuesday, November 26, 2024
Lindley Recreation Center

Attending: Dave Dobson, Maury Schott, Steve Eury, Joyce Eury, Peggy Culkin, Elizabeth Link, Sam Henderson, Vicki Foust, Charlie Brown

Absent: Ken Jones, Elinor Sherman, Stephen Johnson, Dyan Arkin, Melissa Michos

Treasurer Report - Sam Henderson

YTD Revenue: \$10,754 YTD Expenses: \$10,310

District Reports

Vicki: District 1 - Pipework throughout this area is complete.

Elinor District 2 - (written) Has been in contact with a City contact who has a meeting with Duke Energy scheduled to see / if what possibilities exist for installing streetlights along Willowbrook between Springwood and Park. This was pursued many years ago and at that time it was not possible to do

Dave: District 4 - Working on list where sidewalks need repair

Old Business

2025 Board roles: Joyce asks that everyone provide two names that she can contact about open roles: Vice Chair, Community and Gov't Liaison, Secretary, Newsletter Assistant

Sidewalks Dave has added about 25 uneven sidewalk addresses. Plan is to finish by the end of year and submit to City

Community Watch Continuing discussion from last meeting, whether we want to pursue this/ options. Charlie reports that GPD suggests using NextDoor as a means for CW and that there are ways to make private groups - so just LP neighbors can be admitted, and may be able to be subdivided by neighborhood district. This would be run by an administrator and could have rules about what is posted. Other options would Facebook groups or email listserv - both where neighbors would have to join the group but would be able to post per guidelines. Joyce and Charlie will meet separately to discuss.

New Business

Discussion of concerns board members have about Spring Garden St and whether it's worthwhile to try to have LPNA take part in addressing traffic, crime, noise concerns,

A couple of needed neighborly reminders:

Sidewalks are part of the road right-of-way, and not private property. It is illegal to block them.

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Those Park Markers and Plans

Contributed by Elizabeth Link

If you have been by the park between Lindell and Willowbrook lately, you may have noticed the pink tape on trees, stakes with tape tied to them, and spray-painted triangles, etc on the street. Or you've seen the surveyors who are responsible for them. They are working to create a park map, including topography and the location of trees larger than 4" in diameter. The markings locate places that they have measured, since the process will take some weeks for the surveyors to complete.

The map is being created by the Parks & Recreation Department. It will allow us to create a landscape plan that builds on the original 1997 plan, which planted most of the trees and shrubs currently in the park. There were a number of flowers and grasses on that plan that didn't get planted. Some of them are now recognized as invasive non-natives that would not be planted today. We will focus on native and non-invasive plants as we develop the new plan. This will be very much a neighborhood effort, and if you have any thoughts on how you would like to see the park develop, please reach out to me at elizlink04@gmail.com.

As we move into spring you might be thinking about what to plant in your own yard. If you're looking for native plants that will brighten up the yard, and provide food for birds and pollinators, consider False Indigo (*Baptisia* species), Purple Coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*) and other coneflowers, and Black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia fulgida*). These are all hardy species that like sun or part shade. Woodland Phlox (*Phlox divaricata*) does well in full shade, and Moss Phlox (*Phlox subulata*) does well in full sun. Foxglove Beardtongue (*Penstemon digitalis*), Goldenrod (*Solidago*) and Bee Balm (*Monarda*) species are other hardy species that are highly adaptable to soil conditions and full to part sun.

If looking for a source of native plants, our neighbor John Neal grows and sells great native plants as **Neal's Natives**. To sign up for emails about what, when and where he'll be selling them, send him an email at nealsnatives@gmail.com. He will also be having a driveway sale on **April 13, from 9 a.m. to 1p.m., at 2705 Camden Rd.**

Another source for natives is **Guilford Garden Center**, which has a location on Milner Dr. across from Quaker Village, and has just expanded to the old New Garden Nursery location on Lawndale Dr.

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Near the 'Hood

Contributed by Dyan Arkin

Don't know about you, but I'm always on a quest for easy ways to eat healthier. I make smoothies at home, so rarely go out of my way to get them, but I tried my first açai bowl in California a few months ago and fell in love!

Luckily **OrganicAF** just opened a new location on Market Street next door to *A Special Blend* coffee shop and *Mythos Grill*. Try their fresh-pressed juices, organic smoothies, and my personal favorite – açai bowls! Or pick up ready-made (but still fresh and organic) cold-pressed juice blends, immunity shots, and nut milks.



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LPNA General Meeting

Tuesday, January 28, 2025
Lindley Recreation Center

The LPNA General Meetings are open to all Lindley Park Residents. If you didn't attend, we hope you will join us next time - the meetings are held quarterly!

Treasurer Report - Sam Henderson

Current balance - \$6231.00
2024 donations - \$2990.00
2024 T shirts sales - \$3635.00

We welcomed **Lisa Duck from The Kellin Foundation, who reported on several of their programs**, such as: Mobile Food Market which takes place on the third Friday of the month, Tutoring opportunities available Tuesday's from 4pm - 6pm for grades 6 - 12, and the Journey to Brave concert at Joymongers on May 1. Visit www.kellinfoundation.org

New Business

Elections were held for two open roles: **Vice Chair - Patti Eckerd** agreed to serve on an interim basis until another party comes forward and **Secretary - Erin Oliver** was elected. Thank you Patti and Erin for dedicating your time to making Lindley Park a great place.

As a reminder, if you're interested in stepping into the **Vice Chair** role, the open **Government & Community Liaison** role, or as **Assistant Newsletter Editor**. If interested, please contact [Joyce Eury](#). Our Neighborhood Association thrives when we have new people and new ideas.

LPNA Chair, **Joyce Eury**, spoke about forming a group to focus efforts on Spring Garden Street traffic and safety. We have a few people who are planning to work on this, but more are welcome. If you want to learn more about this project and get involved at any level, please get in touch with [Steve Eury](#)

Committee Reports

Environmental - Elizabeth Link

- Park Clean Up Days will now take place on the **second** Saturday of every month.
- A list of uneven LP sidewalks has been submitted to the City - repair timeline TBD.

Communications - Steve Eury

- Reported on the progress of our communication channels like the growth of our social media presence, email list, and newsletter expansion.
- Don't forget to [donate to LPNA](#) before February 15 to have your name featured and celebrated as a donor in the Spring edition of *Columns*, our Lindley Park newsletter
- Steve also announced we will be stepping down as Chair of the LPNA Communications Committee. Neighbor Brittany Carty was appointed to step into the role moving forward.

Government Community Liaison - Dyan Arkin

- Lindley Park Pool will **not** be open for 2025.
- We discussed the future implementation of a Lindley Park Community Watch forum initiated by LPNA GPD Liaison, Charlie Brown. More details to come on this initiative.
- Reminder of the [Short Term Rental](#) (STR) resources available through the LPNA website. There are currently 17 approved STR's in Lindley Park, and they can be viewed [here](#).
- LPNA is working within the City's Traffic Management Program to ensure safe speed limits within the neighborhood as well as implementation of traffic calming devices within the neighborhood; 25 mph signs have been placed on Longview, Sherwood, Scott, Howard and Masonic/Cliffside establishing this speed limit vs 35 mph when unmarked. An electronic speed sensor will be rotated around these streets for the next few months.

Social | Stephen Johnson

- **March 1** - Oyster Roast
- **April 12** - Egg Hunt
- **May 3** - Spring Fling (more details coming soon!)
- **TBD** - LPNA Yard Sale

Lindley Park Calendar

<https://lindleyparknc.com/events-calendar/>

LP Egg Hunt April 12th 2pm

Spring Fling May 3rd 4pm

LPNA Yard Sale May TBD

LPNA at The Corner Market

Last Saturday of the month. 8am - 12noon

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April 26, May 31, June 28

Park Work Days

2nd Saturday of each month, 9am - 11am

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LINDLEY PARK ECHOES

Contributed by Nicholas Jordan



As part of our continuing examination of Lindley Park history, if you have any information about it or photos from the neighborhood's past, please submit them to Nick Jordan by using this QR code.

We'll be featuring another installment from Nick in the next issue of *Columns*, but you can submit any materials or comments at any time by scanning this code.



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Oyster Roast 2025

From the Editor

Special thanks for the success of our 'first harbinger of spring' event goes to our very own dream team, **Blake Sagar** and **Adam Spivey** for braving the *serious* heat of the 'kitchen' and **Josh Sherrick** for his able all-around support. More than 60 neighbors bought tickets and partook in the feast. And we had **Nick Wagner** and **Jacob Lloyd Morris** providing the music!



Nick Wagner & Jacob Lloyd Morris



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And no more leaky, stinky garbage!

Just collect the food scrap in a bucket - a paint bucket from the big box store works great - and when it's full dump it in the proper container when you're on an errand near either of the current drop-off locations:

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Congregational United Church of Christ 400 W. Radiance Dr.

(in the parking lot across East Radiance Dr.)

The Corner Farmers Market - 2024 By the Numbers

Contributed by Kathy Newsom, Market Manager

If you haven't visited our neighborhood market in a while, you might be surprised to learn how far we've come. As we wrap up our **11th year**, our scrappy little market has grown **1400%** percent, from a start of **3 farmers** to a steady average of **45 vendors**.



When you shop at The Corner you are supporting:

- ⇒ **13 farms:** nearly all of whom are *first-generation* farmers with a few multi-generation farms providing mentorship. For most farms, our market is their main, or *only*, outlet for sales, and you keep them growing strong! Our farms bring fresh produce, eggs, and locally raised meats.
- ⇒ **5 bakers:** offering French bread and pastries, bagels, sourdough, artisan sweet treats and more. We recently coaxed *Breadservice* back to the market to help alleviate the 11am bread crisis!
- ⇒ **Prepared foods from more than a dozen chefs:** offering Mexican, Palestinian, Lebanese, Trinidadian, Australian, French, Puerto Rican, Sicilian, Congolese, and Cajun dishes. Plus, American standards.
- ⇒ **13 specialty vendors:** an apiary, coffee roaster, bean-to-bar chocolate makers, knife sharpener, fishmonger, soap maker, winery, juicer, vegan baker, allergen free baker, and fermenter.
- ⇒ **5-10 rotating spotlights:** local artists, food pop-ups, food trucks - new experiences each week
- ⇒ **1 rotating free spot:** for young entrepreneurs, scouts, non-profits, services, etc.

Plus, a weekly kids make-and-take tent, rotating buskers, and all sorts of surprises. And **one** plucky little chicken the kids play hide and seek with.

In 2024, you dug deep to feed your neighbors. The Green for Greens program put more than **\$77,000 in fresh foods** in the baskets of our neighbors receiving a SNAP benefit. And that means **\$77,000** went to the vendors we all know and love, and *didn't* go to big chains selling "fake-fresh" foods shipped in from... wherever! In 2024, our Green for Greens SNAP matching fund was entirely community-funded!

For perspective let's zoom in on just a couple of items. You purchased more than **14,625 pounds of tomatoes** in 2024. Nik of *Sunhouse*, who started farming on the heels of COVID, says in 2020 he sold **150 lbs** of tomatoes. This year he grew and sold **2,525 lbs**. That is **1,588% growth**. In just four years. And it was a great year for peaches as well: **4,400 lbs worth** at The Corner. Next year we may have fresh peach ice cream too!

There is also a way to invest up front, essentially giving the farmers seed money, and reaping the cream of the crop each week. *Sun and Soil*, *Sunhouse*, and *Faucette Farms* offer produce CSAs. Combined, they fill almost **200 pre-paid customer CSA orders every week**. *Faucette* has open sign-ups now, and you can check with the others for their enrollment schedules.

When we buy fresh food at the farmers' market, we want to make sure nothing goes to waste. *Sun and Soil Farm* offers a compost service. Buy a bucket, bring it back each week with your food scraps and get a fresh bucket for a small fee. Sun and Soil diverted **4,700 pounds of food waste** from the landfill in 2024.

Thank you for being a vital part of this ecosystem that revolves around **The Corner**.

The Corner Farmer's Market operates year-round every Saturday morning from 8am-noon. It's located at 2105 W. Market Street in the parking lot of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.

The market matches SNAP benefits through their Green for Greens Fund. SNAP recipients can bring their benefits card to the yellow market tent to match up to \$50 each week to spend at the market.

Got questions? Email me at kathy@cornermarketqso.com or visit us at: <https://cornermarketqso.com/>



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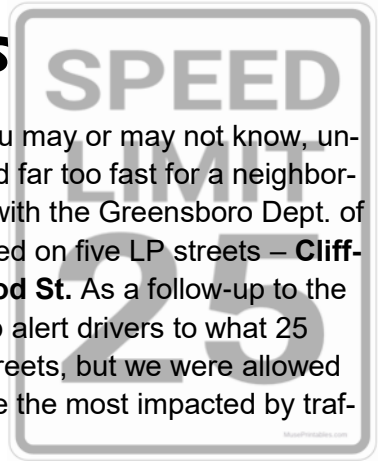
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Neighborhood Speed Changes



You may have noticed some new speed limit signage recently in the 'hood. As you may or may not know, under NC law streets that are not posted otherwise 'default' to 35 mph. That seemed far too fast for a neighborhood with on-again/off-again sidewalks and substantial foot traffic. After working with the Greensboro Dept. of Transportation for several months, new 25 mph speed limits have now been posted on five LP streets – **Cliffside Terrace/Masonic Dr., Scott Ave., Howard St., Longview St.** and **Sherwood St.** As a follow-up to the change, G-DOT is also rotating digital speed sensors among those streets to help alert drivers to what 25 mph 'feels' like. Our original request to G-DOT encompassed all neighborhood streets, but we were allowed to make the request for only a few. As a start, we chose the streets that tend to be the most impacted by traffic going to or coming from Spring Garden St.

Aside from (hopefully) some slower speeds on those streets, the reduction to 25 mph also makes them eligible for consideration for additional speed reduction strategies under G-DOT's Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) which they introduced last year.

LPNA thanks **Dyan Arkin** and **Maury Schott** for working with G-DOT on our behalf, and **Marty Noe** for his advocacy on the Cliffside Terrace/Masonic Dr. reduction.

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But we let all that slide. That's because, one way or another, they're the ones who make sure your copy of *Columns* lands on your porch four times a year. So we thought it was high time you saw who these steely LP folks are.

So, in absolutely no discernable order, here are the neighbors who hand deliver your Lindley Park newsletter to your door:

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A Hope Hub Partner: Beyond Sports

Contributed by Meg Sisk

Beginning training for junior athletes is a significant commitment in both time and money. The cost of equipment, training, and access to fields and arenas is often beyond what many families can afford. As a result, there are significant gaps for those with limited access to high school sports, which can teach valuable life lessons in time management, sportsmanship, perseverance, and inner strength.

Mike Kennedy and **Michaela Daly** recognized this gap, both from their own experiences and their time coaching young athletes. They wanted to level the playing field and ensure that all youth had access to the opportunity to learn sports, engage in teamwork, and benefit from the many lessons that youth sports can provide. Their passion led to the creation of **Beyond Sports**, a growing local and regional organization. The name reflects the belief that sports offer youth more than just physical activity—it's about the life lessons that come with it. Access to equipment, training, and fields is just the start.

Their mission goes beyond simply providing access to sports. They aim to use sports as a vehicle for building stronger connections across economic, racial, and gender lines. Having witnessed the power of sports firsthand, Mike and Michaela are dedicated to ensuring that all youth have access to these opportunities.

Beyond Sports began as a program in a handful of local schools, including Kiser Middle School and Washington Elementary. They enlisted college and local professional athletes to introduce students to sports they might not have heard of—like rowing, wrestling, and golf. They followed this by offering students the chance to join local amateur clubs at lower-cost rates to continue learning and developing their skills. Beyond Sports aims to disrupt the trend where, by middle school, it's often too late for students to pick up sports like soccer or golf and experience success.

Achieving these goals requires funding. Mike and Michaela have built a coalition of support and successfully won grants to bring their vision to life. Their facility at **The Hope Hub** in Lindley Park provides a warehouse of sports equipment available to local school athletes, either through team or individual requests. **The Hub** also houses offices and hosts team building events for special projects. Most recently, they hosted an after-school team building and service-learning event for the Recess Champions from Washington Elementary.

Beyond Sports is a valuable asset to our community and a great example of a Hope Hub partner. If you are interested in partnering with **Beyond Sports** or have new or gently used equipment you might be interested in donating, you can contact them at: **336-314-0611** OR <https://www.beyondsportsnc.com/>



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