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A Newsletter of the Duke Park Neighborhood Association

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Letter from the President

Dan Read

THE HAPLESS POLICE officers in *The Pirates of Penzance* sang: “when the foeman bares his steel, we uncomfortable feel...” “Bad cop, no donut,” is a joke that often draws a laugh. Our police can be the butt of much humor.

It must be tough to be a police officer: to be at once responsible for the safety and order of the neighborhood and the City, to be expected to react promptly and courageously to danger and crime, and yet also to be the first to be blamed when crime goes unsolved and unpunished. In troubled times like these when joblessness and drugs drive crime upward and people’s nerves jangle with every random noise or suspicious vagrant in the streets, the calls to the police jump up and frustration builds when they cannot make the problems go away.

The excellent turnout of neighbors who walked the Clark and Washington areas with police on the *Project Safe Neighborhood* afternoon emphasized that we are not going to let our neighborhood be dragged down by crime, but did not get us any closer to solving the horrible crime that spurred the turnout in the first place.

Those of you who have followed the internet traffic about scam artists going from door to door or well-known thieves walking down the street know what I mean. Why can’t they just arrest these people and get them off the streets?

Because in this great country, the police must walk the fine line between protecting the community and respecting the rights of individuals. As District 2 Commander Captain Larry Smith said, “It isn’t illegal to be in a gang.” They still have to get evidence of specific bad acts.

That’s where we come in. As has been said before in this space and online, if it

looks suspicious, call the police. Call 911 for an emergency or anything urgent, or 560-4600 for non-emergencies. Make the call. Let them come out as soon as they can to check it out.

Getting mad at the police for not coming sooner isn’t going to help. Keep calling. If you can’t get a response, send Larry an email at larry.smith@durhamnc.gov.

Because the police are trying.

It is hard to balance all the things they have to consider and operate within the limited budgets available. Give them a friendly shout-out when next you see one of them!

On another note, there is a lot of noise about the City cutting down trees as part of the sidewalk installation along Markham Avenue. If this is an issue that concerns you, please get in touch with our sidewalk committee. There is a lot of history on this issue, too, so get informed first. Send an email to the list asking to participate. If you can’t do that, call me, Dan Read, 688-0535.



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Carta del Presidente

Escrito por Dan Read (Traducido por Nathaniel Rewey)

Los policia incapaces de la pelicula “Los Piratas de Penzance” contaban “cuando el capataz desnuda su acero, nosotros nos sentimos incomodos”... “Policia malo, no tiene roscon”, es un chiste que muchas veces gana una risa. Nuestros policia muchas veces son el chiste de nuestro humor.

Debe ser dificil ser policia, por ser responsable de la seguridad y orden del barrio y la ciudad, se espera de la policia reaccione con prontitud y valentia ante el peligro y crimen y sin embargo siempre es el primero en ser culpado cuando un crimen queda sin resolver.

En tiempos dificiles como los que estamos enfrentando, el desempleo y las drogas contribuyen al aumento en el crimen y en los nervios de todos, a tal punto que con cada sonido extraño o cada vagabundo sospechoso en la calle, las llamadas a la policia aumentan y la frustración crece cuando ellos no pueden hacer que este tipo de problemas desaparezcan.

La excelente participación de los vecinos quienes caminaron por las calles de Clark y Washington con la policia del proyecto “Barrio Seguro” demostró que no vamos a permitir que nuestro barrio sea arrastrado por la delincuencia; sin embargo no nos llevo a estar mas cerca de resolver el horrible incidente que estimulo la participación en primer lugar.

Quienes han seguido el trafico de internet acerca de los estafadores quienes van puerta a puerta o los ladrones conocidos caminado por las calles saben lo que quiero decir. Porque no pueden detener a estos y retirarlos de las calles?

Porque en este gran pais la policia debe caminar una linea fina entre la protección de la comunidad y el respeto de los derechos de los individuos. Como ha dicho el comandante del Distrito 2, Capitan Larry Smith, “No es ilegal ser parte de una pandilla” igual tienen que encontrar las pruebas de los actos ilegales.

DPD Attends DPNA Feb. 9 Meeting



DISTRICT 2 CAPTAIN LARRY SMITH and **Gang Coordinator Corporal Vincent Pearsall** gave an update on recent crime and gang activity at the February DPNeighborhood Association Meeting.

Local gangs include Folk Nation (although there have been fewer lately.) Others present are the Crips and Sur 13 (Hispanic). Gang members often dress in particular color combinations in order to identify each other. Folk Nation members wear grey and black, Crips wear blue and black, and Sur 13 wear blue (Carolina blue.) Gang membership is not illegal. However, residents are encouraged to call police if they see suspicious groups. A car will be sent to check on the activity. **Call 911 for emergencies, 560-4600 for non-emergencies, and 560-4582 to reach the District 2 substation.**

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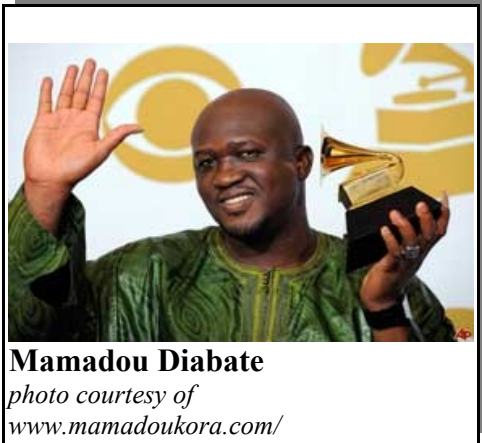


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Grammy Award Winner!



CONGRATULATIONS to Duke Park resident, **Mamadou Diabate**, whose 2008 solo kora recording, *'Dougá Mansa'* (World Village Records) has won a Grammy Award for **Best Traditional World Music Album**.

"Malian kora musician, Mamadou Diabate is a member of the Mandinka West African jeli (musician caste) family. His musical lineage goes back seven centuries to the time of Sunjata Keita, the conqueror of the Malian empire.

Now based in the United States, Mamadou performs around North America and Europe. Interested in bringing the kora to new audiences, he has played with jazz and other contemporary artists, however he remains rooted in the traditions of the Manding kora and his griot heritage. He is one of a handful remaining kora players that are keeping alive the kora tradition."

To hear to Mamadou in performance, is to experience the beauty of the kora."

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Carta del Presidente

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Ahi es donde entramos nosotros. Como se ha dicho antes en este espacio y por internet, si parece sospechoso, llame a la policia. Llame al 911 para una emergencia o cualquier caso urgent, o llame al 560-4600 si no es un caso de urgencia. Haga la llamada, dejelos venir lo mas pronto posible para que puedan ver la situación. Enojarse con la policia por no haber llegado antes no va ayudar. Siga llamando. Si no puede obtener respuesta puede enviar un correo electronico a Larry a [HYPERLINK "mailto:larry.smith@durhamnc.gov"](mailto:larry.smith@durhamnc.gov)
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Porque la policia si esta intentando! Es dificil balancear todo lo que ellos tienen que considerer y operar dentro del presupuesto limitado que tienen. Denles un saludo amistoso la proxima vez que vea a uno de ellos!

Por otra parte, hay mucha conmoción sobre la tala de arboles por parte de la ciudad como parte de la instalación de aceras a lo largo de la Avenida Markham. Si este tema le preocupa, por favor pongase en contacto con con el comite de acera, hay mucha historia sobre este tema, así debe informarse primero. Puede enviar un email a la lista de correos si quiere participar. Si no puede mandar un email, puede llamar a Dan Reed, 688-0535.

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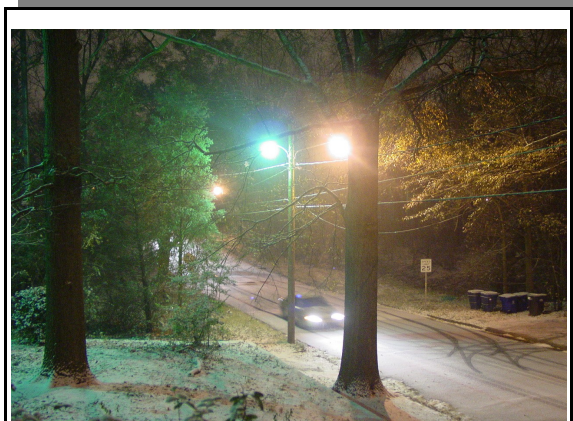


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Duke Park Bath House Update

by Bill Anderson

SO WHAT'S UP with the old bath house in Duke Park?

That depends on when you are reading this. If it's the year 2012, it should be a wonderful 2800 sq ft community center, where you enjoy neighborhood pot lucks, and yard sales, maybe even weddings. Both Old North Durham & Duke Park neighborhoods will use it for monthly meetings, a beaver lodge for the Beaver Pageant, complete with lovely public restrooms to use while you enjoy the park, the rest of the year.

If it's still 2010, and you read this prior to March 8th, you can help that dream come true. Or if it's after, here's what probably happened that Monday night at the Coffee With Council.

Picture 300 people all wishing to have a word with elected officials, and the message from Duke Park and Old North Durham was identical, fix the bath house and supply decent bathrooms, or let the neighborhoods do so. While the two neighborhood Presidents will stand (or stood), side by side to make that statement, it was the number of people present, standing behind them, that spoke volumes to our City Council. What is impossible to convey is all the history of that same request that has echoed through Duke Park for as long as I've lived here, over 25 years. Or why I think that request has a chance this year, in one of the tightest budget years in Durham's history.

Ironically, the last time the budget was this tight probably corresponded to the Great Depression of the 1930's, and the "stimulus" funds that followed, were used to build this bathhouse in the first place. Will this be the year we resurrect this building, one of the last historic structures in Durham's oldest park? Only time will tell, but those of you who showed up on March 8, at 6pm, at the corner of Hillandale & Carver, might have made more of a difference than you suspect.


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Durham Central Market Update

By Robin Arcus

DURHAM CENTRAL MARKET is a cooperative grocery store being organized in Durham by a group of neighbors committed to supporting local food. The group has been actively pursuing a viable site for locating the store, which is yet to be nailed down. The store will be open to the public so everyone can shop; however, those with owner shares will benefit from patronage dividends from profits and perhaps some owner specials. Purchasing an owner share also provides capital to cover the group's modest expenses while in the development phase. Owner shares are \$100 and cover the right to vote on store matters.

For those who are already owners, thank you! Your support makes all the difference.



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Durham Central Market – continued

Whether or not you're an owner, we're sharing here the Top Ten Things you can also do to help support the efforts of Durham Central Market.

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3. **Join our Facebook page** and invite your friends to join.
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5. **Come to our events!** We participate in Third Friday and will have several events this spring/summer.
6. **Buy a DCM Tote Bag...** and of course... USE IT!
7. **Buy a DCM t-shirt...** and of course.... WEAR IT!
8. **Buy a DCM bumper sticker** and put it on your bike, car, briefcase, or somewhere visible to others!
9. **Save your money** for the upcoming Capital Campaign. We will be seeking loans from owners.
10. **Visit our website and** read our news. This is the best way to keep up with what we are doing so you can keep others informed as well!

Gratefully and cooperatively,

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Winter Fun!



Wilhelmina Dooley (6) & Gloria Mancia (8), self-proclaimed "B.F.F.'s" ~ sledding down the Ryder's driveway on Shawnee Street.



The Geizer family enjoying a ride down the Edgevale Avenue hill.

The Fifth Annual Beaver Queen Pageant is a Must-See!



PREPARATIONS FOR the 6th Annual Beaver Queen Pageant are well underway and the excitement is building! The pageant is scheduled for Saturday, June 5, in Duke Park Meadow (behind the Duke Park Bath House, near the intersection of Acadia Street and Englewood Avenue in Durham). The pre-show activities begin at 4:00 PM and the pageant itself begins at 5:00 PM.

The theme for this year's pageant, *Wild Wild Wetlands*, honors the beaver's role in the expansion of the American West and what a spectacle it will be! Costuming is encouraged and attendees are welcome to pack a picnic or line up at the chow wagon. The event takes place rain or shine.

For the fourth year in a row, the Beaver Queen Pageant will raise funds for the Ellerbe Creek Watershed Association. As Kaferine de Nerve, one of the illustrious founders of Beaver Lodge Local 1504 noted, "The economy has been DAM tough on beavers all over the region. The Local 1504 recognizes the importance of protecting wetlands and believes this pageant is a great opportunity for beavers to join together to support Ellerbe Creek."

The Annual Beaver Queen Pageant is a free, family-friendly, Beaver Drag fund-raising event that encourages play, honors diversity, supports community and promotes creativity through interactive performance. It is live cartoon and cabaret. Kits can make their own beaver tails, splash in the beaver bond, march in the parade and sing the beaver chant. This year artists will sell whimsical and environmental art.

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Beaver Queen Pageant

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Contenders for the Beaver Queen Crown are scored for the quality of their tails, wetlands ready-wear, talent, personal essay and evening wear. Like life on the frontier, the audience bribes celebrity judges, pays poll taxes and purchases beaver swag to raise money for the Ellerbe Creek Watershed Association. This year corrupt judges will buy their appointments for \$250.

This year we hope to raise \$8,000 to help ECWA in its mission to keep our wetlands clean. Keep updated on pageant news at www.beaverlodgelocal1504.org.

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Duke Park Babes Corner

by Laurie Siegel

ZOË EALASAIID BIRD was born on August 12, 2009 to proud parents Derek and Meredith Bird. Although Zoë, meaning “life,” is not named after anyone in particular, her parents had the name in mind long before she came along. Her middle name, Ealasaid, is the Scots Gaelic version of Elizabeth; roughly pronounced EE – AI– ih – sage.

Zoë is just beginning to branch out from her favorite cuisine of Mom’s milk. She occasionally enjoys a banana and some goat yogurt, but passes on the pears and rice cereal. A soccer player in the making, Zoë has discovered her wonderful toes and practices her kicking frequently. She greatly enjoys a bouncy ride on Mom or Dad’s knees and even has her own music – The Lone Ranger Theme Song!



Zoe Elasaïd Bird

Zoë already seems to be excelling in many academic areas, but don’t call the college recruiters just yet. She has begun to notice the wonders of gravity and physics (as have the adults in her life!) as demonstrated by her frequent toy-dropping experiments.

Zoë, of course, loves flipping the pages in her picture books, but, by far, she seems to be most interested in the arts. She has a deep appreciation for colorful textiles and interesting textures, music, dancing, and singing. She’s already quite the thespian, flirting with fellow grocery shoppers and embellishing the drama of rolling over when she knows someone’s watching.

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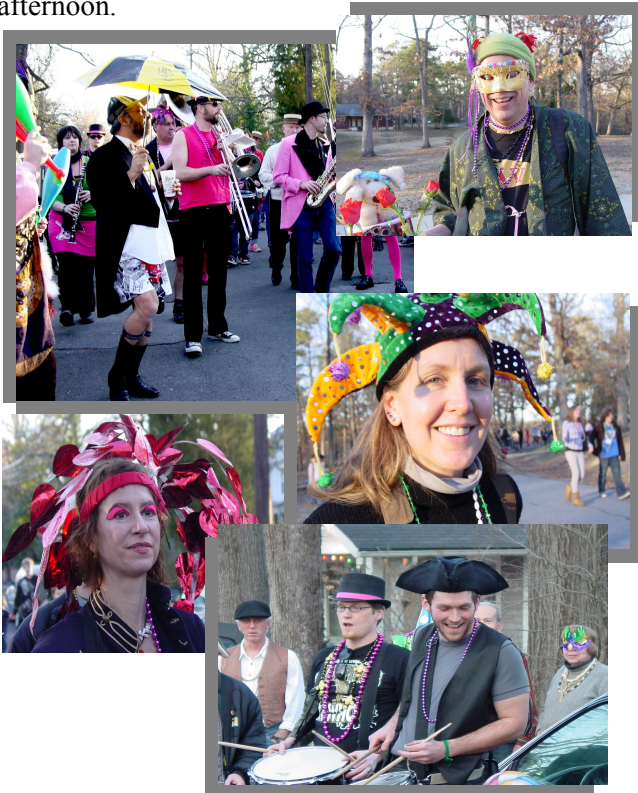
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Dan Read at the Krispy Kreme Challenge in Raleigh

Mardi Gras Revelers!

The Annual Mardi Gras Parade took place on a recent Sunday afternoon. The parade started at the Hart & Hicks residence on Mangum Avenue, and proceeded through Duke Park where the music and colorful costumes were appreciated by all who came out to enjoy the the Park on a warm and sunny afternoon.



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DPNA Record-Breaking Membership

by Cheryl Summers

What a way to start the first quarter of 2010 -- 161 Active Members – our highest count-to-date! Thank you new and existing residents on becoming a DPNA Member. If you have not already done so, please take a moment to join DPNA or renew your membership (see form on back cover). We look to your continued support this year. Let’s now welcome our new and renewal members since the last issue of *ATP*.

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