

Around the Park

A Newsletter of the Duke Park Neighborhood Association

Letter from the President Dan Read

AS I BEGIN to write this the kids are home from college and are helping cook Thanksgiving dinner. They are joking around with their mother, snitching bites of her food over her protests, and laughing a lot. The warm kitchen smells of garlic and oil and onions. It's what the holidays are supposed to be. I hope yours so far have been equally joyful and that you are looking forward to more celebration as the year winds to a close. If you are feeling down and like you don't have much to celebrate, I pray that you find friends and cheer to lighten your burdens. Don't be afraid to ask your neighbors for help, and neighbors, don't be afraid to offer.

Speaking of burdens, we mourn the passing of Ed Hodges of Hollywood Street. Ed was one of the organizers of DPNA way back when and served as a great good will ambassador for our community. He will be missed

For those of you who missed it, and did not read about it on line, about 35 neighbors met at my home November 10 with Chief of Police Jose Lopez, District 2 commander Capt. Larry Smith, and Detective James Carnevale. It was a good and productive meeting. The recent surge in home break ins was discussed at length along with ways we, the community, can respond (fortunately, thanks in part to some good police work by Det. Carnevale, the surge seems to be slowing down).

The most important thing we can do about any suspicious situation is CALL THE POLICE. They are trained to deal with unusual situations and often know things (tag numbers, people on the run) we don't know. If you have to think about it, call the police. That's 911 for emergencies, 560-4600 for non-emergencies. "Criminals don't like to be watched." If they think someone will call them in or see a car coming out they will

know they are being watched.

Especially if you are at home during the work day, take an occasional walk around and keep an eye out. Get to know who your neighbors and their families are. Be an active and involved neighbor. Don't leave windows and doors unlocked. Lock your car and keep valuable items (cash, GPS, etc.) out of sight. Note the serial numbers of items. Crooks especially like laptops, game systems, and small electronic items. A lot of cases get solved when the crooks try to pawn that kind of stuff.

If you have issues with or for the police, first call Cpt. Smith at 560-4582 or email him at larry.smith@durhamnc.gov. He wants to be the main contact person. (continued on page 3)



"Your tweets tell a different story..."

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New Anti-Tethering Ordinance

Barry Ragin

Beginning January 1, 2010, unattended tethering of dogs will become illegal under almost all circumstances in Durham County. County Commissioners passed the ordinance in October, 2008, while County Animal Control officers have been educating dog owners about the new ordinance throughout 2009. The ordinance defines tethering as, "tying out or fastening a dog outdoors on a rope, chain or other type of line for holding a dog. This shall not include tying out or fastening a dog outdoors on an attended leash." Exemptions to this rule are limited to working dogs or, to dogs being kept in campgrounds.

Duke Park Neighborhood Association was among the earliest supporters of the ordinance when it was still in its discussion stages. We recognize that there are many responsible dog owners in our neighborhood whose pets help enhance the quality of life of all around them. At the same time, it only takes a small number of irresponsible dog owners to really make things difficult for their neighbors. Allowing your dog to roam around the neighborhood unattended, or leaving your dog tied out in the yard all day or all night to bark at all hours are violations of city and county ordinances. They also are behaviors that are hurtful to your pet and detrimental to your neighbors.

DPNA encourages all dog owners to become familiar with and adhere to city and county ordinances regarding dogs. These include having your animals registered with the county, having them up-to-date on rabies vaccinations, keeping them properly confined to your property, with shelter and access to food and water, and keeping them quiet.

For the first 6 months that the new ordinance is in effect, Animal Control officers are empowered to write warning citations to violators. Beginning July 1, violation of the tethering ordinance can result in a \$50 civil penalty for the first violation, and \$100 for each subsequent violation. Habitual violations can result in \$150 penalties and seizure of your dog.

We hope that all of our neighbors will voluntarily comply with this new ordinance. But we also encourage folks to call the Durham County Animal Control Department at 560-0630 to report those neighbors who think that following this ordinance is not important.

Pssst! I hear one of Santa's fav reads is Laurie's DP Babes Corner, on page 8!



La Nueva Ordenanza que se Prohibe El Atar de los Perros

Traducido por Dora Ragin

El primero de enero de 2010 empieza la nueva ley contra la accion de atar un perro en la mayoria de las circunstancias en el condado de Durham. Comisionados del Condado aprobó la ordenanza, en octubre de 2008, y durante el 2009, los oficiales de County Animal Control han estado educando a los propietarios de perros acerca de la nueva ordenanza. La ordenanza define la inmovilización como "atar a un perro o de sujeción al aire libre con una cuerda, cadena u otro tipo de línea para el restricción de un perro. Esta definición no incluye los perros atendidos". Excepciones a esta regla se limita a los perros de trabajo, o para los perros mantenidos en campamentos.

Duke Park Neighborhood Association fue uno de los primeros proponentes de la ordenanza cuando estaba aún en fase de discusión. Reconocemos que hay muchos propietarios de perros responsables de nuestro barrio cuyas mascotas ayudan a mejorar la calidad de vida de todos a su alrededor. Al mismo tiempo, sólo se necesita un pequeño número de propietarios de perros irresponsables para realmente hacer las cosas difíciles a sus vecinos. Permitiendo a su perro a vagar por el vecindario sin supervisión, o que salgan de su perro atado en el patio todo el día o toda la noche a ladrar a todas horas no son sólo violaciónes de la ciudad y las ordenanzas del condado. Son comportamientos que hacen daño a su mascota y perjudicial para sus vecinos.

The Neighborhood Association da la anima a todos los propietarios de perros para familiarizarse con la ciudad y las ordenanzas del condado en relación con los perros, y que las sigan.

Estas ordenanzas incluyen haber tenido sus animales registrados con el condado, haciendo que hasta al día en vacunas contra la rabia, manteniéndolos bien solamente en su propiedad, con la vivienda y el acceso a alimentos y agua, y mantenerlos en silencio.

Para los primeros 6 meses que la nueva ordenanza es, en efecto, los funcionarios de Animal Control están facultados para escribir citas de advertencia a los infractores. A partir del 1 de julio violación de la ordenanza de la inmovilización puede resultar en una multa civil de \$50 por la primera violación, y \$100 por cada violación subsiguiente. Violaciónes habitual puede dar lugar a \$150 sanciones y la confiscación de su perro.

Esperamos que todos nuestros vecinos voluntariamente se cumplan esta nueva ordenanza. Pero también animamos a la gente para que llame a el Durham County Animal Control a 560-0630 para informar los vecinos que piensan que no sea importante sequir esta ordenanza.

DPNA Membership Sets Record!

Cheryl Summers

We are, for first time on record, **150** Active Members Strong! Thank you. Thank you. And thank you once again for keeping DPNA alive this year. 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 in the new year. Let's now welcome our new and renewal members since the last issue of *ATP*.

New & Renew DPNA Members:

Esther & Peter Bent, Ben & Tanya Blankenship, Sara Chase, Chris Crochetière & Frank Hyman, Emily Dings, Bob Feth, Josh Frederick, Allison Greene & Andrew Preiss, Linda Jeffries, William & Jayne Kirkpatrick, Wade Marlette, David Negrotto, Sara Nelson & David Levi, Melissa Nysewander & Shelly Houghton, Rebecca Oats, Jennifer & Todd Owen, Barry Ragin & Claire Doyle-Ragin, Betty & Than Rewey, William Richards & Susan Carmichael, Cynthia Rider & Marcus Rogers, Anella Rockson, Lani Simeona, Joan Spicer, Janet & Jordan Weinstein, Jeanne Werner-Gunter, Tom & Kate Whiteside, Merwyn Wigley & Kevin Magill, Joe & Iretice Williford, Fran Wilson.

Durham Central Market Update

Robin Arcus

OLD NEWS! Durham Central Market is still searching for a store location. Work has not stalled. On the contrary, conversations are ongoing. As announced at Durham Central Market's annual meeting on October 25th, "The location of the store is the biggest decision we will make. We want to get this right." So, patience is the key word.

NEW NEWS! Durham Central Market has been awarded the coveted Sprout Loan from National Co-operative Bank and Food Co-op 500. Sprout loans are given to startup co-ops which demonstrate solid leadership and planning through their business plan and loan application. "We're thrilled that NCB understands we are a great credit risk," said Michael Bacon, DCM president. This infusion of funds will also help the project move forward.

GOOD NEWS! In case you haven't yet heard the good news - Durham Central Market is a cooperative grocery store being organized for central Durham. The aim is to feature local and organic foods and products. Durham Central Market will be a full service shop, open to the public and cooperatively owned by people in the community. Your support is important. Owner shares are \$100. To join Durham Central Market and for all the news, visit us at our website at www.durhamcentralmarket.org or, write us at info@durhamcentralmarket.org! ◀

Letter from the President

Dan Read

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On the bath house front, not much has happened since we met with City manager Bonfield several months ago. He has followed up however and is having the bath house inspected to see just how much work will be required to fix the foundation. He did commit that the "meadow" where the pool used to be would be drained and regraded in time for the Beaver Pageant next June. And the City seems more willing to work with us on remodeling the bath house into a community center.

The City did listen to us by withdrawing a proposal to put a large metal gate at the main entrance to the Park. The way people have been getting cars in to the park is not through the main gate; your DPNA leadership pointed this out and asked the City not put up a large, ugly steel gate. Thanks to the Duke Park Neighborhood Gardeners (Esther Bent, Tanya Blankenship, Frank Hyman and Cheryl Summers) for recently spiffing up the park entrance with plants and stone borders.

As the year comes to a close there is a lot going on, as you can see. I hope that nonetheless you all have time to sit down with your families and friends to pause and to reflect and to count your blessings, including the blessing of living in such a vibrant community.



2009 Luminaria Update Night of Lights Sunday, December 20th



The DPNA Annual Night of Lights will take place at dusk on Sunday, December 20, 2009. Luminaria presale packets will be sold Saturday, December 19th through Sunday, the 20th. DPNA Luminaria packets are \$7.00 (10 bags and 10 tea lights).

Luminaria presale volunteers are needed! To join the Luminaria team, post your interest via: dukepark@yahoogroups.com.



Upcoming DPNA Meetings

Association Meeting: Tuesday, Jan. 12th, 7PM
Board Meeting: Tuesday, Feb 9th, 7PM
at the home of Dan Read - 1424 Acadia St.

Carta del Presidente

Escrito por Dan Read (Traducido por Google)

AL COMENZAR a escribir esto que los niños son el hogar de la universidad y están ayudando a cocinar la cena de Acción de Gracias. Están bromeando con su madre, soplar las mordeduras de su comida en sus protestas, y se reía mucho. La cocina caliente huele a ajo y aceite y la cebolla. Es lo que las vacaciones se supone que son. Espero que la suya hasta el momento han sido igual de feliz y que está deseando más celebraciones como los vientos año a su fin. Si usted se siente deprimido y, como no tiene mucho que celebrar, te ruego que encontrar amigos y animar a aligerar sus cargas. No tenga miedo de pedir ayuda a sus vecinos, y vecinos, no tengas miedo de ofrecer.

Hablando de las cargas, que llorar la muerte de Ed Hodges, de la calle de Hollywood. Ed fue uno de los organizadores de manera DPNA espalda cuando y sirvió como embajador de una gran buena voluntad para nuestra comunidad. Lo vamos a extrañar.

Para aquellos de ustedes que se lo perdieron, y no ha leído sobre él en línea, alrededor de 35 vecinos se reunieron en mi casa 10 de noviembre con el jefe de la Policía José López, comandante del Distrito 2 Capitán Larry Smith, y el detective James Carnevale. Fue una buena reunión y productiva. El reciente aumento de ins romper casa se examinó a fondo junto con las formas que nosotros, la comunidad, puede responder (afortunadamente, gracias en parte a un trabajo policial bien por Det. Carnevale, el aumento parece estar ralentizándose).

La cosa más importante que podemos hacer acerca de cualquier situación sospechosa a la policía. Ellos están preparados para hacer frente a situaciones inusuales y, a menudo saben cosas (números de etiqueta, la gente en la carrera), no lo sé. Si usted tiene que pensar en ello, llame a la policía. Eso es el 911 para emergencias, 560-4600 para no emergencias. "Los criminales no les gusta ser vistos." Si creen que alguien va a llamar o ver un coche que sale sabran que están siendo vigilados.

Especialmente si usted está en casa durante la jornada de trabajo, tomar un paseo de vez en cuando y mantener un ojo. Conozca quiénes son sus vecinos y sus familias. Sea un vecino activo y comprometido. No deje las ventanas y puertas abiertas. Asegure su auto y mantener objetos de valor (dinero en efectivo, GPS, etc) fuera de la vista. Tenga en cuenta los números de serie de elementos. Crooks, especialmente como ordenadores portátiles, sistemas de juego, y los pequeños artículos de electronic. Muchos de los casos se resuelven cuando los delincuentes tratan de peón de ese tipo de cosas.

Si tiene problemas con o por la policía, Cpt primera convocatoria. Smith al 560-4582 o por correo electrónico con él en larry.smith@durhamnc.gov. Él quiere ser la persona de contacto principal. (continúa en la página 9)

Recording Your Stuff

an email sent to the Duke Park Listserv October 2, 2009 **REVISED**

Dear Neighbors,

It is a sad commentary, but real dilemma that burglary is increasing in our neighborhoods. Billions of dollars worth of property stolen each year is never returned to its rightful owner. Why? Because without recorded proof of personal property ownership (i.e., a serial number or some identifying mark or number), police are unable to verify and trace stolen property to its original source. More than half the property recovered by law enforcement authorities is eventually auctioned off or destroyed because the goods have no identifying characteristics.

So, in order to help you through the unfortunate post-burglary reporting process, the DPNA Board has designed a simple **Personal Assets Record** form. This form **WILL NOT** prevent or deter the theft and resale of your valuables. It will assist, though, in any police investigation, and present a greater chance of recovering your valuables – valuables that are at risk of being stolen in this economic climate, like TVs, cameras, DVD players, and laptops – that end up at our local pawn shops.

We urge you, **especially during this holiday season** (*added for emphasis*), to map out a weekend to begin recording your personal valuables.

Be safe. Be Prepared. Your DPNA Board





Duke Park Neighborhood Association Personal Assets Record

My	Personal	Assets	List	as	of:		
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Address:	
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PRESENT THIS RECORD TO POLICE WHEN REPORTING THEFT OF YOUR VALUABLES. KEEP WITH IMPORTANT PAPERS.

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DPNG First Project Success!

Cheryl Summers

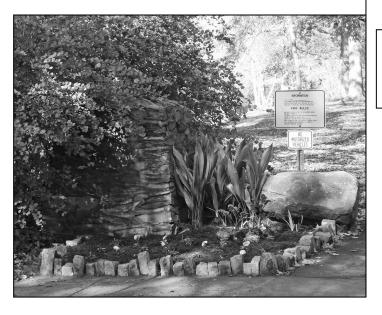


November saw the first Duke Park Neighborhood Gardeners project take off at the Knox Street entrance of Duke Park. The opposing plant beds were cleaned of trash and weeds. The Castiron plant was uprooted and split for replanting; the soil was tilled with a new bulbtone; the stones were all dug up and vertically reset; a new layer of mulch was spread after the existing plants, new pansies and cabbage plants were bed. Thanks go to Esther Bent, Tanya Blankenship, Frank Hyman and Barry Ragin for their collective sweat equity put into DPNGs first beautification project. Thanks too to the neighbors who cheered us on to completion. Stay tuned for our next project announcement. •

Duke Park Knox Street Entrance



Before DPNG beautification (above), and after (below)



Duke Park Babes Corner

Laurie Siegel

MALAIDA LILLY was born June 3, 2009 to parents Cynthia Vanessa Rider and Marcus Alexander Rogers. She was named for her great-great grandmother Sarah Malita

Vaughn. Knowing how everyone is able to mispronounce the simplest names, her parents chose to amend the spelling to aid in the correct pronunciation.

Malaida's middle name, Lilly, was her great grandmother's surname.



Malaida and her mom, Cynthia, enjoy bonding over her favorite (and only at the moment) food of breastmilk. She will no doubt be inspired soon by her older brother, Vaughn, whose antics already have her in a fit of giggles! Other favorite activities include playing with her feet, trying to put anything within reach into her mouth and drooling. Although she cannot help but express her full lung capacity at times, Malaida gets away with that by generally being as cute as possible.

Cynthia and Marcus like raising a family in Duke Park for many reasons. They love the fact that when they walk through the neighborhood they always run into someone they know. It's also very comforting to know they can always count on their neighbors for a lot of kindness, a little helpful advice, and, of course, the proverbial cup of sugar! Isn't that why we all love this neighborhood? •

We Want to Meet Your Babe!

Submit your baby's date of birth, favorite foods, and budding idiosyncrasies with a picture to: lauriesiegel824@gmail.com.

Thanks For Your Generosity!

The DPNA Board

The DPNA Board extends its genuine thanks to recent contributors: Ben & Tanya Blankenship, Allison Greene & Andrew Preiss, Frank Hyman, David Negrotto, Rebecca Oats, Betty & Than Rewey, Cynthia Rider & Marcus Rogers, Joan Spicer, Janet & Jordan Weinstein, Fran Wilson.

Carta del Presidente

Dan Read (Traducido por Google) continuación de la página 4

En el frente de casa de baños, no han ocurrido muchas cosas desde que nos reunimos con los meses Administrador de la Ciudad Bonfield hace varios años. Él ha seguido sin embargo, y es tener la casa de baños inspeccionarse para ver cuánto trabajo se debe fijar la base. Él ha cometido que la "pradera", donde la piscina que se utiliza para drenar y reclasificado a tiempo para el desfile Beaver en junio próximo. Y la ciudad parece más dispuesto a trabajar con nosotros en la remodelación de la casa de baños en un centro comunitario.

La ciudad nos escucharon mediante la retirada de una propuesta para colocar una puerta de metal grande en la entrada principal al Parque. El modo en que han estado recibiendo los coches en el parque no es a través de la puerta principal, su liderazgo DPNA lo señaló y pidió a la Ciudad sin acondicionar una gran puerta de acero feo. Gracias a la Duke Barrio Parque Jardineros (Esther Bent, Tanya Blankenship, Frank Hyman y Cheryl Summers) para el recientemente spiffing hasta la entrada del parque con plantas y bordes de piedra.

Como el año llega a su fin no hay mucho que hacer, como se puede ver. Espero que, sin embargo, todos tienen tiempo para sentarse con sus familias y amigos para hacer una pausa y reflexionar y contar tus bendiciones, incluida la bendición de vivir en una comunidad tan vibrante.

Mystery Christmas Carol

The words listed below are from a familiar Christmas Carol. Find and circle all of the words hidden in the grid. The remaining letters spell the name of the Christmas Carol

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Poetry, Anyone?

Donna Sell

One ought, every day at least, to hear a little song, read a good poem, see a fine picture, and if it were possible, to speak a few reasonable words. —Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

The holidays are fast upon us. The cold sting of fall air is buffered by the warmth and merriment that comes with the festivities of the season. Yet after the last candle has burned on the menorrah, the ornaments packed away and New Year's resolutions avowed, winter's bleak reality appears. Naked trees silhouette gray skies against a suddenly brown landscape as the mercury dares to dip. It's easy to pine for those sultry summer nights of not long ago.

Winter doesn't have to be as barren as the trees, though. After reading the optimistic poem below I am reminded that it can be a time to strengthen relationships, to renew solitary hobbies, or a time for extended personal reflection. So, neighbors, keep those mugs warm and full, the home fires burning and may your winter be bright and even a little white.

Now Winter Nights Enlarge

Thomas Campion (1617)

Now winter nights enlarge
The number of their hours,
And clouds their storms discharge
Upon the airy towers.
Let now the chimneys blaze,
And cups o'erflow with wine;
Let well-tuned words amaze
With harmony divine.
Now yellow waxen lights
Shall wait on honey love,
While youthful revels, masques, and courtly sights
Sleep's leaden spells remove.

This time doth well dispense
With lovers' long discourse;
Much speech hath some defence,
Though beauty no remorse.
All do not all things well;
Some measures comely tread,
Some knotted riddles tell,
Some poems smoothly read.
The summer hath his joys
And winter his delights;
Though love and all his pleasures are but toys,
They shorten tedious nights.





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Best wishes for a prosperous New Year!



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Mystery Christmas Carol Solution

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Volunteers Needed!!!

We need **YOU** to serve Duke Park. Volunteer your service today as a DPNA officer or Board Member. Contact us at **dukepark@yahoogroups.com**.

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