

Duke Park Night of Lights (Luminarias) December 13

The annual Night of Lights (Luminarias) is a joy to behold; walking around the Park and the neighborhood on a cold winter evening and seeing the little lights brings home the true endurance of the goodness in the human spirit and the spirit of cooperation among us. We will be doing this again Sunday, December 13 (bad weather date December 20). If there is rain or high winds check the list serve or with your neighbors for the status. The traditional gathering to "light up the Park" will begin around 3:30 or 4, please help—carolers and musicians often turn out, too! This is also a good time to catch up your NA dues and (dog owners) contribute to upkeep of the new dog park or contribute to our Share Your Christmas effort.

Kits are \$8.00 and include 10 white bags + 10 candles. Esther and Peter Bent, 405 E. Markham (on Shawnee St. side) have again graciously allowed us to have the sand pile on their property. Please take sand only for luminarias - one quart will be plenty per kit. The kits will be sold at the holiday party, 12/5, or at the home of your luminaria captain, Dan Read, 1424 Acadia St., 919-688-0535 (watch for the Kits for Sale sign or call in advance). Esther (ebent@nc.rr.com) will have kits for you folks over on the East Side.

Fourth Annual Light Ball Workshop

Those holiday light balls that hang in the trees? How do you make them? Here's how you find out: Mike and Julie-Lynn are hosting a workshop on the weekend before Thanksgiving, Sunday November 22nd from 12:30-1:30 in the driveway of 409 Everett Place. They will demonstrate how to make a ball of your own and give tips on how to hang them.

You will need to bring: chicken wire (about 4 ft per ball), 2-3+ strands of lights per ball, and gloves (to protect your hands).

If you are new to this tradition come learn how to get it started and spread the light on your block. If you have participated in the past they would love for you to stop by, give tips, and make more balls and enjoy the company of your neighbors!

In case you cannot make it to the workshop but you still want to create these Holiday balls, look at this video of a neighborhood in Greensboro that started this, includes a short tutorial: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TVptxkVU2t8> - or another tutorial: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZjgOfHBEC-M>. If you do not want to make them, TROSA may sell them at their Xmas tree stand or look on Amazon.

Holiday Party With Old North Durham December 5

The annual holiday party will be different this year—we will have a joint party with Old North Durham neighborhood on Saturday, December 5 from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Farmer Foodshare building 902 N. Mangum St., at the corner of N. Mangum and Geer Streets. The Associations will provide beer, soda and water, and napkins/plates/paper goods. You bring a dish to share, wine or liquor if you want it, and a warm heart ready to socialize.

What is Farmer Foodshare? Food has a way of bringing everyone together, and that is what Farmer Foodshare is all about: connecting the people in our area who grow food with neighbors who need it. Farmer Foodshare pairs nearly 300 small, local farmers with more than 40 agencies in our area. Together, more than 20,000 folks, who otherwise might worry about where their next meal will come from, now have access to fresh, nutritious food - and small farmers have new markets. Everybody benefits. Info at <http://www.farmerfoodshare.org/>.



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President's Letter

By Dan Read - Fall 2015

We celebrate the valiant people and struggles of the Civil Rights era, and rightfully so. Many of you, like me, cried watching the movie "Selma." We applaud the courage of people who voluntarily stood up to beatings and tear gas to be able to vote. The great victories of the 1960's did not just happen—they took a lot of courage and a lot of community and a lot of organizing.

And yet, in the recent municipal election primary, only about 8% of registered voters in Durham took the trouble to vote. That is discouraging. More people need to participate, otherwise a few will dictate to the many. And here at home it does not do much good to just talk about what a great neighborhood this is, without pitching in and helping to keep it that way. "They" won't do it for us. If we sit at our computers and "like" things and comment via email, that is only a small first step. Your neighborhood needs your physical help to keep it a great place. Start by walking around your block—introduce yourself the neighbors you don't really know....

It was refreshing that we had four new members who stepped up to take positions on the DPNA Board: Brian Nealon, Tammy Wells-Angerer, Cameo Vorhies, and Suzanne Faulkner. We have already had good input from them. Cameo especially was our main liaison with the City on the dog park which will soon take the place of the dilapidated caretaker's house at the park. Thanks to Christine Westfall, Jon Strack, Bill Anderson and Bill Dandridge for your service.

We still need help—with the newsletter, with the Night of Lights. Your neighbors need you to keep an eye out and to keep the streets clear and clean. We need people to speak up for our neighborhood with the School Board. If you want to help but do not know where to begin, contact me (readlaw@aol.com or 919-683-1900).

The holiday season is coming. Family and friends will travel and renew old ties. I wish you all a pleasant season filled with love and joy in your families and with your neighbors.

Neighborhood Dogpark Siting Decision Has Been Made!

We're excited to announce we had the final vote on our dog park location at October's board meeting. The Board and neighbors present voted to recommend that the City build our dog park where the old yellow caretaker's house has been between the bath house and the large sheds where the Bike Coop will be. The vote came after careful deliberation and a chance for everyone to be heard. Some of you may have noticed that the deconstruction of the caretaker's house has already begun. We don't have a start date for the dog park build yet. But we do have some facts about the park to share:

- There will be separate small and large dog areas
- Total area will be between 12,000 – 12,400 square feet (small and large dog combined)
- There will be a privacy fence that spans the Acadia side of the dog park
- There will be water and power available in the space
- We will be responsible for maintaining the mowing of our park just as Cleveland-Holloway is responsible for their park. However, the city will regularly service it and pick up trash.
- Bike Co-op is excited that the dog park will be right next door!
- To continue our efforts to help reduce nighttime activity in the driveway leading up to the dog park, the city has agreed to add another set of bollards and a chain closer to Acadia and leave the current bollards and chain where they are. Both will remain locked except for special events.
- Three sets of security lights from Duke Energy have been approved to also help reduce crime problems. These will be in the lower parking lot, side parking lot and drive area leading to these lots.

It was suggested in our last meeting that Duke Park dog owners who plan to use the park chip in an extra \$10 (or more) to their yearly dues to help with the upkeep of the park. This would likely give us more than enough to maintain the park for 2016 calendar year. If you would like to contribute get your check marked "Dog Park" to Treasurer Brian Green at 401 W. Markham Avenue.

It's Tree-Banding Time - Material Shortage

Those little green cankerworms/inchworms LOVE to eat willow oak leaves. Many of our older oaks are at or past their peak, so any additional stress is dangerous for them. That is why it is time to put out tree bands, those sticky bands that trap the females as they go up into the canopy to lay the eggs. (Even what looks like a crummy job, like I did last year, will still catch a lot of bugs.) City arborist Alex Johnson recommends putting up the bands up when 90% of the leaves have fallen or before the first hard frost, whichever comes first.

The traditional method is you band your trees with a paper or burlap strip, then coat it with Tanglefoot, a gooey substance that the bugs try to cross and get stuck in. You do it about 4-6 feet off the ground—low enough for you reach comfortably, but high enough so Junior and/or Fido cannot reach. Unfortunately materials may be in short supply this year as the company that makes Tanglefoot has been sold and replacement manufacturers have not stepped in.

Our listmate Kurt posted this idea, that glues used to make mouse traps (Catchmaster and Trapper) can be substituted. They are available in the gallon size so several households could share. They do need to be heated a little to make them more pliable for painting on the bands but are extremely sticky and last well past cankerworm emergence.

Trees Across Durham has created kits that can be checked out at the Main Library. If you have questions about technique you can watch a video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q-2HE6Oqi70> or check out this fact sheet at <http://durhamnc.gov/DocumentCenter/View/953>. Or contact the County Sustainability Coordinator, Megan Carroll, at 919-560-7993 or mcarroll@dconc.gov. (Alex says this is his busiest time of year, so please contact Megan first—she will be happy to assist.)

Dan Read

	2014	2015 (to date)
SALES	9	15
PRICE RANGE	\$125,000-\$474,500	\$88,400-\$485,000
AVG PRICE	\$258,056	\$268,727
AVG COST (SQ FT)	\$148.50	\$157.61
AVG SIZE (SQ FT)	1,738	1,705
AVG DAYS ON MARKET (DOM)	37	18 (w/o outliers) 61 (w/ outliers)

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Bike Coop Fundraising Report- Good News!

As many of you know, the Durham Bike Co-op launched an ambitious capital campaign earlier in the year with a goal to raise \$50,000 by December 31 in order to relocate our community bike workshop to Duke Park. This felt like a daunting task for such a small, all-volunteer organization when we started. This fall, we are happy to announce that with the gracious support of many generous donors, the Co-op has hit our target and then some!

October was an unprecedented month of absolutely awesome news and great hope for the future of the Co-op. The first major turning point came when an anonymous donor offered a \$25,000 gift to the Co-op in mid October. Shortly after learning of the anonymous gift, the Co-op got word from Burts Bees Foundation that we were awarded a grant of \$9,500 for pollinator-friendly landscaping at the Co-op's new home in Duke Park. Believe it or not, the great news doesn't stop there! In late October, the fundraising committee also heard from Tarwheels Bicycle Club that we were awarded a generous \$2,500 grant with proceeds from their recent BikeFest event. Last but not least, the Co-op is also super excited to have been awarded a \$3,500 grant by Duke University's Community Care Fund to enhance our youth earn-a-bike programming and offer safety equipment to as many young people as we possibly can reach with lights, helmets, and locks in the next year!

A hearty thank you to everyone who has contributed money, time, energy, and goodwill to the Co-op this year. The Co-op's FUNdraising committee plans to keep up the good work until we are well-situated in our new home, and next steps include hosting an awesome Trivia Night event at the Atomic Fern on Nov 11 @ 8pm to socialize and celebrate! Bring your game face and mad trivia skillz!!!!

Alison Carpenter

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