



The Porch Light

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The TLNA meets the
1st Thursday of the
month from 7-8:30
pm at Lakewood
United Methodist
Church on Chapel
Hill Rd. and Huron

Express yourself to over

500 households 4 times a year. Advertise in the Porch Light!

Open to locally owned businesses and residents in the TLNA area.

Display business ads approximately business card size \$25.00

Classified ads 20 word max. \$10.00

Call or email Anneliese at akatina@intrex.net or 401-8351

If you are a locally owned, home-based business and you would like your URL to appear in the *Porchlight*, no charge, send it to: akatina@intrex.net

National Night Out!

When: Tuesday, August 1, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

What: Potluck Cook Out

Where: 2706 Lexington Avenue

National Night Out takes place all over the country every year in August. Neighbors get together for pot-lucks, ice cream socials, or other gatherings to meet each other and make a commitment to work together, with the help of law enforcement, to prevent crime in their neighborhoods. People who know each other are more likely to watch out for each other and each other's property. Neighbors working together is one of the best crime deterrents.

Durham police officers and city officials visit as many of the neighborhood gatherings as possible. We'll have information on Neighborhood Watch and sign-up sheets for TLNA's new neighborhood directory (coming in the fall). If you haven't joined TLNA, you can join at National Night Out.

There will be games for the kids. We'll also have an Energy Table with compact florescent light bulbs for sale at cost. These are the energy-saving, money-saving light bulbs you've heard or read about. We'll also have information on solar hot-water heaters.

What to bring: a chair and a dish to share

Last name A-L: bring dessert, fruit, or watermelon

Last name K-Z: bring a vegetable side dish

TLNA will supply the grilled hot dogs and tofu dogs. If you can bring the following, contact Susan Sewell (403-7309; mssewell@earthlink.net):

- ❖ A table (we need several)
- ❖ A tarp
- ❖ A musical instrument

If you can supervise the kids' games (15 or 30-minute slots), contact Susan.

See you on August 1. Come out and meet your neighbors!



Neighborhood Hero Awards

Each year the Inter-neighborhood Council gives awards to people their neighborhoods consider heroes. A hero might be a very visible person doing good things for others, or it could be someone hard to notice who's doing one good thing quietly behind the scenes. The number of deeds or the size of the deeds are not as important as the good heart of the person doing them. TLNA would like to nominate a person for the Neighborhood Hero Award.



If you would like to suggest someone, please send the person's name and a brief description (or long one, if you want) of why you think this person is a hero to Frances Kerr: frances@duke.edu; 2608 Nation Avenue, 27707; or call 490-6942 (home). All suggestions must be received by August 1. Frances will convene a committee to choose the person we'll nominate. The person needs to live in our neighborhood and not be paid for the activity you are nominating them for. Get your suggestions in so that we can nominate TLNA's hero for 2006.



Car Break-ins and Vandalism

A number of cars in Tuscaloosa-Lakewood have been broken into or damaged over the last months: on Huron, Nation, Francis, and Lexington. Windows have been smashed, a tire has been stolen, money has been taken from the coin holders. In one incident, someone was in the process of stealing the car. If something similar is done to your car, please **report it to the police**. It's a good idea to tell your Neighborhood Watch captain also, so that he or she can alert other neighbors. Please also consider sending a post to the TLNA listserv (tlna-list@rtpnet.org) so that we can all be aware when incidents occur.

Neighborhood Protection Overlay (NPO)



TLNA's application for a Neighborhood Protection Overlay was accepted in June. Thanks to everyone who gathered signatures for the petitions and helped to draft the application. This means that TLNA representatives will begin working with the Planning Department to come up with a plan for ensuring that future development in the neighborhood is compatible with our present character.). NPO Committee members are Jennifer Albright, Todd Twigg, Charles McEachern, Bill Newton, Christian Ferney, Christine Hill, Nathan Galie, Andy Balber, and Frances Kerr. If you would like to help with the NPO (we can use more help!) or would just like to understand more about it, contact Frances Kerr, 490-6942 (frances@duke.edu).

Lee-Chaney Family Update

The Lee-Chaneys, the New Orleans-area family we helped settle in Durham after Hurricane Katrina, are doing well. The oldest son, Rynell, has moved back to the New Orleans area to live with his father. The oldest girls, Dynesha and JoAnne, have jobs this summer helping prepare the old Kerr Drugstore in Lakewood Shopping Center for its renovation. The other two girls, Christine and Roitasia, are enrolled in a basketball camp for July. Christine, their mother, is working at Sam's Club. Leon Chaney is still working at Duke Hospital, where he cleans surgical instruments. He developed carpal tunnel syndrome a few months ago and had to take time off from work. But he's back on the job now, and the condition seems to be under control. Their van is still running very well and getting them around Durham just fine.

Do You Have a Computer To Donate?

Christine's sister, Rubinette Ballard, and her family have moved here from New Orleans. They are in the process of finding an apartment and getting employment. If you have a computer that you could donate to them, please contact Frances Kerr, frances@duke.edu; 490-6942.

New Neighborhood Association Forming

A new neighborhood association is forming in the area that includes Bivens and Kent (and smaller streets) between Lakewood Avenue and University Drive. (The boundaries have not yet been voted on.) The group has met several times and already has an active listserv. They'll be deciding on boundaries, by-laws, and a name in the next two months. They're excited about working with TLNA on issues that we have in common. At our July meeting, TLNA voted to become a dues-paying member of their organization. Any one who would like to attend their August meeting is welcome: August 16, 7:00 p.m., Forest Hills Neighborhood Center, 1639 University Drive (in Forest Hills Park).

To Join TLNA: Please complete the form below and return with your check payable to **TLNA** to Jennifer Albright, 1601 James Street, Durham 27707-1515. \$5 for individuals, \$10 for households.

If you include your email address you will be added to the **TLNA** email list and will receive notices of meetings and other important neighborhood information. We do not share our email list with anyone outside the TLNA.

Name: _____

Street address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____