



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

Yearly TLNA Picnic held in October

We all had a great time at our annual picnic in Wrightwood Park. We had about 30 people turn out for the event, and we all enjoyed potluck and grilled hamburgers.

The Susan B. Graham neighborhood award this year went to David Ross, pictured below, middle, for all of his hard work to organize the music festival. Susan Graham is pictured to the left of David, and Rev. Malloy is on his right.



We were thrilled with the turnout for the picnic -- many people mentioned that they saw the signs posted at the corners of the roads in the neighborhood, so they were well reminded to attend. Here is a picture of the neighborhood group at the picnic:



DATA to Offer Free Fares for Senior Citizens

The Durham Area Transit Authority (DATA) will begin offering free fares to passengers 65 years and older effective January 1, 2005.

"The free fare service for senior citizens is a direct result of the \$5 vehicle tax increase adopted by the City of Durham," said Stephen Mancuso, transit administrator for the DATA. "This increase in vehicle tax allows us to offer free fare service to help our senior citizens commute a little easier."

Senior citizens must present to the bus driver at the time of boarding any government-issued photo identification that shows their date of birth. Seniors can also obtain identification from DATA at no charge.

Children under 5 years of age continue to ride free.

Citizen Observer Patrol Service for District 3

District 3 Citizen Observer Patrol is up and running for our district. If you need your house checked while you are out of town or if you know of someone who is elderly and needs to be checked on, please let me know & I will get you put on the list. If you need either of these services, please email me directly or call my office. Email: Chad.Blanchette@durhamnc.gov Phone 560-1020 ext 231.

Clean-up Lakewood Project

Mark your calendar! Saturday April 16, TLNA will again sponsor the "Cleanup Lakewood" roadside litter project, 10:00-12:00 noon.

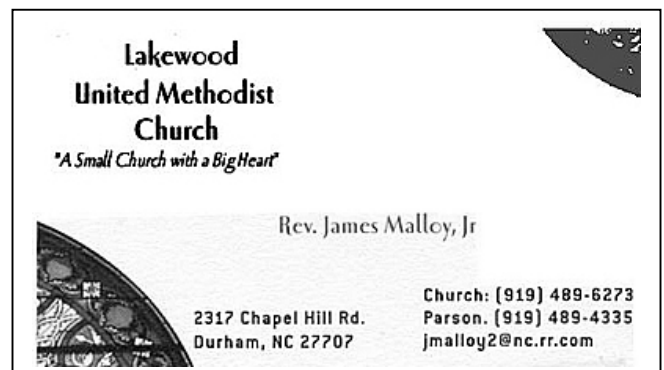
Volunteers are needed for assigned street blocks. All supplies will be provided, orange bibs, "litter gitters" and bags. This effort will take little time, but will make a huge difference in the appearance of your community.

Please contact Myers Sugg at myerssugg@yahoo.com or call 489-0965 to participate. In June, as part of "Cleanup Lakewood" the City of Durham will do a free bulky items sweep. Stay tuned to your next newsletter for details.

Durham County Library site has new look!

Check out the changes the library has made to their web site: <http://www.durhamcountylibrary.org/>

According to the site, when you're there you can: "Renew materials, place a hold, search our catalog, arrange to receive library notices via email, get a recommendation on a good book, ask a reference librarian a question, conduct research using our reference databases, or find out when storytime will be held."



Help Your Community and Join the TLNA!

Join the TLNA! Please fill out this form and send it with your check payable to TLNA to Jennifer Albright, 1601 James Street Durham, NC 27707. Dues are only \$5 for individuals and \$10 for households. Your dues support this newsletter and all community events such as neighborhood clean-ups, rezoning challenges and other events and community forums.

Name:

Address:

Phone number: _____

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