



THE PORCH LIGHT

The Tuscaloosa-Lakewood Neighborhood Association Newsletter

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Check Out Our New Logo!

Many thanks to Chris Eselgroth for designing the new TLNA logo featured in our masthead! If you like the design, you can order a TLNA T-shirt for only \$10. Order forms are on the back of this newsletter.

Neighborhood Household Toxic Waste Collection March 10th

TLNA will be collecting toxic waste on Saturday March 10th from 9:00-11:00 am. Please bring your toxic waste to the parking lot of Panaderia Chicho at 2020 Chapel Hill Road (the former Davis Bakery). The types of items that will be collected are: paint (oil and latex), aerosol cans, herbicides, adhesives, fluorescent light bulbs, photographic chemicals, household and car batteries, automotive fluids (like antifreeze and gasoline), solvents, thinners, household cleaners and polishes, wood preservatives, propane tanks and kerosene. The toxic waste folks said NOT to bring asbestos, explosives, infectious waste or radioactive materials!! It's against the law to throw toxic waste into your regular garbage bin or down storm drains. Anyone with a pick-up or van that's interested in helping take waste to the Club Boulevard drop-off site, please call Jennifer Albright at 402-0442. There is no charge for this community pick-up.

Important Durham Phone #'s

Police Linea de Telefono en Espanol	560-4925
Lakewood Police Substation	560-4583
<i>To report a crime occurring dial 911</i>	
Street lights repair	560-4366
Water & sewer maintenance	560-4344
Reporting illegal dumping	560-4974
City/County Planning Dept.	560-4137
City/County Inspections	560-4144
Garbage & bulky items collection	560-4185

The Pet Corner

Many neighborhood residents have dogs and cats, so we are starting a series of articles providing information to pet owners. This quarter, the focus is animal population control.

Why spay or neuter your pets?

In just 7 years, one female cat and her offspring can produce 420,000 cats. In NC more than 260,000 dogs and cats are impounded each year, with 223,419 being euthanized. As long as pets are allowed to reproduce in overwhelming numbers, euthanasia (humane death) will be the only alternative for most of their offspring. Sadly, the supply of unwanted pets far exceeds the number of available homes. Stray dogs and cats pose a threat to public health and property. In an effort to combat the pet population explosion and thereby reduce animal suffering, sterilization is required for every dog and cat adopted from the Animal Protection Society of Durham County.

Low-cost spaying & neutering is available!

The SPAY-NEUTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OF NORTH CAROLINA (SNAP-NC) operates the SNAP Van, a Mobile Spay/Neuter Clinic). The SNAP Van provides low cost spay/neuter for dogs and cats. The van is at the Durham County Animal Shelter on Thursdays. Please note: space is limited. All animals must be scheduled. **To schedule your pet contact SNAP-NC directly at (919) 783-SNAP (7627), <http://www.snap-nc.org/> or <http://www.durhamaps.com/>.** The Animal Protection Society of Durham and Durham County Animal Shelter are located at 2117 E. Club Blvd., Durham, NC 27704, (919) 560-0640. The fee for spaying or neutering your pet includes DHLPP & rabies vaccines. SNAP charges \$65 for a dog and \$45 for a cat.



Additionally, all dogs and cats in Durham over the age of 4 months are required to be vaccinated against rabies and to be licensed.

PAC 3's New Autodialer

With funding from a grant, community members voted to have **Partners Against Crime for District 3 (PAC 3)** purchase an autodialer. (Police District 3 includes households from the West End to the future South Point Mall area.)

What is an autodialer? An autodialer is a modem that is put inside a computer to make telephone calls. A list of phone numbers are entered into a computer database, the autodialer calls the number and when a person or voice mail answers the phone a pre-recorded message is played. The autodialer also can give information. So if you want information, say about PAC meetings, you can call the autodialer number, select a number from a menu and receive the information you want.

Who oversees the operation of the autodialer? Police from District 3, including our Community Oriented Police officer, Alton Tyndall, Jr, and volunteers from the community record and send messages. The computer and the autodialer will be kept in a police facility.

What types of phone calls does the autodialer make? For the past 3 months the autodialer has been calling people to remind them about upcoming PAC 3 meetings. In addition, the autodialer can be used to let residents know about emergencies in their neighborhood, power outage updates (phones frequently work when the power is out), and provide community information on a variety of issues. A phone number will be available shortly for the

community to call to get police and community information in both English and Spanish. Watch for the update in the next newsletter.

Some cities are using their autodialer to call elderly people on a daily basis to "check-in" with them to make sure they are okay. If the person doesn't answer the phone, the police then go to the person's residence. District 3 expects to set up such a "call list" in the near future. If you are interested in receiving a daily call to check in on you please call Jennifer at 402-0442 and leave your name and phone number. She will be in touch with you.

Computer Classes

If you are interested in learning the basics of web design and/or desktop publishing, the InterNeighborhood Council is working with Gateway Computers to offer classes at the reduced rate of \$25 each. If interested please call Mike Shifflett at 286-0277 or e-mail him at labacm@gte.net.

TLNA Meetings

The TLNA meets at 7 pm on the first Thursday of every month at the Lakewood United Methodist Church (on the corner of Chapel Hill Road and Huron). All residents of the TLNA are welcome to attend!

TLNA on the WWW

Find out the latest neighborhood news at
<http://rtpnet.org/tlna/>
<http://www.ncneighbors.com/>

Join the TLNA! Order a T-Shirt! Please fill out this form and send it with your check payable to TLNA to Eric Johnson, 2615 Sarah Avenue, Durham, NC 27707.

Dues are only \$5 for individuals and \$10 for households. Your dues support this newsletter and all community events such as summer barbeques, crime prevention meetings, and the spring neighborhood clean-up, as well as our rezoning struggles.

The white T-shirt costs only \$10 and proudly displays our new logo in red and black on the front. Available in large and extra-large. Please indicate quantities below.

Name:	_____	Dues	\$_____
Street Address	_____	___ L shirt(s) @ \$10	_____
Phone number:	_____	___ XL shirt(s) @ \$10	_____
Email address:	_____	Total amount enclosed	\$_____