



The Porch Light

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Tour TROSA in April!

TROSA will be conducting a tour of its campus for neighborhood residents in April.

Come see what TROSA plans for its expansion and have any questions answered about how TROSA's work influences our neighborhood.

For more details on dates, and to RSVP for the tour, contact John Heffernan at 490-5222

Neighborhood Protection Overlay and the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) to be discussed at April 1 TLNA meeting

Dick Hails, Assistant Planning Director for the City/County Planning and Zoning Department, will be heading up a discussion of the department's UDO. The UDO is currently in draft form and is expected to come before the City Council and County Commissioners in September for approval. The UDO includes some significant changes to the current zoning ordinances and requirements for future development. Most of the zoning in the TLNA boundaries would fall under the new definition of "Urban residential."

The Neighborhood Protection Overlay may be of particular interest to neighborhood residents as the neighborhood association considers whether it would like to add its name to the list of communities requesting a protection overlay. **"The purpose of the Neighborhood Protection Overlaps is to protect and preserve the established character of existing neighborhoods by limiting the flexibility of underlying base districts in order to more effectively match the density, intensity or established character of an exiting area. The overlay may also be used to establish specific design guidelines that are more detailed then the standards of this ordinance for use during review of development within the overlay."**

All residents interested in how future in-fill (currently empty lots in our neighborhood) and potential commercial property can be developed under the UDO guidelines should attend this meeting. In order to ensure appropriate development in our neighborhood, Mr. Hails needs to hear your questions and concerns about the UDO. You may see the draft document at: <http://www.ci.durham.nc.us/departments/planning/udo.cfm>.

The TLNA meeting will be held in the basement room of the Lakewood United Methodist Church at the corner of Huron and Chapel Hill Road. The meeting starts at 7:00. For additional information, please contact Jennifer Albright at 402-0442.

Neighbors Praise Landlords' efforts

Neighbors on Huron and James let the TLNA how pleased they were with the improved conditions of two houses in the neighborhood. So the TLNA is proud to feature two rental properties that improve the appearance and value of our neighborhood. If someone on your street has improved their property, please share this with the TLNA. Contact John Heffernan at 490-5222.



2103 Ward Street

Owner: Nina Parrish of Durham

This duplex has seen a major exterior improvement: a new roof was put on, and at the same time eaves were created along the sides, front entrance and front of the house. The two side entrances are now each covered with a porch overhang. Some landscaping has spruced up the front yard of this house, which is wearing a new coat of paint. The owner, Mrs. Parrish commented, "The neighborhood has to be worthy of the improvement, otherwise we are just pouring money down the drain."



1519 James Street

Owner: Tim O'Brien of Durham

This single family home was built in the 1930's. Mr. O'Brien recently did extensive work to increase the appearance and condition of his property. He built a stone wall along the front of the yard and also landscaped the area. He cleared out years of brush and tree overgrowth in the front and back yards. The interior of the house received a kitchen remodel, redone hardwood floors, repair and new carpeting to the screened in porch. He also replaced the old battered awnings on the front of the house with shutters and a new awning adorns the front porch.

The Durham Farmers' Market Starts April 3

The Durham Farmers' Market begins its fifth season **Saturday, April 3rd** with over 40 vendors and growing popularity for home grown produce. The market will operate from 8 a.m. to noon each Saturday. It is located one block south of the Old Durham Ball Park on Morris Street across from Measurement Inc. More information about the market can be found at the website durhamfarmersmarket.com

Lunch and Learn

On April 21, 2004 local columnist Jim Wise will discuss "Lakewood Amusement Park" with stories and photos of the popular early 20th century attraction that stood where the Shoppes at Lakewood is today. This presentation is a part of an ongoing series known as *Lunch and Learn*, and is sponsored by the Historic Preservation Society of Durham (HPSD).

The presentations take place the third Wednesday of each month except December at Tosca Ristorante Italiano, 604 W. Morgan Street, in West Village. Individual programs are \$13 (\$15 for non-members), including lunch. To purchase *Lunch and Learn* tickets or learn more about this series, call the HPSD office at (919)-682-3036 or email info@preservationdurham.org.

City Hosts Spring Clean & Swap

On **March 13, 20, 27** and **April 3** (8 am to 3 pm) the Waste Disposal and Recycling Center at 2115 E. Club Boulevard (transfer station) will be open to receive yard waste, trash, garbage, broken appliances, broken furniture, tires (off rims *only*) and miscellaneous junk.

The Swap area at the transfer station will be receiving fixable and reusable home items, office items, appliances, tools and toys. Items at the Swap area are available for free to any county residents, but no person may take more than 3 large items from the Swap before 1 pm.

Unacceptable items for waste disposal include: shingles and toxic waste.

Any household hazardous waste should be brought to the **Household Hazardous Waste Center** at 1900 E. Club Boulevard (on the right before you reach the transfer station). Household hazardous waste items being collected include: automotive, garden, photographic and household chemicals (including paints, solvents, stains, and aerosols), household batteries, and fluorescent light bulbs.

Tipping fees will NOT apply to cars, pick-up trucks, vans and trailers less than 8 feet. No moving vans/trucks (including rental vans/trucks).

Tipping fees will apply to loads brought in commercial vehicles, cargo trucks, stake-bodied trucks, moving vans/trucks and trailers over 8 feet. All uncovered loads are subject to a fine.

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The Tuscaloosa-Lakewood Neighborhood Association is sponsoring Clean-Up Lakewood!

In cooperation with the City of Durham, and neighborhood volunteers, the Lakewood area will "clean up its act" **Saturday April 17, 2004** by allowing residents to have their **large bulky items** (such as large household appliances and old furniture which are too large to be collected by the roll-out cart crews), and **yard waste** picked-up free of charge. Please make sure your items are at the road, by 7:30 AM on Saturday April 17. Please **don't put your items at the road any earlier than April 16th**.

Additionally, we need volunteers (that means YOU!) to help out with roadside cleanup between 9:00-11:00 AM. Each block will be assigned a captain and will be given the necessary supplies. Each volunteer will pick up trash, and return it to the block captain.

A City truck will run the routes several times that morning to look for these items. The same is true for yard waste. This service is being provided to those who may not ordinarily participate in the City's Yard Waste program. Please make sure leaves are placed in brown paper bags, and that brush is bundled with string, and is not more than 3 feet in length. This is a great opportunity to take pride in your community, and to make a visible difference. See you on the 17th. Please contact Myers Sugg, 489-0965 or msugg@britsys.net or John Heffernan, 490-5222 or karenandjohn@earthlink.net with questions or to volunteer.

Partners Against Crime District # 3 (PAC #3) meetings are held the second Saturday of every month from 10-noon at the Lyon Park Family Life Center. For additional information contact the District 3 Crime Prevention Officer, Chad Blanchette, at 560-4583.



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Phone number: _____ email address: _____