

Northeast Creek Stream Watch

Where is Northeast Creek? You probably drive across it every day, but maybe you've never even noticed it. Maybe you enjoy looking at the water along the Audubon Park nature trail but didn't know the creek had a name. Or perhaps, like me, you've thrown sticks in the water in the woods behind the playground, with no idea where that water is flowing from or to.

Northeast Creek is an important part of the Jordan Lake watershed. It has headwaters as far north as Miami Boulevard and Highway 70 and flows into Lake Jordan at the Highway 751 bridge north of the intersection with New Hope Church Road. If you hike the American Tobacco Trail south from Scott King Road, you can see our "neighborhood creek" flowing through the pillars of an old railroad trestle. The creek and the land surrounding it are home to a wide

array of wildlife, from beavers, raccoons, barred owls and deer to the Zebra Swallowtail butterflies whose host plant, the Pawpaw bush, is plentiful along our nature trail.

These are just a few of the things I have learned from the new Northeast Creek Stream Watch group. Northeast Creek Stream Watch is an informal group of citizens dedicated to conserving and enhancing the scenic, recreational, natural and historic qualities of Northeast Creek and its landscape in the upper Haw River/Lake Jordan basin.

In 2006, the group conducted regular water quality monitoring and stream hikes, participated in Earth Day and Big Sweep cleanups, began monitoring and advocacy in rezoning applications affecting Northeast Creek, and ran a float in the Parkwood Christmas

Parade, complete with people dressed as beavers and a fox. Much more is planned for 2007, as the group matures and expands. If you would like to get involved or want more information, check out the Web site at <http://www.necreek.org>.

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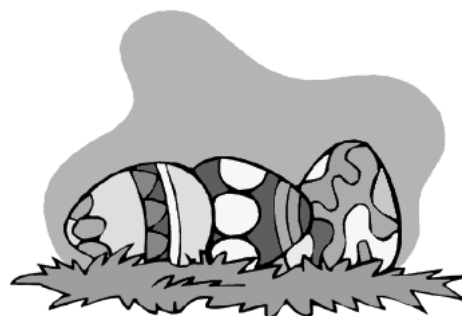
Upcoming Audubon Park Social Events

We are always looking for new ideas, event coordinators and helping hands. Call Vicky Terwilliger at 919-572-0292, Joanne Rees at 919-484-7411, or Amy Burns 919-484-8339 for information. We especially need volunteers for the Spring Festival/Egg Hunt, Community BBQ and Fall Festival events that so many of our neighbors attend and enjoy.

SPRING FESTIVAL AND EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 31, 2pm to 4pm (Rain Date: Sunday, 2pm to 4 pm)

Fun for the whole family and for all ages. Games, activities, and the favorite and traditional Big Egg Hunt on the recreational facilities grounds.



SPRING TAG/GARAGE SALE

Saturday, May 5, 8am to 12 noon (No Rain Date)

More than 50 families participated in the last Tag/Garage Sale – on a cool and wet day. However, we have planned a warm and dry (and very prosperous) day this year. Your HOA Social Committee will place an ad in local news-

papers for this event. Do some spring cleaning early so that you can share your unwanted treasures with others.

POOL OPENING ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Saturday, May 12, 2 pm to 4pm at the pool

(Rain Date: Sunday, 2 pm to 4 pm)

Your HOA and Swimming Pool Contractor have teamed-up to kick-off this pool season with multiple ice cream favors and treats, and an opportunity to meet new neighbors and to see old friends – an "ice-cream-breaker" to celebrate the pool opening.

A Message From Your Board

Greetings!!

We hope you all have enjoyed the Holidays and quiet times in our neighborhood since last year. Along with some crazy weather, many rain days, early warm days that have brought forth bulbs and early blooms, and a little winter cold, most everyone is ready for spring. As you are probably aware, on 2 February 2007, Punxsutawney Phil the Groundhog didn't see his shadow when he came out of his electrically heated burrow and uttered his prediction that spring was just around the corner to a Groundhog Club representative in "groundhogese." For those who might not know, the legend of Groundhog Day is based on an old Scottish couplet: "If Candlemas Day is bright and clear, there'll be two winters in the year." I'm not sure how a groundhog was selected to determine when spring will come, but most say that he's never been wrong since he (or his great, great, great grandfather) started making predictions in 1887.

Your HOA has scheduled its annual homeowners meeting for 7:30, Monday, 12 March 2007. This year we will have our annual meeting at the Parkwood United Methodist Church on Revere Road in Parkwood, immediately across from the Parkwood Library. There is plenty of parking available in front of the library. We need as many homeowners as possible to attend the meeting as we do have to meet a quorum requirement, and because we have so much we want to share, new Board members to elect, many new homeowners we want to meet, and so many ideas and suggestions we want to hear from all homeowners during our community open forum. This year, we will have door prizes that will be awarded throughout the meeting – the greatest being awarded just before we adjourn. Please see the enclosed annual meeting flyer and the separate mailing you

should have received for more meeting information and directions – but if you can't attend, please at least complete a proxy and mail or give it to a neighbor who will be attending so that you can be counted.

We have approved our new 2007 Recreational Facilities Rules, and as soon as we know if, or when and how we will reissue or exchange pool and tennis court key-cards this year, we will mail all pertinent information and the 2007 Rules to your home. For information, the pool will open on Saturday, 12 May and close on Monday, 1 October 2007.

We believe we have finally resolved many problems and delays in getting City approval for our new pavilion and picnic structure next to the pool. However, we are again ready and planning to have the structure completed before the pool opens this year.

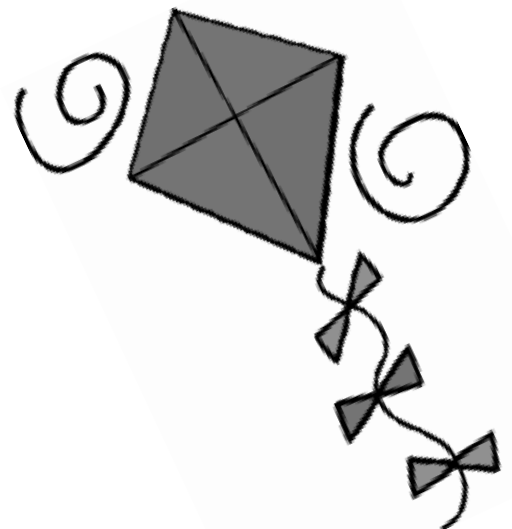
Due to the many after-hours trespassers we had last year to our pool and associated risk and liability our HOA could incur due to an injury or drowning, and due to the vandalism of the pool last summer that resulted in five lost swimming days for repair and cleaning, we have taken steps to make our pool and recreational facilities more secure.

First, a new eight foot high fence will be installed around the pool, and to offset the height, some significant landscaping improvements with tall cedars will be installed to moderate any aesthetic impact of the higher fence. The landscaping improvements will eventually include sharp/cutting and larger shrubs around the rear pool fence line areas that are prone to have trespassers attempt to climb the fence to swim at night. We also will soon install security and decorative lighting that, along with the landscaping improvements should deter trespassers and improve the appearance of our facilities. The security parking-lot chain installed last

year was very successful in deterring trespassers and lingering, but some of our volunteers who religiously secured the lot each night had problems moving the heavy chain to hook it to the post at night, and due to the weight of the chain, signs and reflectors broke easily. To correct this problem, we are installing a low swing gate to more easily close-off the parking area each night. When fully open, the swing gate will be hidden from view as it swings back behind the existing bushes. And, lastly, immediately after completion of the pavilion, we will be resealing and repainting the pool parking lot surface. By mid-summer, everyone should see a significant enhancement in appearance and security around your facilities.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our Annual Meeting, and hopefully at one of the many social and activity events planned for this year. And don't forget to do some spring cleaning early so that you can participate in our All-Community Tag/Garage Sale on Saturday, 5 May from 8 AM till 12 noon and share your unwanted treasures with others.

See you at the annual meeting.



Ten Reasons to Volunteer for Your Community

1. Protect your self-interests.

Protect your property values and maintain the security and quality of life you enjoy in this community.

2. Correct a problem.

Have you received a Violation Letter, or do you think maybe facilities, amenities, grounds or landscaping have been neglected?

3. Be sociable and friendly.

Meet your neighbors, make friends, exchange opinions, and watch for each others safety and security.

4. Give back.

Repay a little of what's been done for you by so few.

5. Advance your career.

Build your personal resume by including your community volunteer service.

6. Have some fun.

Association work isn't drudgery. It's fun and most rewarding when accomplishing good things with and for your neighbors and community.

7. Get educated.

Learn how it's done – we'll train you.

Everyone's qualified to volunteer – the more the better to represent every interest and concern of our homeowners and their families.

8. Express yourself.

Help with creative projects like community beautification,



social and community action events, architectural control, and the essential safety and security concerns for our children, our streets, our homeowners and community through Neighborhood Watch – awareness and prevention activities.

9. Earn recognition.

If you would like a little attention or validation for accomplishing things that make a positive difference in the lives of your neighbors and in this community, your contributions will be recognized and celebrated.

10. Try some altruism.

Preserve and improve the appearance, safety, security and quality of life of our community by helping and serving others.

Parkwood Volunteer Fire Department News

February found Parkwood VFD providing several training classes for our staff. EMS personnel attended cardiology and CPR classes. Training in Hazardous Materials awareness, incident rehabilitation, and arson investigation were other courses offered to our staff this month.

February also saw the launch of the PVFD Cadet program. On February 15 the inaugural dinner was held for the first recruits and their parents at our station. This program allows teens a chance to learn what firefighting and EMS is all about and to possibly prepare for a career in emergency services. Cadets will be PVFD members and will attend classes at PVFD in safety, firefighting, and basic first aid. Applications are being accepted at any time so if you know of a young person who might be interested, check our Web site (www.pvfd.com) for more information.

This month we will complete the renovation of one of our ambulances. To save money, when ambulance engines wear out, the ambulance box is remounted on a new chassis. This saves tens of thousands of dollars. When ready for service, this additional truck will be based at our main station on Seaton Rd.

Working for You – January, 2007

Total alarms	400
Fire-related	38
Auto crashes	32
Medical	330
Patients transported to hospitals	219

Safety Tip

This year Congress designated March 11 as the beginning of daylight savings time. While resetting your clocks, this is also a good time to check your smoke detectors. While over 95% of homes in the US have smoke detectors, the National Fire Administration estimates

that 20% of those do not work. The most common cause of detector failure is expired batteries. Some detectors require annual battery change (usually 9V size). Others have long-life batteries or are hard-wired into your home circuits. All detectors have a test button. Simply press the button and make sure you can hear a loud alarm. If you only hear a chirp, it is time to replace the battery or replace the detector. If you have any questions about your detector, call our fire prevention specialists at 361-0927. We will be glad to assist you. No other consumer protection device has done more to save lives than smoke detectors. Make sure your detector is doing its job for you!

- Chief William L. Colley, Jr

PVFD on the Net: www.pvfd.com

History - www.pvfd.com/his_bdy.htm

PVFD Programs & Training -

www.pvfd.com/trn_bdy.htm

Neighborhood Watch Program



What is the Neighborhood Watch Program?

The Neighborhood Watch Program is made up of all 317 Audubon Park Homeowners. Because you are a resident of Audubon Park, you are automatically a member of the Neighborhood

Watch. The mission of the Neighborhood Watch is to take a proactive approach in keeping crime out of our neighborhood, and to keep our families and community safe and secure. Our approach relies on technology to automate communication between residents and volunteers – members and volunteers are asked to knock on doors, dedicate time, or to make patrols. No obligations, no catches, no hassles, and your privacy will always be protected, and all information you provide will be kept safe and never shared.

What you get when you sign up:

- Receive emergency phone calls within minutes of an event via an automated messaging service
- Receive non-emergency e-mails notifying you of petty crime and recommended action

- Receive periodic emails on ways to protect your family and property, and future training opportunities
- You will only receive e-mails about incidents of crime, trespass, solicitation or vandalism within our immediate area, safety or security alerts, potential risks, and crime prevention information.

Sign up today – Be Informed/Stay Informed

All we need are your name, address, two contact numbers and your e-mail address. Just send us your contact information through our Web site at <http://AudubonPark.org>, via e-mail to APNW@googlegroups.com, or by calling Dave Chilton at 919-491-1807 or Ron Carroll at 919-724-5088, and we'll take care of the rest.

Web Sites To Keep You Informed and In Contact

Your Audubon Park Web Site:

<http://www.audubonpark.org>

- Community information
- Your Homeowners' Association by-laws, covenants, architectural guidelines and control specifications, and architectural review forms
- Quick-find contact information, and an e-mail link to your Homeowners' Association Board and committee members
- Online Neighborhood Watch information and sign-up to receive timely information about incidents that occur in our neighborhood and surrounding area, to receive emergency information via a short pre-recorded phone message and the name and contact information of your Neighborhood Watch Block Captain and core volunteers.

No password is required for access and use of the Audubon Park Web site.

Your Talis Management Web Site:

<http://www.talismgmt.net/AssociationSites.htm>

- Pay your homeowner dues and check your account balance online at any time
- Research Homeowners' Association by-laws, covenants, architectural guidelines and control specifications, and architectural review forms

No password is required for access to general information. User name and password are required for access to your personal account information.

If you have not received your login information, or have misplaced or lost that information, please contact Loretta Thompson at 532-7607 or Loretta@talismgmt.com.

City of Durham Web site

<http://www.durhamnc.gov/>

City of Durham – Image Watch

<http://durhamimagewatch.com/alerts/>

City of Durham – Things to Do

<http://www.durham-nc.com/>

Durham County Public Records

http://www.durhamcountync.gov/common/Public_Records_Databases.html

Durham One-call

<http://www.ci.durham.nc.us/departments/onecall/>

Durham Police Department

<http://www.durhampolice.com/>

Parkwood Volunteer Fire Dept.

<http://www.pvfd.com/>

Durham Solid Waste Management

<http://www.ci.durham.nc.us/departments/solid/>

Recycling

Tidewater Fibre Corp (TFC)
<http://www.ci.durham.nc.us/departments/solid/>

Talis Web Site Update

eCommunity Registration: Why you should be registered

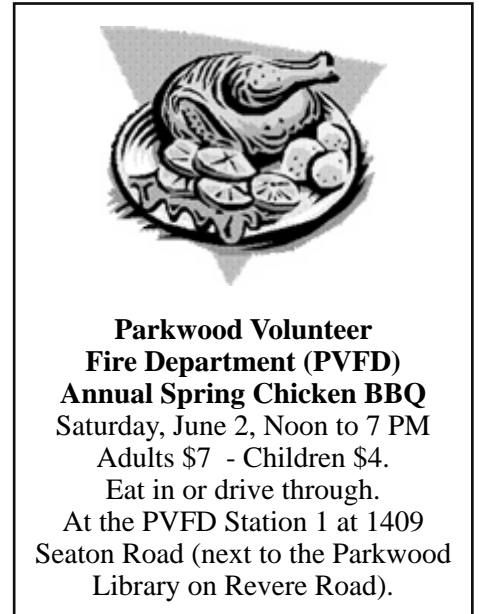
Talis Management Group offers a unique and value-added service to your association in the form of a community-based Web site in addition to your Audubon Park Web site.

One feature that has gained in popularity is the use of the mass eMails. One reason for the popularity is that by utilizing the eMail function, your



association's spending on postage decreases dramatically. And, with the touch of a button, your association can send time-sensitive eMail messages to all registered users in your association.

However, the key word here is "registered." While your e-mail address can be entered in the system by staff, this information is not merged with the mass eMail feature. Only until you (the homeowner) enter the data through the Web site does your e-mail address get captured and added to the mass eMail list. Please contact your Talis representative regarding whether you've registered or not; jfuller@talismgmt.com or Loretta@talismgmt.com. Should you have any questions about this process, please don't hesitate to contact one of the members of your management team. At Talis, you take it to the person who CAN solve the problem.



**Parkwood Volunteer
Fire Department (PVFD)
Annual Spring Chicken BBQ**
Saturday, June 2, Noon to 7 PM
Adults \$7 - Children \$4.
Eat in or drive through.
At the PVFD Station 1 at 1409
Seaton Road (next to the Parkwood
Library on Revere Road).

Board Members

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President, term expires Spring '08,
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Social: Vicky Terwilliger, 919-572-0292

Joanne Rees, 919-484-7411

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Information for Homeowners and Residents

Governance: All property owners in Audubon Park, as a condition of ownership, are members of the Audubon Park Homeowners' Association, Inc. (HOA), a non-profit North Carolina Corporation. The HOA Board of Directors is directly responsible for HOA governance in accordance with the HOA Bylaws. The Board contracts with Talis Management to perform day-to-day management, including collection of quarterly assessments, disbursement of funds and identification of problems needing Board attention. Other contracts are let to perform landscape and grounds maintenance, pool maintenance, etc.

Architectural Standards: The appearance of all property in Audubon Park is subject to standards published in the *Architectural Standards and Control Specifications*. All changes to the appearance of a home, lot

or outbuilding in the development require approval by the Architectural Review Committee (ARC). Changes made without ARC approval may be required to be "undone" under force of law if directed by the Board.

Swimming Pool and Tennis Court Access is controlled by electronic card key. A charge of \$25 is levied for lost keys. Contact Joe or Gretchen at 919-572-0199, or e-mail joeandgretchen@yahoo.com for new or replacement card-keys.

Association Dues: \$92 quarterly, due Jan. 1, April 1, July 1 and Oct. 1 to: Audubon Park HOA, PO Box 19309, Charlotte, NC 28219. There is a \$10 late fee for dues not received within 30 days.

A Bird's Eye View is published quarterly by the Audubon Park Homeowners' Association. If you are a resident and would like to submit an article for the next issue, contact the Communications Committee via the Audubon Park Web site at <http://www.audubonpark.org>.

Your newsletter needs YOU!

Are you an aspiring journalist? Have an item of interest to share? Got gardening tips? Know something about local history? *A Bird's Eye View* is looking for articles by you, our neighbors. Send your submissions to Lynn Russell, catleone@donpoo.net.

Audubon Park Babysitting Co-op

Do you want to have a date night, volunteer at your child's school, go to an appointment, or just be kid-free for a few hours without having to pay for a babysitter?

Are you willing to exchange some of your time to babysit for someone else?

Would you like to get to know some of the other parents/families in Audubon Park?

If you answered "yes" to all of the above questions, then the Audubon Park babysitting co-op is for you!

Call 806-1526 or e-mail aramina.a@gmail.com to learn more.

Looking for a tutor for your K-6th grader?

Kristen Duncan is a certified elementary school teacher who lives in Audubon Park and is offering private tutoring sessions. Help is available in reading, writing, math, homework skills, and more! References available. Call Kristen at 768-8974.

Private Clarinet Instruction

Call Kelly Parsons
824-6624

Individual Piano Lessons for Beginners and Intermediates taught right in your neighborhood!

Nigora Nassimova is a member of the Durham Music Teachers' Association, National Music Teachers' Association, North Carolina Music Teachers' Association. Master of Arts and Piano and has taught piano for 25 years.

FOR MORE INFORMATION call
919-323-4088

Important Numbers

ALL EMERGENCIES	911
Durham One-Call	560-1200
Police Department – Non-Emergencies	560-4601/4209
Drainage/Flooding/Stormwater	560-4326
Solid Waste Management	560-4185
Street Lights	560-4366
Water and Sewer Line Breaks	560-4344
Duke Power	382-3200