

New Picnic Pavilion Completed



Audubon Park is very fortunate to have some of the best recreation facilities at the lowest cost to residents of any neighborhood around! Many improvements have been made recently in the recreational areas. Now, thanks to the perseverance of a few of your neighbors, we have a community pavilion

among the amenities at the recreation complex. Since its completion there have been at least two birthday parties and several families enjoying picnics at the tables in the shade of the pavilion.

The next step will be to landscape around this area. The Landscaping

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Committee will be heading the effort and would certainly appreciate any help!

Audubon Park Social Events

The next Social Committee Meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 18 at 7 p.m. by the pool. Please join us to plan community events. Call Vicky at 572-0292 for more information.

Our annual **Ice Cream Social** pool opening event was soooo coool! Thanks to Sacerio Pool Company who provided the ice cream. Special thanks to Jamie Terwilliger, for his master scooping skills! It was great to see everyone out on a beautiful Mother's Day.

Our next **BIG Social Event** is the **Community BBQ**. The date is still to be determined, but help is needed!

It's not a big time commitment, and if you would like to participate in planning this event and selling tickets, please call Vicky at 572-0292 or Joanne at 484-7411, or e-mail jt1970@sbcglobal.net .



Audubon Park Book Club

Our neighborhood book club meets the 3rd Thursday of each month. Please join us! Call Vicky at 572-0292 or e-mail jt1970@sbcglobal.net for info and meeting addresses.

June 21– Christina Queen of Sweden by Veronica Buckley

July 26 – The Painted Veil by W. Somerset Maugham

August 23 – Plain Truth by Jodi Picoult

September 23 – One True Thing by Anna Quindlen

Committee News

The Audbon Park Board would like to thank Brent Eischen for his years of neighborhood service as the Recreation Committee chair. Brent has been a positive influence helping shape and maintain our pool, tennis courts and playground. As Brent steps down we're now looking for you to step up! As Recreation Committee chair you will have general responsibility helping the Board maintain the playground, pool, tennis courts, pavilion, and basketball court. You will work closely with the Social Committee and Neighborhood Watch Committee helping to coordinate seasonal events and keep our recreation area safe.

A few months ago we published an article about what a swell neighbor Don Rees is for this community. As he steps down from many years as Landscaping Committee chair, we'd like to again acknowledge all of the hard work he has put in over the years. Don has



planned, planted, and maintained most of the flowers you see in the neighborhood common areas and even quite a few shrubs and irrigation systems. He has certainly made the neighborhood a more enjoyable place for the rest of us through his efforts. His absence as the Landscaping Committee chairman will certainly be felt, and he will sincerely be missed.

With Don stepping down, a new chair for the Landscaping Committee is needed. Some of the common areas now maintained by the Landscaping Committee will be turned over to our landscape contractor for maintenance, but there are still a few small common areas that we would like the Landscaping Committee to continue to maintain. The chair would be responsible for coordinating the planting and maintenance of these areas with the committee. The Landscape Committee chair would also propose landscaping enhancements for the community that could be implemented with available funds.

If you are interested in being either Recreation Committee or Landscape Committee chair, please contact the board at www.audubonpark.org/contactus.php.

New Community Forum

Announcing the new Audubon Park Community List-serve (APCLS)! The focus of the APCLS e-mail list-serve is on neighbor-to-neighbor communication. Some possible subjects posted to this forum might be information about area schools, daycare, recreation, Northeast Creek, etc. It would also be a good place to post announcements about lost or found pets and pet sitters.

People looking for recommendations for home services such as painters, handyman services and plumbers, or family services like doctors, schools, baby sitters and lawyers might also find the APCLS useful. Those with services to offer, like lessons, baby sitting, house sitting, or lawn mowing, can post them to the APCLS as well.

The APCLS is an excellent place to connect with people of similar interests, such as mothers' club, book club, scrapbooking, or knitting. It is also a great place to post moving sales, lawn

equipment, baby gear and other household items for sale.

In addition, the APCLS is the place for announcements from the Audubon Park Homeowners' Association for such topics as social events, swim lessons, committee meetings and other information.

Join Today!

If you'd like to join the APCLS, send your name, e-mail address and home address to dave.chilton@yahoo.com or sign up at www.audubonpark.org/lists.

When you sign up, you will be set up to receive a digest version e-mail by default. As the name suggests, you will get one e-mail per day, with the content of up to 25 full messages bundled into that single e-mail.

You can change your preferences to receive an e-mail of every post if you like by visiting the group Web site.

Reduce Energy Costs

If you are interested in how you and your neighbors can reduce your energy costs while helping the environment, please come to a free, informative talk for our neighborhood on July 16 from 7:30 - 8:30 at the Parkwood Association office next to the library on Revere Road. Judy Kincaid, Chair of Clean Energy Durham (www.cleanenergydurham.org) will be giving a 40-minute presentation called "Home Energy Use: Bringing Neighbors Together." Ms. Kincaid will talk about things people can do in their own households and together with their neighbors to reduce both energy expenses and the negative impact of fossil fuel use. This engaging presentation has been given in numerous other neighborhoods to rave reviews.

Yard of the Month Program

The finest yards in our community should be celebrated – especially during the spring and summer months when the grass is green and the colors are beautiful. We should also recognize the hard work that goes into your holiday decorations!

Monthly winners will receive a \$25 gift certificate and will have a Yard of the Month sign displayed in their yard for that month. A picture of the winning yard will also be posted on the APHOA Web site.

The following criteria will be used in the selection of Yard of the Month:

The lawn must be neatly mowed and edged. Trees and bushes must be pruned and trimmed. Plants must be healthy, and there should be a minimum of weeds in

flowerbeds. All plantings must be live. No plastic, silk or artificial plants are allowed.

The yard must be free of debris and clutter. Only front yards as viewed from the street will be judged. Backyards will not be considered, even if visible from the street.



Overall design and landscaping should be creative and have a unique curb appeal using color and/or texture and a balance appropriate to the size of the house and lot.

One home will be selected each month during spring and summer, one in October and one during the winter holiday season. Each yard will be limited to winning the award only once in any calendar year. Members of the AP Landscaping Committee will judge and select the Yard of the Month. Judges' decisions are final.

To qualify for Yard of the Month, APHOA dues must be paid in full and compliance with the APHOA Covenants is required. Current board members and voting members of the Landscape Committee are not eligible.

Parkwood Volunteer Fire Department News

In April the Durham City Fire Chief informed Parkwood Volunteer Fire Department (PVFD) that the contract with PVFD to provide fire protection and rescue services in the Parkwood community would not be renewed. Beginning July 1, primary responsibility for emergency response in Parkwood will be with the city fire department. The PVFD will not be notified by 911 dispatch of any emergency calls coming from Parkwood residents. They will have to wait for a city fire truck to respond. The closest city response unit is over 2 miles further from Parkwood than PVFD and will result in increased response times to fire and rescue emergencies.

On May 14 Durham city officials met with the PVFD Board of Directors and the Durham County Fire Marshal to discuss contract options. The next day the PVFD Board met to define a counter-offer to the city. A key point of concern was that the designation of a

primary responder for contract renewals in annexed areas should be based on the closest unit. Since PVFD is located within the community, it is strategically situated to respond minutes faster than the closest city unit.

The City contract for Audubon Park has also not been renewed since it expired in January, 2006. Although there are verbal commitments, the City has yet to sign another 5-year contract with PVFD. That means that Audubon Park may also be subject to significant delays in emergency response.

We in Audubon Park should do whatever we can to support our neighbors in Parkwood, for we may also be safeguarding our future security and peace of mind. PVFD is still collecting signatures on the petition for the City to renew the contract. Please stop by the station at 1409 Seaton Rd or the Parkwood Homeowners' Association office to add your name!

Safety Tip

Be the first to know! Durham County has a new emergency communication tool available to its citizens. The program, called "CodeRed", allows Durham Emergency Management to issue Amber Alerts, evacuation information, and other emergency alerts to your cell or home phone. To receive the warnings, you must be subscribed to the free service. More information is available at www.durhamcountync.gov/departments/emgt/CodeRED/CodeRED.html

- Chief William L. Colley, Jr

PVFD on the Net:
www.pvfd.com



National Night Out

The 24th Annual National Night Out (NNO), a unique crime/drug prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) and the Durham Police Department, has been scheduled for Tuesday, August 7, 2007. Look for the special mailing that will announce this year's Audubon Park NNO celebration and activities.

NNO is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; generate support for and participation in Audubon Park Neighborhood Watch and local anti-crime programs; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships and to send the message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Last year's NNO activities included Durham Police and Parkwood Volunteer Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services displays to demonstrate our community's appreciation for the services and support that these agencies have dedicated to keeping our community safe and secure.

Join us on August 7 as our community comes together again to commit ourselves to improving safety on our streets and keeping crime out of Audubon Park.

Learn More

www.durhampolice.com/nno/
www.durhampolice.com/nno/nno_reg_form07.pdf
nationalnightout.org/nno/about.html



Neighborhood Watch

Are You A Missing Neighbor?

The mission of the Neighborhood Watch (NW) is to take a proactive approach to keeping crime out of Audubon Park. The NW program is comprised of ALL Audubon Park residents and is run by a core group of volunteers called Block Captains.

If you aren't receiving e-mails and crime alerts from us, that means you haven't given us your contact information. There are 2 ways to do this. The preferred method is to send your information through the Web site at audubonpark.org/contactus.php, or leave a message at **919-491-1807**.

The NW relies upon technology to automate communication and volunteers for organization. Most importantly, it relies on each resident to keep their eyes open and to report suspicious activity to the Police and to the Neighborhood Watch Leadership as soon as it occurs. Don't be a missing neighbor – send in your contact information today!

It's Important to Participate

Last summer we had several minor criminal occurrences at the recreational complex, but more disturbing was the home burglary which occurred in broad daylight on an Audubon Park cul-de-sac. Some of the surrounding homeowners were actually home at the time. Less than half of the neighbors in that area were subscribed to the NW and receiving crime alerts from us. Had more neighbors been informed, there is a chance that this burglary could have been prevented, or that the perpetrators could have been apprehended.

Call for Volunteers

Are you ready to take a turn at helping out with the NW by taking a more active role? This valuable program is in critical need of volunteers, so if you have a few extra minutes per week, and would like to get more involved, please call 491-1807 to volunteer today. For those of you new to the community, volunteering is also a great way to meet your neighbors.

Security Upgrades at Recreational Complex

An 8-foot fence and new security lighting have been installed around the pool. The lighting includes flood lamps and strobe lights triggered by motion sensors in the pool area. The flood lights are pointed towards the pool and the strobe will go off after 15 minutes. If you ever see the strobe on, please call the police!

The parking lot chain has been replaced with a custom-built swing gate that is hidden during the day, but blocks off the parking lot at night. A gate extension was built above the main pool gate to prevent would-be trespassers thwarted by the higher fence from trying to gain access to the pool area that way.

As a reminder, the recreation complex (pool, playground, tennis courts, pavilion and basketball court) opens at dawn and closes at sundown, or 9 p.m., whichever is earlier. Please make sure you have left the complex by that time and have cleaned up after yourself.

GE Dishwasher Recall

General Electric recently issued a recall on dishwashers manufactured around the time the houses in Audubon Park were built. You can determine if your dishwasher is affected by visiting www.geappliances.com/products/recall/dw07/, or by calling the Recall Hotline at **1-877-607-6395**. The dishwasher model and serial number will be required.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

In the Community

After a fire at the Durham Rescue Mission's food storage building, residents of Audubon Park joined other communities in helping to restore the Mission's ability to provide much needed food for the homeless and needy of Durham.

The Durham Rescue Mission was most thankful for the tremendous outpouring of support by Audubon Park residents when our community delivered more than 600 pounds of food and essential items on April 21.

This effort would not have been as successful without the support of area businesses and many Audubon Park volunteers. Many thanks to Kroger at Hwy 54 and Fayetteville Road, Food Lion and Kinkos at Hwy 54 and Hwy 55, and our community volunteers: Emily Stube and Daryl, Melissa and Nick Habit; Lisa Paulin-Cid and Diego Cid; Tina, Denver and Savannah Casto;

Janet, Christopher and Alexander Eaker; Sid, Taylor and Colin Stafford; and Ron Carroll.

In Audubon Park

The house at 5909 Rustic Wood caught fire Thursday, May 17 at around 6pm due to a kitchen fire. No one was hurt, but the house was severely damaged and almost everything was lost. The family that had just started renting the house several months earlier has four kids and unfortunately had no renter's insurance. After the fire they were left with very little and were in need of practically everything.



When the word got out that help was needed, so many of you came through and provided so much. More than two dozen gift cards, cash, clothes, sheets, towels, kitchen items, televisions, a VCR, a DVD player, a computer and printer, toys, bikes, books, furniture and even bunk beds were donated! Edward, Lasheka and the children are very grateful that the Audubon Park residents and friends pulled together to give so much. They feel blessed that the Audubon Park family embraced them so quickly and thoroughly to help them through this terrible time.

They would like to thank everyone for helping them through this tragedy. The family have found another home to rent and they are getting a fresh start with your support.

If you would still like to donate, please contact Amy Burns at 889-1010.

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 www.audubonpark.org.

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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.

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 are \$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.

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.

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

Piano Lessons

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

Have you read "Rich Dad, Poor Dad"?

Want to play Cashflow with your neighbors in Audubon Park? E-mail Joe at carolinainvestor@gmail.com

Important Numbers

ALL EMERGENCIES	911
Durham One-Call	560-1200
Police Department – Non-Emergency	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