


Garden View

Longview Gardens Neighborhood Association Newsletter



LGNA At Your Service

By Allen Wilson

The Longview Gardens Neighborhood Association has been a successful organization for over a decade, protecting the interests of the neighborhood and fostering a sense of community. Through the years this has been done by a select few who have voluntarily taken on those responsibilities, working diligently with the support of others in the neighborhood to protect their investment and secure a peace of mind.

Recently, the neighborhood Association has undergone a change in officers. Though the goal of the association remains the same, some changes are being made to address issues of communication and to foster a tighter sense of community. It is the Association's goal to secure new channels of communication whereby issues can be more readily addressed and news more rapidly disseminated.

We are a neighborhood in transition; with many of us fighting tooth and nail to protect our neighborhood from the surrounding blight and unwanted development while trying to reach out to new businesses to help turn our neighborhood into what it once was; the most beautiful neighborhood in Raleigh. We believe that this neighborhood can once again thrive and be revered as one of the best in the city.

To realize this vision, we need your help. Through a now adopted Neighborhood Plan, a formally recognized Neighborhood Association with an established By-Law, a dedicated P.O. Box, a neighborhood Website and Bank Account with a neighborhood bank; we can assure you that we mean business. This caliber of an organization cannot thrive, however, without the proper funding and partnerships.

That's why we believe it is time to introduce a formal membership model and are asking everyone to join by visiting the registration section of our website at <http://www.longviewgardens.org/register.aspx>

By registering, you will be kept abreast of all things going on in our community and have a chance to help others who share the same vision. Please note that dues are strictly optional, but are encouraged. For additional information, please visit our website at <http://www.longviewgardens.org/> or email us at: association@longviewgardens.org
Questions regarding membership? Call Allen Wilson at 250-9235.

New Look and Feel to Website

By Paula Richardson

Communicate, Share, Find Resources, Advertise your business... It can all be done at www.LongviewGardens.com. If

in our busy lives it is a must that we develop easy and efficient ways to communicate! The answer to that need is our website.

Since it's inception, the website has had quite a few versions...ever changing to meet our needs. Now, we think we have it just right and are working hard to fill in the content.

On your neighborhood site you will find businesses that want your business, news about your surroundings, information related to trash services, how to report a litterbug and much more. On our "Members Only" site you will be able to send communications about lost and found pets, suggestions for content on the site, suggestions for social events, yard sales, etc.

We will also allow homeowners/realtors to post real estate that is for sale in our neighborhood. We think this is a wonderful avenue for advertising the stately homes in our area as well as an opportunity to show the wonderful neighborhood that comes with the homes!!

We will be campaigning for businesses to advertise on the site for a small annual fee. We will use these funds to support the administration of the site and hopefully neighborhood social events.

If you would like to participate in the content gathering and posting on the site please contact us at officers@longviewgardens.org.

Base Schools are Wake's Best

By Nancy Pemberton

Prospective residents of Longview Gardens will be pleased to know that our neighborhood is served by three of Wake County's finest magnet public schools.

Hunter Elementary offers A.G. Basics as well as a variety of arts courses and challenging electives. Hunter is consistently rated as an Honor School of Excellence, meaning 90% of its students perform at or above grade level.

Moore Square Museum Magnet Middle School is relatively new and offers an innovative program which involves North Carolina Museums and local businesses to broaden the curriculum.



William G. Enloe High School, a School of Distinction, is consistently rated in the upper 50% of U.S. News and World Report's list of top 100 national high schools.

Enloe offers over 200 courses, including Magnet College Writing, 3rd level calculus and differential equations, 9 languages, and a strong arts curriculum. Enloe students have won 5 Emmys for video production. Advanced Placement, Honors and Academic courses are available. Enloe offers an International Baccalaureate program and has more Board Certified teachers than any other local High school. Special Programs students will have a wide range of courses including Special Olympics. Enloe's swimming teams consistently perform well. It is important to note that these schools are in high demand and living in the neighborhood assures children of being able to attend them.

Happenings

New Bern Avenue makes "Best Of's" list in Independent Weekly! See the article: *Secrets Inside the Bellfiling: New Bern Avenue* featuring Longview Gardens, our the website!

Updates on the Watson Property can be found on the website. Check for dates and times of upcoming meetings.

Time to cook up a Springtime Event so neighbors old and new can come together -- Watch for the announcement in our next newsletter! Want to get involved? We'd love two folks to head up the effort, with lots of support from your LGNA officers!

LGNA Officers

Allen Wilson, Co-Chair
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Yard of the Month

By Doug Sutton, Jr.

Last Fall, the LGNA announced the Yard of the Month competition. With the rather unexpected influx of preparation and work involved with other issues, the LGNA has neglected our monthly award. We do apologize, however, the Yard of the Month will be back in full force

this spring. Several properties have already been selected and once the spring returns, we will announce award-winning properties. It is our hopes that everybody will get involved and compete for this prestigious award!

The LGNA invites all of its residents to contend in the Yard of the Month competition. The Yard of the Month will be featured on the Longview Gardens website each month for our community to enjoy. We all take pride in our neighborhood and now we can share our beautiful community with all of our website visitors. Please visit us at www.longviewgardens.org to register as a member and nominate homes for Yard of the Month.



Website Capabilities Expanded for 2005

By Doug Sutton, Jr.

Something new for 2005 is the ability to advertise your business or service on the Longview Gardens' website and newsletters.

With consideration of the many small business owners in the neighborhood, LGNA decided to expand the use of the website. Contractors, doctors, restaurant owners, plumbers, notary republics, financial planners, CPA's, lawyers, lawn services, and even babysitters should consider running an advertisement. For non-residents the fee is \$75/year, for residents it is \$50/year, and for our junior residents the charge is only \$20/year.

Both the website manager and marketing professional of LGNA will be more than happy to assist your business in developing an online advertisement campaign. For inquiries please contact Doug Sutton at dsutton@longviewgardens.org.



New Crowd In Town

By Doug Sutton, Jr.

The Longview Gardens Neighborhood eagerly welcomes our new neighbors. On all of our streets we have introduced at least one new neighbor this past year. We have long-awaited a fresh youthful crowd enthusiastic about renovating their homes and restoring Longview Gardens to its original character.

The excitement has been overwhelming and Longview outsiders have begun to notice! The News and Observer has taken note as well. Several articles have been published in 2004 regarding the revitalization of our neighborhood. Developers have communicated a great interest in introducing mix-used development to our area, which has economically boomed other areas in Raleigh such as Lake Boone Trail and North Hills.

As the last stately neighborhood inside the Beltline, Longview Gardens looks forward to the growth and revival this area is anticipating. It is as a community, a team rather, that we join together and take an aggressive step towards the future. With much appreciation to our new friends and neighbors, we thank you for assisting us in renovating our past and restructuring our tomorrow.

Keeping It Clean

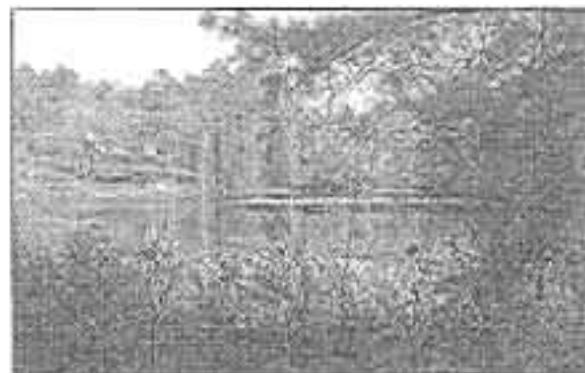
By Doug Sutton, Jr.

The Longview Gardens Neighborhood Association has taken a vigorous stance on the litter issue that confronts our perimeter by working very closely with Mr. Gardner, the principal of Enloe High School. The officers of LGNA have made several recommendations to Mr. Gardner to assist Enloe's efforts on resolving this matter.

As a neighborhood, we ask that you collect license plate numbers of any cars that you witness littering in, or around, Longview Gardens. If you happen to catch violators, we ask that you immediately email us at officers@longviewgardens.org. Please provide us with a description of the car, the license plate, how many passengers are in the vehicle, and what type of litter (i.e. cups, bags, napkins, etc.) they disposed of.

In addition, we ask that you also report the vehicle to the NC Department of Transportation Swat-A-Litterbug website. A link is accessible through the LGNA's homepage, www.longviewgardens.org. It is our thoughts that the letter sent out by Swat-A-Litterbug will be delivered to the students' parents, who typically the vehicle is registered to through NC Department of Motor Vehicles. It is our hope that the parents will also take action in resolving our problem once they are notified of their children's violation of the law.

Several neighbors feel that this issue can be resolved fairly quickly with activating a community watch for litterbugs in correlation with the assistance of Mr. Gardner and Enloe High School.



Enloe High School Expresses Support on Clean Up Effort

By Lloyd Gardner, Principal of Enloe High

We value and respect our neighbors and the relationship we have. Over the years, we have maintained a positive relationship with our neighbors and we hope to continue building upon that partnership. I apologize for any disrespect that a student has shown by littering a neighbor's property. I have higher expectations for our students. I am currently working with our students and student organizations to address the concern expressed by the neighborhood. Thank you for your support of our school and the association you have had with our students, faculty, and school in the past. We look forward to continuing to work with you.