

November 8, 2011

Quarter 2, Week 4

CPSC Weekly Update

...words of wisdom from John and important dates to remember

From the Director.....

Dear CPSC Families,

You are all invited and encouraged to attend next week's city-sponsored, public meeting to share plans for Old North Durham Park (ONDP), aka The Big Field.

**Public Meeting Set for Old North Durham Park (ONDP)
Durham Parks and Recreation will host a public meeting to present plans for ONDP
on Nov. 16 from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. The meeting will take place
at the Downtown Durham Armory, located at 212 Foster St.**

I am happy to share with you that the city plans to improve the condition of the park from its current state and make ONDP comparable to other 'neighborhood parks'. The vision for the park's future was recently reviewed by City Council's appointed Recreation Advisory Commission (RAC). RAC recommended a plan recognizing the diversity of uses in this particular neighborhood and its importance for bringing together different groups in the community.

The City's plans to (1) improve the storm water drainage issues that impact not only ONDP but the Ellerbe Creek, (2) apply for a NC Parks and Recreation Trust Fund Grant to match city and local dollars, (3) increased tree plantings, improved grass in a multi-use big field and landscaping throughout the park, and (4) develop plans for future features such as walking trail, a picnic shelter, water fountains, and possible lighting.

For those who were involved or interested in the park redevelopment process last year, or in any of the ten years prior when the local community has sought to improve the park, the City's plans as outlined above come as a breath of fresh air and an act of collective leadership on behalf of the City Manager, Council and Parks and Recreation. The ONDP plan incorporates the guiding vision of the Durham Recreation Advisory Commission together with the collective desires of the four local neighborhood associations (Old North Durham, Duke Park, Old Five Points, and Trinity Park), the Ellerbe Creek Watershed Association, TROSA, SEEDS, Durham Co. Cooperative Extension, El Centro Hispano, African American Dance Ensemble, Downtown Durham Inc., CPSC and more. All of these groups seek not only an improved neighborhood park with features that meet the diverse needs of the local community, but a planning process that builds community and creates a strong sense of stewardship.

For those who cannot attend, we will be sure to update you regarding the details of this meeting.

John

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Thur, Nov. 10	Diversity Committee Meeting, 7pm in the Library
Fri, Nov. 11	Veteran's Day Holiday- No School
Tue, Nov. 15	Parent Discussion: Sibling Rivalry, 6:45-7:45pm
Wed, Nov. 16	CPSC Board Meeting, 6:30pm, Big Room
Thur, Nov. 17	CPSC Calendar Order deadline
Thur, Nov. 17	School Council Meeting, 4pm in the Art Room
Friday, Nov. 18	Fall Social, 6:30-8:30pm
Wed-Thur-Fri, Nov. 23-24-25	Thanksgiving Holiday- No School