

North Carolina Collection

Lakewood Park Community Association Records

Title:	Lakewood Park Community Association Records
Inclusive Dates:	1994-2010
Extent of Materials:	9 folders; one oversized folder
Location:	NC Room, Cabinet 5, File Drawer 3; Map Drawer 42
Date of Accession:	2015
Donor:	Ethel Simonetti
Relationship of donor or materials to the DCL/NCR	
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Description:	
Subject Headings:	Citizens' associations — North Carolina — Durham.
	Community development, Urban—United States—Citizen participation.
	Community life—North Carolina—Durham.
	Durham (N.C.)—History.
Abstract:	
Scope and Content:	The collection documents the origins and activities of the Lakewood Park Community Association through correspondence, clippings, meeting minutes, and other administrative records. Much of the records relate to the forming of the association in 1994 and its early years, with some correspondence from the late 2000s. A few records from other related neighborhood groups are also included.
Related Materials:	Old West Durham Neighborhood Association Records.
	Jack Preiss Papers.
Restrictions:	The collection is open for research.
Biographical/Historical Note:	Lakewood Park is a neighborhood in southwest Durham that found its origins in 1902 as a park at the end of an electric trolley line, becoming a popular amusement destination for Durham's citizens until the Great Depression. The park closed around 1934. The Lakewood Park Community Association was started in January 1994 by Ethel Simonetti as the Chapel Hill Road/Lakewood Business Association, in order to coordinate a neighborhood response to a proposed at-risk housing development on nearby Dean Street. The organization soon invited citizen as well as business input and was renamed the Lakewood Park Community Association (LPCA), with Simonetti as its first president. Association members were also involved in other local community groups, as reflected in this collection. Simonetti was co-facilitator of District 3 of Partners Against Crime (PAC), a group that worked with the Durham Police Department in crime prevention at a neighborhood level. The LPCA also participated in the Community Partnership Coalition. The group became inactive around 2012.

Collection Notes:	
Organization of Collection:	Folders are arranged alphabetically by title.
Container List	
	By-laws, 1994, 2004 and undated
	Clippings, 1994-1998 and undated
	Correspondence, 1994-2010 (2 folders)
	Flyers, lists and maps, 1994-1998 and undated
	Lakewood Park history, 1988 and undated
	Minutes, 1994-2008
	"Nuisance Abatement", 2000-2003 and undated
	Reports, 2005 and undated

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