

# The Triangle Times

News from the Garden Triangle of The Garden District of the Mazyck-Wraggborough Neighborhood

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## The “Triangle” Declares Independence From the “Garden District”

### The Triangle Secedes from the Garden District

In what many consider a long overdue move, the homeowners of the true garden area of The Garden District, have voted to establish their own District, The Triangle. Ms. Lila Ferguson told reporters, “Everybody knows that the houses from the corner of Elizabeth to the Green’s house have the best gardens and the best view of the fountain park. Why should we have to put up with the tyranny of the Tripartite Junta who don’t even have gardens?”

Another neighbor who wished to remain anonymous said, “I don’t trust those old retired white people who go meddling in everybody else’s business. Then they get the POlice all up in your face. And there’s only one thing you got to know about them POlice, they don’t respect nobody—well, except maybe those old retired white people who go meddling in everybody else’s business.”

The man spearheading the movement who likes to be known as “Spearhead” asserted, “We don’t need no old white busybodies telling us what to do and how to do it. My family been here way longer than any of them.”

### Stormtroopers Launch Assault on Hostess

In a shocking show of force, a Police Corporal of The Livability Court and the Mean Zoning Enforcer launched a late Friday afternoon attack on Jill S. Hunter, who sometimes pretends she is an art gallery. With threats



ranging from vice police to fire marshalls and lots of other bad things, they shut down the celebration of the Mexican religious holiday known as Día de Los Muertos. The event was to be held that Sunday and

had been in the planning stage for more than two months. Ms. Hunter reported, “We were going to have a real mariachi band, a real taco stand, a real fire dancer and lots of real Day of the Dead decorations I bought two weeks ago in Mexico. Many area artists made altars inspired by those made by

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## To Our Readers:

Welcome to the first edition of The Triangle Times. As the Editor-in-Chief, I want to use this space to raise issues that I find interesting and hopefully will interest you as well. And because this newspaper is an offshoot of our newly delineated neighborhood and because I



am being prosecuted in Livability Court, I want to share my thoughts about what makes a neighborhood better-than-livable.

Neighbors who are nice to each other, who watch your house when you are away, who make you cookies, who

take your car into the dealership where they work in the service department and make it all better, including cleaning out the squirrel that got into the car via the sun roof and drowned under the drivers seat and also the maggots after you return from three weeks in Spain and come home to smell something super gross.

Neighbors who hate you without knowing you because your house has a "Mexican motif," who tattletale to the police, who, as part of the Tripartite Junta, think they are arbiters of what is and what isn't acceptable and rush to the BAR *before your hearing* to block your permit to put extra windows in the already-been-altered-back-of-the-house and a deck off the back of the third floor so that in case of fire, your son could escape, (and that would have hidden the air conditioning condenser), are by definition, Bad Neighbors. And bad neighbors make a neighborhood less livable *and* lovable.

Mexicans to honor their dead relatives. Susan Flaster, of 42 Chapel, according to Officer Gunter, complained to The Livability Court almost a month after my Disco party, that there were people "spilling" out of my house. She also notified the police that the Día de los Muertos party was coming up and I'm pretty sure it was she that gave them the listings in the events section of The City Paper and The Post and Courier."

Officer Gunter, the first Livability policeman, told Ms. Hunter that she could go ahead with the party after he "understood that "Gallery 57" was not a *real* gallery. But then The Corporal showed up with Mean Zoning Lady and, in true Orwellian fashion (think 1984) the party was shot down. They even told me that I couldn't have a small group of friends over for my annual small Dia de los Muertos. When I raised my constitutional right to have a party in my house, they backed off but threatened that The Fire Marshall would be there to make sure the fire dancer didn't dance and the Vice Police would be there too, but I can't remember what the Vice Police would be watching for," explained Ms. Hunter.

"Ms. Flaster's complaints\* are not neighborly," said Hunter, "I don't even know the woman except when I went down to her house (a block away) to invite her to the party thinking that she would back off. She refused to talk to me except to say, "You are a moron and you've been a moron since the day you moved in." This proves that she doesn't know me because I am really smart! I think that she's a girl that doesn't wanna have fun and hates me for being a girl who does! She can't be a happy person."

\*For the record, it should be noted that no complaints had been called into the Police the night of the Disco!

## New Neighborhood Launches Newspaper and Other Businesses

The Triangle Homeowners Association announced that it would begin publishing a newspaper to advocate on behalf of neighborhood issues and promote its various businesses and community activities.

La Princesa Pilar, the only Latina in the group, commented, "We're a real neighborhood, like my own pueblo back in Mexico. Now that we have seceded, we can have lots of fiestas and add much color to The Triangle." Pilar hopes to add purple lights to all of the Triangle trees and will bring lots of colorful rustic carved wooden animals back from Mexico to sell to her neighbors from her bodega at 57 Chapel Street.

Jill Hunter told this reporter that she too has experience with neighborhood beautification projects. In her former town of Newton, Massachusetts, her flamingo project earned her national acclaim.



To see more, you can visit:

[http://www.jillhunter.net/photo\\_frames.html](http://www.jillhunter.net/photo_frames.html)

To read about the project visit:

<http://www.thebostonchannel.com/news/2213958/detail.html> ☒

## Grand Opening of the Triangle Mall

Members of the Triangle community are looking forward to next Saturday's grand opening of the Triangle Mall. Here is a partial list of the mall tenants:

The Backyard Bistro offering "traditional bistro fare with an ethnic flair,"

'Mexican Motif' Exterior Design provides professional design services and a wide array of authentic Mexican handcrafts for your home,

JH's Top-of-the-Line Fireworks will offer one of a kind fireworks made right on the premises by JH, the world renowned pyrotechnic artist,

Tropical Birds sells large colorful parrots and other talking birds. "Our talented birds talk, sing, rap, and imitate all kinds of instruments into all hours of the night! Children love them! Host field trips to your home to let large groups of students experience your brilliant bird!"

### *Bed & Breakfast 55*

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Now there is a perfect alternative!*

*Opening in time for the holidays,  
make your reservation at our  
charming and fully renovated  
historic inn, and join them  
for our delicious breakfasts!*

# Wuz' Happening in the 'Hood This Month

## **Triangle Theater to Present *The Sound of (loud) Music***

Auditions will be held for the Triangle Theatre's upcoming production of *The Sound of (loud) Music* on November 17 and 18. The lead roles of Maria and Capt. Von Trapp have already been cast with Bobby Johnston as Maria and Mark Mazyck as the Captain.



Bobby rehearsing his role as the joyous and cheerful, Maria.

The frolicking musical~with such uplifting songs as "Climb Every Mountain" and "My Favorite Things"~is always a crowd pleaser. The renowned producer, Jill Hunter, was ready to stage her first play off Broadway and had this to say, "The Triangle Park is a perfect venue! We've already gotten the permits to block off all traffic on Chapel Street for every weekend in the month of February. I think that Charleston is ready for a Broadway quality production."

When asked about what it takes to bring a Broadway play to Charleston, Ms. Hunter

explained, "Well, we will be transporting truckloads of props and set designs, costumes, professional lighting and sound engineers with all of their equipment. And we'll be ready for inclement weather with our palatial tent that can replicate Capt. von Trapp's mansion and be quickly converted to the convent and The Alps! I am very excited."

## **Planning Committee Meeting on Gay Pride Block Party and Procession**

The Triangle's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transsexual (GLBT) Coalition met last week to discuss the progress on the plans for the Gay Pride Block Party and Procession. Permits have now been applied for and calls for help sent out to GLBT's chapters known for their spectacular parades—San Francisco, West Hollywood, CA, Provincetown, MA and, of course, New York City. "The response has been overwhelming," said one member. "They have promised to bring their big floats with lots of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered members from all over the county. This is going to be so colorful and glittery and shiny and completely OUTrageous!!!

## **Triangle Garden Club Plans Holiday Season Activities**

The Triangle Garden Club will sponsor a competition with the theme of "How Much Color Can You Add to Your Home?" Rules specify no change in paint and restricts materials to lights, fake flowers and brightly painted carved wooden animals available at La Princesa Pilar's Bodega at 57 Chapel.