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## News Release

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### **Durham Hosts Bull City Play Streets at Lyon Park**

*Free Event Designed for Families to Enjoy a Day of Outside Play*

**What:** Bull City Play Streets at Lyon Park

**Who:** Lyon Park Neighborhood Association and the City of Durham Neighborhood Improvement Services Department

**When:** Saturday, May 21, 2016, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

**Where:** Intersection of Halley and Cornell streets in Lyon Park

#### **Fast Facts:**

- Residents and families looking to enjoy fun, free health and fitness activities should mark their calendars now to attend the Bull City Play Streets event at Lyon Park next week.
- All ages are welcome and encouraged to participate. Attendees should dress comfortably for outdoor play and are encouraged to bring bikes, scooters, roller skates, and other toys.
- Planned physical activities include kickball and other field sports, CrossFit mini-workouts, yoga, dancing, a bike rodeo, and other physical-fitness activities.
- Healthy snacks and water will be provided along with giveaways that support community health and fitness. Numerous community organizations will also be present to provide information on health-related services in Durham.

- Parking will be located across from the West End Foundation Community Center as well as on Kent and Cornell streets in the First Calvary Baptist Church parking lots.
- This Bull City Play Streets event is funded by a mini-grant from the [City's Neighborhood Improvement Services Department](#).
- For more information about this event, contact Laura Biediger with the City's Neighborhood Improvement Services Department at (919) 560-1647, extension 34259 or by [email](#).

### **About the Lyon Park Neighborhood Association**

The Lyon Park Neighborhood Association (LPNA) is an organization of neighbors and supporters in Southwest Central Durham's Lyon Park Neighborhood. LPNA started as a support group to help neighbors in need by sharing resources with community members facing adversity. The group continues to do hyper-local community volunteerism through annual neighborhood clean-ups, Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets for neighbors in need, management of a community garden and tool shed, and general advocacy for the Lyon Park Neighborhood. LPNA has a [Facebook Group](#) and a [Nextdoor community](#) and meets on the fourth Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. at the West End Foundation Community Center, 1313 Halley Street.

### **About the City of Durham Neighborhood Improvement Services Department**

The [Neighborhood Improvement Services Department](#) works to preserve and improve quality of life conditions for Durham residents, and to encourage active participation in neighborhood redevelopment and public policy and decision making dialogue. The department is responsible for enforcement of quality of life ordinances and state statutes including the City's Minimum Housing Code; Nonresidential Code; Weedy Lot, Abandoned & Junk Vehicle ordinances; and the State of North Carolina's Unsafe Building Statute. The department's rapid responders, known as the Impact Team, remediate non-compliant housing properties; abate public nuisances, such as litter, graffiti, illegal dumping, and abandoned shopping carts; and conduct neighborhood service projects. The department's Community Engagement staff provides outreach and education to Durham residents and community organizations. Guided by the City's [Strategic Plan](#), the department helps ensure that Durham has thriving, livable neighborhoods by

providing the highest quality of services to engage and educate the community, eradicating blight, ensuring safer neighborhoods and enhancing neighborhood revitalization.

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