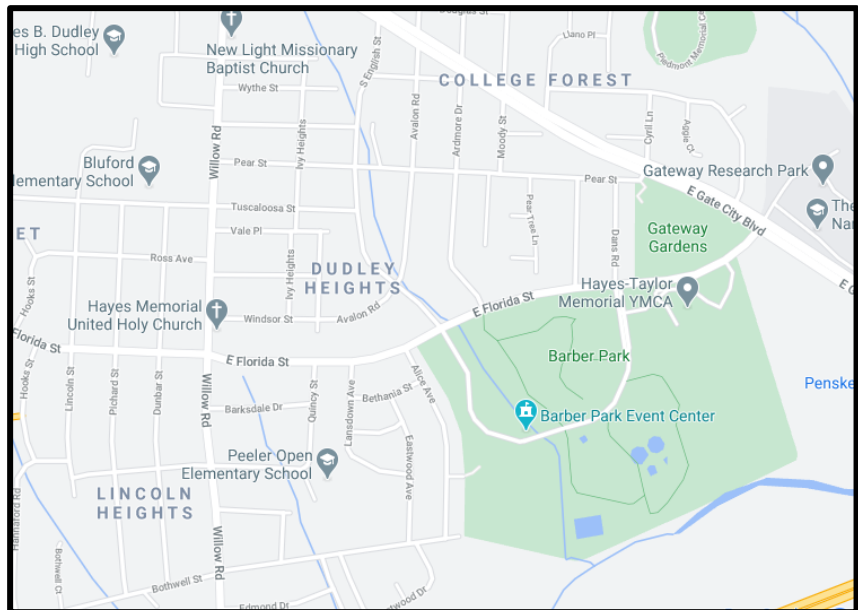


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## About Dudley Heights

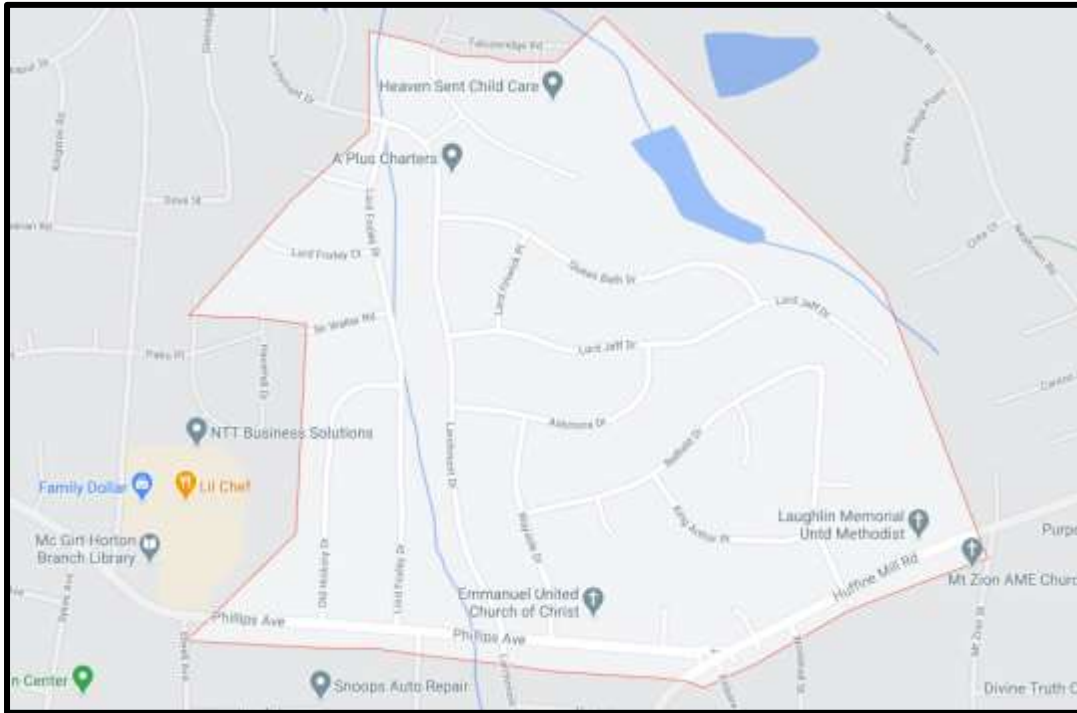
**Submitted by neighborhood leaders:**

Dudley Heights is a lovely and vibrant predominately African American community dating back to the 1950's. It is located in Southeast Greensboro and the major cross streets are Willow Road, East Florida Street, Bothwell Street and Tuscaloosa Street. The origins of its name is unknown to the writer but the community is in proximity of J.B. Dudley High



School. Most of its original residents still remain in the neighborhood. There are 300+ houses in the neighborhood. Reportedly, some of the homes were built by African American contractors, Charles and Curtis Ruffin. The community has a history of promoting unity, fellowship, and a positive empowered community spirit, dating back to the winter of 1961 when the Dudley Heights Community Club was formed. Residents are blue collar workers, law enforcement, building contractors, educators, administrators, along with other professionals and government workers. Recent years have brought some changes to the community, including an increase in rental properties along with a younger and more diverse population.

## About Kings Forest



**Submitted by neighborhood leaders:** In the late 60's and early 70's, Kings Forest became one of the first middle class neighborhoods for African Americans. When you told others you lived in Kings Forest, they were in awe. To know you had made it to the beautiful homes surrounded by flowers bursting with the colors of a rainbow and trees with limbs dancing with welcoming greenery brought tears of joy. The playground where children could laugh and play filled the air with a sense of safety and peace to all. Kings Forest is a forest with character. Very few homes are alike. And those few that are have a separation of color and landscaping. Every home and yard offers up a conversation. Being unique is our gift. The residents love to exercise by walking in the community. The streets are like trails. Hills, curves, and scenery is everywhere. There is an abundance of wildlife. We have our own Zoo. Not only do we have dogs and cats, but also vultures, hawks, lizards, muskrats, turtles, snakes, moles, rabbits, foxes, deer, etc. The forest has also grown human wonders.... a Mayor, City Councilwoman, Chief of Police, Clerk of Court, Radio Talk Host, Lawyers, Professors, Teachers, and more. Out of the forest comes the backbone of the City.