



Trinity Park news

MARCH 2015

Valentine's Day Tree Planting Puts 150 New Trees in Trinity Park

by Shelley Dekker



As Valentine's Day dawned sunny and brisk, volunteers from all parts of Trinity Park gathered together to show their love by planting 150 trees throughout the neighborhood, focusing their efforts primarily on the northernmost blocks of Duke and Gregson Streets. Individual residents, Duke students, members of DSA's Omega Service Club, Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church, and First Reformed Presbyterian Church of Durham joined together to help in the tree planting. The event was organized jointly by the Trinity Park Foundation and the City of Durham's Urban Forestry

Division, with assistance from Keep Durham Beautiful and Trees Across Durham. Musical entertainment was provided by hundreds of songbirds expressing their thanks, while neighborhood squirrels performed acrobatics for the volunteers.

Volunteers planted a variety of trees, including lacebark elms, pistaches, overcup oaks, fringe trees, and blackgums. They placed redbuds and trident maples in sites under power lines. All trees were planted on City-owned property along the

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street. Though a few residents expressed concern over trees in front of their homes, most neighbors were exceedingly happy with the continuing effort to keep Trinity Park's streets lined with trees. With the large number of old willow oaks nearing the end of their lives and being taken down by the City each year, the neighborhood recognizes the vital importance of replacing them.

The Trinity Park Foundation, through funds donated by individual neighbors, paid for the trees planted on

Valentine's Day. If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation to contribute to next year's tree planting or any other neighborhood improvement, please mail your check to Julia Borbely-Brown, Foundation president, at 1013 Watts Street, Durham, NC 27701.

And for those who received trees in front of their homes, please remember to water and care for them, especially throughout the hot summer. Thank you!

Watts Carnival, Saturday, April 18 GAMES, FOOD TRUCKS, SILENT AUCTION & MORE!

by Watts Carnival Committee

Don't miss this great fundraising event with something for every member of your family! Enjoy bounce houses, face and nail painting, crafts, relay races, and carnival games.

The silent auction features a beach vacation and regional getaways, gift cards to local restaurants, shops, salons, summer camps, theater and local events, and many more fabulous items!

Come and savor delicious food from some of Durham's best food trucks, including Dang Good Dogs, Liv's and Pelican Snoball, plus lots of homemade tamales and desserts.

The Carnival & Silent Auction are the primary source of funds for the George Watts PTA, which supports the school

financially in efforts such as the writers' workshops, classroom and Montessori supplies, field trips, grounds work, the edible garden and literacy projects.

This event is proudly sponsored by Acanthus Construction, Acme Plumbing, Alivia's Durham Bistro, Balentine & Borg CPAs, Adam Dickinson - 501 Realty, LoMo Market, Marie Austin Realty, Rockwood Unfinished Furniture, Silver Current Acupuncture, and Whitehall at the Villa Antiques.

The Spring Carnival & Silent Auction will take place **Saturday, April 18**, at George Watts Montessori School, 700 Watts Street, just a short distance from Trinity Park.



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Trinity Park Residents Named Neighborhood Heroes

by Jennifer Valentyn

"Hero" is not a descriptor that can be applied lightly, yet we all know one when we meet one. Every few years the InterNeighborhood Council (INC) gives Durhamites the opportunity to nominate those in their neighborhoods who live up to the title. In January, Trinity Parkers nominated four long-time residents who have had a significant hand in shaping our neighborhood and the surrounding area into the active and thriving community it is today. The Trinity Park nominees for the 2015 INC Neighborhood Hero awards were Dan Jewell, Richard and Jacqueline Morgan, and Linda Wilson. These nominees, along with 26 other nominees from neighborhoods across Durham, were championed as Neighborhood Heroes at The Pit on February 15.

In his nomination letter for **Dan Jewell**, Kevin Davis dubs Dan the "sponsor wrangler" for the TPNA, saying that since he has assumed this role, "the number of sponsors has soared, in turn driving additional funds that the TPNA has used towards a number of charitable, educational and community improvement projects, as well as positioning TPNA to sponsor a number of improvements in the neighborhood." Kevin describes Dan's enduring involvement in the revitalization of areas bordering on Trinity Park, including Durham Central Park and downtown, and the partnerships with area school groups and Duke groups he has established in the process. Dan further demonstrates his commitment to Trinity Park and the greater Durham community by serving on the board of directors for Downtown Durham, Inc. and acting as a convener and leader of the Durham Area Designers group (DAD).

"Dan is always the first to volunteer for tasks it seems no one else wants, and often succeeds beyond what anyone else can do, while never being one to seek recognition for his efforts," Kevin writes.

Long-time Trinity Park residents and owners of Morgan Imports, **Richard and Jacqueline Morgan**, are lauded by Linda Wilson in her nomination letter: "Both Richard and Jacqueline have paired their belief in the possibilities of the neighborhood with a firm belief in the possibilities of a downtown business district; they have maintained a dramatically successful business that bridges the gap between neighborhood and business district for 45 years."

Richard's son, Rick Morgan, told Linda that Richard grew up in Trinity Park and had his first and second stores within the boundaries of the neighborhood. Dedicated to reuse, Richard rehabbed the former Durham Laundry as a space for Morgan Imports and renovated the building that now houses Parker &

Otis. Laurie Morgan Norman, Richard's daughter, shared that Jacqueline has been a strong supporter of the arts in Durham, having previously served on the board of the downtown-based nonprofit SeeSaw Studio and the board of the Durham Arts Council.

Linda explains that Jacqueline and Richard were among the small group that drafted the documents for the formation of the Trinity Park Association (now the TPNA) in 1974. "Since that time," she writes, "they have been consistent supporters of the neighborhood, serving on the Association's Board of Directors and intermittently on committees of that board, advertising consistently in the Association's quarterly newsletter and biennial home tour brochures, and taking active roles in a number of neighborhood projects."

As **Linda Wilson** was crafting her nomination letter for the Morgans, Pam Swinney could not let Linda's own long history of contributions to the neighborhood go unrecognized. Since coming to Trinity Park with her husband, Bill, in 1975, Linda has held many neighborhood leadership positions and volunteered her efforts toward everything from Luminaria to the Blossom Garden Club to advocating for the neighborhood's public schools. She was one of the founders of the TPNA and has served as board president on multiple occasions, as well as a board member and nominating committee chair. She is currently co-chair of the Urban Planning Committee.

Pam writes, "Linda was part of the effort to save the land at the corner of Trinity Avenue and Watts Street – the 'tot lot,' which developed into The Park in Trinity Park." She currently serves on the board of the Trinity Park Foundation, the nonprofit that was created to oversee The Park.

Pam ends her letter with the following sentiment: "Linda gives of her time and energy, her considerable creativity, innovative approach and intellect to make Trinity Park and Durham a better place for all. Trinity Park is grateful that she has enlightened us in so many ways, shedding her light on The Park, the homes graced with Luminaria candles, the board members she has recruited, and the good work that she has done in the neighborhood and beyond."

One of the many reasons we Trinity Parkers love our neighborhood is that true community heroes like Dan, Jacqueline, Richard, and Linda live among us, continually making things better and paving the way for future generations of neighborhood heroes. As a bonus, also among our ranks are eloquent individuals who bring recognition to their neighbors' invaluable work. We salute you all!

Neighborhood Parking Alert

by Marc Phillips

Being located next to Duke East Campus, Durham School of the Arts, and several local businesses makes Trinity Park a great place to live but has the potential to make parking difficult for neighborhood residents. This is why much of the area is designated as a Controlled Parking Residential Area (CPRA), which limits parking to 2 hours on Monday through Friday between 8am and 5pm without a permit. Overall this has proven effective at ensuring sufficient parking during the week for both residents and short-term visitors.

Neighbors occasionally have all-day guests, or borrow cars, or grandparents come into town and leave their car in the space previously occupied by their daughter's mini-van for a family outing, without incident. Every once in a while the number of longer term non-resident visitors gets out of hand, or a student leaves their car in front of the same house every day, and someone calls Durham OneCall to request increased enforcement. Citations are issued, and balance is restored.

There has been an awakening... Have you felt it? During the last couple of months, if a Tuesday morning playdate has lasted 3 hours, or you just hadn't yet put on the new 2015 decal, you or your visitor probably received a bright orange ticket tucked neatly under a windshield wiper. Rather than waiting for complaints of crowds or repeat offenders, the parking patrol has become frequent, fast, and furious. If this has happened to your car in front of your house in Trinity Park, and you don't actually have a permit, one can be obtained from the Department of Transportation in City Hall Plaza. For owners, proof of residency in the form of any billing statement with your name and address will work, and for renters, a copy of the lease will suffice. Alternately, contact Cecelia Carden at cecilia.carden@durhamnc.gov, or 919-560-4366 ext. 36415, and she can issue your permit

through the mail. For visitors, a temporary rear-view mirror tag (valid for up to one week) may also be requested in advance.

If you have already received a citation, you can request a "retroactive" visitor pass through the same process. The actual appeal must then be filed with Lanier Parking Solutions, the contractor hired by the City of Durham to provide enforcement of the CPRA. For more information, contact Joe Vallejos at jvallejos@lanierparking.com or 919-680-2481.

These instructions have been posted for reference at <http://trinitypark.org/street-parking-permits>.

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News from The Trinity Park Foundation, Inc.

by Julia Borbely-Brown

The Trinity Park Foundation, Inc. (“the Foundation”), a non-profit organization established in 1980, will continue work in 2015 on key projects to benefit the neighborhood. We have eleven board members and hope to include neighbors on several important committees. Thanks to a generous grant from the Trinity Park Neighborhood Association, we think you will see results of our efforts as the year progresses.

Trees. We have already seen results with the planting of new trees (see Shelley Dekker’s article in this issue).

The Park. We have ideas, enthusiasm and funds to add some new equipment to the “tot lot” section and at least one more bench in The Park. Landscaping, improvements to the lawn, fencing along the alley, and a number of other items are on the TO DO list. Some changes will depend on partnering with the City of Durham and some will depend on additional fundraising. Look for information on a Neighborhood Work Day in The Park in late April so we can clean up the right of way along both Watts Street and Trinity Avenue. The Little Library in the Park continues to be a wonderful feature—stop by and check out the selections next time you are out. And please remember to donate book to this neighborhood asset!

Public Art in the neighborhood. Don Ball, Julia Borbely-Brown, Linda Wilson and Shelley Dekker are the core members of this committee. If you have ideas for artists, grants and/or placement of art work in the neighborhood, please reach out to one of us. The first order of business for 2015 will be the placement of the Marie Austin memorial sculpture in a public setting in Trinity Park for all to enjoy again. Future efforts could involve fundraising to purchase art or organizing a method to display pieces on loan. If you are interested in working on this committee, please contact juliaborbelybrown@yahoo.com.

The Trinity Park Foundation, Inc, Board of Directors

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Medians. We will continue to tidy up the three circles in the northern section of Trinity Park. We are also working on plans to beautify the Trinity Avenue median. The planting of seven new trees in this large public space are a good beginning. The Foundation understands that long-term plans must include easy maintenance. Some interesting and exciting ideas are in the development stages for the Markham Avenue median. Look for more details in the months ahead!

We are also exploring ways that The Foundation can help partner with TPNA and other groups to address the negative effects of stormwater runoff in the neighborhood, in particular in blocks that have the most serious problems with runoff.

Meanwhile, please remember that donations to The Foundation are tax-deductible. We welcome a gift of any amount to continue our focus on improving and beautifying Trinity Park. **Make your check payable to The Trinity Park Foundation, Inc. and send it c/o Julia Borbely-Brown, 1013 Watts Street, Durham, NC 27701.** Thank you in advance for your support and generosity.

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Joan Austin*
Ted Snyderman*

Asterisks denote members to be voted upon

Nominee Bios

Don Ball

Don has renovated and lived in three houses in Trinity Park over nearly twenty-five years. His most recent project is a charming bungalow on Dacian Avenue. He served as President of the Association in the late nineties, when Durham and much of North Carolina was hit hard by Hurricane Fran. He owned and operated Papagayo's Restaurant for ten years previous to his seventeen years at Washington Duke Inn and Golf Club, where he is Director of Operations.

Marc Phillips

Marc and his family moved to Trinity Park from Seattle in 2011, and he has served as a TPNA Board Member since 2013. He was previously the President of Seattle's Maple Leaf neighborhood community council, where he supported local businesses, pedestrian and cyclist safety, and responsible land use. Many wonder if there is anything he cannot accomplish when he puts his mind to making up a story about it. His primary food sources are Rose's Meats and Sweet Shop and his wife's ever-expanding backyard garden. He has two children at Watts Elementary, and looks forward to more exciting times ahead in Trinity Park.

Janene Tompkins

Janene and her husband Peter have been Trinity Park residents for 23 years; first on Markham Avenue for 3 years and Minerva for almost 20 years. She is a UNC Alum and works as Client Advisor for Suntrust Private Wealth Management. She and Peter have two children, a son who is a UNC sophomore and a daughter who is a senior at DSA. She says that she loves being involved in all the exciting things that are happening in Downtown Durham.

Deb Dobbins

Deb and her husband James have lived in Trinity Park for a total of 24 years. They first lived on the corner of Englewood and Dollar Avenue, and then, after a four year hiatus, renovated a home on Monmouth Avenue. They have one son who is in college. Deb does fundraising consultations for non-profits such as Threshold, Communities in Schools, and Preservation Durham. She is a former caterer and owned a wholesale dessert company during her first years in Trinity Park.

Derek Jones

Derek and his wife have lived in Trinity Park 13 years, arriving in Durham from a stint in Asia. They landed on Urban Avenue, then moved to and renovated a house on Watts Street. He is an architect with Perkins+Will, formerly The Freelon Group. He has a thirteen-year-old daughter, and has recently survived the arrival of a new puppy in the household. When asked about other interests, he says that he likes ceramics and has a small home studio. Derek was also the editor of the Home Tour 2014 brochure.

Kevin Davis

Kevin and his wife Darlene moved to Durham in 2004 and to Trinity Park the following year, when they bought a house on North Duke St near Knox St. In 2011, they moved to their current home at 1011 Gloria Ave., getting to enjoy all the fun and challenges that come with renovating a historic home. Kevin works at Duke University's Office of Information Technology and is currently the program director for global IT services. He was also the founder and principal author of the Bull City Rising blog, currently on

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hiatus (but perhaps making a return in the near future?) Kevin previously served several terms on the TPNA board as a director, treasurer and vice president, and as traffic committee chair. He's excited by the revitalization and energy that recent years have brought to Durham and hopes to see Trinity Park continue as a vibrant, diverse, and welcoming neighborhood in the years to come.

Ted Snyderman

Ted considers Durham his hometown, having grown up here through age 16, returning to Durham to attend Duke University in 1989 and subsequently living and working in the area (graduate studies aside) through 2001. During that time he rented in Trinity Park and Old West Durham on multiple occasions. Ted is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (Smith College), previously worked in community mental health and now works for a Durham company NeuroCog Trials, assisting international neuro-cognitive research. Ted and his wife Amanda moved to Trinity Park in early 2013, from their former home in San Francisco where they met and were married. They have 2 daughters, ages 2 and 4 ½ years, currently attending Beth El Preschool and George

Watts Elementary respectively. Along with a love of music (formerly a WXDU DJ), film, cats and basketball, Ted has interest in urban planning and development, as well as improving early childhood education.

Joan Austin

Joan is a Trinity Park lifer... well, almost. She moved with her family into a house on Green Street when she was 3, and has lived in the neighborhood ever since. Her mother started the Marie Austin Realty Company in 1960, and Joan joined the firm in 1974. She became the owner of the company after her mother's death. Joan attended George Watts Elementary School, Carr Junior High School, and Durham High School. She attended Peace College and graduated from UNC Chapel Hill, but says she is truly a Duke fan.

She loves selling houses, and says that she has sold some of the houses in Trinity Park "three or four times." Joan and her husband bought and renovated their house on Watts Street in 1978. She says that when she isn't selling houses, she enjoys spending time with family and boating on Hyco Lake.

Pedestrian Safety Along Duke and Gregson

by Martin Steinmeyer

After many years in the making, an infrastructure project of the City of Durham along Duke Street and Gregson Street is finally about to get off the ground, in the hopes that it will help to improve pedestrian safety along these two major thoroughfares that run through our neighborhood. In August 2014, the City awarded a \$93,216.50 contract to Stewart Engineering Inc. of Durham for the design of up to 16 so-called curb-extensions.

The project follows the installation of a "pilot" neck-down at Gregson and Urban in 2011. Once finalized, it will mean that the last measure recommended by a 2002 traffic calming study is finally implemented.

There are many good things one can say about this project. A lot of energy from neighbors and TPNA has gone into calling for improvements along both streets, starting with the push for the original study. A process to push for safety improvements along both roads that has progressed in fits and starts over the years will finally come to a close.

It might be worthwhile to have a closer look at the details of a project that was originally conceived more than 12 years ago. A lot has changed since 2002, both in Durham and in Trinity

Intersections planned for curb extensions along Duke Street and Gregson Street

Curb extensions along Duke Street are currently planned for the corners of Trinity Avenue, Monmouth Avenue, Dacian Avenue, Markham Avenue, Green Street and Demerius Street.

Along Gregson Street, the neck-downs are foreseen for the corners of Lamond Avenue, Minerva Avenue, Trinity Avenue, Monmouth Avenue, Dacian Avenue, Markham Avenue, Green Street, Demerius Street, Knox Street and Englewood Avenue.

Park. Traffic has increased overall and has gradually begun to shift from just cars to cars and other modes of transportation (i.e. walking and biking). More pedestrian safety measures seem to align well with this trend. However, Durham also adopted a long-term "Bike" plan that foresees bike-lanes for both Duke and Gregson—IF "more right-of-way can be acquired" to provide the required space for these lanes. While the acquisition of the right of way has not happened yet, and will likely not happen anytime soon, it would be good to know that the planned neck-downs would not stymie a more comprehensive redesign of both streets that has been planned for a few years and might be revived once the East-End Connector is finished in 2019.

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Another caveat is that we do not know if these neck-downs will actually be effective to noticeably improve the situation along either street. Durham's experience with neck-downs (AKA curb-extensions) along Anderson Street has shown that they do not do much to lower traffic speeds. The official rationale for the curb extensions along Duke and Gregson is improving pedestrian safety by "reducing the distance to cross" from one side to the other. While these curb-extensions would nominally reduce the distance a pedestrian needs to cross unprotected from any bulbout, it is not clear if this would really improve the actual safety or even the "perceived safety" and "crossing experience" of pedestrians. The City has not evaluated the effectiveness of the "pilot" neck-down at Urban and Gregson for its effects on pedestrian safety or the ease of crossing.

Several questions are worth exploring with the City related to this undertaking. Unfortunately, the project is now planned within narrow parameters, both in terms of timing and the scope of the work that it is allowed to cover. As the contract with Stewart Engineering is already in place, the timeline for the design of the neck-downs is relatively fixed. Furthermore, the only kind of improvements the State will allow on either of these State-maintained roads needs to fall into the category of "pedestrian improvements," which is what Stewart Engineering has been contracted to design. More comprehensive "traffic calming measures" are therefore not permitted.

Though many details still remain in question, the City is to be commended for pro-actively seeking input from neighborhoods and the Durham's community on these

installations. The plan for the neck-downs was presented to Durham's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission in December. The next step is a community involvement meeting this month. An invitation from Stewart Engineering was recently posted to the Trinity Park list-serve. Anyone who would like to provide input to this project is encouraged to attend.

After the meeting, Stewart Engineering will develop concrete design options for each of the foreseen intersections, which will be presented for feedback before finalizing the project. As of now, construction is scheduled to begin in late Summer 2016, and is expected to last approximately 6 months.

Given the circumstances, the installation of pedestrian safety measures along Duke and Gregson might be the best feasible option. It therefore seems wise for the neighborhood to embrace this project and do what it can to ensure that the installations along Duke and Gregson are the best they can be. At a minimum, this means that any neck-downs, bulbouts, curb-extensions or traffic islands need to be designed to actually and effectively improve pedestrian safety, particularly considering the challenging two-lane situation and high average speeds on both streets. Any solutions need to be compatible with the prospects of a more comprehensive re-designs of both streets in the long-term. Intensive community involvement during the design phase of this project can help ensure both of these issues become part of the conversation

Mark your calendar for the community involvement meeting on the design of pedestrian safety measures along Duke and Gregson streets, Wednesday, March 18, at 6:45pm, at Reality Ministries at 916 Lamond Avenue, Durham



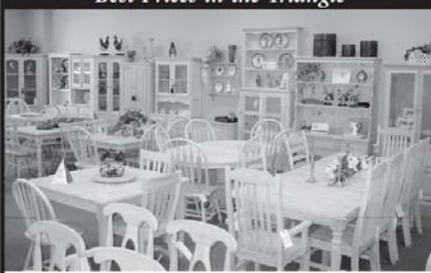
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Concord Hotel Update

by Derek Jones

Like a phoenix rising from the ashes of divisive conflict and distrust, the new Marriott Residence Inn is revealing itself to be a significant architectural addition at the south end of Watts Street. After a protracted period of intense neighborhood concern, the Trinity Park Neighborhood Association, along with its Urban Planning Committee and a group of “affected neighbors” (defined as those living within a 600’ circle around the project), eventually collaborated with Concord Hospitality Enterprises to define a design that met the developer’s business goals while supporting neighborhood interests. The 5-story, 147 room hotel appears to be faithful to that agreed upon design. Sidney Dozier, Project Manager with Concord Hospitality, confirmed that the project is on track to open in June 2015.

Recognizing the economic benefit that a hotel of this nature would bring to a flourishing downtown and rapidly urbanizing Main Street, the City of Durham will grant Concord Hospitality preferential tax benefits in return for new permanent jobs, along with augmented property, sales, and occupancy taxes. Concord Hospitality also agreed to engage Durham-based firms for construction and to forge relationships with Durham Technical College and NCCU to provide hospitality customer service training. But what does this mean for Trinity Park?

For several years now, the Trinity Park Urban Planning Committee has been looking carefully at the neighborhood’s edges where use patterns transition from residential to business, and more vulnerable properties can thrive or suffer based on surrounding development. A stable hotel solution for the long dilapidated 1108-1110 West Main Street properties appears to meet an important challenge—to form a buffer zone between a thriving downtown corridor and the quieter residential neighborhood of Trinity Park.

Those passing by the site have remarked that the building is “big” or “bigger than imagined.” From the more commercial, Main Street side, one could argue that the building is appropriately sized. It is at a scale that holds the corner of Buchanan and Main Street as a gateway into downtown and is respectful of the scale and regulating lines of the preserved portion of the McPherson Hospital building. The Main Street façade is as long as it is big. A neighborhood supported variance allowed the developer to set the building back in keeping with the preserved McPherson structure, giving a bit more breathing space to the Main Street sidewalk. Seat walls protecting elevated landscape will offer respite for weary pedestrians while subtly reinforcing the urban build-to line.

Mike Tarrant, the project’s landscape designer with Stewart (civil engineers and landscape designers) said, “the Main Street side will conform to Durham’s streetscape ordinance which includes street furniture and lighting, while the rear of the building will be more suburban with lawns where you might walk your dog.” He added, “more than the height, it’s the length of the building that makes it feel massive. We used the seat walls, landscape, and a recessed courtyard in front of the McPherson building to help break it up.”

Scale, material, and contextual details help the project fit in, and are what ultimately won the support of Trinity Park and affected neighbors. To make commitments clear, a Special Use Permit was put into place to ensure that the documented design was realized. Key elements of this included:

- On-site parking (where none is required by zoning) to minimize street congestion in the neighborhood;
- Architectural details of the McPherson building to be preserved or replaced in kind;
- Exterior walls to be of a masonry (not stucco) compatible with the historic McPherson brick;
- Height shall be equal to or lower than the McPherson building; and
- No internally illuminated signage to be visible looking southward on Buchanan and Watts Streets.

A stroll by the site shows that these design provisions have been honored. The cornice line aligns with that of the McPherson building, while the extended eaves visually obscure the story of dormer-windowed rooms above. Windows maintain the residential six-over-six texture of the historic building, and the new brick is an almost indistinguishable match to the existing. As the summer months approach, we can look forward to seeing the finishing touches of landscape and historic details installed: street trees, elevated planters, Palladian roof dormer, preserved modillions, and a denticulated cornice.

Rather than dwelling on the project’s sordid past, hopefully we can embrace a development that appropriately caps the south end of the neighborhood. John Swansey, an “affected neighbor” and a stalwart member of the Urban Planning Committee, remembers the long journey during negotiations with the developer to the final unanimous decision to endorse the project. “We learned a lot along the way,” John recalls, “which makes us better equipped to deal with these types of issues in the future.” For John and others, the success of the project is ultimately measured in how diverse goals were resolved through and open and inclusive process.

TPNA Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Trinity Park Neighborhood Association will be held at the Media Center of the George Watts Montessori School at **2:00pm on Sunday, April 19**. Our neighborhood's relationship to the Ellerbe Creek watershed will be the introductory topic of our meeting. Chris Dreps, executive director at Ellerbe Creek Watershed Association and Peter Raabe, NC conservation director at American Rivers will lead an exciting discussion about plans for green infrastructures and sustainable water management. Information will be shared on how residents may partner with them and the Trinity Park Foundation to create multi-functional stormwater/beautification projects to assist in the restoration of Durham's streams and rivers. The TPNA

board will then conduct a traditional business meeting with year-end summaries presented by your president Don Ball and treasurer Janene Tompkins. Additional reports from urban planning, membership, trees, traffic, communications, and community building will also be shared. An amendment to the bylaws will be presented to change the executive committee terms of office from one-year to two-year terms. A new slate of nominees will be presented to the membership, and voting will take place on the new board members and executives. Nominations from the floor are allowed. To conclude the meeting, suggestions for TPNA focus and goals in the coming year will be encouraged.

Durham Symphony Pops in the Park

Join your neighbors and people from all over town for the Durham Symphony's annual *Pops in the Park* concert. The date is **Saturday, May 2, starting at 5:00pm** in The Trinity Park Park (corner of Trinity Avenue and Watts Street). Bring a blanket or lawn chairs for your use and pack a picnic supper to enjoy on a Spring evening!

The program promises to delight us again and includes music that will please both children and adults.

This free event is co-sponsored by the Durham Symphony and Trinity Park Neighborhood Association. TPNA is grateful for this partnership and the generosity of the Durham Symphony.

Volunteers are needed to make the concert a success. If you can help, please contact info@trinitypark.org.

Tasks include: putting up flyers; tidying The Park before and after the concert; transporting and setting up seventy chairs we will borrow for the orchestra; helping to welcome and direct guests as they arrive; and taking down and returning the chairs after the concert.

Play Dates in the Park

Help keep the wonderful tradition of Trinity Park Play Dates alive! This is a very easy way to be involved and get to spend some time outside with your neighbors, big and small. TP Playdates are usually one Saturday/month for March-December. The activity is up to you, although sometimes we coordinate with another neighborhood event (decorating for the Symphony in the Park, helping with luminaries & garlands, etc). The events are usually targeted to kids 3-7 years-old and can really take whatever shape you like. Please contact Jes Morse (morsejnc@gmail.com) if you're interested.

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Spring Events

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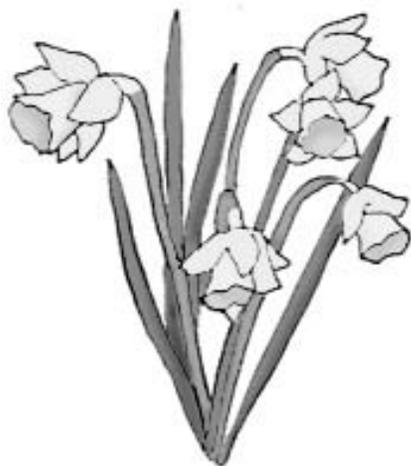
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TPNA BOARD MEETINGS

First Wednesday of the month, 7:30pm. All Trinity Park residents are invited and encouraged to attend monthly TPNA board meetings, typically held on the first Wednesday of the each month in the George Watts Montessori School Media Center. Come join us to greet your neighbors and learn about events and issues important to our neighborhood.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 4, 10:00am at the East Campus Lawn and Gazebo (corner of Main and Buchanan). Families with kids ages birth to 10yrs are invited to join in this special, annual event. We'll hide over 1200 eggs, and Duke's Alpha Phi Sorority will host games and activities for kids after the hunt. The Easter Bunny is also expected to make an appearance!

WATTS CARNIVAL

Saturday, April 18, 11:00am-3:00pm. Annual spring carnival on the George Watts Montessori School playground.

TPNA ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, April 19, 2:00pm. All Trinity Park residents are invited to join us at the George Watts Montessori School Media Center.

POPS IN THE PARK

Saturday, March 2, 5:00pm, The Trinity Park. Bring a blanket or lawn chairs and pack a picnic to enjoy a beautiful Spring evening with the Durham Symphony!

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Renew your Trinity Park Neighborhood Association membership!

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The TPNA supports our neighborhood with donations to neighborhood schools and organizations and by sponsoring great community events—Durham Symphony's Pops in the Park, Halloween party, Egg Hunt, clean-up days and more. TPNA and its residents are the reasons for the success of this neighborhood, and we need you to help us keep Trinity Park as one of Durham's finest neighborhoods.

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