2018 Trinity Park Home Tour: Homes Through the Decades
By Ron Gallagher

It's that time of year when you get to peer behind your neighbors' doors, step inside, and admire the craftsmanship, decor, and renovation that may have caught your eye from the outside. Yes! For those of you who have been waiting since the 2016 tour and for new neighbors who have arrived since then, the 2018 Trinity Park Home Tour will take place on Sunday, October 14th from 11am to 5pm.

The Trinity Park Neighborhood Association (TPNA) hosts the event every other year to raise funds for neighborhood improvement. Come celebrate the varied architecture that gives the neighborhood its charm, find inspiration for your own home projects, and support the neighborhood.

The 2018 tour includes seven homes stretching from N. Gregson St. near West Trinity Ave. on the south side of the neighborhood to Englewood Ave. on the north. It’s an easily manageable walk, and the home tour committee has, of course, asked the TPNA board of directors to put in for fine fall weather that day.

The theme for this year’s tour is “Homes Through the Decades.” Tour organizers recruited owners whose homes were built in each decade from the first decade of the 20th century through the 1950s as well as a more recent 2017 home. That will give everyone a chance to see how styles and amenities evolved through the years in Trinity Park and what amenities came and went.

Preview a few of the homes in the coming pages, then come out to see them all in person.

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Tour participants will be able to go inside each home to see what owners have done with them over the years, whether that’s keeping original features, updating them, or replacing parts with features that work better for the 21st century.

After buying your ticket (see box below), start the tour by picking up the guidebook at the home tour headquarters at The Trinity Park (410 Watts St.). The guidebook will be your ticket into each home with a write-up on each house highlighting the history and unique features. At each house, a volunteer will check off the house to show you’ve been there and docents will be available to answer any of your questions on the house and its history.

The home tour can be as long or as short as you want to make it. You pick which houses you want to visit and in what order. You can walk between them or drive, although street parking may be at a premium with the home tour traffic. Please remember that you will be entering someone’s private residence and respect that some areas of the homes may not be open for viewing.

The TPNA is very grateful to all of the homeowners who have graciously agreed to open their homes for the tour and looks forward to another great event.

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**2018 Trinity Park Home Tour:**

**Homes Through the Decades**

Sunday, October 14th, 11 a.m.–5 p.m.

- $20 advance tickets available at trinitypark.org, Morgan Imports, and The Regulator Bookshop
- $25 day of tickets available at The Trinity Park (410 Watts Street)

And you won’t go hungry – there will be food trucks for the tour day.

Plan to come out and enjoy the day, the houses and the people. After all, this chance won’t come around again for another two years!

To start the tour, exchange your ticket for a guidebook at The Trinity Park (tour HQ) beginning at 11:00am on October 14th.
When my husband Joe and I bought our first house here in 1999, we loved that Trinity Park was a diverse, historic, pedestrian-friendly neighborhood, and relatively affordable. Durham had a lot to offer then, and it has continued to grow and change in the years we’ve lived here. Our city’s growth is increasing--in his State of the City address earlier this year, Mayor Schewel said that 20 people a day are moving to Durham!

Durham’s growth has brought with it many good changes--the DPAC, a thriving entrepreneurial culture, bustling farmers’ market and greenway. It has also brought increasing home values, which benefit me as an established homeowner, but are not so good for those who don’t own their homes and face rising housing costs. Witnessing Durham’s accelerating growth and the rise of high-end housing, I wonder about the future of Durham’s affordability and diversity. And I wonder what we can possibly do about it.

Habitat for Humanity has been active in Durham since 1985 and now builds 25-30 affordable homes each year. These homes are then sold at market value with a 0% interest mortgage to low-income families who would not otherwise qualify for a home loan. This approach to affordable housing is concrete, immediate, and has a lasting impact on homebuying families through multiple generations. Durham Habitat also works to find other viable models of affordable housing in our city, like homeowner incubation (a rental period for folks who are almost ready for ownership), tiny houses, and an effort to find a way to build medium density housing with limited land availability.

Last spring, Mollie Flowe, Liz Healey and I committed to gathering our Trinity Park neighbors to sponsor a Habitat house, as a tangible way to promote affordability and diversity in our city.

With participation from 76 families, Neighbors for Habitat (N4H) raised $77,854 in 2017 and helped build a house at 2607 Angier Ave. On alternate Saturdays from May through September, we formed volunteer crews to hammer, saw, and paint. We enjoyed post-construction debriefings at Ponysaurus. We got to know “our” Habitat homeowner Tawanda. Working together with our neighbors for what we believe to be a good cause was the highlight of our year.

N4H is now trying to do it again in 2018, and we invite you to join in. The full cost of materials for a Habitat home is $84,000, so that is our goal. The N4H home this year is in the Southside neighborhood, at 115 E. Enterprise St. We began construction on July 14th, and it’s now well underway--drive by to see! We’ve met and worked alongside the homebuyers--a family of 7 who have rented in Durham for 20 years. We continue to work every other Saturday and expect to finish by the end of October. Hopefully we will have finished fundraising by then too! Thanks to amazing Trinity Park neighbors and friends, as of August 31st, N4H has raised $69,690 towards the goal of $84,000--wow!

We have 2 months of construction and $14,310 left to go, and we invite you to join us on this meaningful and fun project!

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Please join us to build on any of N4H’s upcoming work dates: Sept. 8th, Sept. 22nd, Oct. 6th, and Oct. 20th.

To sign up, go to https://bit.ly/2ueVRhH. We also invite you to check on N4H’s fund-raising progress or make a donation at http://events.durhamhabitat.org/neighborsforhabitat. Kids ages 8-15 can be a part of the fun, too. Ask us how! And for more information about N4H, please contact us, your Trinity Park neighbors, Liz Healey (redhead27701@yahoo.com); Mollie Flowe, (mollieflowe@bolmail.com); or Karalyn Colopy, (karalyncolopy@gmail.com).

TRINITY PARK AND THE DURHAM INTERNEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

By Phillip Azar

Organized in 1984, the InterNeighborhood Council of Durham (INC) is a coalition of Durham’s neighborhood and homeowner’s associations. Its mission is to promote the quality, stability and vitality of Durham’s residential neighborhoods.

The easiest way to keep informed of developments at INC is to join the INC listserv by following the instructions at http://www.durham-inc.org/2009010969/INC-Membership/inc-mailing-list.html. Alternatively, you can go to an INC meeting or attend Trinity Neighborhood Association (“TPNA”) meeting where a brief update on INC issues bearing on the neighborhood is usually presented.

INC normally meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm in the large conference room on the 3rd floor of Building 2 of the Golden Belt building at 807 East Main Street. Although meetings are open to the public, voting on INC resolutions is restricted to delegates of member neighborhoods. The Trinity Park delegate votes on INC resolutions as directed by the Trinity Park Neighborhood Association board and tries to use common sense on procedural matters and other votes. At the time of writing, Philip Azar is our delegate (and has been going on 10 years) and we are looking for another one. It’s a great way to get involved in neighborhood and Durham-wide issues! Please let Marc Phillips know at marcbp3d@gmail.com if you are interested in being a TPNA delegate to INC.

INC is involved in matters such as:

- Nudging the City to be more receptive to neighborhood concerns such as collecting liens on nuisance properties, enforcing basic traffic laws on neighborhood streets, and not automatically renewing business licenses for businesses that have sold alcohol to minors or allowed other criminal activities to occur on their premises.

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• Receiving reports from city and county staff on matters ranging from city and county budgets to beautification efforts and initiatives such as the proactive rental inspection program and disseminating information from government agencies and community stakeholders.

• Providing input on initiatives of other resident-led groups, such as Durham Open Spaces and Trails (“DOST”) and the Durham Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC).

• Helping recruit residents to advisory panels such as for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

• Land use and related matters such as:
  o Deciding whether to support a specific zoning, historic designation, street closing request of importance to one or more neighborhoods. (Recent examples include supporting Burch Avenue in resistance to Duke's request to close Maxwell Street as part of Duke's successful restoration and development of the Maxwell Street warehouse; supporting Cleveland-Holloway's petition to expand the borders of its historic district; and supporting Old West Durham’s application for a neighborhood protection overlay to slow teardowns and maintain a walkable scale to buildings in that neighborhood.)
  o Reviewing aspects of Durham's Unified Development Ordinance with an eye both toward specific changes and helping residents familiarize themselves with the UDO.
  o Organizing candidates' forums, typically in connection with the League of Women Voters.
  o Identifying Neighborhood Heroes for outstanding service to their neighborhoods and hosting a celebration in recognition of those heroes. Building and maintaining relationships with other neighborhoods.

Generally, TPNA’s practice when reviewing INC resolutions has been to:
• Give great weight to what might directly benefit Trinity Park residents and what is consistent with the mission of the association as stated in the articles and bylaws.

• Strongly consider the position of the most immediately impacted neighborhood (much as we would expect in the event that we were the most immediately impacted neighborhood). As a recent example, working with INC, we supported Old East Durham in its efforts to remove loose tire mulch from the East Durham Park and draw attention to equity issues in materials used at Durham Parks and Recreation Parks throughout Durham.

• Support the ability of other neighborhoods to receive benefits that we have already received (such as a historic district designation).

• Apply collective and individual sense(s) of common sense and neighborly behavior, knowing that there is reasonable room for differences of opinion.

Again, please contact Marc Phillips at marcbp3d@gmail.com if you are interested in being a TPNA delegate to INC.
Luminaria: Neighborhood Event and Non-Profit Opportunity
Luminaria is an annual event that is sponsored by TPNA as an opportunity and venue for a local non-profit to raise funds for their organization while enabling Trinity Park to participate in a city-wide holiday event in mid-December.

If you are a member of an organization that would like to take advantage of the opportunity, please contact info@trinitypark.org. Organizations are expected to run the event, and will receive all proceeds.

How To Get Involved With TPNA
TPNA provides a conduit for Trinity Park residents to bring about and/or to prevent change to the neighborhood and in Durham, depending on their particular ambitions and points of view. The TPNA Board, elected at the annual meeting each January, consists of 4 officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer), a Past President, and 9 Directors. Officers and Directors serve 2 and 3 year terms, respectively, on a rolling basis to ensure openings for new neighbors to join each year.

What would you like to see different in Trinity Park, and in Durham? What would you most like to see not change? What are you doing to bring about (or prevent) these changes?

For information on any of the roles or TPNA in general, please contact info@trinitypark.org.
Local Business Spotlight: Sally Grant & Tea Parties to Go
By Sally Grant & Patty Kandl

This issue’s Local Business Spotlight will focus on Sally Grant, a former elementary school teacher, Peace Corps Volunteer, and brain cancer survivor. Both her daughters attend George Watts Elementary.

When Sally was expecting her second child, she worried that lingering cognitive deficits from her life-saving brain surgery might endanger her soon-to-arrive infant. So she hired a professional nanny.

She discovered not just a wonderful, experienced, creative, and caring nanny, but also a friend. Patty Kandl became a nanny after over thirty years working in the finance industry. Miss Patty demands discipline and respect from her charges, knowing how important those attributes are in the workplace.

Miss Patty and Sally both love children and tea, and decided to parlay those passions to start a business bringing tea parties to people's homes. Their core philosophy is that modern day life is too hurried and stressful, so why not have someone else deliver a chance to relax and unwind with friends over a hot cup of tea, pastries, and scones? Or give children an opportunity to dress up and learn etiquette in a fun, novel, traditional setting?

Their website is located at: https://www.teapartiestogonc.com/

Q: What three things would you like Trinity Park residents to know about your business?
1) We do everything, we bring everything. We bring the food, dishes, linens (tablecloth and napkins), tea and games or a craft. We set-up, serve and clean up. You just sit back and sip tea.
2) Tea time is a great way for adults to slow down and re-connect with friends without having to spend a lot of time preparing to relax.
3) Children need more opportunities to dress up and use proper etiquette.

Q: Why did you choose Trinity Park to open your business?
Trinity Park is a social, diverse, active and connected community where neighbors are also friends.

Q: What has been the biggest surprise or unexpected result since you opened your business?
The interest adults have shown attending afternoon tea. We have hosted several adult teas. Baby Shower Teas are very popular.

Additionally, we were surprised by interest we received from outside the immediate Triangle area. We are hosting a Mother-Daughter Tea next May with the Rolesville Recreation Department.

Q: Do you have any exciting plans or changes for your business in the near future?
We are hoping to expand to Super Hero themed teas to become more gender inclusive.
Welcome fall in Trinity Park with the first Chamber Music concert in the Trinity Park Salon Series, Sept 23rd, at 4pm.

Artistic Director, Marc Moskovitz, cello, Danielle DeSwert Hahn, piano, and NC Symphony members Karen Strittmatter Galvin, violin, and Amy Mason, viola, will play Schumann Piano Quartet.

Come hear "Chamber Music like it's meant to be heard" in the acoustically amazing home of Richard Lopez, 922 Monmouth Avenue. $20 at the door brings you in with neighbors and friends to share professionally played music and great food and drink!

Trinity Park Salon Series is a 501-C3 tax exempt organization that welcomes your support so that we can continue to bring great music into the homes of friends and neighbors! Contact neighbor Bob Gutman to learn more about how your donations underwrite the concerts.

For more information, email any of the board, or TrinityParkSalonSeries@gmail.com and visit www.salonservices.org.

Mark Your Calendar for the 2018 Salon Series Lineup:

- Sept. 23rd @ 4pm, Shumann Piano Quartet Sunday @ 922 Monmouth Ave, home of Richard Lopez
- Nov. 19th @ 4pm, program TBA, Joseph Pecoraro, classical guitar @ TBA
- Feb. 13th, 2019 @ 7:30pm, The Romantic Cello in honor of St. Valentine's Day, Marc Moskovitz @ home of Allen and Claire Wilcox
- May 5th, 2019 @ 4pm, Cinco de Beethoven (5 Sonatas in an all-Beethoven program for cello and piano) @ home of Richard Lopez
TPNA Event Recaps
By Steven Falzarano

2018 National Night Out

We had a great National Night Out on Tuesday evening, August 7th! I think well over a hundred of our neighbors and friends joined each other in Trinity Park to celebrate. Everyone seems to enjoy seeing their friends and neighbors, and meeting new ones as well. We all relished hot dogs and pizzas, some desserts and refreshments while the kids played with frisbees, sidewalk chalk art, beach balls, hula hoops, kites, wiffle ball, and bubbles. But most important, we all just enjoyed some neighborly camaraderie in a safe and secure environment!

A super special thanks to Matthew Yearout who was kind enough to bring a live bee hive demonstration. Kids of all ages were absolutely enthralled with the exhibit, and Matthew educated us all on the importance of bee pollinators, and what a unique role and opportunity Trinity Park can play to support bees.

Many thanks to Pastor Kent Butterfield and his congregants of the First Reformed Presbyterian Church on Watts Street for your presence and expert tending to the hot dog grills. And thanks to Domino’s Pizza for working with us to provide hot, delicious pizza.

A special thanks to Wesley Neal and Brenda Radford of Asbury Methodist Church for supplying a huge cooler of ice on such a warm summer evening, and to Stacy Murphy for the extra coolers, a welcome relief from the heat!

And thank you to the volunteers, Adam Mclellan, Can Dickerson, the Murphy family, and any other volunteers I may have missed. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!

We also were joined by members of Durham’s finest from the Durham Police Department, Officers M. W. Long, J.R. Broadwell, and D. T. Rose of the Durham Police Department SWAT Team. We thank them for their service and it was a pleasure to have them join us for part of the evening.

Finally, appreciations to the Trinity Park Neighborhood Association for supporting National Night Out and providing our budget to help put on a spectacular event. And most importantly, thank you to our neighborhood residents who make Trinity Park such a great place to live and call home!

2018 Durham Symphony Orchestra - Pops in the Park Concert

On Saturday, June 2nd, 2018, Trinity Park had the privilege to host the Durham Symphony Orchestra Annual Pops in the Park Concert. As always, Maestro William Henry Curry and the approximately 60 very talented members of the orchestra gave us a truly memorable and uplifting performance of classic American and international composers. Each year the DSO plays free concerts in the community, combining favorite classical music with popular tunes from movies and radio. It is a great way to relax and enjoy the best of what the DSO has to offer. Unfortunately, this summer’s concert had to move indoors to the Watts Street School gymnasium due to the threat of thunderstorms. This was a wise call as the skies opened up fifteen minutes into the concert, but regardless, we were all able to enjoy the music in a nice, dry, air-conditioned venue.

This year the audience of over 150 community members particularly enjoyed the selections from the classic West Side Story (in celebration of what would have been Leonard Bernstein’s 100th birthday) as well as from Star Wars.

The Trinity Park Neighborhood Association (TPNA) provides the Durham Symphony Orchestra with a yearly monetary donation of $1500 to help support this vital and exemplary local Durham cultural resource, and to bring this free concert to the Trinity Park Neighborhood. TPNA would also like to acknowledge the continuing support of the Durham Symphony Orchestra by longtime neighborhood resident Ellen Dagenhart. Ellen has been a dedicated supporter of DSO and is an integral part in making this concert possible!

Individuals are also encouraged to become a Sponsor of the DSO – additional information can be found on their website at [www.durhamsymphony.org](http://www.durhamsymphony.org). Please help support DSO to ensure their ability to bring music to the people!
**Good music. Good food. Good cause. What’s not to like? (Yiddish Songfest)**

By Gary Berman

Beth El Synagogue’s annual Yiddish concert has a new twist this year: the Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church. The church, which also provides space to Beth El for religious services, will let its beautiful sanctuary be the venue for *What’s Not to Like? A Yiddish Songfest to Benefit United Ministries of Durham*. The 2018 concert (the theme of which, appropriately, is “Friends and Neighbors”) takes place on Sunday, November 11th at 3pm.

What’s Not to Like? has been presented each fall since 2010. The songfest features local singers and instrumentalists (along with one or two who used to be local). Songs are performed in Yiddish with English subtitles, and a printed booklet of the transliterated Yiddish lyrics and their English translation is also provided. Following the concert, free refreshments are served.

Tickets are $15 in advance and $20 at the door. Transportation is available upon request. For tickets or information, please call 919-682-7468 or email yiddishsongfest@aol.com.

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**Trinity Park Halloween Creeps Closer!**

By Steven Falzarano

Wednesday, October 31st, from 4:30pm-6:30pm.

We are fast approaching one of Trinity Park’s favorite celebrations….HALLOWEEN! This year Halloween falls on Wednesday, October 31st, and once again, the Trinity Park Neighborhood Association will sponsor the annual Halloween Party and, Costume Contest and Parade!

The event will take place as usual in Trinity Park with festivities beginning at 4:30pm and ending at 6:30pm, just in time for everyone go Trick or Treating! The Park will be decorated, with drinks and treats available. A craft table will be set up for kids to decorate and personalize their Trick or Treat bags and brown craft bags will be available for decoration or you can bring your own. And come and get your Glow Stick!

Last but not least….the Halloween Costume Parade and Contest! All kids are invited to participate in our Halloween Parade around Trinity Park. Judges will be on hand to select the best and most creative costumes and many great prizes will be given out. We encourage the entire family to get in costume and join in for the fun. (And don’t forget your pets too!)

So, plan to come on out and celebrate with your neighbors and friends. Last year we had an amazing turnout and we hope to top that this year! And if anyone has any ideas for an activity, we welcome you to contact Steven Falzarano.

We are also looking for some additional volunteers to help with the event as well as set up and take down. If you would like to help, please contact Steven Falzarano at falzos8077@aol.com.
TRINITY PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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TPNA BOARD MEETINGS
7pm on Wednesdays, monthly (Sept. 5th, Oct. 3rd, and Nov. 7th). All Trinity Park residents are invited and encouraged to attend monthly TPNA board meetings, typically held on the first Wednesday of 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.

N4H UPCOMING WORK DAYS
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Fall Salon Series events on:
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- Monday, Nov. 19th @ 4pm, program TBA, Joseph Pecoraro, classical guitar @ TBA
See page 8 for additional information.

TRINITY PARK HALLOWEEN
Wednesday, Oct. 31st beginning at 4:30pm. The location is Trinity Park. See page 10 for more details.

YIDDISH SONGFEST
What's Not to Like? A Yiddish Songfest to Benefit United Ministries of Durham, takes place on Sunday, Nov. 11th, 3pm at Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church. See page 10 for more details.

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Have YOU joined the Trinity Park Neighborhood Association? For just $15 per year (discounts available for multiple years!) you will be supporting the initiatives that make living here, in the heart of the city, so wonderful.

Some neighborhoods require residents to pay homeowners association fees, but Trinity Park Neighborhood Association is a voluntary group that relies on your financial and personal support for its activities. We encourage all residents—homeowners and renters—to join.

TPNA supports our neighborhood in many ways—with donations to neighborhood schools and organizations and by sponsoring great community events, like the Durham Symphony’s Pops in the Park, the Halloween party, the Spring Egg Hunt, a biennial Home Tour, and clean-up days.

In addition to paying dues, please consider signing up to help with one of our events and efforts, or consider joining a TPNA committee. Some efforts require only a couple volunteer hours each year. Simply complete the form below and the committee chair will contact you!

TPNA and its residents are the reasons for the success of this neighborhood. We continue to make progress and improvements and your membership and involvement will assist us in doing so.

We encourage neighbors to become actively engaged with our community—take the first step today by becoming a member!

To join or renew your membership, make checks payable to TPNA and send with a completed form to: TPNA Membership, P.O. Box 725, Durham, NC 27702. You can also join online at: http://www.trinitypark.org.

If you have questions about your membership status, email tpnamembership@trinitypark.org.

Name(s): _____________________________________________________________________________________________

Address: ______________________________________________________________________________________________

Durham, NC 27701

Phone: __________ Email: ________________________________________________________________________________

Select a Membership Payment Option

☐ One Year = $15
☐ Two Years = $25
☐ Five Years = $50
☐ Lifetime Membership = $200

Please contact me about volunteering – check all that apply:

☐ Community Building (Event organization)
☐ Association Membership
☐ Urban Planning
☐ Traffic/Pedestrian Safety
☐ House Tour/Garden Tour
☐ Communications

(newsletter, website, social media)

☐ Safety/Neighborhood Watch
☐ Finance/Budgeting
☐ Newsletter Delivery
☐ Contact me as needs arise