



# Trinity Park news

Trinity Park Neighborhood Association

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## Four Trinity Park Homes Added to Plaque Program

BY SHELLEY DEKKER

Four Trinity Park homes have recently been added to Preservation Durham's plaque program, which recognizes houses at least 70 years old that have a thoroughly documented history on file.

Of the almost 125 structures in Durham which currently have plaques, over a fifth are in Trinity Park! Joining the plaque program is a terrific way to learn about and honor those who first made your house a home, as well as promote the historical significance of our neighborhood in a unified way. The newly added houses and brief details on each follows.

The Rosa Silver House (1931) at 1014 Minerva, a brick Spanish Colonial Revival house built for the matriarch of one of Durham's oldest Jewish families. Neighbors

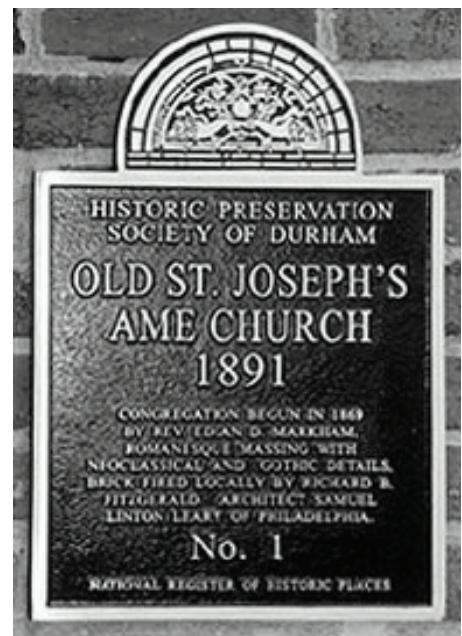
will remember Mrs. Silver's daughters, Pat and Sadie, who continued to live in the house until just a few years ago.

The Ralph P. & Lucile Rogers House at 1015 W. Markham (1935) was built for the family who for decades owned and operated Rogers Drugs downtown at Mangum and Parrish Streets.

The Willis Aldridge House (1927), a lovely foursquare at 1111 N. Duke, was built as a rental property but soon became the Aldridge family home and remained so until 1958.

The Lockhart House (1923) at 805 Watts Street, a beautiful bungalow with Craftsman features, was built for the dentist David K. Lockhart, Sr. and his wife. It eventually became the home of David K. Lockhart, Jr., and his wife.

To find out more about the program or to download an



application, visit Preservation Durham's website and click on the "Awards and Plaques" tab, or email volunteer Shelley Dekker at [smdekker@mindspring.com](mailto:smdekker@mindspring.com).

## Letter of Resignation from Former Association President

BY ADAM HAILE

When my wife and I first arrived in Durham, back in 1998, we drove around to see what neighborhoods appealed to us. After trolling Durham's streets, we had just one question for our rental agent: "do you have anything on

Watts Street?" "Sorry," she said, "everybody wants Watts."

Almost ten years passed before we found our way into Trinity Park, to a duplex on Green. Now, we find we're moving once again, this time out of the neighborhood, to our first home of our own, a 1920s bungalow in Trinity Park's

adjoining neighborhood Old North Durham.

On account of this move, I am resigning my position as president of the Neighborhood Association. Fortunately, I am leaving the association in very capable hands.

("Resignation" continued on page 7)

# TPNA COMMITTEE UPDATES

## Membership Benefits Possibly Expanding

BY JODY WHITE

Would you like to get discounts at neighborhood restaurants and stores just for being a member of the Trinity Park Neighborhood Association? Or would you like to show pride in your 'hood with some Trinity Park-branded merchandise like re-usable tote bags for shopping or a handy water bottle? How about both?

These are some of the ideas the Trinity Park board is talking about in efforts to boost association membership. These potential benefits would also be extended for our existing membership!

Being a member of the association helps fund community-oriented events in our neighborhood such as the Easter Egg Hunt, the Halloween party, food truck rodeos, park playdates, community potlucks, and the Symphony in the Park.

Association money also funds informational sessions on safety and neighborhood relations with other Durham neighborhoods, the City of Durham, Duke University, and businesses.

This quarterly newsletter you are reading is also paid for by the association in effort to keep our residents informed of all the great things happening in Trinity Park. If you enjoy any of these events and love the thoughtful actions taken by our tree, safety, urban planning, PERC clean-up, and traffic committees to keep Trinity Park a safe and beautiful neighborhood to live in we hope you will consider renewing your membership now.

Just fill out the membership form on the back of the newsletter and mail it in with a check. It's that

easy! Please renew today.

Do you have other ideas for increasing membership that you would like to share? Please email your thoughts to the new Membership Committee chair, Jody White, at TPNAmembership@gmail.com. All ideas and comments are welcome!

## Neighborhood Home Tour 2012 Update

BY JULIA BORBELY-BROWN

Plans continue to develop for the 2012 House Tour set for next fall on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. The committee has already met several times and is well on its way to staging a spectacular tour. About eight homes have already agreed to be on

the tour and the final houses will be confirmed in early 2012.

By the next newsletter the co-chairs of the House Tour will also be announced. But there is still work for interested volunteers. If you want to help, please email Susan Jakes at drmom2u@gmail.com.

With about ten houses on the tour, many docents will be needed and Susan Pratt and Linda Daniel are coordinating this effort. If you would like to serve as a docent, please email prattse@yahoo.com.

The tour booklet also provides great opportunities for local companies to advertise. It will be larger which means there will be more room for advertisers. Information on advertising opportunities will be communicated via the newsletter and listserv.

The committee is also con-

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sidering new and exciting ideas for the day of the tour, including food trucks at The Park and music throughout the tour. If you have connections with musical groups at Durham School for the Arts, Duke University or Riverside High School, please email [julia.borbelybrown@self-help.org](mailto:julia.borbelybrown@self-help.org).

We may have a piano or small combo in The Park and a cappella groups staged in front of several locations. These ideas are just percolating now.

Perhaps you have other suggestions on ways to showcase Trinity Park! If so, please let us know.

## Community Building

BY JENA VICKERY

A little rain might not have been a welcome addition to our

Halloween celebration, but it certainly did not stop Trinity Park's Community Building Committee from hosting the annual event.

This year, the Trinity Park tradition was moved indoors to George Watts Montessori school's gym following afternoon showers and drew a great neighborhood crowd. The evening included a costume parade and contest, an enactment of the local "Legend of Hairy Toe Joe," and plenty of spooky fun for all Trinity Park neighbors.

If you missed purchasing one of the orange and black Trinity Park logo bags for sale in advance of and during the Halloween event, it is not too late! Bags are just \$3.00 and can be purchased by contacting Jena Vickery at [jmvickery@gmail.com](mailto:jmvickery@gmail.com).

While our November Food Truck Rodeo was postponed, we decided to combine it with our annual

Luminaria evening in December. The date for the Luminaria event changed from December 4th to December 11th to coordinate with other Durham neighborhood luminaria nights.

Proceeds from Trinity Park luminaria bag sales are used to sponsor a needy local family for Christmas through the organization Share Your Christmas. If you have any questions, please contact Community Building Co-Chair, Jena Vickery.

The successful First Saturday Playdates host an informal meet up for Trinity Park parents, toddlers and pre-schoolers the first Saturday of each month. We will be taking January and February off due to the winter weather, but will start the First Saturday Playdates up again in March, so please watch the listserv for details!

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# What is the Durham InterNeighborhood Council?

BY PHILIP 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. Just as many heads are better than one, neighborhoods gain strength by working together.

Among other things, the INC: fosters cooperation among existing neighborhood organizations; encourages the establishment of neighborhood organizations; takes positions on issues that affect our member neighborhoods; collects and disseminates information; works cooperatively with the City and County of Durham, and makes sure the voice of the citizen is

heard via individual neighborhood organizations; holds monthly meetings and invites government officials to deliberate issues, educate neighbors and brainstorm solutions; and, recognizes Durham's neighborhood heroes through a regular awards program.

TPNA has long participated in INC, and currently has two delegates, Philip Azar and Julia Borbely-Brown who typically attend the meetings on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at First Presbyterian Church at 7:00 p.m.

In accordance with TPNA rules, Julia and Philip vote as directed by the TPNA board, although they have discretion on procedural matters. Recent issues INC has handled include supporting the transit tax, opposing an amendment to the state constitution to prevent gay

marriage, asking the City/County Planning Department to take health effects into account when planning open spaces in urban areas.

In addition, Philip has been asked by INC to chair a committee looking at the effect of compact zoning districts on neighborhoods and the ability of neighborhoods to give input on zoning and planning matters.

Traditionally, City Council has requested INC input to help determine community consensus or to help staff boards and commissions. TPNA has found INC and its membership very worthwhile allies and a source of technical information on matters such as the Special Use Permit for the McPherson Hotel.

For additional information, sign up for the INC listserv at [www.durham-inc.org](http://www.durham-inc.org).



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### TPNA BOARD MEETINGS

7:30 p.m. Jan. 4, Feb. 1, Mar. 7: details below

### NEW DAY FOR NEIGHBORHOOD NIGHT OUT - 2<sup>ND</sup> WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

5:30-until, Jan. 11, Feb. 8, Mar. 14: Trinity Park Neighborhood will join forces with Old North Durham and Duke Park Neighborhoods for a monthly night out on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at Fullsteam Brewery. Join your neighbors and friends for a drink and Only Burger every month!

### GARDEN CLUB WORKDAYS

10 a.m., Jan. 10, Feb. 14: Contact Dale Gaddis - 687-4324 or dale.w.gaddis@gmail.com for more information on Garden Club activities.

### PLAYDATE MEETUPS AT THE PARK - DELAYED UNTIL MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup>

10-11:30 a.m., Mar. 3: Please note Playdates will not meet in Jan. or Feb. But join us in Trinity Park for a play date in March! Email jmvickery@gmail.com for more info. See the listserv for inclement weather updates.

## Want to get involved in Trinity Park?

- Attend TPNA meetings on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at George Watts Montessori Magnet School.
- Visit <http://trinitypark.org> and join one of the TP email listservs.
- Join the Community Building Committee and help with a neighborhood event — [jmvickery@gmail.com](mailto:jmvickery@gmail.com) or [jeffreymichaelporter@gmail.com](mailto:jeffreymichaelporter@gmail.com).
- Join a TPNA committee and meet more of your neighbors!

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# Noticias del Grupo Comunitario (translation from page 3)

POR JENA VICKERY  
(TRADUCIDO POR ESTEBAN  
BORTIRI)



La lluvia no fué bienvenida a nuestros festejos de Halloween, pero no le impidió al Comité del Grupo Comunitario de Trinity Park llevar a cabo nuestra celebración anual. Este año, debido a las lluvias que tuvimos durante todo el día, el evento se mudó al gimnasio de la escuela George Watts y atrajo a una gran cantidad de vecinos. La jornada incluyó un desfile y concurso de disfraces, una actuación de la leyenda local de "Hairy Toe Joe", y muchos más entretenimientos aterradores para los vecinos de Trinity Park. Si no pudo comprar una de las bolsas naranja y negras con el símbolo de Trinity Park, todavía está a tiempo! Las bolsas pueden ser adquiridas por solo 3 dólares contactando a Jena Vickery al correo electrónico

jmvickery@gmail.com.

A pesar de que tuvimos que posponer el Rodeo de Food Trucks, decidimos combinarlo con nuestra fiesta anual de la noche de las Luminarias en Diciembre. Además, la fecha de la fiesta de las Luminarias se cambió del 4 de Diciembre al 11 de Diciembre para coordinar con los festejos en otros barrios de Durham. Los ingresos de las ventas de las bolsas de la noche de las Luminarias en Trinity Park se destinarán a una familia necesitada a través de la organización Share your

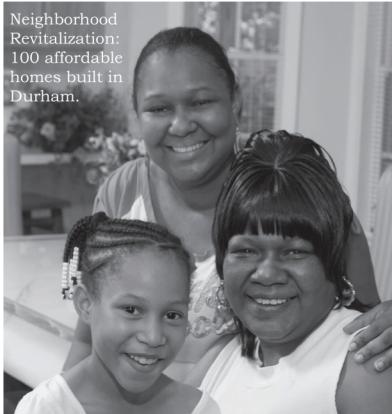
Christmas. Si tiene alguna pregunta, por favor contácte a la co-presidenta del Grupo Comunitario, Jena Vickery.

El Primer Sábado 'Playdates' es un grupo de padres de Trinity Park que se reúne informalmente los primeros sábados de cada mes y a los que están invitados padres, infantes y niños en edad preescolar. Durante los meses de invierno de Enero y Febrero no habrá reuniones pero resumirán en Marzo, manténganse informados a través de la lista de mensajes del Trinity Park Neighborhood.

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## Resignation

(continued from page 1...)

Beginning on January 1<sup>st</sup>, vice-president Julia Borbely-Brown will become president—her third time—and will serve until a new president is elected at the April annual meeting.

I am most proud to have served with our current board of directors. Trinity Park is fortunate to have many talented residents, and our board exemplifies this fact in abundance.

The aspects that appealed to my wife and me on our first drive through Trinity Park were the same things that everyone notices: the tree-lined streets, the walkable location, the mix of beautiful old homes and the friendly neighbors.

What we didn't know, and what I realized in working with TPNA, is that those things didn't just happen. They were protected, nurtured and promoted through

the years by dedicated neighbors volunteering their time to improve Trinity Park. Neighborhood Associations don't need to exist—there's no law of nature mandating that TPNA will continue to hum along regardless of neighborhood interest or participation.

Nor, for that matter, is there any law that says neighborhoods need to be or stay beautiful or neighborly. Trinity Park is fortunate to be strong in both regards because residents chose and choose to make it so.

## Stay Safe this Holiday Season

With the holidays quickly approaching, we unfortunately need to be reminded of the uptick in crime this time of year. Here are some tips to help keep you and your family safe this holiday.

1. Get to know your neighbors.

2. Join your neighborhood watch.
3. Leave a light on somewhere in the house, preferably on a timer.
4. Install motion detector lights and periodically check to make sure they are in working order.
5. Leave a radio on loud enough to be heard upon entering the home.
6. Use double-cylinder dead bolt locks with extra long screws in the strike plates.
7. Trim bushes below the windowsills.
8. Plant thorny plants below windows, such as: Hollies, Barberries, Mahonias.
9. Never leave an outgoing voicemail message that says you are away from home. One alternative is: "I'm not available right now."
10. Request that the Citizens Observer Patrol (COP) check your house while you are away.

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## Living in Trinity Park

Did you grow up in Trinity Park? Did your parents, grandparents, or great-grandparents live here in the early years of the neighborhood?

In follow-up to this year's TPNA Annual Meeting, we are looking for more stories of the neighborhood.

We hope to develop a *Living in Trinity Park* series of newsletter articles.

If you would like to share your stories, please contact

Julia Borbely-Brown at  
[juliaborbelybrown@yahoo.com](mailto:juliaborbelybrown@yahoo.com).

# 100 New Street Trees in Trinity Park

BY SHELLEY DEKKER

At their September meeting, the Trinity Park Neighborhood Association board voiced resounding continued support for the City's tree planting efforts in the neighborhood.

For a neighborhood co-payment of only \$10 per tree, the City will select, purchase, and plant 100 trees in our neighborhood this winter. These will be bareroot trees, which can be purchased at a much lower price than balled-and-burlapped trees. They are small when planted but catch up within a few years.

Areas which will see new trees this winter are the 1000 block of Buchanan (40 trees along both sides); Gregson Street (34 trees, focusing on the area near Durham School of the Arts but also planting several along the northern blocks); Duke Street (15 trees); and Gloria,

Lamond, Trinity, and Minerva (a few on each street).

Our neighborhood continues to lose large trees due to a variety of issues. Most recently a large willow oak on the 900 block of Knox had to be taken down in anticipation of a stormwater project that begins in February. And soon one of the neighborhood's grandest willow oaks on Minerva near Watts Street will be taken down at the request of the adjacent property owners who have documented the presence of fungal decay.

Finally, the tree committee has just learned that a sidewalk repair project will force the removal of ten large trees on Gregson and Markham, while six others on Buchanan will also come down. These removals remind us why we must continue to support the efforts of planting more street trees in Trinity Park.

## You love Durham. You love Trinity Park. Renew your Trinity Park Neighborhood Association membership!

You love Durham. You love Trinity Park. But have you joined your Trinity Park Neighborhood Association? For just \$15 per year (or \$25 for two years) you will be supporting the initiatives that make living here so wonderful. Most neighborhoods require its residents to pay homeowners association fees. Since Trinity Park is in the heart of the city, it does not collect required fees. But we encourage all residents — homeowners and renters — to join.

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, Easter 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.

We continue to make progress and improvements for our neighbors and your membership will assist us in doing so. Your address label should indicate your membership status. If you have not paid your dues this year, please consider joining today. For association voting, dues must be paid prior to the annual meeting in April.

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