



# Trinity Park news

December 2012

## Lighting Up Trinity Park With Luminaria

BY JENA VICKERY

Ready to get in the holiday spirit? Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 9, which signals the beginning of Trinity Park's annual celebration of holiday lights. Each year, luminaria candles, which are paper bags filled with sand and a tea light candle, light up the Trinity Park neighborhood's sidewalks at dusk.

To light up your front yard with a candle set, supplies are available for advance sale at the porch of 302 Watts Street. You may begin purchasing candle sets beginning a few days before December 9. Then, just before 4 pm on December 9, the remaining luminaria candles will be moved to the Trinity Park gazebo, where neighbors can join us from 4pm to 6 pm for holiday cheer, music, hot cocoa, and, of course, lights! (We are also hoping for a couple of food trucks and a visit from Santa.)



The luminaria won't just brighten our neighborhood. They are also a chance for you to brighten the holidays for a local family. All proceeds from the candles will be donated to Share Your Christmas, a program of Durham County Department of Social Services that matches sponsors with families in need, just in time for the holidays. We will also be collecting new, unwrapped toys at the park to donate to the Durham Rescue Mission.

So light up your sidewalk with luminaria candles, bring a toy with you to the park, and come join us for a night of holiday cheer.

As always, we could use some additional volunteers to make the event a success. If you're able to help, please get in touch with Jena Vickery ([jmvickery@gmail.com](mailto:jmvickery@gmail.com)) or Jeffrey Porter ([jeffreymichaelporter@gmail.com](mailto:jeffreymichaelporter@gmail.com)). We would appreciate the assistance.

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# Speeding Motorists Threaten Safety Of Schools

BY RACHEL RANEY

CHAIR, TPNA TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

This fall, Trinity Park has witnessed some alarming traffic incidents involving students and families who attend Durham School of the Arts and Watts Elementary. A DSA middle school student was struck by a car as she crossed Gregson at Minerva, and a Watts mother and her two toddlers were almost hit by a two car accident in the crosswalk at Buchanan and Urban. Both of these accidents were the result of motorists speeding and not yielding to pedestrians in marked crosswalks.

A strong letter, signed by the school principals, PTA officers, TPNA and other neighborhood associations, was sent to Chief of Police Jose Lopez, demanding more enforcement of the posted speed limits on Duke, Gregson, and Buchanan, as well as more monitoring of our crosswalks. The letter was picked up by the local press, generating two newspaper articles. The Durham Police Department also responded promptly, stating that the Chief shared our concern for safety in school zones.

These incidents happened to coincide with a month long pedestrian safety program called 'Watch for Me NC'. Many neighbors reported seeing some police enforcement on Duke and Gregson during October, as the pilot program unfolded. TPNA's Traffic Committee is eager to hear if enforcement and education efforts will continue now that this pilot program is over. An Assistant Chief from DPD has agreed to attend TPNA's Board Meeting December 5th at 7:30pm in the Watts Elementary Media Center, when we will discuss ongoing traffic

concerns and work with the police department on more consistent enforcement efforts.



## Conductores en exceso de velocidad tornan peligrosas las zonas alrededor de las escuelas

POR RACHEL RANEY

PRESIDENTA del Comité de Tránsito del TPNA  
(traducido por Esteban Bortiri)

En días recientes, el vecindario Trinity Park ha sido escenario de incidentes de tránsito alarmantes, que involucraron a familias que van a la Durham School of the Arts (DSA) y a Watts Elementary. Una estudiante del DSA fué atropellada por un auto cuando cruzaba la calle Gregson a la altura de Minerva, y una madre de Watts con dos niños casi fué atropellada cuando dos autos chocaron en la zona de

cruce de peatones en Buchanan y Urban. Ambos accidentes fueron el resultado de conductores yendo a exceso de velocidad y no frenar para dejar cruzar a los peatones, que tienen la prioridad en la zona de cruce marcados en la calle.

Una enérgica carta, firmada por los directores/as de las escuelas, miembros del PTA, TPNA y otras asociaciones vecinalistas, fué enviada al Jefe de Policía José López, demandando el cumplimiento de las leyes de tránsito y el respeto de la velocidad máxima en Duke, Gregson y Buchanan, como así también el monitoreo de los cruces de calles. La carta fué publicada por la prensa local en dos artículos. El Departamento de Policía de Durham (DPD) también respondió de inmediato, diciendo que el Jefe de Policía comparte nuestra preocupación por la seguridad en las zonas escolares.

Estos incidentes sucedieron al mismo tiempo de la implementación de 'Watch for Me NC', un programa de un mes de duración con el objetivo de mejorar la seguridad de peatones. Varios vecinos aseguraron ver efectivos de policía en Duke y Gregson durante el mes de Octubre, cuando 'Watch for Me NC' estaba desarrollándose. El Comité de Tránsito del TPNA desea saber si los esfuerzos para hacer cumplir las leyes de tránsito continuarán una vez que este programa piloto haya concluido. Un Subjefe del DPD ha accedido a concurrir a la reunión del TPNA del 5 de Diciembre a las 19:30 en el Media Center de Watts, cuando se hablará de los problemas de tránsito y de cómo trabajar en conjunto con el DPD en esfuerzos de más largo plazo.

# Power In the Park - Policies For Use

BY JULIA BORBELY-BROWN

By the time you are reading this newsletter, the final phase of installing electrical power to The Park in Trinity Park should be completed. Thank you to ALL who helped make this happen, especially Jody White.

To give some background, The Park is owned by The Trinity Park Foundation, Inc. ("The Foundation") and leased to the City of Durham as a public space that can be used by any Durham resident. The City Parks and Recreation Department receives the rental income from use of The Park, and no portion of that income is shared by The Foundation. In return, the City does participate in the care and maintenance of The Park and has assisted with equipment upgrades over the years. The City of Durham recently provided \$15,000 to repair and re-roof the gazebo. However, as

many of you know, The Foundation, the Blossom Garden Club, Trinity Park Neighborhood Association, and a host of neighbors also help to maintain, improve and beautify The Park. The Foundation is currently working to raise funds to repaint or stain the gazebo since the City cannot handle this expense under current budget constraints.

Thanks to generous donations from TPNA and individuals, The Foundation will cover the entire cost of installing electricity in The Park, and The Foundation will pay the monthly bill for electrical use. This is not a city expense, and City Parks and Recreation will not govern access and use.

Power in The Park is a new thing for all of us. The Board of The Foundation believes we need time to assess the impact of this amenity and the ongoing costs.

The following policies were developed by The Foundation Board this fall. They will be reexamined in late 2013.

## Trinity Park Foundation Electricity Policy

The purpose of the policy is to clearly state the manner in which electricity in The Trinity Park (Park) is to be used in a manner that is consistent with the interests of the Park, the intended purposes of the electricity, and the protection of adjoining neighbors.

These policies shall remain in effect until amended by the board of The Trinity Park Foundation, Inc. (Foundation), such amendment not expected until the one year anniversary of electricity being available in the Park.

(Story is continued on page 6.)



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If you have feedback or interest in upcoming events, email Jena Vickery ([jmvickery@gmail.com](mailto:jmvickery@gmail.com)) or Jeffrey Porter ([jeffreymichaelporter@gmail.com](mailto:jeffreymichaelporter@gmail.com)). We would be grateful for the help!

# Trinity Park Neighborhood Association

## Winter Events

### DECEMBER

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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### LUMINARIA

On Sunday, December 9, your help is needed to create and enjoy this magical neighborhood tradition! See page 1 for all the details.

### PLAYDATES IN THE PARK

The last playdate of the season will be December 9. Other playdates will be postponed until the spring. Email [jmvickery@gmail.com](mailto: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 — general neighborhood, crime and safety, and parents listservs exist for you to join and keep up to date on all things Trinity Park!
- Join a TPNA committee and meet more of your neighbors!

## “The Fridge List”

If you see something suspicious or have an emergency, please call 911.

### Police/Non-emergency

Northgate Substation 560-4582  
Main Phone Line 560-4600

### Prevention & Citizens Patrol

Dial 560-4582, then \* 29400.  
(Home checks and inspections.)

Durham One Call 560-1245  
(Questions about city services)

Duke Off-Campus Affairs 684-6859

Poison Help 800-222-1222

Fire Station #2 560-4251  
(Ninth Street/non-emergency)

Animal Control 560-0630

Nuisances 560-7800

Tree Maintenance 560-4185

Seniors Staying Put 687-0518

Report a street light is out...  
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## Power cont'd

Electricity shall only be made available for Foundation and Trinity Park Neighborhood Association (TPNA) events. Events shall not exceed one per month.

Electricity use shall be made available to TPNA at the cost of \$50.00 per event or by annual invoice for the entire usage costs of electricity for the Park by any user during the previous calendar year.

For the key to the electricity to be provided:

1. The Park must have been reserved and/or permitted for the event; and

2. The event organizers must comply with any applicable City ordinances or rules regarding the Park, including noise ordinances.

There shall be at least two keys to the Electricity, one to be kept by the Foundation President and one by the Association Community Building Chair, the latter made available only after the Association agrees to comply with this policy.

The Foundation shall use reasonable efforts to provide a copy of these rules and proposed amendments to adjoining neighbors, bearing in mind that Foundation board composition includes one or more representatives of adjoining neighbors.

## Membership On the Rise

BY JODY WHITE

Since January, Trinity Park Neighborhood Association household membership has risen to 17.5%, an exciting trend that brings us closer to this year's goal of 20%. A special invitation is extended to students and renters in Trinity Park, as your presence in the neighborhood is as important as homeowners. Even if you are visiting for a short time, we want to know your thoughts about what is important for our neighborhood and how we can make it better. Communicate your ideas to our board, or attend Board meetings to start a neighborhood discussion about a topic that is important to you. However you participate in Trinity Park, we want to thank you for your efforts and appreciate you being part of one of the great neighborhoods in Durham. To learn more about all of the benefits of TPNA membership and to complete a membership form, see page 8.



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A small percentage of the proceeds will support your TPNA.

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

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! If you have questions about your membership status, email [tpnamembership@gmail.com](mailto:tpnamembership@gmail.com).

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