



Trinity Park news

Trinity Park Neighborhood Association

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City of Durham Under Water Restrictions

Despite the spring rains, water restrictions remain in full force

Despite the seemingly large amounts of rain we received this spring, the City of Durham maintains its water restrictions. The City of Durham adopted the requirements to help make our community a more sustainable place to live. These watering requirements are consistent with irrigation schedules in most of our neighboring communities.

Landscape irrigation makes up a large portion of our consumption, particularly during the warmer months of the year. In fact, irrigation during summer months can increase demand on the treatment plants between 20 and 40 percent. By improving the efficiency of our irrigation

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Becoming Trinity Park — the History and the Vision

Trinity Park Neighborhood Association held its annual meeting of members on Saturday, April 16th, with roughly 40 members in attendance. It was a full agenda, including the panel "Becoming Trinity Park" and official TPNA business.

Many attended to hear neighborhood residents and

founders discussing the early days of Trinity Park and its foundation. The panel on "Becoming Trinity Park" included Don Wheless, Hanna Rogers, Nancy Scott and John Weistart who spoke not only as to their own role in the early days of the neighborhood, but also of Max Rogers' vision and tireless drive to create a low-density, high

quality of life neighborhood.

A brief recap of the panel follows:

- Realtors (and banks) discouraged people from moving to Trinity Park and warned purchasers not to "over invest" in their properties.

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TPNA COMMITTEE UPDATES

Urban Planning Committee: McPherson Hotel Update

BY JOHN SWANSEY

The McPherson subcommittee of the TPNA Urban Planning Committee presented a detailed report to the TPNA board on Wednesday, June 1st describing the committee's process. Two meetings with affected neighbors were held, and the development team's revision of the plans to address neighbor concerns were shown.

A negotiated set of written conditions was also read which, if attached to the special use permit, is intended to document the developer's commitments. Those commitments include: building the design as shown in the plans, providing off-street parking, increasing the setback on the Buchanan side to 30 feet (pending approval by the city's Downtown District Review Team) and limiting the signage to types and designs deemed more appropriate for its site near historic residences.

Highlights of the design include: all-brick facades complementary to the to-be-preserved portion of the McPherson Hospital facing Main Street, a mansard roof with dormers in some areas, and brickwork and divided light windows which are compatible with historic brick buildings nearby and help moderate the apparent size of the 133,000 square-foot hotel project.

A few detailed questions were put to the committee for further investigation, but the majority of comments noted the acceptability of the proposal. All hope to reach a consensus before the Board of

Adjustment hearing this summer.

The committee is to remain engaged with the development team to pursue the project through the many remaining steps of detail planning, documentation and permitting to advocate for a good outcome. The TPNA Board is scheduled to vote on whether to endorse this specific plan and conditions at its next meeting (date and time to be announced).

To view the first-pass submitted plans, visit http://www.ci.durham.nc.us/departments/planning/pdf/ddrt_041811.pdf. Revised plans, including newly negotiated design elements, should be available in late June or July at the same site.

To find out more, watch the Trinity Park listserv or contact John Swansey, UPC committee chair (dontwave@yahoo.com).

Safety Committee: Time for Block Parties!

BY JENNIFER FRANKLIN

The 28th Annual National Night Out (NNO) is Tuesday, August 2nd. This means that proactive communities all across Durham will join communities across the United States in observing this celebration in order to:

- Bring awareness to the importance of crime, drug and violence prevention,
- Generate support for and participation in our local anti-crime programs,
- Build relationships with neighbors who care about preventing and reducing crime,

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TPNA COMMITTEE UPDATES (CONT'D)

- Strengthen relationships with our local governmental and enforcement agencies.

NNO is America's night out against crime. The Durham Police Department coordinates an annual citywide NNO event to send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Organizing and/or attending a block party on NNO is a wonderful step towards rebuilding the Trinity Park Neighborhood Watch program, which is strengthening every day with the addition of new block captains. Thank you to those of you who have agreed to fill this simple yet important role!

The Safety Committee is calling on you to work with your neighbors to organize a party on your block on the evening of

August 2nd. Trinity Park is already registered for the event, but each individual block party also needs to be registered.

For more information on NNO and registering your block party, call the Durham Police Department Public Relations Office at 560-4322 ext. 263 or visit www.durhampolice.com/nno/. For guidance, contact Safety Committee Member Jo Darby at (919) 632- 3954 or jdarby002@nc.rr.com.

Tree Committee: Keeping Durham Green and Cool

BY SHELLEY DEKKER

During the past year efforts were focused on planting trees along Dacian Avenue — the City planted

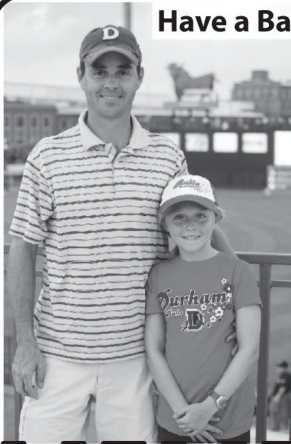
over 25 trees along the 900 and 1000 blocks. Several of them did not leaf out, however, and will be replaced by the City in this next planting season.

This year, Alex Johnson, the City's urban forestry manager, has identified about 200 sites in the neighborhood in need of trees. Our focus will shift to the 1000 block of Buchanan Boulevard, as well as locations along Gregson and Duke Streets and Markham and Urban Avenues.

With easy co-pays from neighbors of \$10-50 per tree, we will be able to plant many more trees. If you are interested in making a contribution to the Trinity Park Tree Fund, please email Shelley Dekker (smdekker@mindspring.com).

And please remember to water your trees!

Have a Ball with DAD with the Durham Bulls! June 16-18



Shop Northgate Mall for Dad! Spend a total of \$100 or more in same day Northgate Mall store receipts June 16, 17 or 18 and receive two vouchers to any Durham Bulls regular season home game. Just take your receipts to Northgate's Customer Service Center to redeem your gift for Dad.

June 18, the kids can meet Wool E. Bull as he strolls throughout the mall from noon to 1:30 PM.

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Military Appreciation Day

- Store discounts (show your military I.D.)
- Food Gallery discounts
- Entertainment
- Color guard performance
- Free flags at Customer Service (while supplies last)
- Face painting
- Chick-fil-A Cow appearance
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Owls, Hawks and Bees, Oh My!

BY DALE GADDIS

Are you interested in attracting owls and hawks to your yard, learning about beekeeping, getting some hands-on instruction about nitty-gritty aspects of gardening? Then consider joining with the Blossom Garden Club on Tuesday mornings throughout the coming school year.

The Club has a full calendar of activities through the rest of the year, including talks on gardening and wildlife topics and field trips to area gardens. The Club also maintains the gardens at the Park at Trinity Park all year and invites any who are able and available to help at regularly-scheduled workdays.

The Club has been active in the neighborhood since 1946 and is a member of the Durham Council

of Garden Clubs. We encourage neighbors to join.

2011 Schedule

Workdays at the Park

- July 12, 9-11 a.m.
- August 9, 9-11 a.m.
- September 27, short talk on mulch, 10 a.m. – noon
- October 11, bulb planting and exchange, 10 a.m. – noon

Programs and Field Trips

All begin at 10 a.m.

- September 13, Container Gardening Workshop at Fairview Greenhouses and Garden Center
- November 8, Tour of Briggs Avenue and Interfaith Food Shuttle's Community Gardens
- December 13, Christmas Greenery and Cookie Exchange

Contact Dale Gaddis at 687-4324, or dale.w.gaddis@gmail.com for more information.

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.



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NEIGHBORHOOD NIGHT OUT

6:30-8:30 p.m., June 21, July 19, Aug. 16: Trinity Park Neighborhood Night Out at Bull City Burger & Brewery. Proceeds support TPNA. Come join us on the third Tuesday of every month — check the listserv for updates!

TPNA BOARD MEETINGS

7:30 p.m. June 1, July 6, Aug. 3: TPNA Board meets at George Watts Elementary School Library. All residents are welcome to attend.

NAT'L NIGHT OUT — BLOCK PARTIES!

Aug. 2: Host a block party and celebrate National Night Out with communities across Durham and the United States in support of anti-crime and anti-violence.

PLAYDATE MEETUPS STARTING

July 9, Aug. 6: Join us in Trinity Park, 10-11:30 a.m. on Saturday morning for a play date with other neighborhood kids. Typically the 1st Saturday of the month, but July date moved due to 4th of July holiday. Email Jena Vickery at jmvickery@gmail.com for more information.

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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.
- Be a Neighborhood Watch Captain.
Call Jennifer Franklin at (310) 470-8363.
- 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.
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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

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Meeting

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- Single-family homes over a certain age were considered non-compliant and automatically qualified for division into multi-family homes
- The neighborhood had no name. Rogers suggested the name "Trinity Park" based on the name of the school, Trinity School, located on the north end of what is now referred to as Duke East Campus.
- The drive to down zone (lower the zoned density) the neighborhood was driven by Rogers and others for a number of reasons, but was in part driven by a plan to place a high-density high-rise on the lots that are now The Park.

TPNA is grateful to Linda Wilson for organizing the panel, to Dan Jewell for moderating the discussion, to the panelists and to all those who helped build the neighborhood into one of Durham's strongest neighborhoods. We are also grateful to York Phelps and Joe Guetler for videoing the proceedings and we look forward to posting them on *YouTube* for those who were unable to attend.

The second portion of the annual meeting was devoted to official TPNA matters. Per the

bylaws, this part of the meeting requires the participation of the membership sitting in an annual or special meeting. The previous newsletter noted all proposed changes and officer and board nominations in advance of the annual meeting.

The membership approved the slate of nominations presented by the TPNA Board, electing the officers and directors for the next term. In addition, Julia Borbely-Brown was approved in a floor nomination as vice president.

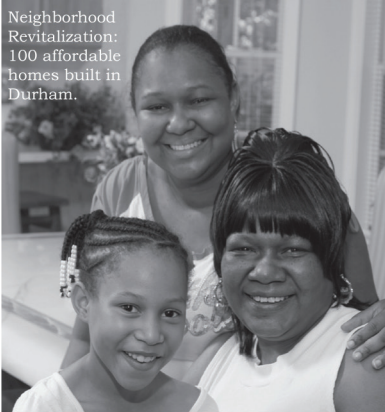
The TPNA bylaws were

slightly edited to change the names of active committees and conform text to actual practices of the board. In addition, the boundaries of the neighborhood were expanded to include the 600, 700 and 800 blocks of West Club Boulevard. It should be noted that the neighborhood expansion is for the purpose of the association only, as TPNA does not control the city-defined boundaries. It was a successful and productive meeting and adjourned in time for attendees to get home safely through the tornado-driven rain.

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Water

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practices, we can reduce consumption, save money, and preserve this precious resource.

The most significant aspect of the new requirements is a specific irrigation schedule. The outdoor irrigation schedule applies to all spray irrigation systems and allows customers to irrigate according to the following schedule:

- *Odd-numbered addresses* may water once on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays either before 10 a.m. or after 6 p.m.
- *Even-numbered addresses* may water once on Sundays, Wednesdays, and Fridays either before 10 a.m. or after 6 p.m.
- No watering may occur between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

on allowed watering days.

- No customers are permitted to water on Mondays.
- Temporary licenses will be allowed to establish new landscapes.
- Hand-watering and drip irrigation systems are not restricted.

The ordinance also requires that new irrigation systems be equipped with properly operating rain or soil moisture sensors in appropriate locations to prevent irrigation during rain events or when there is sufficient moisture in the ground for plant health and survival. Existing automated irrigation systems must be retrofitted with moisture or rain sensors by November 30, 2009.


The City has also adopted requirements to eliminate water


waste. These rules prohibit excessive run-off as a result of irrigation, incorrectly positioned spray-heads, and allowing leaks to go unrepaired. Durham customers can help to conserve the existing supply and help ensure that wise water use becomes a part of everyday life by following the provisions of the ordinance.

Source: "Odd-Even Watering Schedule." *Water Management*. City of Durham. n.d. Web. 15 June 2011.

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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, 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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