



Trinity Park news

March 2012

Annual TPNA Meeting, Wednesday, April 18th

The Annual Trinity Park Neighborhood Association Meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 18, 2012 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church (927 W. Trinity Avenue).

Please join us for a presentation on "Traffic Challenges and Changes in and around Trinity Park in 2012 and Beyond."

There are many traffic projects on the horizon in the vicinity of Trinity Park. Come to the panel discussion to hear about some of them, including: construction

along Main Street for the City's water main project, NCDOT's Campus Street bridge replacement, and proposals that could make Durham and Trinity Park more bicycle and pedestrian-friendly.

Panelists include: Mark Ahrendsen, City of Durham; Mathew Palmer, Durham Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission; and others.

TPNA's meeting agenda topics include:

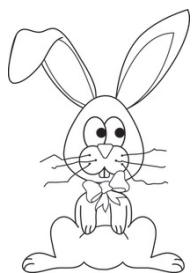
- Election of officers and directors (see pages 2-3, 6-7 for bios of nominees)

- Financial reports
- Committee reports, including PERC; Membership; Community Building and Urban Planning
- Other business

You will learn about the current state of our neighborhood, the association and Trinity Park Foundation, City plans which affect our neighborhood, and ways you can become more involved with TPNA. Please plan to attend the annual meeting to engage in our local community.

Hop into spring with Trinity Park's Easter Egg Hunt!

BY JENA VICKERY



This year's Easter Egg Hunt event, co-sponsored by Old West Durham and Trinity Heights, will be held Saturday, April 7th from 10:00 a.m. to noon on Duke

University's East Campus. In order to give the kids more room to hunt for eggs, the fun will take place on the grounds near the gazebo structure in the southeast corner of campus, rather than at Trinity Park.

If your children would like to participate, please be sure to join us on time—the egg hunt will begin promptly at 10:15 a.m. and the eggs go fast!

There will be separate areas for young toddlers and older children. We are again partnering with Duke University sorority Alpha Phi to provide games and activities, such as face-painting, on site. Some will be free and others will have a nominal charge; proceeds will be donated to Alpha Phi's charity.

This annual event is sponsored by the Trinity Park Neighborhood Association, in conjunction with the neighborhoods previously

mentioned, and is a great example of the fun activities your TPNA membership dollars help support.

If you have not renewed your Trinity Park Neighborhood Association membership or have never joined and would like to, please email Jody White (TPNAmembership@gmail.com).

If you have other questions about the egg hunt or would like to volunteer, please email Jena Vickery (jmvickery@gmail.com) or Jeffrey Porter (jeffreyporther@gmail.com).

We look forward to seeing you at Duke's East Campus on Saturday, April 7th at 10:00 a.m.!

TPNA COMMITTEE UPDATES

Durham Symphony to perform Pops in the Park

BY JEFFREY PORTER

Pack a picnic dinner and bring your lawn chair or blanket to the Trinity Park, at Watts Street and Trinity Avenue, on Saturday, April 14th for the Durham Symphony's annual Pops in the Park Series.

For over 35 years, the Durham Symphony has provided high quality music to the community, developing an appreciation of classical music for all who attend their shows.

The Community Building Committee is currently planning fun events for kids before the concert begins. Look for more details to be announced soon in the TPNA listserv or posted on flyers throughout the neighborhood.

Neighbors gather to plant 50 trees

BY SHELLEY DEKKER

It was a bright, blustery morning on Saturday, February 25, when 19 neighbors gathered to plant trees in Trinity Park (see photo, right).

They planted 50 bareroot trees in all, placing them along the streets of Buchanan, Dacian, Duke, Lamond, Minerva, and Gloria. The City planted an additional 50 trees in other locations throughout the neighborhood, including many along Gregson Street.

The volunteers found the work more challenging than it appeared. Holes had to be dug in a clay soil that was heavily compacted and often filled with rocks. Then the trees had to be properly placed and

secured using a plastic support. This process certainly took some time to figure out! And finally, a heavy bucket of composted mulch had to be placed around each newly planted tree.

We look forward to seeing all the new trees leaf out this spring, and we thank all who came out to help! A special thanks goes to Dan and Chris Jewell and Jody White and her daughter Sophie, who worked for over two hours and planted 15 trees.

And an enormous thank you goes to Alex Johnson, Durham's urban forestry manager, and Tania Dautlick, the new director of *Keep Durham Beautiful*, for organizing this event.

2012-13 Neighborhood Association Officer Election

TPNA members will vote on the proposed slate of board officers

and directors, bios included in this issue, at the annual meeting on Wednesday, April 18th. The annual meeting will also conclude the terms for four current TPNA officers and directors—Sarah Musser (Secretary), Adam Dickinson (Treasurer), Susan Jakes (Director), and Janice McCarthy (Director). We sincerely thank these neighbors for their service.

Officer Nominees

Julia Borbely-Brown
President, 2012-2013

Julia Borbely-Brown is currently serving as President, completing Adam Haile's term (who moved to Old North Durham). She has been a Trinity Park resident since May 1975, and served TPNA often over the years, including: President (two previous terms), Secretary (two separate terms) and Vice-President. Julia has also chaired a number of



TPNA COMMITTEE UPDATES (CONT'D)

committees for TPNA, most recently the Bylaws Committee.

Julia has been involved in political, cultural and community endeavors in Durham since she first began volunteering as an undergraduate at Duke ('70). She has held leadership roles in a variety of organizations, among them the American Dance Festival, the Friends of the Durham Library, the Durham Voters' Alliance, and the Durham ABC Commission.

Julia's background also includes direct work in political campaigns at the city, county, district and state level. As a community activist, Julia has been an advocate for wise growth, open government, affordable housing and good public education. Julia works as a paralegal at Self-Help Credit Union and is celebrating her 20th anniversary there. She has

extensive experience in non-profit formation and development.

In the coming year Julia's goals for TPNA include involving more residents in the work of the various committees, re-establishing a dynamic website and addressing issues of concern to the membership, especially urban planning and public transportation.

Jody White

Vice President, 2012-2013

Jody White is a biologist employed by Duke University Center for Drug Discovery. She has lived in Trinity Park for just over three years—she and her husband purchased a townhouse on Gregson Street. Jody values the walkability of the neighborhood and loves the idea of having their

young daughter attend George Watts Montessori Elementary. Jody would like to see more attention paid to street paving concerns in the neighborhood, and to increasing participation in neighborly events. Jody also dreams of setting up a community oven/kitchen where adults and kids can enjoy cooking together!

Germaine Brewington

Treasurer, 2012-2013

Germaine first moved to Trinity Park in 1981, after completing her graduate degree at UNC-Chapel Hill. After being away for about a decade, she returned to familiar surroundings to raise her two children, Danielle, 23, and Allen, 22.

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Sense of Place and the Stability of Urban Neighborhoods

BY ALIAA ELABD

I am a doctoral student at North Carolina State University. My research study is interested in studying the Trinity Park neighborhood and the special features that add to the well-being of its residents.

The conception is that people are attracted to the city's neighborhoods due to their closeness to downtowns and the variety of places and attractions that downtowns might offer. However, little is known about the factors that contribute to people's attraction to particular neighborhoods and what encourages them to stay.

The study I am conducting explores the question: what are the reasons that encouraged you to select Trinity Park Neighborhood

as your place of residence? In addition, this investigation seeks to understand how you perceive your neighborhood, and your role in improving its conditions.

The ultimate goal of such a study is to develop guidelines for city officials and planners for future redevelopment. Your anonymous participation in this study will be very appreciated.

You may participate by responding to the study's questionnaire online at: http://ncsu.qualtrics.com//SE/?SID=SV_30wh45mPd8aiN90 (this link will also be posted to the neighborhood listserv).

Or you may complete a paper copy which may be distributed to your house. Paper surveys can be deposited in a collection box on the front porch at 1013 Watts Street.

Confidentiality of your

responses is assured. The results of the study will be shared with the Trinity Park community and all interested residents.

I appreciate all neighbors who take the time to complete this questionnaire by March 30th. For any questions or concerns, please contact me at aelabd@ncsu.edu or 512-791-8414.

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TRINITY PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

7:00-9:00 p.m. Apr. 18: Join your neighbors at the annual TPNA meeting in the Fellowship Hall at Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church.

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

10:00 a.m.-noon, Apr. 7: Duke's East Campus by the gazebo. Hunt begins promptly at 10:15 a.m.

TPNA BOARD MEETINGS

7:30 p.m. Apr. 4, May 2, June 6: details below

DURHAM SYMPHONY IN THE PARK

5:00 p.m., Apr. 14: Bring a chair or blanket and join us for the annual Durham Symphony Pops in the Park.

PLAYDATE MEETUPS AT THE PARK - MOVED TO SECOND SATURDAYS

10-11:30 a.m., Apr. 14, May 12, June 9: Moved to the second Saturday of each month! Email jmvickery@gmail.com for more info. See the listserv for inclement weather updates.

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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.
- Join the Community Building Committee and help with a neighborhood event — jmvickery@gmail.com or jeffreymichaelporther@gmail.com.
- Join a TPNA committee and meet more of your neighbors!

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Election

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She was attracted to Trinity Park because of the historic homes, the park, the sense of community, and the close proximity of Duke University, her undergraduate alma mater.

Germaine is currently employed with the City of Durham as the Director of Audit Services. She is a Certified Public Accountant and Certified Fraud Examiner. She is interested in expanding the outreach of the Association to get more "Trinity Parkers" involved in the neighborhood, which will enrich the lives of all of us.

Mathew Palmer

Secretary, 2012-2013

As urban planners by trade, it's safe to say that Mathew Palmer and his wife, Meghan, were excited to join the Trinity Park community after settling in up on Dollar Avenue last year. Simply put, they love food, people, and walking about—in no particular order. Mathew is a transportation researcher with UNC, where he focuses on children walking and bicycling to school. He also serves on Durham's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission, and is interested in bringing neighbors together, whether on the sidewalk or in the park.

Director Nominees

John Swansey

Director, 2012-2015

John Swansey moved to Trinity Park 16 years ago. He bought a nuisance rental property on Buchanan Boulevard that was designated as a contributing structure in the Trinity National Historic District, and returned it to a single-family use. He and his wife, JC, have been long-time active participants in neighborhood affairs including: running the Easter egg hunt, starting a park

playgroup, planning and staffing house tours, and participating in various committees.

John is the longest-serving current member and former chair of the TPNA Urban Planning Committee. He has attended the majority of TPNA board meetings over the last five years and has represented the TPNA board at numerous city hearings regarding land use.

"I welcome the opportunity to continue to serve the TPNA as a board member. I would apply my energies and skills in support of the chartered purposes of the



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John has an engineering degree from Harvard and a Masters degree in design from the Rhode Island School of Design. John is a Director of User Experience and Design at a global computer company, and regularly guest lectures on design and innovation at NCSU's School of Design and UNC's Kenan-Flagler School of Business.

T.J. McDermott

Director, 2012-2015

T.J. McDermott relocated to Trinity Park in 2007, drawn to the neighborhood for its urban historic charm. T.J. and his wife, Maggie, renovated a 1930's mill house on W. Knox Street. They have two children, Thomas and Grace, and continue to appreciate the community Trinity Park has to

offer.

T.J., a graduate of the University of Notre Dame, has a passion for the past. He owns and operates King's Sandwich Shop, and oversaw the award-winning historic renovation and restoration of the property.

While working as the Curator of Education at Mel Fisher Maritime Museum in Key West, T.J. was a member of The Key West Maritime Historical Society, where he acted as a community builder. He is now looking forward to sharing his motivation and passion for community and history on TPNA's Board of Directors.

Heather Wilson

Director, 2012-2015

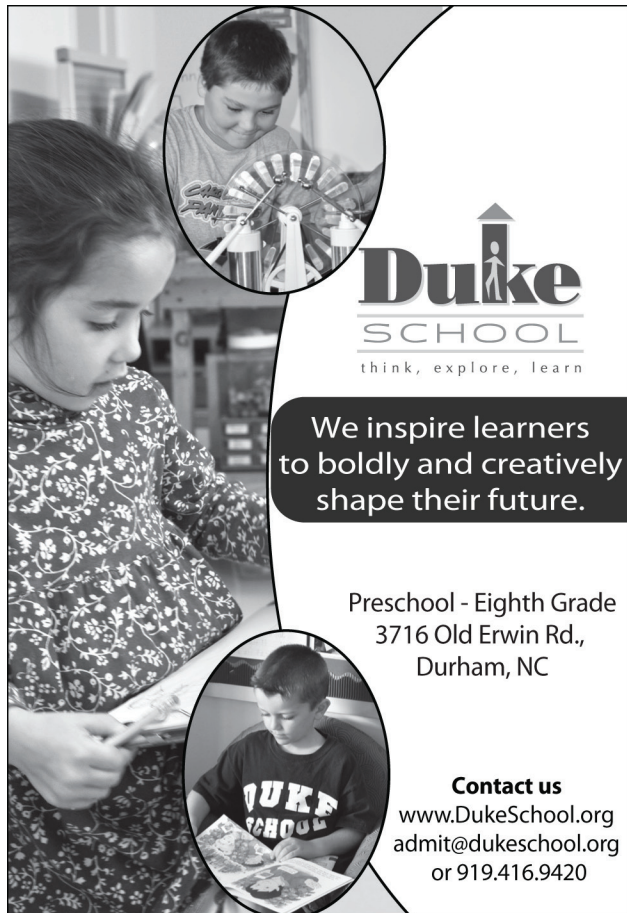
Heather Wilson is a Trinity Park lifer. She was born and raised on Watts Street, and now owns a house on Gregson. She loves spending time in the neighborhood

with her children, Vivianne, 3, and Andrew, 22 months.

Heather worked in fundraising and development at Habitat for Humanity and Duke University's Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs before deciding to pursue her interest in working with children.

She studied at the International Center for Montessori Studies Foundation in Italy, receiving her A.M.I. Montessori teaching certification. Heather taught at Montessori Children's House of Durham until her daughter was born, and plans to return to work this fall.

Heather is interested in preserving the great community of Trinity Park. She looks forward to enhancing the park, building the community, and helping to ensure the neighborhood continues to be the open, accessible and accepting place that attracted her parents 37 years ago, and drew her back.



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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. **Dues must be paid prior to the annual meeting on April 18 to vote!**

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