



Trinity Park news

September 2012

Trinity Park Prepares for 2012 Fall House Tour

BY NICOLE BAXTER

Excitement is building for the 2012 House Tour scheduled for October 6th! This year's tour promises to be something truly special. Thanks to the City of Durham, we will have a shiny new gazebo in the park, along with a vendor fair, food trucks, and a special appearance by KidzNotes, a local organization that teaches underprivileged kids classical and orchestral music as a way of solidifying community. This year we have nine stops, including the newly renovated Durham School of the Arts building, six beautifully designed houses and one currently undergoing renovation, and the new gazebo in the park, where it will all start.

Tickets go on sale at 12:30 at the Trinity Park Neighborhood Association table, where you can pick up a book for \$15, if you are not already a TPNA member. After saying hello to your neighbors,



take a nice fall stroll through our streets to check out the houses, which will be open from 1-5pm. Be sure to stop by the house on Trinity Avenue to learn about the geothermal system the homeowners installed. You also will not want to miss the two houses on Markham. One has espaliered fruit trees in the front garden and an amazing urban chicken coop out back; the other has a beautiful exotic art collection and gourmet kitchen. All the houses on this year's tour are full of surprises and creative ideas that you are sure to enjoy. And if you're

looking for a way to get FREE admission to the event, simply volunteer to docent for a couple of hours. The vendor fair in the park goes from 2-5pm, where you can meet the garden club that tends to our park and pick up a few goodies. TPNA will have a membership sign-up table and have trick-or-treat bags for sale—Halloween is just a few weeks away, and no one does Halloween like we do! This year we will also be selling beautiful full-color commemorative posters of the doors of Trinity Park.

Several other vendors will be on hand to talk about gardening, renovating and decorating your home. We have limited opportunities available for vendors, and if you or your favorite business would like to participate, please let us know! Vendor tables are available for \$75.

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Help Clean Up Trinity Park On September 22

Neighborhood Cleanup

BY JULIA BORBELY-BROWN

On Saturday, September 22, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to noon, many volunteers are needed, ages 11 and older. In preparation for the October 6 House Tour, Trinity Park Neighborhood Association (TPNA), in partnership with Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church, will clean up the neighborhood from Main to Club Boulevard and from Buchanan Boulevard to Duke Street (and points East) that form Trinity Park. Please sign up to make this event successful. We need many committed volunteers, ages 11 and older. We will divide Trinity Park into manageable sections for crews of three people to walk as they clean up trash and note problems for the City of Durham to address. The more crews, the more effective our work will be. The more crews we have, the sooner we will finish the job! TPNA is very grateful to Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church for helping with this endeavor.

On September 22, please arrive at the church parking lot (corner of Trinity Avenue and Gregson Street) promptly at 9:00 a.m. for a brief training session and to sign a waiver, pick up materials and receive your assignment. Bring work gloves, if you have them, and wear suitable clothing for walking and working outdoors. No flip flops, please, because that could pose a danger. These items will be provided to each team: latex gloves, garbage bags and special bags for recyclables (cans/bottles). We will also have pens and pads to use for noting problems. Water and granola bars will be available too. Teams will note things like sidewalks in need of repair;

potholes; overhanging limbs; abandoned cars; and overgrown vegetation. Priority items will be entered into the City's COMnet system by October 1, 2012 to be addressed, we hope in timely fashion, by the appropriate city departments. If you have a digital camera, or a cell phone with a camera, please bring that. TPNA would like to have photographs of the activities on September 22nd. And, of course, pictures of any problem areas would be very useful as we communicate with the City. Advance sign up would be most helpful. Please send a message by September 15 to Julia Borbely-Brown at this address: juliabrobelybrown@yahoo.com.



Hazardous Waste Collection

BY JULIA BORBELY-BROWN

With our partner, Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church (TAPC), Trinity Park Neighborhood Association (TPNA) will hold a hazardous waste collection day on Saturday, September 22, 2012, from 9:00 a.m. until noon. We are grateful to the church for joining with TPNA this year for what has become an annual event. Save your time and your gasoline – bring your items to the PARKING LOT on the corner of Trinity Avenue and Gregson Street. We will cart the materials to the City

of Durham collection site at 1900 E. Club Boulevard.

This service will be available to residents of Trinity Park and members of the church only. A TPNA membership table will be set up and materials will be available so we hope you will join, if you live in the neighborhood and are not already a TPNA member.

Please read the information below (from the City's website) so that you are well informed about what materials we can and will/cannot and will not accept on September 22. Be considerate and please remember we are volunteers helping to make our neighborhood a better place. "Massive quantities of stuff" may be rejected and other reasonable limits may be imposed. manageable sections for crews of three people to walk as they clean up trash and note problems for the City of Durham to address. The more crews, the more effective our work will be and the sooner we will finish the job!

Acceptable items (from households only) include:

dry cell batteries; fire extinguisher (dry chemical only); florescent light bulbs; household cleaners; oil based paints ONLY; garden chemicals; mercury thermometers, and garden fertilizers.

Unacceptable Materials include: medications, used needles, or other medical wastes; commercially generated hazardous waste; garbage, recyclables, or yard waste; radioactive materials, including smoke detectors; explosives or ammunition (contact the Police Department), and any unknown or unlabeled materials.

To volunteer, contact TPNA President Julia Borbely-Brown at juliabrobelybrown@yahoo.com.

TPNA Board Welcomes New Member

Bunmi Fatoye-Matory was elected to the vacant seat on the TPNA Board of Directors at the June 2012 meeting. TPNA welcomes her participation in the work of the association.

Fatoye-Matory is a doctoral student in Public Policy at the John W. McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies, University of Massachusetts, Boston. Originally from Nigeria, she completed her undergraduate studies at the Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria, and earned a Master's degree in Education from the University of Ibadan, Nigeria. She did more graduate work in the United States, earning a Master's degree in Language and Literacy from Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Before emigrating to the United States, Bunmi served as a protocol officer in the office of the First Lady of Nigeria. After finishing from Harvard, she worked as a Senior Researcher with Blackside Film and Television Production Company to produce a documentary on Africa for Public Television. For several years, she was the Massachusetts State Director for Reach Out and Read, a Literacy non-profit, promoting literacy for the children of low-income families through their pediatricians.

Bunmi is a published writer whose work has appeared in The Boston Globe, Harvard University Gazette, The Christian Science Monitor and other publications.

Bunmi and her family relocated to Durham from Cambridge, Massachusetts, where they lived for 19 years. She is married to James (Randy) Matory, a former professor at Harvard, now a professor at Duke University and the Director for the Center for African and African-American Studies.

Bunmi and Randy are blessed with two children: Ayo, a junior at Harvard University, and Adu, a freshman at New York University.

The Trinity Park Neighborhood Association Board of Directors is excited and pleased to have Bunmi and her family part of the neighborhood, and we look forward to her leadership and service in our community.



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TPNA HOME TOUR

Saturday, October 6: Save the date! Tickets will go on sale in late summer/early fall. Businesses interested in sponsorships should contact the Home Tour Committee (see page 1).

PLAYDATES IN THE PARK

On the second Saturday morning of each month (October 13, November 10, December 8) from 10 am -12 pm, join your neighbors and their children for playdate fun. Email jmvickery@gmail.com for more info. See the listserv for inclement weather updates.

HALLOWEEN IN TRINITY PARK

Come be part of this magical neighborhood tradition. See page 4 for all the details!

S'MORES IN THE PARK

On November 2, Durham Parks and Recreation is putting on S'mores in the Park. Bring the family for some fall fun!

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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 — 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

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Animal Control 560-0630

Nuisances 560-7800

Tree Maintenance 560-4185

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Report a street light is out...

http://www.durhamnc.gov/departments/transportation/streetlight_report.cfm

Conquering the Cankerworms

BY CAT WARREN

Many of you may remember the horror of last spring. The chewed leaves. The black poop. The squirming green things.

The culprit? Cankerworms. We are now responding, but could use your help. Julia Borbely-Brown and I, in consultation with city arborist Alex Johnson, decided to fight back. Alex has bought supplies for city trees.

We have solicited volunteers and still need more as we band as many trees as we can by late November so the little critters can't climb the trees to lay eggs-- especially willow oaks, but others as well.

A small committee in Trinity Park will arrange for the order of supplies; prepare kits (WITH HELP); prepare education materials and then guide neighbors in the effective methods to combat these beasts. The City of Durham will work to protect the street trees that are fragile.

We need your help in the fight.

Two questions – (if you say “yes” to 1, that doesn’t commit you to saying “yes” to 2)

1) Would you buy a kit?

2) Would you help volunteer to put the kits together?

The kits sell for around \$15 to \$20 and would provide the materials to save several small trees. For properties with several large trees, the kits would not

include the Tanglefoot, but we would arrange for a local vendor to have large tubs for sale. Again, the other materials needed would be included in the kits.

So why go to all this trouble? The wonderful news is that these efforts work! Charlotte has been doing this for years and has had amazing success. Trinity Park can model our war on the practices of Charlotte and we will greatly reduce the problem in 2013. If we keep doing this in the years ahead, we will save our trees, shrubs and plants from the devastation we saw in 2012. Please let us know if you are still interested and can volunteer. We plan to set aside one or two days in late September to prepare the kits, and we plan have a booth at the 2012 House Tour on October 6 to sell the kits and give guidance to neighbors. The best time for treating the trees is AFTER the leaves fall – late November. More precise information will be provided as we know it. Thank you for your support on the canker worm front! To get involved, email cat_warren@earthlink.net.



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House Tour (cont'd)

Once you've worked up an appetite, grab a snack from one of our fabulous Durham food trucks. The rodeo goes from 4-6.



Please remember this is a cash-only event. Money goes to supporting all the wonderful work Trinity Park Neighborhood Association does in the neighborhood and around town, and a portion of the proceeds will also go to supporting local charities and organizations. Please check-out our Café Press storefront, so you can show off your Trinity Park pride.

Want to be part of this year's House Tour?

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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.

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