



# Trinity Park news

DECEMBER 2014

## ***Tis the Season...* Luminaria Night in Trinity Park, December 14, 2014**

by Linda Wilson

Luminaria Night in Trinity Park and across Durham will be December 14. This special night in our neighborhood celebrates the Season of Light, gives us an opportunity to connect with our neighbors in spite of the cold weather, and to raise money for a worthy charity. This year we will be pushing hard to light EVERY BLOCK in our 1,400 home neighborhood. You can help make Luminaria Night 2014 the best one ever! Please consider lighting your own sidewalk, and perhaps even lighting your entire block, collecting contributions from your neighbors along the way.

Supplies for Luminaria in Trinity Park will be available starting on December 6 at 302 Watts Street. Supplies will also be available at the Park starting at 4 pm on Sunday, December 14.

Lighting the neighborhood's streets is not the only part of Luminaria Night; there will be a gathering and celebration at the Trinity Park from 4 – 6pm. Refreshments will be provided for purchase by the TPNA, and several food trucks have been invited to participate in the event. And of course, there is always the possibility that Santa will make an appearance, riding on his second-favorite vehicle, a Durham Fire Department fire truck! Organizer Annie Ambrose predicts that Santa will be arriving at about 4:45 pm.

Each candle/bag/sand combination will be 50 cents. Proceeds raised from Luminaria Night will be used to support local charities and non-profits working in the urban core. The Board of the Trinity Park Neighborhood

Association, which sponsors Luminaria Night, will decide upon the best use of the funds.

In addition to Luminaria supplies, other Trinity Park souvenir items will also be available for purchase during the celebration at the park. There are limited numbers of Home Tour 2014 T-shirts (\$10), Home Tour 2014 posters (\$5), Trinity Park Coloring Books (\$1), and even a few Trinity Park cookbooks (\$5). All of these items can also be purchased before or after Luminaria Night from Linda Wilson, [lindabwilson@nc.rr.com](mailto:lindabwilson@nc.rr.com), 919-264-7395.

Luminaria Night 2013 included a new idea, dubbed "Luminaria Service." It will be available again this year, for \$1.50 per candle/bag/sand setup. For those who choose this service, volunteers will assemble the setups, deliver them to your home, and light the candles at dusk.

Arrangements for the Luminaria Service can be made through Linda Wilson, contact information above.

Organizer Annie Ambrose asks that anyone interested in helping with Luminaria Night get in touch with her at 919-824-4965, [ascorza@nc.rr.com](mailto:ascorza@nc.rr.com). Any and all volunteers will be welcome! She will need help setting up, transporting Luminaria materials to the Park, selling Luminaria supplies, selling refreshments, cleaning up, and lighting the gazebo.

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## Luminaria *(Continued from page 1)*

### How to Construct Luminaria

1. Prepare one candle/bag/sand setup for every 6 feet of sidewalk. (A typical 50-foot lot would require 8–10 setups.)
2. Place 1–2 cups of sand in the bottom of each bag. If more stability is needed, add more sand. Pea gravel or potting soil can be substituted for sand.
3. If desired, turn a 1-2" collar on the top of the bag.
4. Place one candle in each bag.
5. Place the bags along the outer edge of the sidewalk at 6–7' intervals.
6. Light the candles at dusk. The tea candles used in Trinity Park are rated for 4 hours, but some last as much as 6 hours, depending upon weather conditions.
7. Be sure that all candles are extinguished by the end of the evening.
8. HAVE FUN!! MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS!! ENJOY!!

### If You Want To Light Your Entire Block

1. Compose a note or email to your neighbors indicating that you will do the entire block or the entire side of the street.
2. Ask each one to contribute 50 cents for each candle placed in front of their home.
3. Proceed with the 'How to Construct' instructions.
4. Payment from your neighbors can be collected prior to the event, or as you set out the bags. In the distant past, I have even waited to collect from my neighbors until the day after the event. (By now, though, our block is a well-oiled machine. I put out the candles on my side of the street, a neighbor does the other side, and everyone gives me money. I love it!)
5. Please collect your bags, sand, and burned-out candles as quickly as possible on the morning of December 15, so that we can keep our neighborhood clean and beautiful!

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# Trinity Park Home Tour a Huge Success!

by the Home Tour Team

It was noon on an astoundingly gorgeous October Sunday. Volunteers were working in the ticket booth for the Trinity Park Home Tour. Things had gone smoothly all morning in setting up the Festival—the new companion event to the Home Tour—and all our plans had fallen neatly into place. Four movers from TROSA had arrived to help with set-up, a number of vendors, artists and craftspeople were in place and showing their wares to home tour visitors, and a steady stream of customers were buying tickets for the tour.

Suddenly, though, we realized that our four large boxes containing 500 copies of the Home Tour brochure (which comprises the ticket to the tour) were EMPTY! We had hoped to sell 300-400 tickets, and had felt a bit foolish in printing 500 brochures. But now, amazingly, we had sold completely out of tickets! We scrambled to find something to use as vouchers, and even ripped open unclaimed sponsors' ticket envelopes to free up a few more brochures. But the line of people who wanted a ticket was getting longer, so it was decided that we should reprint 100 copies of the brochure as quickly as possible. A volunteer made a mad dash to Kinko's and was able to get an almost instant turnaround on an additional 100 tickets.

By the time we got the 100 reprints, we were swamped with customers ready to redeem the vouchers and deluged by new customers who bought up all the newly-printed tickets within 30-45 minutes. So the same volunteer went back and had another 50 brochures printed!

By 3pm the flow of customers had slowed and we were able to finish the tour without another reprinting. But even at 4:45, we were still selling tickets to a few determined folks who wanted to see at least one house on the Trinity Park Home Tour.

Meanwhile, all these customers were flowing through the Festival booths and the vendors were very happy about participating.

All this is to say that our 2014 Home Tour was hugely successful, thanks in large part to a dedicated team of organizers who led the planning process, ten very generous homeowners, a TPNA Board that got behind the tour and helped out in a hundred different ways,



almost one hundred docents and volunteers, and advertisers from every corner of Durham. Every single member of the TPNA Board had a part to play in the tour, and the efforts of all these neighbors and friends were rewarded with the most successful event since the mid-eighties when people came to the Trinity Park Home Tour because they thought that we were all a bit crazy for living in the city!

Not only did we exceed our fundraising goals, but we also received 24 new TPNA memberships. Thirty-four local businesses placed ads in the brochure, and 32 craftspeople, vendors, and artists participated in the Street Festival.

The organizers of the 2014 tour—Mimi Kessler, Pam Swinney, Heather Wilson, and Linda Wilson—believe that the expansion of the advertising prospect list from 35 to 173 through tag-team sales and greater promotional emphasis via neighborhood signs and advertising on WUNC made all the difference. They look forward to 2016, and are already strategizing about ways to make the Tour and Festival better.

Home Tour organizers are eager to share the fun and camaraderie that they found in planning this year's Tour. It is not too early to volunteer to be a part of the planning for 2016! If you are interested, or have an idea or suggestion, or know of a house that should be included, contact any member of the TPNA Board, and they will pass your information to the planning team.

# World War II and Trinity Park – some reminiscences from neighbor Starr Lassiter

by Julia Borbely-Brown

*Following the bombing of Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, the United States entered the Second World War.*

Trinity Park neighbor, Starr Lassiter, was only four years old when the United States declared war, but she has vivid memories of things that happened in the four years that followed and how the war helped shape the neighborhood in the years after World War II. Her father was an air raid warden and scenes of the sirens and the blacking out of lights and windows in local homes were just as depicted in movies of this period.

Starr's grandparents were long settled on Gregson Street, and Starr and her parents lived with them when she was born. When the war began, her grandmother—like many families in Durham—rented a room to women whose husbands were training at Camp Butner. As the history of the town of Butner explains “Camp Butner was established for the training of infantry divisions and various artillery and engineer units... During 1942 through 1945, Camp Butner's primary mission was to train combat troops for deployment and redeployment to the European and Pacific theaters. The Camp contained rifle ranges, artillery ranges, a prisoner of war compound, and barracks and support services for approximately 40,000 troops.”

This was a huge influx of servicemen just fifteen miles outside of Durham. There was also an extensive officer training program at Duke for the Navy and the Marines (the V-12 program). The men, in particular those at Camp Butner, came from all over the United States, many from northern states along the East Coast. These men had wives and “sweethearts” who wanted to be near them, so many Durham families created space as best they could. It was their way to help with the war effort, even if sacrifices had to be made. Some renovated attics to create space for boarders; some took space from the home, or added space, to make small apartments. And some—like Starr's grandmother—just made do with what was available!

Starr recalls that three young women stayed in the front bedroom, three to a bed. When additional women came to stay, a pallet would be set up on the floor. There were times when boarders were sleeping in the hall and on the sofa. When a soldier-husband had a pass to be off base, the women would take turns allowing the couple to have “time alone” in the bedroom.

Her grandmother's kitchen was a gathering place. “The girls”—and many of them were just that, in their late teens and early twenties—would remake each other's clothes, take turns doing their hair, share tips on knitting and crocheting, and join in on varied projects for the war effort. The girls, like Trinity Park families, would shop at Watts Street Grocery and other stores in the neighborhood. The girls would cook and teach each other how to make special dishes. They would share with the families, and this exposed Durham folks to more varied cuisines. There was such a sense of camaraderie among the young women and a bond that often developed with the local families. The memory of this has stayed with Starr to this day.

After the war Starr attended George Watts School, from grades 3 through 6, and stayed with her grandparents on Gregson Street after school every day. So again, she saw the steady transformation of Trinity Park from 1945 on. There was a building boom on Ruffin Street and from Green Street northward. There were few homes along Duke and Gregson Street until after the war. Many of the affordable cottages were built under the GI bill, and some of the servicemen who were introduced to Durham during the war came back to the neighborhood to attend school and to then live and work in Durham. According to Starr, the Murchison Apartments were also built in this period on previously wooded land. But that can be the topic for another historical conversation!

*If you have ideas for longtime neighbors to interview, or topics to research on the history of Trinity Park, please contact the newsletter editor.*

## Business Profile: ReverbNation

by Marc Phillips

From their amazing office space atop 115 N Duke St, ReverbNation is helping millions of emerging artists build their careers. Fueled by an entrepreneurial spirit and an exceptional team, ReverbNation made the 2013 Inc. 500 list of fastest-growing, privately owned companies, and was voted one of the Best Places to Work in the state. Here is what they had to say about themselves and Trinity Park.

### What 3 things would you like Trinity Park residents to know about ReverbNation?

1. ReverbNation is the online home to more than 3.5 million artists, even though Durham is our home base.
2. Our tools and connections to the industry are designed for emerging artists, though we've been home to breakout acts like Alabama Shakes and Imagine Dragons.
3. We started in 2006 in City Place (across from the old Durham Bulls stadium) with less than 10 employees, but we've grown to over 80 in the Durham office, with more than 1/4 of our employees living in Durham.

### Why did you choose to open your office in Trinity Park?

Four of our five founders were scattered throughout the Triangle area, so Durham was a good central point for the company to converge upon. In addition to a growth in cultural areas, Durham has also become a very favorable environment for tech startups to shape their vision. As the company grows, we hope to bring in more and more local residents to our team.

### What has been the biggest surprise about the area since you opened?

While we always knew that Durham had a vibrant culture, we have been amazed at the outpouring of new restaurants, bars, and other attractions right within walking distance of our office. On any given day, we can start the morning with some great coffee at Respite, grab a delicious lunch at Parker and Otis or The Federal, and end the afternoon with a beer at Triangle Brewing Company. We have even been able to convince some of our favorite food trucks (Bagueuetteaboutit, Hanu) to setup shop in our parking lot.

### Do any ReverbNation founders or employees live in Trinity Park?

Several employees live in Trinity Park, and one of our founders lives in Forest Hills.

### Where do ReverbNation employees eat or hang out in the area?

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## Featured Neighbors: John and Megan Boyle

by Jennifer Valentyn

Native Minnesotans John and Megan Boyle landed in Trinity Park in 2012 after John finished medical school at Northwestern University in Chicago and Megan completed a master's in public policy and administration, also at Northwestern. The couple took only what they could fit into and strap onto their compact car and settled into an apartment on Watts Street. They quickly adjusted to Durham life, finding their favorite spots walkable from the neighborhood, such as The Federal and Motorco. John is a resident in radiation oncology at the Duke Cancer Institute, while Megan works for Duke University Development in the Office of Foundation Relations. You might see Megan running on the East Campus path with their athletic hound mix, Tanner. John is an avid soccer fan and often wakes up early on the weekend to watch his beloved Arsenal play.



### **Why did you choose to live in Trinity Park when you moved to Durham?**

We researched different neighborhoods in Durham, and Trinity Park stood out to us as a great place to live. We were looking for a quiet and friendly neighborhood within walking/biking distance of Duke and jumped at the opportunity to rent a unit in a historic home on Watts Street.

### **Has living in Trinity Park and the Southeast in general changed your lifestyle?**

We have really come to love North Carolina, not only for the mild winters, but also for the relaxed pace of life and the natural beauty. We spend a lot of time outdoors, walking around the neighborhood, hiking at the Eno, and we have made several trips to the beach and the mountains. The mild weather allows us both to commute to work by bike for the most of the year (the limiting factor being the heat rather than the cold!). Trinity Park is also very dog friendly, and we have enjoyed raising Tanner and introducing him to new friends in the neighborhood.

### **What does Trinity Park have to offer young professionals like you?**

We have met several young couples in Trinity Park and appreciate making these new friendships. Trinity Park has a strong sense of community. Networking and leadership opportunities are available by participating or volunteering in the neighborhood's various events.

### **What do you picture Trinity Park to be like in 25 years? With Durham continuing to grow and thrive, what changes do you anticipate?**

We appreciate that Trinity Park offers a variety of housing options, from apartments to condos and single-family homes. It makes for a diverse community of individuals. As Durham, and Trinity Park in particular, continues to become a desirable place to live, we hope that the mixed-income housing options in Trinity Park remain a priority.

### **If careers or family take you away from Durham, what will be your favorite memories of the neighborhood?**

We have many fond memories of sitting out on our second-floor front porch, overlooking Watts. I love taking note of the changing seasons from up on our perch and listening to the choir of birds. I know that Tanner will miss his dog walker, Sheila, and his many canine friends.

# Blossom Garden Club Fall/Winter Happenings

by Shelley Dekker

The Blossom Garden Club, a fixture in the neighborhood since the 1940s, has had a busy fall and is looking forward to some terrific programs this winter. We meet once a month from September through May, and any interested gardeners are invited to join! We began our year with a tour of the beautiful Elysian Fields Farm in Cedar Grove, where we learned about their organic farming practices and how they've run a successful CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) program for 14 years. These are some impressive women! We spent a rainy morning cleaning up the Trinity Park Gardens in October, and in November we visited the nearby Forest History Society, which has been located within walking distance in an unassuming brick building (at Vickers Avenue and Jackson Street) since 1983. This fascinating place is a

library and archive of forest and conservation history. It is brimming with books, papers, audio oral histories, photographs, films, and the like, all about the history of the forest and our relationship with it. Check out their website, visit, or even volunteer. What a hidden gem!

In December we will gather and make holiday wreaths and garlands, using greenery from our gardens. January will find us at the Sarah P. Duke Gardens with education curator Jan Little, focusing on horticultural design elements and gardens as a form of art, and in February we will learn about wild edible and medicinal plants from the Hillsborough herbalist Will Endres. We'd love to have you join us! Email current president Chris Jewell ([jewell@niehs.nih.gov](mailto:jewell@niehs.nih.gov)) if you are interested in joining or learning more.

## "Who planted a stick in the ground in front of my house?"

by Shelley Dekker

If you see what appear to be sticks planted in the ground in front of your house and throughout the neighborhood, please know that these "sticks" are really bare-root trees planted by the City! Why is the City planting bare-root trees instead of the larger balled-and-burlapped trees to which we've grown accustomed? You can probably guess that one of the reasons is money. Not only are bare-root trees cheaper to buy, but they are also cheaper to ship, and much cheaper to plant. A balled-and-burlapped (b&b) tree requires a trained crew and special heavy-duty equipment. Each tree takes a large amount of time and care to plant. Bare-root trees can be planted by volunteers using only a shovel, so many trees can be planted in a short time at almost no cost. This savings means that we can plant many more trees for our money. If we spend \$1000 on tree planting for one season, we can plant 100 bare-root trees within the neighborhood, whereas if we plant balled-and-burlapped trees, that number shrinks to 10-20 trees.

But there are other reasons that planting bare-root trees makes sense. Bare-root trees, unlike container-grown or b&b trees, do not have the shock of transitioning from one soil into another but are instead able to grow undisturbed in the same spot in which they are planted. This means the trees are able to establish themselves more quickly, expanding their root systems and putting out new top growth sooner and often catching up and surpassing the more expensive b&b trees within just a few years. Further, though the bare-root trees still need water and maintenance like any other tree, they need far less water when they are small than a larger b&b tree.

If you would like to see how well and how quickly bare-roots tree can grow, take a look at the row of trident maple trees on Markham Avenue along the north side of the wall around East Campus. These trees went in as "sticks" in spring 2010 and only four years later, they are thriving!

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## Update on the medians – six public spaces in Trinity Park

by Julia Borbely-Brown

Under the guidance of The Trinity Park Foundation, Inc. (the “Foundation”), work has progressed on five of the six medians in the neighborhood. The catalyst for this undertaking—to beautify and improve our public spaces—was the Design Charrette held in July 2014. More work remains to be done in 2015. Your ideas and your support and volunteer efforts have been and will be greatly appreciated. If you are interested in being on the volunteer list, or if you want to donate funds to this beautification project, please contact [juliaborbelybrown@yahoo.com](mailto:juliaborbelybrown@yahoo.com).

The **circle at Knox and Dollar** and the **circle at Englewood and Dollar**: these two circles were weeded and tidied in early September with a great crew. Bags of mulch were donated by one neighbor and applied by another.

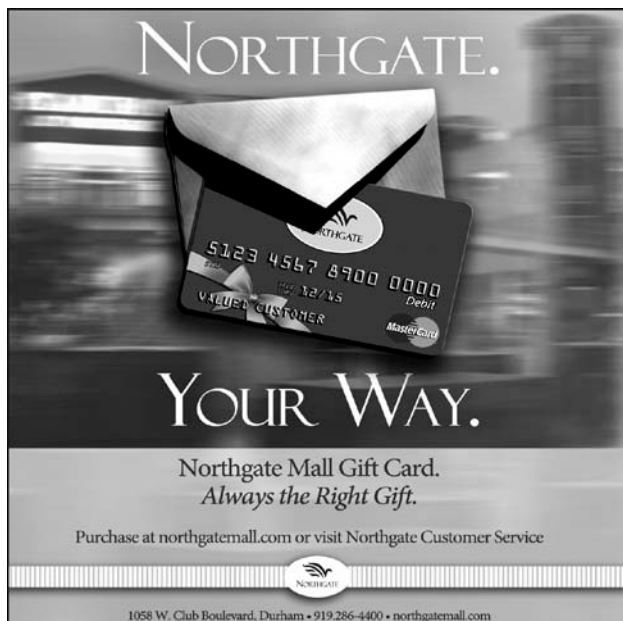
The **circle at Watts and Knox**: this too was weeded and tidied in early September. A large crepe myrtle, purchased by the Foundation, was installed by Red Mill Nursery in October. Near neighbors have helped with watering the tree. The large shrubs will be removed this winter and the circle will be mulched.

In these three spaces, the liriopae will be trimmed in late winter, and then the spaces will be tidied annually (or every six months), with the help of surrounding neighbors. We are also considering a way to remove the metal posts and signage at each circle while being mindful of safety considerations.

The **median on Markham Avenue** was weeded by volunteers, and then the City mulched the entire space after trimming up the large holly bushes to be more tree-like. Thank you to Alex Johnson and his team for his assistance with the hollies! The Foundation is interested in donations of fancy daylilies (the kind that DO NOT SPREAD) from area gardeners to create several additional groupings in this median.

The **median at Main Street**: the City did some trimming here. A small team will check this space in January to pick up trash. A general weeding and mulching will be scheduled for a sunny afternoon in early Spring. We will try to engage the students who live near this area and other Buchanan neighbors.

And finally, the jumbo **median on Trinity Avenue**: the City came at last to cut the grass. Alex Johnson will plant five crepe myrtles as part of the tree planting program in Trinity Park. Shelley Dekker, chair of the Trinity Park Tree Committee and member of the Foundation Board, is working with landscapers who participated in the July Design Charrette to come up with a workable plan—one that we can afford and that can be maintained in the future. At least one workday will be scheduled this winter, and we will try to engage the near neighbors on Watts and Trinity to help. The scope of the effort here will depend on volunteer numbers AND financial or in-kind contributions.



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# Durham InterNeighborhood Council Accepting Nominations of Neighborhood Heroes

by Philip Azar

Communities have their quaint, quirky and just plain weird traditions. This is certainly true of Durham, and its InterNeighborhood Council. After all, a collection of neighborhoods, some formally organized as neighborhood associations, others as homeowners associations, and, at least one, as a deliberately chaotic nonorganization probably has quaint, quirky and weird carefully crafted into its bylaws.

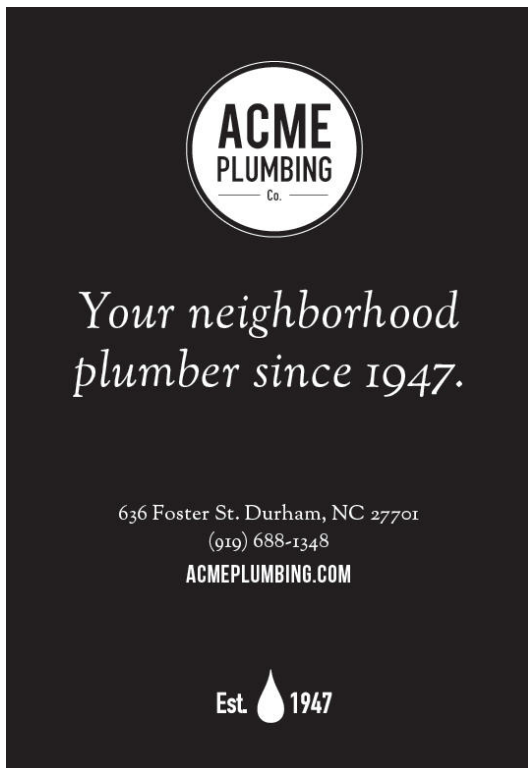
Since 2003, the InterNeighborhood Council has had 8 hero award ceremonies and has recognized over 130 Durham residents as Neighborhood "Heroes." A few residents, who did not comfortably fit into the Hero category were nonetheless recognized as with a "Good Neighbor" award, typically because their contributions were not limited to one neighborhood.

Residents of Trinity Park have won the award. Julia Borberly-Brown and Barker French were recognized in 2012. A quick glance through the archives reveals that TPers Jo Darbey, Newman Aguiar and John Durrance have also been recognized. (Apologies to anyone I may have missed.) Among the types of activities that have been recognized: organizing a neighborhood association,

keeping it organized, picking up large volumes of litter (or organizing its collection, repeatedly, at scale), and stopping crime(s).

There have been years that no one from Trinity Park has been recognized as a Hero, and not always because there was no award celebration that particular year. Given the degree(s) of excellence that characterize the neighborhood, its extraordinary high levels of organization, and its commitment to excellence in all things, I can only assume that we have, from time to time, forgotten to nominate anyone. In order to ensure that this is not the case this time round, start thinking about your Trinity Park Hero! Nominations are due by January 15, 2015. Guidelines will be sent out on the listserv.

Neighborhood heroes come in many forms. Sometimes they fly solo. Sometimes they are part of a formal or informal team. Sometimes they have lived in Durham all their lives. Sometimes they've just arrived. Perhaps, sometimes the person that deserves recognition is a regular volunteer with a non-profit or, gasp, paid! Sometimes we miss out on recognizing our heroes, but we don't want to miss out because of a rule!



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# Your association membership helps make Trinity Park great!

by Jody White

What makes Trinity Park such a desirable neighborhood? Is it because it's close to a vibrant downtown, a university, and great public schools? Or is it because Trinity Park streets are lined with a treasure chest of architecturally interesting and beautiful homes surrounded by an established tree canopy? What about its walkability, bikeability, and access to public transportation? Close proximity to parks and trails? Is it a mixture of all these things? At the top of the list may also be a welcoming and an engaged community!


One of the myriad ways residents can interact and make a lasting contribution to the community is by becoming a member of the neighborhood association. The Trinity Park Neighborhood Association has long served to represent its members' concerns and provide a forum for issues that directly and indirectly affect its residents. Being a member of the association helps fund community-oriented events in our neighborhood such as the Spring Egg Hunt, the Halloween party in the park, Luminaria, park playdates, and the Symphony in the Park. Association monies also fund 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 an 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, urban planning, and traffic committees to keep Trinity Park a safe and beautiful neighborhood to live in, we hope you will consider joining or renewing your membership now.

This year the association membership has risen to 17.5% of neighborhood households, 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 please visit our website at [www.trinitypark.org](http://www.trinitypark.org) where you can join or renew online using PayPal. You can also use the membership form at the end of the newsletter to join or renew by mail.



The more residents—both owners and renters—that TPNA represents gives the association a larger voice with government entities and other groups to address ongoing concerns such as traffic, urban development, and our aging tree canopy.

Lastly, if you would like to become involved with all the fun events and forums that TPNA participates in please contact a board member! TPNA is always looking for new committee members, committee chairs, and board members. Email us to see how you can best help! Thanks!



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### TPNA BOARD MEETINGS

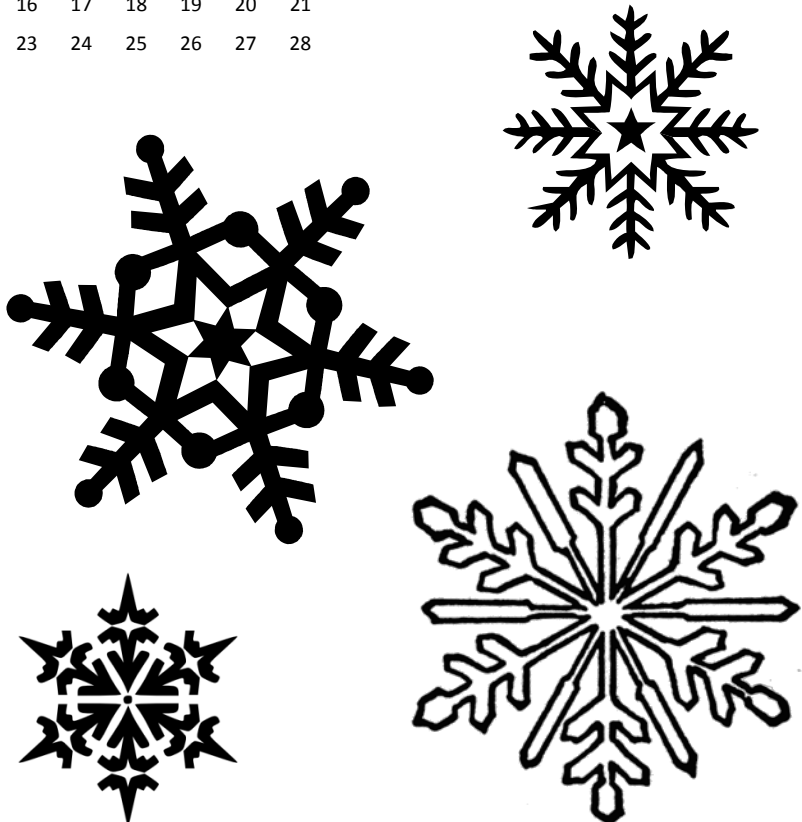
First Wednesday of the month, 7:30pm. All Trinity Park residents are invited and encouraged to attend monthly TPNA board meetings, typically held on the first Wednesday of the each month in the George Watts Montessori School Media Center. Come join us to greet your neighbors and learn about events and issues important to our neighborhood.

### PLAYDATE TO DECORATE FOR LUMINARIA

December 13, 10:30am-noon. Activities are geared toward kids ages five and under, but all are welcome to join in the fun. Email [jandjsf161@yahoo.com](mailto:jandjsf161@yahoo.com) for details. See the listserv for inclement weather updates.

### LUMINARIA

December 14, 4:00-6:00pm. Connect with neighborhoods, help raise money for charity, and celebrate the Season of Light! See page 1 for more information.



### TPNA Board and Committees

#### Officers

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# Show your Trinity Park pride!



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The Trinity Park Neighborhood Association, with assistance from Trinity Park-based design firm Indigo Envelope, has opened a shop on Café Press. Check out all of the great items available for showing your neighborhood pride by visiting [cafepress.com/thetrinityparkshop](http://cafepress.com/thetrinityparkshop) or [trinitypark.org](http://trinitypark.org). There's something for everyone, including kids and pets! A small percentage of the proceeds will support your TPNA.

## 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, 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. Remember you can also join online at [trinitypark.org](http://trinitypark.org). If you have not paid your dues this year, please consider joining today.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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☐ One year = \$15

Durham, NC 27701

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Five years = \$50

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