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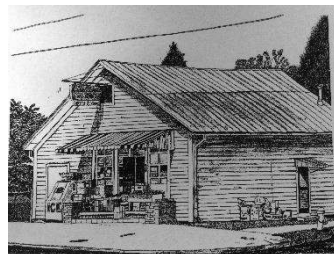
Non-Profit Neighbors of Trinity Park: The Resource Center for Women and Ministry in the South

By Anne Stoddard

This is the first of a series on the many non-profit organizations that are neighbors in and around Trinity Park.

The Resource Center for Women and Ministry in the South (RCWMS) is on Watts Street and was founded by Jeanette Stokes (neighbor on Trinity Avenue) in 1977 after she graduated from seminary at Duke and recognized the need for an organization to provide support and connection to other women ministers. The organization's current mission statement is "Weaving feminism and spirituality into a vision of justice for the world."

As a fun aside, The Resource Center is located in a historic Trinity Park building at 1202 Watts Street. This was the original "Watts Grocery" and was known to neighbors as "The Store" until it closed in the early 1980s. It started in the early 1900s and was located on a dirt country road with just two one-story farm houses adjacent. The last grocers to run the business were Ira and Frances Welch, from whom Jeanette bought her groceries while in graduate school at Duke.



The original "Watts Grocery",
now The Resource Center

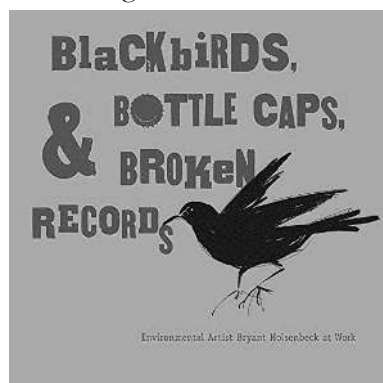
Jeanette perceived the need for a support system for women ministers and started RCWMS, even though it was hard back then to find anyone who could tell her how to start a non-

profit! In the days before the Internet, she started this professional organization with a cardboard file box and a Rolodex of women who wanted to be in contact with one another. After the organization's first 6-8 years, women formed their own organizations within religions and denominations, so RCWMS shifted focus to spirituality and ongoing support of women doing work in social justice. Currently, the RCWMS has programs related to social justice, spirituality, creativity, writing, and elder women.

Jeanette's advice for today: Pick your issues and find a support system! For women to survive the hard work they are doing in many areas of social justice, women need to fortify themselves. They need to sustain energy to do social justice work and the RCWMS provides workshops and retreats on preaching, feminist theology, dance, music, creativity and spirituality, in order—as Jeanette says - "to keep yourself together while changing the world."

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Among many varied projects, RCWMS teamed up with filmmaker Margaret Morales to make this documentary about Durham artist Bryant Holsenbeck

Trinity Tribe Represents and Races On

By Christopher Gergen

Every Friday morning at 6:30am you can count on a group of runners heading out for a five mile run from Watts Montessori Magnet School. The tradition was established more than five years ago when Carl Rist (Watts St.) approached a group of neighborhood runners and proposed the idea of a neighborhood running group.

Among the initial group were Carl, Rich Damberg (Monmouth), Will McDow (Urban), and Christopher Gergen (Watts). Since that time, the group has grown to include Justin Wright (Markham), Kenneth Luker (Dollar), and Brian Reale (Minerva), among others (including some non-Trinity Parkers we won't bother to mention).

The route of the Friday morning running group is a regular loop through East Campus, up Campus Drive, past the Chapel on West Campus, through the Gardens, and home. Since starting the tradition, there have been fewer than five times that at least a couple of runners have not gone out every Friday whether it be rain, shine, snow, or ice. The lowest temperature recorded for a run was 8 degrees Fahrenheit.

In 2015, the Friday crew expanded to include other neighbors and friends (including TP neighbors Matt Todd, Matt Williamson, Peter Tompkins, Walt Barron, Tuck Satterfield, and Will Chambliss) for the Tuna Run – a 200 mile running relay from Raleigh to the beach. In 2015 a 12-member Trinity Park Tribe team came in 4th place in the race, solidifying the Tribe's reputation. This past year as an alternative to the Tuna Run, the Tribe decided to dedicate its running energy to Hurricane Matthew recovery work in Windsor, NC.



Trinity Tribe members, running undeterred by snow or otherwise

These days, you can expect to see Tribe representation in many of the local races with a particular commitment to Florence Forth – a 5k and 10K race the first weekend of March started by Tribe members Will and Leslie McDow in memory of their daughter Florence and in support of research for auto-immune encephalitis. The race just took place on March 4, but please consider joining this worthy endeavor, next year!

Tribe runners are also an active part of the Durham neighborhood Olympics (even organizing an infamous “Beer Mile” competition on the eve of the last two Olympics!) and recently established a more wholesome tradition of a Christmas eve challenge around the Al Buehler trail along with runners from Forest Hills. If there is ever an interest in joining the crew, be sure to sign up as part of the Trinity Park Tribe in a local race or better yet come out and run at 6:30am on Friday mornings in front of Watts School. All runners are welcome!



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Architectural Digest: Erwin Apartments

By Julia Borbely-Brown

A neighborhood fixture, Erwin Apartments at the corner of Buchanan and Trinity, is now owned by a local group of investors led by John Warasila and Vandana Dake of Alliance Architecture, longtime supporters of downtown revitalization. The new ownership is a partnership called Wheatland-312, LLC, a mix of local and other Durham revitalization early adopters. The group recently purchased the building for just under \$2 million from longtime owners in the Herndon family.

According to Warasila, the building's historic exterior will stay largely the same, with the entrances and windows being fully restored. The inside will be very different, with all electrical, mechanical, and plumbing systems completely replaced and fully modernized. The partnership's plan is to renovate the building from the original twenty-eight apartments, some as small as three hundred square feet, into ten highly customized condominiums. The exterior will feature new landscaping, a pool, and area for parking. They also plan a roof deck overlooking East Campus, an enclosed secure courtyard, and a new elevator tower.

"It's a true classic building, thoughtfully built with materials from another era. A concrete frame, solid masonry walls, steel windows; overall it was built to last, like a fortress. It is a striking comparison to the wood frame multi-family units one sees rising around the city," according to Warasila.

The heavy-duty construction, dating from 1929, saved the building at one point in its history, according to the Herndon family. Long ago, a tenant in one of those small units was upset, made a pile of furniture in the middle of the room and lit it up. The only damage to the building was the wood flooring in that one unit.

Reconstruction of the building's interior is in process now, and the condo units will be listed for sale with RED Collective. In keeping with the local theme, the developers tapped a great network of Durham friends and family; chef Matt Kelly has been involved with kitchen design, and George Davis at Stone Brothers and Byrd with the landscaping and roof decks.

"It's inspiring to find a project where we can create something entirely new, while honoring the character and integrity of the original residences that have been in the neighborhood for almost a century," said Warasila. "At the southeast corner of Trinity and Buchanan sits a marker with the inscription 'City Limit' - that's the type of authenticity we wanted to preserve in taking on this project."



Erwin Apartments circa 1956, courtesy The Herald-Sun Newspaper

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An update from The Trinity Park Foundation, Inc. ("The Foundation")

By Julia Borbely-Brown

By the time you read this article, I hope you will notice some recent improvements to our beloved park on the corner of Trinity Avenue and Watts Street. **The Park** is owned by The Foundation and leased to the City of Durham in a partnership that dates back to 1983.

- Thanks to generous donations from neighbors in the south end of Trinity Park and funds from a very successful Trinity Park Neighborhood Association ("TPNA") House Tour in 2016, the trees in The Park and along the City right-of-way will have been pruned. Some trees will also have been treated to protect them from the emerald ash borer pest. This important care for our trees is something that has been on The Foundation's wish list for many years!

- The beds from the Watts Street entrance to the Trinity Avenue entrance have been mulched, thanks to a successful work day on March 4.



- The two wooden benches installed in 2015 will have received a fresh coat of stain.
- The new bench and the historical plaque will have been installed in the **History Grove** section of The Park. Planting in the History Grove area will be done on a workday sometime in early April. Please be on the lookout for the call for volunteers and come dedicate one hour of your time to improving this new asset in our neighborhood. And look for the announcement of the formal dedication of the History Grove on a Sunday afternoon this Spring. We are still working out the details for this neighborhood celebration. We welcome ideas to make this a lovely event for all.

The water in The Park will be turned on again at the end of March and I ask your help in conserving this precious asset.

We have had significantly less rain in the past four months and it is hard to know what the weather will be like this year. Many of us have lived through periods of serious drought in Durham and know the importance of conservation of this resource. The water is there for thirsty people (and pets) and thirsty plants. It is not there for water play by children or adults.

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Foundation Update, *continued from page 4*

Our **Little Free Library** has been well used and well stocked, thanks to donations from neighbors and The Herald-Sun. The newspaper generously offered a large selection of new books last year. The LFL continues to receive the care and attention it deserves from



Katie and Sue Concannon, whose stewardship is essential. The LFL could not function without the storage, monitoring and general help they provide. The Foundation is grateful to them both! We also appreciate the respect and care users of the LFL continue to show. Remember to donate a book when you take a book. And keep in mind that children's books and young adult books are always needed.

Work is progressing on the relocation of the existing sign from the Main Street median to the Markham Avenue median, the installation of the Marie Austin **art** on the Markham Avenue median and the installation of the new

artful sign on Main. Progress has been slow but steady as we volunteers work on the details with the artists and the City of Durham.

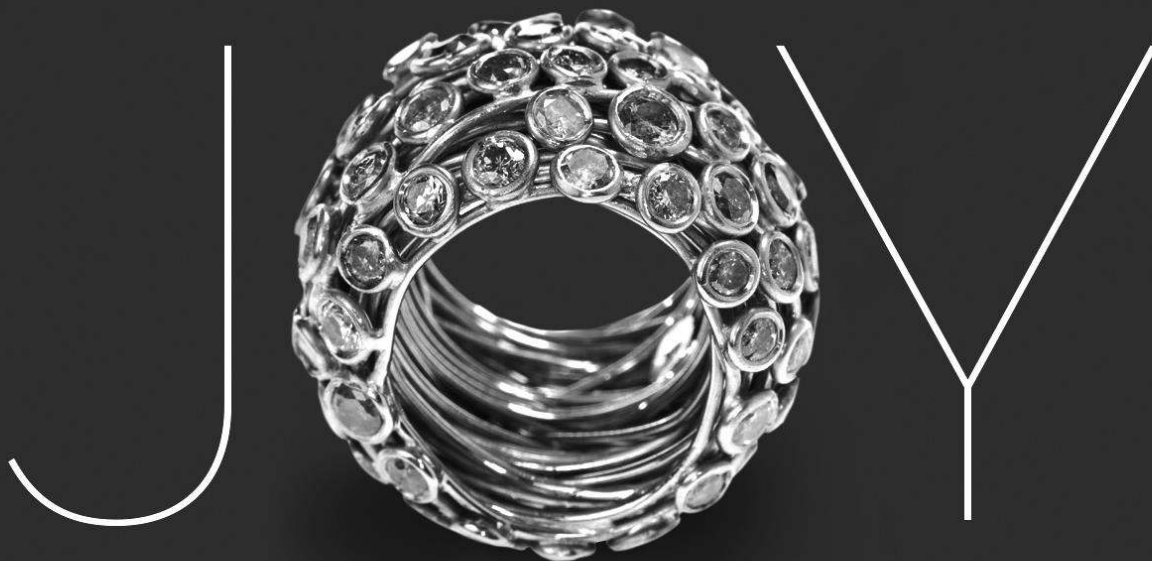
We will have a **median clean up** on Trinity Avenue in March so look for details on the ListServe. If you live near the circles in the north end and are willing to assist with weeding and mulching one or more of these three spaces, please contact me. If I have time, I will come help you!

Our song of "one hour of your time" continues to be sung because a crew of six to eight people can accomplish A GREAT DEAL in one hour!

If you have other ideas, or are willing to assist with any of our endeavors, please contact Julia Borbely-Brown, President of The Foundation, at Julia.borbely-brown@self-help.org.

The Foundation Board includes the five officers of TPNA (Marc Phillips, Andrew Stark, Andrew Phillips, Diane Damato and Don Ball) and six at-large seats (Julia Borbely-Brown, Linda Wilson, Shelley Dekker, Gil Wheless and David C. Smith), with one vacancy to be filled in March.

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Tree Advocacy and "Trees Over Durham Forum"

by Cavett French

You may remember seeing a request last year on our list serve for support of Durham's urban forest. The group that formed to publicize and promote the needs of our urban forest, the Durham Tree Advocates, is still active and continues to lobby the City Council for increased funding for new trees, particularly in our low-wealth neighborhoods, and for maintenance of our older trees. We hope you will join us by emailing or calling City Council members to express your interest in seeing our city become a place of shade and beauty for everyone. You can email the Mayor & Council members here: council@durhamnc.gov. Your calls and emails really DO make a difference!

The Durham Tree Advocates are also holding the "Trees Over Durham Forum" on April 25 at the Durham Arts Council. Sponsored by our very own Vaguely Reminiscent as well as tree care company Leaf & Limb, the Forum will run from 2:30pm to 8:00pm and is open to all and will promote a better understanding of our tree canopy and its benefits and give all who attend a chance to voice their opinions and suggestions about our urban forest. Details about the program are still being worked out, but there will be an announcement with the particulars on the neighborhood list serves. If you have questions or comments, please email me at cavettf@mindspring.com.

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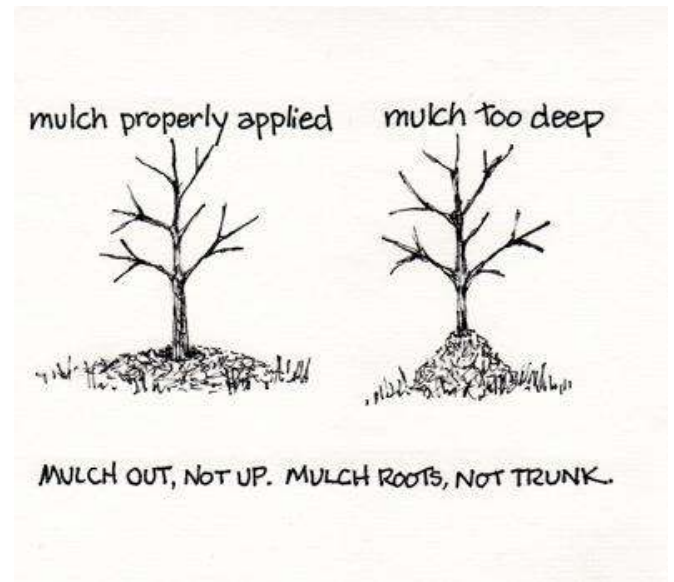
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How to Mulch and Water a Young Tree

by Shelley Dekker

The City of Durham has planted 27 young trees in Trinity Park this winter. In most cases, the City has provided mulch at the base of the tree. The tree committee would like to make sure that neighbors understand how mulch should be placed near the base of a tree. Sometimes we see the improper technique that is referred to as "volcano mulching," where mulch has been piled up around a tree's base. This is devastating to a tree and will eventually kill it. Mulch is used to hold moisture in the soil around a tree's roots. If the moisture is held instead around the tree's trunk, it will cause the trunk to decay and lead to fungus, pest invasion, and decay. The drawing shows proper and improper mulching techniques. Mulch should be applied at a depth of 2-3 inches and should not touch the tree's trunk.

Remember to water young trees, especially during periods of heat and drought. A 15-gallon treegator bag that is zipped around the base of the tree is a great aid. Filled once or twice a week, the bag allows water to drip deep into the soil without running off, thereby hastening root establishment.



Durham Bicycle Boulevards and Durham Area Designers Present:

Co-Design Session Primer – What are Bicycle Boulevards?

Thu Mar 23 6pm-7:30pm

Rigsbee Hall, 208 Rigsbee Avenue

Transportation staff and members of the Durham Bicycle Boulevard board will showcase the concept, as implemented elsewhere in the world and potentially in Durham, and set the programming for Saturday's co-design session.

Bicycle Boulevard Co-Design Session

Sat Mar 25 9am-2pm

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Featured Business: Song of Sixpence

By Shelley Dekker

Peg Palmer opened her clothing and variety store Song of Sixpence at Brightleaf Square in late 2016. The store is located inside Brightleaf Square between Pine Cone Ice Cream and Indio. It is open noon to 6:00pm, Tuesday-Sunday. Here is what she had to say about her store:

What three things would you like Trinity Park residents to know about Song of Sixpence?

Song of Sixpence was named for a nursery rhyme, and the name seemed to embody a reference to value and creativity. We carry fundamental, classic lines that expand on the clothes in a person's closet, items from Iridium and Fat Hat Design that pair well with solid colors, a variety of textures and the different sleeve and hem lengths of Tees by Tina. We started in Ligonier, Pennsylvania, just south of Pittsburgh in 2010 and have been having fun with women, clothes and music ever since.

Why did you choose this neighborhood to open your store?

Brightleaf was being renovated when I came to Durham in the late seventies, and it was one of the projects that changed this town. It gave an example of what could be, excited people about historic preservation, and foreshadowed the development that continues to make Durham unique. Trinity Park was full of students and young families who loved architecture and color, and they just keep coming. It is fun to cater to clients like that!

What has been the biggest surprise or unexpected result since you opened for business?

The biggest surprise was how collaborative the merchants at Brightleaf and on Main Street are together. The compatibility makes for a festive and social atmosphere on a campus that is fun to walk. It attracts more out of town visitors than I imagined.

Are you planning any changes to the store in the future?

Song of Sixpence began as a variety store and continues that with unexpected special values and quirky lines like EYEBOS and HOTCAKES jewelry, kitchen/garden aprons from Bloem Linen in France, along with regional artist creations any time we can fit them in. Look for new items for men and children, Scamps Toffee and antler jewelry!



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A black and white advertisement for Duke School. The top section features the text "THREE-YEAR-OLDS TO 8TH GRADE" and "WWW.DUKESCHOOL.ORG". Below this is a large image of two young boys sitting on the floor, playing with wooden blocks. Overlaid on the image is the text "CREATING... CRITICAL THINKERS". At the bottom, there is a circular logo with the text "TOUR WITH US TODAY!" and the phone number "919.416.9420". The Duke School logo is also present. The bottom of the advertisement features the text "EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION SINCE 1947".

Luminaria Recap

By Ted Snyderman

On Sunday, December 18th of 2016 we were fortunate to again have the organizational might of Girl Scout Troop 3799 behind Luminaria. Despite poor weather not being in our favor this time, we were able to raise the same amount of money as the prior year due to the girls' hard work. And as always, for those who participated, it was a beautiful sight to behold. Please keep an eye out next Winter for your opportunity to take part in this special Trinity Park tradition.

Easter Egg Hunt Upcoming in April

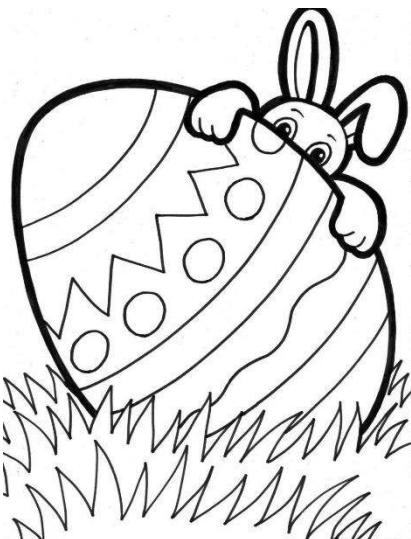
By Steven Falzarano

The Trinity Park Neighborhood Association would like to welcome families with young children to join us for the Spring Easter Egg Hunt, on **Saturday, April 15th at 10:00 am**. The Hunt will take place at the Southeast corner of East Campus near the Gazebo. Please plan to arrive at **9:30 – 9:45 am** for instructions before the hunt. The Hunt will begin promptly at 10:00 am, and thousands of eggs will be waiting to be collected! So grab your basket or bucket and come on out and hunt for some eggs! There will also be several eggs this year containing golden tickets that can be redeemed for special prizes!

Most likely after the hunt, the ladies of Alpha Phi sorority will host a mini-carnival with games and a raffle. The Easter Bunny will be stopping by as well. Bring cash for these activities.

All children are welcome to participate in the hunt and younger and older children will have separate areas to hunt in for their eggs. After gathering eggs, we ask that you empty the contents of your eggs into your baskets and be sure to return the plastic eggs to the bins near the Gazebo so we can re-use them another year. We look forward to another fun filled morning of egg hunting and festivities!

Additional information and details will be provided on the Trinity Park Neighborhood Association web site, www.trinitypark.org, and on the listerv.



Trinity Park Spring Egg Hunt, 2016

Looking for a way to contribute to the neighborhood? There are currently open positions for Trinity Park residents on the following TPNA Board Committees:

Communications - helps with the newsletter, website, and social media

Safety - neighborhood liaison with local law enforcement and related issues

Home Tour 2018 - organizer(s) for the Trinity Park Home Tour

If interested, please contact info@trinitypark.org or join us at a monthly meeting

Pops in the Park in Early May

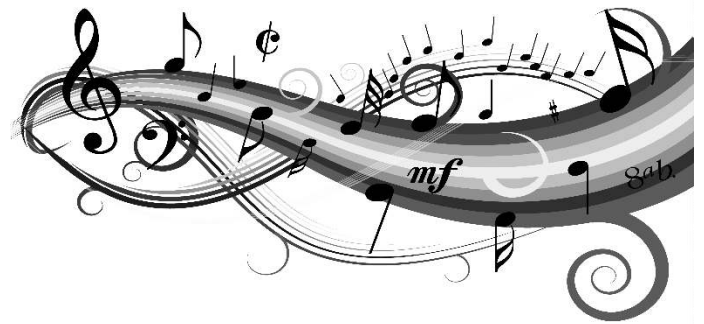
By Steve Falzarano

Trinity Park Neighbors, mark your calendars for Saturday, May 6 for the annual Durham Symphony "Pops in the Park" concert! This concert is brought to you by your neighbor Ellen Dagenhart and the TPNA. The Symphony's always popular Spring Pops in the Park concert series celebrates an enduring tradition of bringing classic and familiar American music to our communities. "We share our love of music with this entertaining program of selections that represent a bit of Americana," says Maestro Curry. The symphony will set up in the street in front of The Trinity Park, and neighbors are invited to bring their lawn chairs, blankets, and some refreshments. Neighbors are also encouraged to make an afternoon picnic in the park with family & friends. The symphony is a wonderful jewel and asset to the Durham community and we are fortunate that they are able to delight us each spring with this wonderful concert! The musicians will start to set up around 2:30pm and the concert will start promptly at 3:00pm and last until around 5:00pm.



The DSO and Maestro William Henry Curry, in rehearsal

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TPNA BOARD MEETINGS

First Wednesday of each month, 7:00pm. 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.

BLOSSOM GARDEN CLUB

Second Tuesday of the month, 10:00am. (September through May). Come learn and share gardening ideas. Contact Elisabeth Stagg (elisabeth.stagg@gmail.com) for more information.

BIKE BOULEVARD MEETINGS

March 23rd and 25th there will be open meetings pertaining to Bike Boulevard developments in Durham. See page 7 for more details.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Sunday, April 16th, at 9:30-9:45am with hunt beginning at 10:00am. The location is the East Campus Gazebo. See page 9 for more details.

POPS IN THE PARK

Saturday, May 6th, beginning promptly at 3pm. See page 10 for more details.

CLEANING AND PLANTING DAYS

The Trinity Park Foundation is sponsoring upcoming dates to help beautify the neighborhood. Please check the Trinity Park listserve for dates and details in the coming months.



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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!

To join or renew your membership, make checks payable to TPNA and send with a completed form to: TPNA Membership, P.O. Box 725, Durham, NC 27702. You can also join online at: <http://www.trinitypark.org>.

If you have questions about your membership status, email tpnamembership@trinitypark.org.

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