



Trinity Park news

SUMMER 2018

Freelancers Connect in the Neighborhood and Beyond

By Margaret McNab/Katy Dillard

Last summer our Trinity Park neighbor, Margaret McNab and her longtime collaborator Julienne Alexander, began hosting a series of happy hours for freelancers like themselves. They instantly struck a chord. In just eight months, the effort has amassed a network of nearly 800 independent creatives, technologists, and consultants, organized as the Freelance League of North Carolina.

A skilled connector of people and ideas, Margaret’s expertise is in PR and marketing strategy. She’s spent the majority of the past 15 years freelancing, getting her start in the music industry and honing her skills in tech. Margaret has held full-time positions at DCVB, and more recently, Smashing Boxes. In 2017, when her son turned a year old, she decided to return to freelance full-time, and saw the power in connecting this growing community of independent thinkers and doers.



“ KNOWING THAT THERE ARE OTHERS OUT THERE IN THE SAME HUSTLE WITH SIMILAR CHALLENGES AND JOYS IS COMFORTING. ”

According to the “Freelancing in America 2017” study (source: Upwork/Freelancers Union), there are more than 57 million independent workers across the country contributing an estimated \$1.4 trillion to the economy. Advances in technology have made it easier than ever to conduct work from home, find work opportunities online, and learn new skills.

Many choose freelance to diversify their experience, earn additional income, and respond to changes in the job market. In a recent survey of Freelance League of NC members, 85% gave flexibility as a top reason for choosing freelance work, and 79% reported being satisfied or very satisfied with their experience working independently.

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While many freelancers enjoy the freedom and flexibility, they may also seek the opportunity for community, support, and advocacy that organizations like the Freelance League of NC can provide. One member shared: “Knowing that there are others out there in the same hustle with similar challenges and joys is comforting.”

If you work for yourself or are considering it, you should connect with our neighbor Margaret McNab. To find out about upcoming events and/or get involved, sign up for the Freelance League newsletter at www.freelanceleague.co.



Neighbors enjoy a block party on Woodland Dr.
Photo provided by Sylvain D. Marguerat.

Block Party Grants Available for TPNA Residents

By Don Ball

This summer, get to know your neighbors and take advantage of TPNA’s block party grants.

The block party reimbursement program benefits our neighbors by providing support for block parties to: 1) foster camaraderie and neighborliness; 2) enhance awareness of the TPNA; 3) increase membership in the Trinity Park Neighborhood Association.

The program works like this:

- ❖ \$1 per attendee may be reimbursed for paper goods, plastic goods, or soft drinks, up to a value of \$25 per block party.
- ❖ Grants will be approved on a first-come, first-served basis, not to exceed the expense allocation in the annual TPNA budget.
- ❖ Blocks may be considered for grants every other year.
- ❖ The block party contact will provide copies of TPNA membership applications and present to attendees so that new members of the association may be recruited.

Grant applications will be approved in advance of events by the past-president of the TPNA. Reimbursements will be made by check from the treasurer of the TPNA. Reimbursement for expenses will be made post-event with the submission of receipts. Contact past president Don Ball at donball@duke.edu for more details!

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Home Tour Update

By Diane Amato

Trinity Park 2018 Home Tour

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Homes through the Decades

The past couple of newsletters have briefly mentioned this year's Home Tour. The theme for this tour is Homes through the Decades and it will highlight not only the architecture that has changed over six decades but also how Durham itself has grown.

In 1900 Durham had 6,679 residents and by 1920 this number had more than tripled to 21,719. Between the Duke's American Tobacco manufacturing, the new industry of electric power generation (Duke Power), and the growing textile industry, Durham was booming. And accompanying that boom, much of the city's residential and commercial buildings were constructed.

Here is a sneak peek at one of the homes on this year's tour:

Built in the 1920's, 505 North Gregson Street began as Graham's Grocery Store. By 1944 it became a Piggly Wiggly and by 1960 it was Edens Grocery and Drug. Today it is a private residence.

This image is from 2007. Be sure to join us on the tour in October to see how this building has been transformed.



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Public Art Coming Soon, courtesy of the Trinity Park Foundation, Inc.

By Katy Dillard

The Trinity Park Foundation, Inc. has donated two sculptures to the City of Durham, to be permanently installed in medians within the neighborhood. The works have been created by two local artists, Michael Waller and Al Frega.

“The Rising Flame” by Michael Waller

Some neighbors may remember Waller’s sculpture, “The Rising Flame”. It was originally installed on the lawn of the King’s Daughters Home and was displayed there for many years until the King’s Daughter’s Inn was established. The art was created as a memorial to Marie Austin, a lifelong supporter of the neighborhood. The sculpture has been in storage and will now be refurbished and placed at the east end of the Markham Avenue median. The top section of the piece consists of a forged bowl shape with various sized steel base tapered on the ends, representing a communal movement upwards toward preservation and growth. The ball entwined in the steel bar represents the unity guiding Trinity Park. The lower section of the piece represents the foundation and stability in which a community is built. The piece is approximately 7’ tall.

“Industrial Romantic” by Al Frega

Frega’s work “Industrial Romantic” started as a neighborhood sign update and grew into something bigger. He designed a tall sculpture using parts of the HVAC system from the Liggett & Meyers factory located just a few blocks east of the proposed installation site on the edge of Trinity Park’s border. The sculpture is 10’ tall and made of steel. It weighs 1,200 pounds, and will be painted following extensive grinding and finishing. It will be placed at the median at Main Street and Buchanan Boulevard to replace the existing neighborhood sign at that location. That sign, originally crafted in the 1990’s by another Durham artist, the late Francis Vega, will be refurbished and moved to the west side of the Markham median.

In March, the city’s Cultural Advisory Board and Public Art Committee voted unanimously to accept the donations. Neighbors may start to see installation progress soon and then get to experience these special additions to the neighborhood.



Julia Borbely-Brown and Don Ball stand with Al Frega’s 10’ tall “Industrial Romantic” sculpture.

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Summer Bees (makes me feel fine!)

By Matthew Yearout

In addition to being a Trinity Park neighbor on W Markham Ave, Matthew Yearout is the president of the Durham County Beekeeper Association and a TPNA board member. Below he shares some of his knowledge and perspective on beekeeping.

Summer is here! As a backyard beekeeper in the neighborhood, I was asked to offer a little insight into what is happening right now in the hive, and our backyards.

In Durham, and much of the piedmont, nearly all the honey stores are gathered in the spring. The main sources are comprised of the feral unkept corners of the city, along with various landscaping (particularly hollies and the linden trees downtown). Plants like dandelions, poison ivy, (fear not, there is no such thing as itchy honey), holy, blackberry, linden, and the cream of the crop, tulip poplar, all help make up the collective sources referred to as wildflower honey.

Once the blooms go to seed/fruit, the season is over and the dearth begins. This is a challenge since the hives have expanded from less than 10,000 bees over winter, to upwards of 60,000 bees come summer. The hard stop of the spring flowers, and the rising population, means that the bees will need to consume some of their honey stores to get through summer. There is usually plenty of surplus to share with the beekeeper, some years more than others. Frankly, this year's hard spring rains prevented the bees from foraging, and washed out the nectar from important plants like tulip poplar, resulting in less surplus honey.

There are some things that can be done to help get through the piedmont summer. High on the list is planting summer blooms. I understand insects better than I understand plants, so others may have suggestions that I may not know or have thought of. That said, some plants I have turned to are various types of sunflower, bee bee tree (top recommendation in Peter Lindtner's Garden Plants for Honeybees), mountain mint, and devils walking stick. I'm always open to more suggestions. It should be noted that honeybees practice flower fidelity. A scout finds a flower, tells some foragers, and the foragers then work those blooms and those blooms alone. This means they will not start pollinating tomatoes just because they are next to sunflowers. The fact is honeybees won't touch tomatoes. If you want to pollinate tomatoes, or have a particularly small garden with lots of variety, but in limited quantities, I'd suggest encouraging the more efficient mining, ground digging and mason bees, all of which are harmless. Although, like many of the blooms, many of the solitary bees disappear by summer.

That said, keeping the garden safe for any kind of bee is appreciated. Insecticides, fungicides and herbicides can all be detrimental if used improperly. I understand, I live here, I know mosquitoes are epic and I can watch poison ivy growing from my porch. Tipping standing pools of water should be the first mosquito defense, but if you give into spraying, make sure it is done right. Mid-day spraying on open blooms is not acceptable, and doubtful that it meets the manufacture's label. If you contract with a company, and you suspect they are taking short cuts, ask them about it. If they say it doesn't hurt the bees so it does not matter... I'd push back and ask to look at the application instructions.



Matthew Yearout, sharing his passion for beekeeping.

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LIBERTAD at George Watts Montessori

By Jessica Sperling and Cecilia Barja

George Watts Montessori launched LIBERTAD, a Spanish after school pilot program, in Spring 2018. LIBERTAD's central goal was to offer enrichment Spanish language instruction to Watts students and increase intercultural opportunities. It also aimed to elevate the valuation of Spanish language - for Spanish-speaking students, and also for non-Spanish speaking students - and inform a model that could be adopted by other local schools.

The first pilot session received 61 total interest forms for only 20 spots available, indicating high demand among families. Ultimately, we accommodated 54 students from 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade across two sessions. Each session lasted 8 weeks and met 1 afternoon per week. The program was open to native and non-native speakers, and 20% of participating students were native Spanish speakers; this provided them the opportunity to experience Spanish in a school setting and serve as models for their classmates.

This effort was led and coordinated by a team including two George Watts teachers, two instructors who joined specifically to teach Spanish, and two parents. In addition, the PTA board, the school principal, and the school bookkeeper played key roles. As we learned, having a strong, diverse and invested coordinating team was vital to the program's success. In addition, the program came to fruition thanks to the financial support of the PTA and a fee from the families who benefited; family contributions also allowed the creation of a scholarship fund.

We have a new set of goals to achieve next year: to build a more robust curriculum, to open the opportunity to more students, and to better use this program as a platform to connect families who have different cultural and language backgrounds. More broadly, we hope to continue to consider this program within the context of language justice, as one part of the larger process of addressing inequities within the school system.

LIBERTAD en George Watts Montessori

por Jessica Sperling y Cecilia Barja

George Watts Montessori lanzó LIBERTAD, un programa piloto de español que se realiza fuera del horario escolar, en la primavera de 2018. El objetivo central de LIBERTAD era ofrecer instrucción para enriquecer el español de los estudiantes de Watts y aumentar las oportunidades interculturales. Otro objetivo es valorar más el idioma español -para estudiantes de habla hispana y también para estudiantes que no hablan español-, y proponer un modelo que podría ser adoptado por otras escuelas locales.

La primera sesión piloto recibió 61 formularios de interés de las familias, para un capacidad de solo 20 plazas disponibles, lo que indica una gran demanda en la comunidad escolar. *...continúa en la página 7*

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Finalmente, acomodamos a 54 estudiantes de 1^o, 2^o y 3^o grado en dos sesiones. Cada sesión duró 8 semanas y se reunió una tarde por semana. El programa estaba abierto a estudiantes que hablan y no hablan español; el 20% de los estudiantes participantes hablan español; esto les brindó la oportunidad de experimentar el español en un ambiente escolar y servir como modelos para sus compañeros de clase.

Este esfuerzo fue dirigido y coordinado por un equipo que incluía a dos maestros de George Watts, dos instructores que se unieron específicamente para enseñar español y dos madres. Además, la junta del PTA, la Directora de la escuela y la contadora de la escuela desempeñaron un papel clave.



Uno de los aprendizajes de este piloto, fue tener un equipo de coordinación fuerte, diverso y comprometido con el éxito del programa. El programa se llevó a cabo gracias al apoyo financiero de la PTA y un aporte de las familias que se beneficiaron; las contribuciones familiares también permitieron crear un fondo de becas.

Tenemos nuevas metas para el próximo año: crear un plan de estudios más sólido, abrir la oportunidad a más estudiantes y utilizar mejor este programa como una plataforma para conectar a las familias con diversos orígenes culturales y de idioma. En términos más generales, esperamos seguir considerando este programa en el contexto de la justicia de lenguaje, como parte del proceso más amplio de abordar las inequidades dentro del sistema escolar.

Trinity Park Salon Series

By Para Drake and Marc Moskowitz

Celebrate the 8th season of Trinity Park Salon Series and take a break from the summer heat on **Sunday, June 24 @ 4 pm** for the '17-'18 Season Finale, featuring Cello Fourum, North Carolina's only professional cello quartet.

Fourum, comprised of three North Carolina Symphony cellists, Peng Li, David Meyer, Nathaniel Yaffe and your neighbor, cellist and Artistic Director, Marc Moskowitz, is a favorite in our series. The music of Rossini, Piazzolla, and more will delight you and your friends in the brand new home of Anne-Maria Makhulu and Michael Forhez, 1010 Englewood Ave. Please note: this is a shoe-less event; all shoes at the door.



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In other exciting news, we are pleased to announce the addition of long time supporters Lyell Wright and Richard Lopez to our board! Both bring a love of TPSS and chamber music. Doors open at 3:30 pm; \$20 charge includes “chamber music like it’s meant to be heard,” great hospitality, and fellowship with friends and neighbors! For more information, contact trinityparksalonseries@gmail.com or visit salonseries.org.

2018 TPNA Communications Survey: Thanks for the Feedback!

By Katy Dillard

In our last newsletter we asked for feedback on the neighborhood association's communications. We received 64 responses to our survey and below are a few of our takeaways:

- ❖ For responding to the survey, the randomly selected winner of two free tickets to the Trinity Park Home Tour is being contacted. Thank you to everyone for the valuable feedback!
- ❖ The neighborhood listserv and print newsletter are the most used and valued communication methods, used by 89% (listserv) and 86% (print newsletter) of respondents.
- ❖ Several commenters asked about moving to a digital newsletter rather than printed editions. To meet our goals of providing useful content to all Trinity Park neighbors, we are increasing the amount and frequency of new content published online through both social media and our website at trinitypark.org, while continuing to deliver printed editions of the newsletter on a quarterly basis to all Trinity Park households.
- ❖ Several people mentioned they were not aware of the neighborhood's social media presence. We will focus our efforts on Facebook for the time being, and will work to increase awareness for those who use social media. Find us at facebook.com/groups/Trinityparknc/.
- ❖ While the listserv is highly valued there were a few differing opinions around etiquette. The listserv is largely self-regulated, but there are guidelines and volunteer moderators whose efforts we thank. Please review the guidelines if you haven't seen them in a while at bit.ly/listservguide.
- ❖ A few listserv sites were suggested as alternatives to Yahoo Groups, including Google Groups and Nextdoor. The board has reviewed some of these options in the past, but has not chosen to make a change due to the popularity of the current listserv, considerations around privacy, administrative control, and available resources. If you would like to present a recommendation, consider attending one of the monthly TPNA board meetings held the first Wednesday of each month.
- ❖ Fifty-six percent of survey respondents have lived in the neighborhood for 10 or more years, and 67% are TPNA members. Thirteen percent said they are not sure if they are members - you can request a membership status update at trinitypark.org/contact-tpna.

Local Business Spotlight: freelightphoto

By Katy Dillard



Did you know that there is a photographer who lives around the corner from you, with an indoor and outdoor photography studio? Can (pronounced like "Jon") Dickerson is a portrait photographer who calls Trinity Park her residence and place of business. She runs freelightphoto from her home studio and also enjoys capturing images of the neighborhood. Can took a moment to share her passion for photography and for Trinity Park.

What three things would you like Trinity Park residents to know about freelightphoto?

I specialize in portrait photography. My business of photography is all about families, children, grandparents, teenagers, friends, singles, and couples. I welcome everyone from different backgrounds, ethnic groups, beliefs and lifestyles. I bring you my 25 years of love, experience, and knowledge for photography.

I like both traditional and contemporary styles of photography, and I love using natural and studio light. My studio in Trinity Park, has all the necessary and professional equipment to accommodate different styles, and customers with different photography needs.

Customized and timely service are two main principles of my photography services. Every service I offer is customizable to accommodate client needs. Waiting time for final edited images in not more than 24 hours.

Why did you choose Trinity Park to open your business?

My family and I moved to Trinity Park a few years ago. We wanted to be in a neighborhood where people say "hi" to each other on the street when their paths cross, where there is a story behind every street, where there are more trees than buildings. I personally wanted to live somewhere where I will be inspired by its beauty, history, and uniqueness. That is why Trinity Park, and our house at North Gregson Street, led me to use the part of our basement and our back yard for my photography business.

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

Since I moved my business to Trinity Park, I have received nothing but positive feedback about how beautiful my location is and they are very pleased to have their sessions here.

Do have any exciting plans or changes for your business in the near future?

In the near future, I plan to add art/photography classes for hobby photographers who are willing to switch their cameras to manual mode.

Any additional comments?

Give me a call, check out my website, instagram page, drop me a line, let me know when you want a family photo shoot, need to update your professional image, or have an event where you want professional quality images, alongside those taken by your guests' phones...



Photo provided by Can Dickerson

TPNA 2018 Annual Spring Egg Hunt Recap

By Steven Falzarano

We had another incredible Trinity Park Neighborhood Association (TPNA) Egg Hunt this past March 31st. It was a gorgeous day on Duke's East Campus and it was great to see all the kids, parents, grandparents, neighbors and friends come out for a morning of community and fun. This is what being a neighborhood is all about!

The hunt this year included almost 3000 eggs filled with candy and prizes. And, no egg was left to hatch! Sixty Golden Tickets were hidden in some of those eggs entitling the lucky holder to a larger prize. And, as always, the Easter Bunny on hand to greet the children and take pictures.

The Alpha Phi sorority held a raffle which raised \$210 to benefit the Duke Children's Hospital. Kelsey Lansdale and all of the Alpha Phi sisters have been partnering with TPNA for a number of years to help make the Annual Egg Hunt a fun and memorable time and a continuing success!

Matthew Yearout (see page 5) displayed a live working bee hive. Kids of all ages were entertained and educated by Matthew on the importance of bees in our environment. Thank you, Matthew, for sharing your bees.

An enormous thanks goes to my co-coordinator Can Dickerson, as well as Sam Miglarese and April Dudash from the Duke Office of Durham and Regional Affairs for prize donations and their general support and advertising of the event. Trinity Park is fortunate to have such a wonderful neighbor and partner as Duke University.

A special thanks goes to the members of the Durham School of the Arts Octagon Community Service Club (including teacher and advisor Theresa DelDotto) who volunteered on a Saturday morning – you were a tremendous help; we could not have hidden all those eggs without you. And to the club member who graciously volunteered to be the Easter Bunny – you did a fabulous job and made the kids very happy!

Lastly, thanks to TPNA for supporting the Annual Egg Hunt, and to all of the neighbors who donated candy and prizes, helped stuff eggs, and volunteered to help with this truly community wide event. Mark your calendars; the next Egg Hunt is on Saturday, April 20, 2019!

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Save the Date for National Night Out in Trinity Park

By Steven Falzarano

Tuesday, August 7th, 6PM at Trinity Park

Every year since 1984 the National Association of Town Watch has sponsored National Night Out, (NNO). The city of Durham has participated for many years with National Association to support and sponsor local community events and activities. This year's National Night Out date is Tuesday, August 7th, and the Trinity Park Neighborhood Association, in conjunction with the City of Durham Police Department, is sponsoring a NNO community event and activities in Trinity Park.

The event is meant to increase awareness about police programs in communities, such as drug prevention, town watch, neighborhood watch, and other anti- crime efforts. But the event is so much more for our Trinity Park community. It is a chance to come out and meet your neighbors and friends for an evening of socializing and to meet new and old neighbors, form friendships, and to support and promote efforts to improve our Trinity Park neighborhood!

This year's Trinity Park NNO event will take place in Trinity Park on Tuesday, August 7th beginning at 6PM. All are invited to join us for activities and to meet local officials.

The Trinity Park Neighborhood Association will be providing beverages and snacks, and there will be activities for the kids! More details will follow on the listserv.

We are also looking for volunteers to help organize events, setup and take down tables, help with activities, and cleanup. Ideas for events are welcome! Please contact Steven Falzarano at falzos8077@aol.com for more information. Please look for additional information on the Trinity Park listserv and web site as the date approaches.



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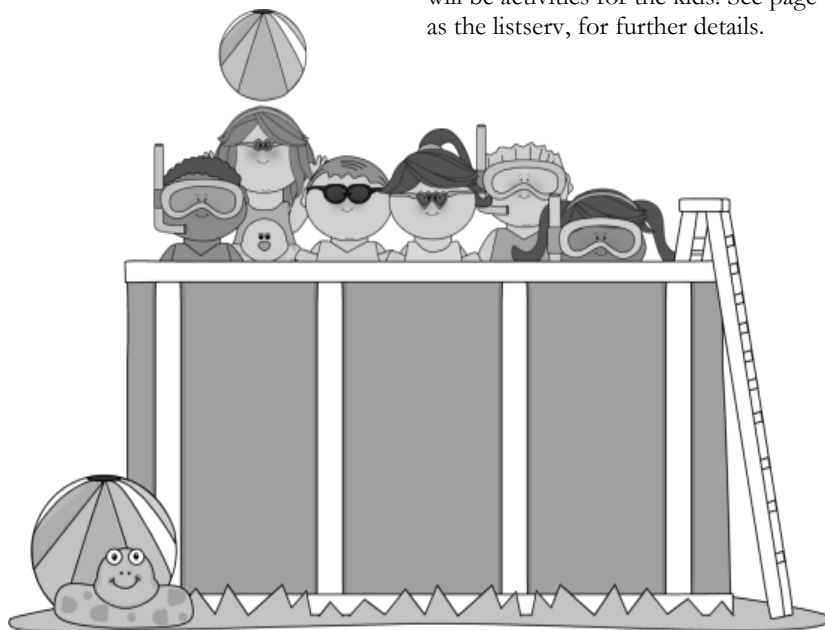
7pm on Wednesdays, monthly (**June 6th**, **August 1st**). Note: there is no Board meeting in July. (Have a Happy July 4th!) All Trinity Park residents are invited and encouraged to attend monthly TPNA board meetings, typically held on the first Wednesday of each month in the George Watts Montessori School Media Center. Come join us to greet your neighbors and learn about events and issues important to our neighborhood.

TRINITY PARK SALON SERIES

Sunday, **June 24th** at 4:00pm at the brand new home of Anne-Maria Makhulu and Michael Forhez, 1010 Englewood Ave. The concert will be the '17-'18 Season Finale, featuring Cello Fourum, North Carolina's only professional cello quartet. See pg. 7 for additional information.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

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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>.

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