



Trinity Park news

WINTER 2018

Leaving a Solid Foundation for Us All – A Brief History

By Julia Borbely-Brown

It is in the shelter of each other that the people live. **Irish Proverb**

After seven years as President, I am stepping down from my official role with the Trinity Park Foundation Inc. (“The Foundation”). As I depart from the Board I have been offered this opportunity to provide some information to you and also to editorialize. It still surprises me that some people are not familiar with our neighborhood's nonprofit foundation. It was formed in 1980 with the initial charge of purchasing the land that is now The Park on the corner of Trinity Avenue and Watts Street. That land was about to be developed into a large apartment building as the City of Durham and others wrote off our neighborhood as undesirable and unlivable. After all, who would want to live inside the City, within walking distance of downtown, Duke and other places?



Julia Borbely-Brown (right), Shelley Dekker, and Cavett French dedicate Trinity Park History Grove in 2018.

The Foundation still owns The Park and leases it to the City of Durham as part of the Parks and Recreation system. For many years The Park was the only focus of The Foundation. Over the years The Foundation added the gazebo and helped make improvements to the play areas and the planting beds. But at some point, The Foundation went into sleep mode and ceased to function. In 2011, as I was about to step into my third term as President of Trinity Park Neighborhood Association (“TPNA”), I explored what had happened. With

members of TPNA, we reactivated The Foundation, revising the Bylaws to expand the Board and adding the work of the Tree Committee as an official charge of The Foundation.

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- Join the neighborhood listserv at groups.yahoo.com/groups/TrinityPark/
- Send your ideas or feedback to editor@trinitypark.org
- Attend a TPNA meeting the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at George Watts Montessori
- Visit our website at trinitypark.org

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The Foundation is connected to TPNA in that The Foundation's Board includes the five elected officers of TPNA's Board plus six additional members at-large who are elected according to the bylaws. There are no other members of The Foundation. The Foundation provides reports and information to TPNA at least annually. In 2014 TPNA gave The Foundation greater designated responsibility for neighborhood capital improvements. With this charge, The Foundation now focuses on four areas: The Park, medians, public art in the neighborhood and trees.

If anyone would like more information, feel free to email me at juliaborbelybrown@yahoo.com and I will endeavor to give you as much history, background, vision and hope as my memory and decades in the neighborhood can provide. In many ways The Foundation, like the neighborhood itself, has been a model for public-private partnerships with our park, tree replenishment and now our donations of art.

The Foundation is now in the capable hands of Don Ball as President. I am no longer eligible to remain on the Board but my personal support will remain strong. I am not leaving Trinity Park. I am confident that the work will continue in the four major areas of responsibility. But please keep in mind that The Foundation needs YOU. With just eleven members, The Foundation relies on considerable volunteer help in order to accomplish the goals set each year. While substantial financial assistance is provided by the TPNA Home Tour and also from generous individual contributions, money alone cannot get the work done.

Beyond the tasks themselves, I believe working with neighbors (weeding in the medians, raking leaves in The Park, joining with The Blossom Garden Club to enhance the beds in The Park, planting trees, helping with the Art Committee, cleaning up litter, recycling hazardous waste) is a wonderful way to make connections and strive for the good of the entire neighborhood, no matter what our philosophies or politics might be. We can truly find common ground, if you will pardon the pun, as we work side-by-side. So I will continue to make requests for "one hour" of your time as we have jobs to do in each season. And I hope to see you around the neighborhood.



Outgoing TPNA Foundation President Julia Borbely-Brown and incoming President Don Ball stand with Al Frega's 10' tall "Industrial Romantic" sculpture, now installed in the median at Main St. and Buchanan St.

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2018 Home Tour Recap

by Diane Amato

What a great home tour we had this year!! Seven homes ranging in age from the 1900's through 2017. It was amazing to see how the architecture changed decade to decade from the grand staircase of the 1910 home, the 1918 Gable Front Bungalow, a Ranch from the 1950s, a 1949 Minimal Traditional house, as well as a brand new home built in the Craftsman design to blend in with the architectural design of Trinity Park. We are so grateful to all these homeowners for sharing their homes:

Diane Amato

Don Ball

Michael Forhez and Anne-Maria Makhulu

Allen Gant

Joe and Karalyn Colopy

Lori Leachman

THANK YOU ALL!!

Between the 400 people that came out to view these houses and the 25 ad sponsors we raised over \$14,000 for the neighborhood! The funds raised from the Trinity Park Home Tour are used for beautification of the neighborhood, maintenance and improvements for public areas, landscaping in medians and traffic circles, and commissioned artwork.

It takes a great deal of people to put on a home tour and we are thankful to the many docents and this team of volunteers who worked to make this happen:

Chair: Diane Amato

House Selection Chair: Don Ball

Booklet Designer: Katy Dillard

House Writer: Shelley Dekker

House Writer: Cynthia deMiranda

House Writer: Rob Emerson

House Writer: Jan Hessling

House Writer: Tom Miller

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The next Trinity Park Home Tour will be in 2020. Stay tuned!!

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TPNA Annual Meeting and Open Board Positions!

by Marc Phillips

On Wednesday, January 23rd, 2019 the TPNA Annual Meeting will be held in the Media Center at Watts Montessori at 7pm. This year's event will feature public elections for new Board members, updates from the President and committees, and Q&A session for attending neighbors. We wish to thank our departing Board members and welcome in advance a slate of new neighbors elected to serve. If you have been considering participation on the TPNA Board, please contact info@trinitypark.org to learn more. Open positions include Vice President and three Director positions (aka general Board members). Food and drinks will be provided. Have a happy holidays, and we'll see you in the New Year!

Nearby Developments Update

By various

Northgate Mall

Recent reports indicate that Northgate Mall may face foreclosure in the next month if Northgate Associates, LLLP is not able to pay more than \$60 million owed to investors. This does not necessarily mean that the mall will cease operations, but depending on the outcome, the property could be sold or redeveloped in the future. Northgate has been part of the community for more than 60 years, and despite losing anchor stores like Macy's, still offers plenty of shopping and food options and has made efforts to continue to draw neighbors and customers with events like the Durham Roots farmers' market and live music series. Currently, the mall is holiday-ready with decorations, photos with Santa, the Polar Express Train, and holiday music performances. Because it's a commercially-zoned property it's unlikely that the neighborhood would have a say in the matter, but TPNA will monitor developments.



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South Ellerbe Creek Wetlands Project (shared by Paul Cardile)

At this time, site construction activity is on a planned hold until all approvals and permits have been issued by the regulatory authorities. Once all approvals and permits are issued, expected by mid-2019, remaining demolition work and construction of the wetlands and amenities will commence. Additional design development is underway by City Staff and the environmental/engineering consultant to support the submissions for approvals and eventual bidding and construction. Entering South Ellerbe Creek Wetlands on Google or other internet browser will provide many details and renderings of the completed project.

Beth El Renovations (November update, shared by Alan Friedman)

As of Mid-November 2018, CT Wilson has made substantial progress on framing Beth El's new additions in the past month, and has just started putting the "air barrier" on areas with new exterior siding. This is the blue coat that is going up over the purple sheathing. It will prevent humid air from penetrating through the walls. After the air barrier is up, the masonry crew is coming back out to put a brick veneer over the new walls.

The pergola on the front of the building is completely framed up, and CT Wilson is putting the roof on it now. They are also putting the new roof on the main building. They plan to begin installing windows by mid-December. After windows are installed, the building will be "dried in," which means it will be impervious to rain and snow.



Wood and metal framing is continuing inside the building, as are electrical, plumbing, and HVAC "rough-ins". Most interior wall framing is now in place, including the elevator shaft. Electrical conduit and outlet boxes are visible throughout those walls, and plumbing pipe "stub outs" are in place in the future bathroom areas.

The Kitchen Committee has finalized and placed our kitchen equipment order, and we expect to receive the major appliances in February. The Finishes Selection Committee has also finished selecting carpet, paint and light fixtures.

While some use of the main building is hoped for by mid-2019, the ultimate goal is that the synagogue be open and fully welcoming in advance of the 2019 (aka 5780) Jewish High Holidays.

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Trinity Park Neighborhood Association Events – A Year in Pictures




Egg Hunt

On March 31, almost 3,000 eggs were filled with candy and prizes and scattered across Duke's East Campus for the annual egg hunt. It was a beautiful spring day that brought out kids, parents, grandparents, and even a bunny. Next year's event will be Sat., April 20, 2019!

National Night Out

On Aug. 7, National Night Out brought together neighbors for end of summer fun in a safe and secure environment. Hot dogs were on the grill, kids played in the grass, and several Durham Police Department officers stopped by to join. Next year's event will be Tues., Aug. 6, 2019.





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Volunteer Plantings

Thank you to the dedicated volunteers who loaned their gardening skills to the neighborhood, helping to clean up the park, put out mulch, and add new plantings. Our green spaces would not look as good without the hours these folks put in on multiple occasions (and even in the rain!)



Halloween in Trinity Park

The Trinity Park was full of decorations and costumes for the neighborhood's annual Halloween event. Neighbors in the surrounding area reported thousands of trick or treaters.

Keep Your Holiday Spirit Secure with These Package Safety Tips

By Ron Gallagher

There's nothing like some package thief or a stranger going through your car to take the shine off the holiday spirit, but you can help yourself make that less likely to happen.

Packages: It's a boom time for UPS, FedEx, USPS and anyone else whose business is delivering holiday goodies and gifts ordered online. Unfortunately, a busy delivery season can lead to a busy "un-delivery" season by package thieves, a.k.a the notorious porch pirate.

If you and your route delivery person do not have a special place where your packages can go without being seen by a light-fingered passing person while no one is home, think about having orders delivered to your workplace. With services like Amazon, you only need to put the details in once for the address to be there anytime you need it. You can also have Amazon purchases delivered to lockers located at Whole Foods on Broad St., and many mailing services offer to hold packages for pick-up.

Police have one plea to help reduce thefts from -- or of -- cars, and it's made every day year round: Lock your car! Most thefts from cars happen when someone, or a group of someones, goes through a neighborhood checking for unlocked doors. Most thieves want easy, not noisy, all other things being equal.

Another recommended strategy is to not leave anything attractive in sight in your car. Some people say they leave their cars unlocked because they don't want to deal with broken glass. Whether you lock or not, don't leave things visible that invite a problem.

The holiday season makes that last point even more important. If you get home from shopping and you're tired, dredge up the little bit of extra energy it takes to bring in your purchases. And when you're out acquiring those items, put them in the trunk (or covered in the back if you're driving an SUV) during shopping stops. If you like what you bought, someone else might like it too. But they're not looking to pay the price you did.

Last and very much not least, call police if something doesn't look or feel right. If it's an emergency -- if you see a crime in progress or someone in danger, call 911. If it's not an emergency, don't doubt your instincts, call the Durham PD non-emergency line at 919-560-4600 or 4601. Cops can't cope with crime they don't know about. Commanders allocate resources based on what they know is going on, not what they don't know.

Call first. After that is time to post an alert for your neighbors or ask for advice.

Enjoy a Romantic Evening with Trinity Park Salon Series

By Para Drake



Trinity Park Salon Series is breaking new ground with its first evening concert, Wednesday, Feb. 13, 7:30pm. Cellist Marc Moskovitz and pianist Larry Todd will celebrate Valentine's Eve with lush and lovely romantic selections by Chopin, Popper, and contemporary American composer Bruce Wolosoff. If you love the cello or are looking for a romantic night out, you won't want to miss it.

In the middle of its ninth season, Trinity Park Salon Series is a nonprofit 501-C3 organization that sponsors concerts in homes to give neighbors and friends an opportunity to hear

"Chamber music like it's meant to be heard." Professional musicians provide the programs, led by Artistic Director, Marc Moskovitz.

Doors will open at 7:00 pm for first-come seating. \$20 per person includes the concert, food, and drinks with neighbors and friends.

Contact Trinity Park Resident and Board Member, Robert Gutman, ragutman@thegutmans.net, to learn how you can be a sustainer of this concert series!



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2018 Halloween Recap

By Steven Falzarano

WOW! What a wonderful Halloween event we had this year in Trinity Park! The weather could not have been more perfect, and I think we had more kids and parents attend than ever before, and even a few pets. Everyone was decked out in their finest Halloween costumes. And as always, a great time had by all, and a great way to see friends and neighbors in a safe and fun environment. The Trinity Park Neighborhood Association graciously sponsors this event every year and we could not do so without the support and help of our neighbors. Events like this are what make Trinity Park such a great place to live!

We had fun activities at the craft table where kids were able to decorate and personalize their own Halloween bag, and everyone got a Glo Stick to help keep them safe as darkness fell. It was great to see everyone enjoying themselves and playing on the playground equipment.

We also had some truly great and creative costumes this year. Congratulations to the costume contest prize winners! All of the costumes were fabulous and it was difficult for the judges to choose.



This year's winners were:

First Place – Coco – Miguel & Mama Jimelda

Second Place – Wicked With & God Witch – (Galinda & Elphaba)

Third Place – Headless Girl – Soleil Reale

Putting on an event like this is only possible with the support and help from our great Trinity Park neighbors, volunteers, and local businesses! So, a very special thanks to Paul Cardile, & David Atwater for helping to decorate Trinity Park and helping to run the event. And thanks to neighbors Gay

Bonds and Susan Cocannon for helping out during the event and ensuring that things went smoothly at the craft table and with the Glo Sticks. Special thanks to Mike and Mary Lee who were our judges for the Best Costume Contest - no easy task with all the great costumes to choose from. And thank you to Debbie Dobbins and Bonny Moellenbrock for their very generous donations of Halloween candy.

I would also like to thank our supporters and sponsors, without whose help, we could not have had our costume contest prizes. Thank you to the Duke Lemur Center, Morgan Imports, and Sky Zone Trampoline Park who graciously donated the wonderful prizes. Please don't forget to support these and other local businesses during the Holiday season, and all year long for that matter! And lastly, and on behalf of the Trinity Park Neighborhood Association, thanks to all the neighbors who attended the event – you all helped to make this a wonderful time for the kids and the community. We look forward to seeing you again next year!

Lighten Up with Luminaria 2018

By Liz Healey, Mollie Flowe, and Karalyn Colopy

Trinity Park Luminaria will take place on Sunday, December 16, with all proceeds benefiting Habitat for Humanity of Durham. Neighbors for Habitat (N4H) will be organizing this year's luminaria sales. N4H is a large group of Trinity Park neighbors and friends who have come together to sponsor and build a Habitat home. Through N4H's efforts this year, a hard-working low-income family of seven will soon move into an affordable, new and safe home on E. Enterprise St. in Durham's Southside neighborhood.

The Luminaria tradition reminds us how fortunate we are to live in beautiful Trinity Park surrounded by kind and compassionate neighbors. Thank you for lighting up our streets and for supporting N4H. Look out for more details on the listserv and Facebook. We look forward to building another home with Trinity Park neighbors in 2019. Happy holidays to all!

Activities for Kids & Adults During the Holidays

By Steven Falzarano

School breaks will be upon us again shortly and I know many of our parents are looking for activities for kids to do during the holidays and when school is out. Alas, do not despair, there are a number of local activities ranging from educational, adventure, outdoor, and interactive, all right here in the Triangle and Triad area!

One of our most fun and local educational activities is the **Duke Lemur Center**. This is a fantastic organization dedicated to the study and conservation of Lemurs. The Duke Lemur Center is the world's largest and most diverse collection of lemurs – Earth's most threatened group of mammals – outside of Madagascar. The center regularly conducts individual and group tours. Reservations are required. <https://lemur.duke.edu/>

And if you love animals, check out check out local petting zoos and other fun activities at: <http://fun4raleighkids.com/Fun-Around-Town/Animal-Encounters/>

Our wonderful universities also offer some great activities. Duke University has the **Nasher Art Museum**, <https://nasher.duke.edu/> and University of North Carolina has the **Ackland Art Museum**, <https://ackland.org/>. And don't forget the **Morehead Planetarium and Science Center** at UNC. <http://moreheadplanetarium.org/>

There is also the **North Carolina Museum of Life and Science**. Over 84 acres of indoor/outdoor activities to explore, 60 live animal exhibitions, and the always popular Butterfly House! Great way to spend the day! <http://www.lifeandscience.org/>

Another local activity is **The Sky Zone Trampoline Park**, another way for kids to have fun. Sky Zone is a family entertainment center, located at Northgate Mall. <http://www.skyzone.com/>

And if you are looking for something outdoors on a beautiful Fall day, there is some great local hiking at Umstead State Park, Eno River State Park, Falls Lake Recreation Area, and many others which can be found at: <https://www.ncparks.gov>

There are also many other activities to choose from in the surrounding area. Check out: **Frankie's Fun Park**: Go-karts, laser tag, batting cages, bumper boats, flight simulators, mini-golf, arcade games & more. <https://frankies.com/> Or... **Wheels Fun Park**: Roller skating rink, play gym, go-karts, batting cages, mini golf, the outdoor maze & more. wheelsfamilyfunpark.com

Or you may want to try rock wall climbing at **Climb Progression** or the **Triangle Rock Club**.
<http://www.climbprogression.com/> <https://www.trianglerockclub.com>

Never a shortage of things to do! Some other things and activities to do in the central North Carolina area include:

NC Museum of Natural Sciences in Raleigh <https://naturalsciences.org/>

NC Museum of History in Raleigh www.ncmuseumofhistory.org

Marbles Kids Museum/IMAX in Raleigh <http://www.marbleskidsmuseum.org/>

Greensboro Science Center in Greensboro <http://www.greensboroscience.org/>

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TPNA BOARD MEETINGS

7pm on Wednesdays, monthly. The December meeting is on **Dec. 5th**. Then the January meeting is the TPNA Annual Meeting, taking place on Wednesday, **Jan. 23rd**. See page 4 for additional details. There is no February meeting, after which the standard schedule of 1st Wednesday resumes in March. 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

Winter Salon Series event on:

- Wednesday, **Feb. 13th**, 7:30pm, Romantic selections including Chopin and Popper, Location: TBA

See page 8 for additional information.

TRINITY PARK LUMINARIA

Sunday, **Dec. 16th**, benefitting Neighbors for Habitat. See page 9 for more information. Also, look out for more details on the listserv and on Facebook.

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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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