



# Trinity Park news



## Re-development of Northgate Mall

By Waugh Wright

On Saturday, April 24th, the Walltown Community Association (WCA), in coordination with the Northgate Mall Neighborhood Council (NMNC), organized a press conference to discuss the development of the Northgate Mall property and what they hope (and fear) to see happen to the site. Over a hundred residents of Walltown, Trinity Park, and other local neighborhoods attended the event, where organizer Brandon Williams and other residents spoke about the history of the area and the importance of developers working with the communities they enter.

After years of decline, the majority of the 45-acre Northgate Mall was sold to Northwood Ravin; the old Macy's building had already been bought by the Duke University Health System to house a new medical office building. Northwood Ravin, a real estate management company whose website boasts of their "luxurious communities across the United States," plans to build in two phases, although few details have been forthcoming. The first phase would involve six four-story buildings featuring ground-level retail



Brandon Williams of WCA and NMNC speaking to the crowd (photo by Waugh Wright)

and housing above. This would be followed by two ten-story buildings along I-85 at the rear of the site. The initial phase would not be required to go before the Durham City Council or the Planning Commission, and while Mayor Steve Schewel hopes the developer will work to resolve concerns of local residents, he said in a series of letters between the city and Northwood Ravin that he "was genuinely taken aback by the tone and substance of [their] letter ... and how [they] view [their] corporate civic responsibilities."

At the press conference at the Walltown Park Recreation Center, across from the mall, Williams spoke about how the Walltown community has banded together often over the years, such as when fighting to stop encroachment from the mall or to get the Walltown Park Recreation Center built. But lately homeowners have been preyed upon by aggressive developers, showing up at their front doors "with envelopes full of cash offering to buy your house." In a neighborhood with a median income of around \$37,000 and where

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# Our neighborhood

## Neighborhood Clean-up – Do We Need a New Plan?

By Julia Borbely-Brown

Litter-free neighborhoods are not just beautiful. They also communicate pride, discourage further littering, and protect our waterways. While Trinity Park is a lovely place, you might be surprised how much litter you'll find along our streets if you're paying attention. Left on the ground, all of it will eventually end up in Ellerbe Creek. Picking up litter is something that we can all do to help ourselves, our neighbors, and the environment.

TPNA has organized neighborhood-wide clean-up events periodically--once or twice a year or maybe every few years. In the early days--the late '70's and '80s--we assembled large teams of

volunteers and assigned them each a big stretch of the neighborhood, such as the entire length of Buchanan Blvd, or the entire length of Watts. Over the years, we've tried variations of this approach, grouping the volunteers into smaller teams (1-2 people each) and assigning them to smaller areas (1-2 blocks). Volunteers seemed to like working in smaller teams a little better. They would come to the gazebo to get their assignments and supplies. They'd put in a few hours' work and then maybe return to the Park for a photo op.

On several occasions, in addition to litter pick-up, we also organized a neighborhood-wide hazardous waste

collection, arranging for one or two neighbors' vehicles to take all of the collected items to the dump site on East Club Blvd., saving neighbors time and gas.

In other years, we also documented sidewalk problems, downed tree limbs, overgrown lots or large debris in vacant lots, and reported the results to the City with a request to address the concerns.

For our most recent major cleanup in 2016, we assigned each volunteer group a one-block area, and we had great success with litter pick-up. (We did not include a hazardous waste collection this time.)

In April 2021, after several years without a "deep clean," TPNA once again organized a neighborhood-wide clean-up on April 22 in honor of Earth Day. We assigned each volunteer a block and asked them to pick-up litter and report any issues with sidewalks or other problems that the City might be able to address. Unfortunately, participation in this year's clean-up was perhaps the lowest ever! We managed to cover only 20% of our neighborhood's blocks. We are grateful to those who did volunteer, however, and we welcomed all the feedback we got.

Charlie Flowe, 7th grader, participated in the clean-up with three friends, covering the area bounded by Urban Ave and Dacian Ave., from Duke St. to Buchanan Blvd. Although his crew



Litter on Trinity Park streets eventually ends up in Ellerbe Creek

collected enough trash to fill a large bag, Charlie said, “Compared to what I’ve seen in the creek, the street was looking good.” But the best part of it all? “Being with other humans for an amount of time not equal to zero.” A big Covid Amen to that!



**The question now is whether our current approach to neighborhood clean-up still works. Is it time for something new?**

For example, maybe we should make it an on-going effort, rather than hold a big one-day event. Picking up litter shouldn't happen just once a year (or once every five years)! Former TPNA President and TP Foundation President Don Ball made it a personal habit to pick up litter whenever he went out for a walk, which he did with his dog Luke almost daily. How could we encourage this habit throughout the neighborhood? What could we do to make sure the whole neighborhood is tended, and not just the most popular

walkable blocks? Maybe a household could adopt a block, doing a quick trash pick-up on the block a few times a month for, say, 3 months. This type of clean-up does not take a lot of time, and it can be done with kids, friends, or partners. We could offer a reward – like a certificate. In the past, we printed special “Trinity Park Trash Crew” t-shirts, and some of us still wear them proudly!

**Neighbors, what do you think is the best approach?** If you have comments or would like to volunteer to conduct a survey about the future of neighborhood clean-ups, please contact me at [juliaborbelybrown@yahoo.com](mailto:juliaborbelybrown@yahoo.com). I welcome ideas and new energy, having been part of the clean-up efforts for several decades now.

*TPNA is very grateful to Julia for her tireless civic spirit and dedication to Trinity Park and the environment. Thank you, Julia, for all your efforts, past and present!*

## COVID and Re-opening at George Watts

By Karalyn Colopy

After nearly a year of online-only learning, Durham Public Schools re-opened its doors this spring. Elementary schools welcomed students into their buildings on March 15, and middle and high schools followed suit on April 5.

All DPS families could choose for their student to continue with on-line learning or to return to in-person learning. At George Watts 64% of students chose in-person, coming to the school 4 days a week, while the other 36% continued to attend virtual classrooms taught by George Watts teachers. Wednesdays remained a virtual learning day for all.

To prepare for re-opening, George Watts Principal Patti Crum said that the school staff re-arranged classrooms and adjusted the daily schedule in order to maximize social distancing and access to the outdoors. They used emergency funds and grants to purchase special equipment such as face shields and shade tents.

Principal Crum said, “The transition from virtual to in-person learning went very well. DPS gave us good guidance as to how to prepare, and we fine-tuned our arrival and dismissal procedures as we got started. We have a veteran staff with great rapport.”

Each morning, teachers stood at the school entrance to screen students using an infrared thermometer and a self-reporting online app. No parents or other visitors were permitted in the building. Everyone was grateful for the smooth transition!

# Our neighborhood

## Neighbors Helping Ellerbe Creek

By Karalyn Colopy

Have you explored the mile-long South Ellerbe Creek Trail on the eastern edge of Trinity Park? Joanne Abel, who has lived next to the greenway on Tyler Court since the 1990s, says, “It’s great seeing families biking together or parents walking their kids to school along the greenway. It provides a wildlife corridor for many animals--foxes, coyotes, deer. And it’s a great place for bird watching! On recent walks, I’ve spotted hooded warbler, great blue heron, pine warbler, barred owl and hawks.”

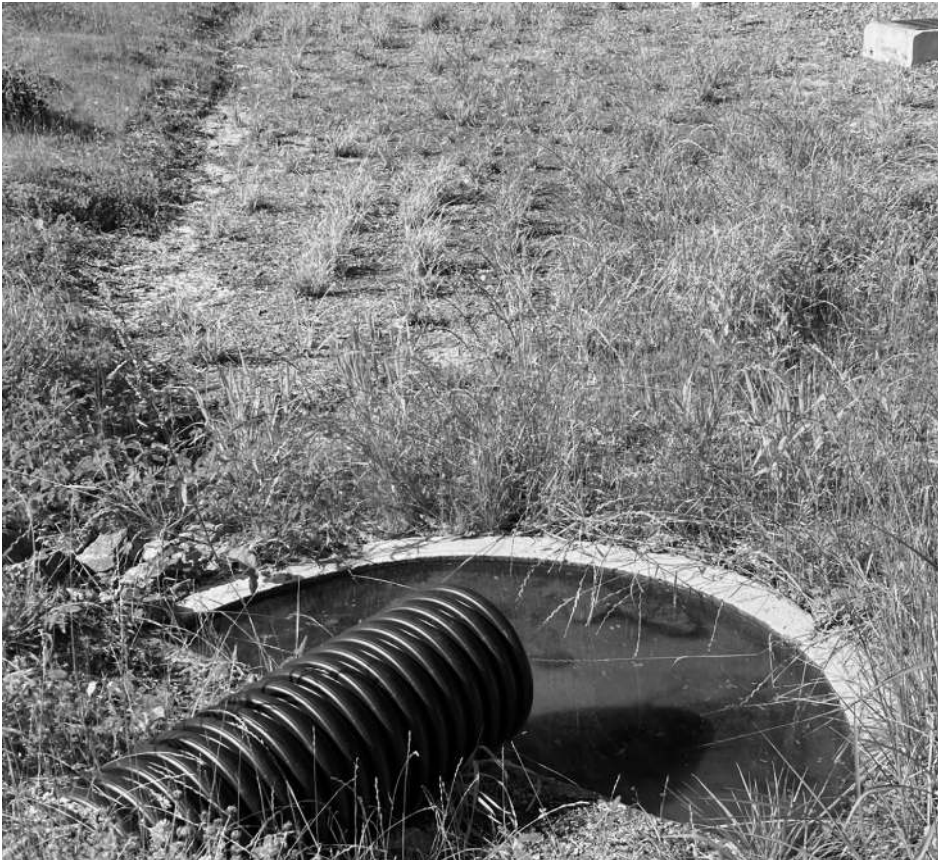
The fact that wildlife such as the great blue heron are making their home here is a good sign. As an urban waterway, the creek is not exactly the picture of health. Left unchecked, trash and pollutants from all over downtown wash into Ellerbe Creek. Its banks are heavily eroded, due to decades of untreated stormwater runoff from pavement and rooftops. Invasive vines and shrubs have outcompeted and replaced many native plants, making poor habitat for native animals.

The Ellerbe Creek Watershed Association (ECWA), with help from concerned neighbors, has been working

to reduce pollution in the creek, help native wildlife thrive, and help people enjoy the creek even more. In ECWA’s Pearl Mill Preserve, a 5-acre area running along the creek between Urban Ave and Knox St., accomplishments include 1) removing invasive vines to allow native plants to flourish, 2) installing a bioretention pond near Markham Ave. to slow down the flow of stormwater and filter out pollution before it enters the creek, 3) creating an enhanced pollinator habitat, and 4) installing interpretive signs and benches.

In 2020, neighbors helped expand the acreage under ECWA’s management. A local landowner offered ECWA an undeveloped 1-acre property between Tyler Ct. and W. Club Blvd. Even though the land was donated, ECWA still needed money to accept the donation--closing costs, legal fees and funds for necessary maintenance. A group of Tyler Court neighbors and friends learned of the need and raised over \$4,000 to help! The new parcel will be incorporated into the Eva M. Lively Nature Preserve. The first priority will be to remove invasive species.

Over the years, neighbors have helped the creek in many other ways, too. On MLK Day this year, Joanne and her Tyler Court neighbors joined with other neighborhoods to clean up the greenway from Knox St. to Club Blvd. She said, “We enjoyed it so much that we did it again a few months later!”



By slowing down stormwater as it flows towards the creek, this bioretention pond near Markham Ave. reduces erosion along the creek banks and allows pollutants to settle out of the water before reaching the creek. The pond is mostly dry now but can fill up during periods of high rainfall.

Joanne, along with neighbors Leslie McClellan (Trinity Park) and Joanne Andrews (Old North Durham), are Pearl Mill Preserve Stewards. We have them to thank for stocking the “mutt mitt” holder, cleaning the information signs, and tending the Burt’s Bees pollinator garden near Green St. Joanne adds, “One of us paints the benches, and we all pick up trash. We’ve also spent a lot of time removing invasive plants. This spring we removed 8 large garbage bags of Oriental false hawksbill (*Youngia japonica*), a big problem all over North Carolina. We could use some help!”

**To get involved, check out [ellerbecreek.org](http://ellerbecreek.org) and stay tuned for next year’s Beaver Queen pageant, hopefully to be in person in Duke Park.**



Thanks to the Pearl Mill Preserve stewards for painting the creek-side benches!

# Our neighborhood

## COMMUNITY ALERT

### Problems Due to Utility Work Crews?

Has Verizon 5G/Globe Communications (or other telecom companies') installation caused disruption, stress in your household, or damage to your property? If so, whether the impact was minor or major, we want to hear about it.

Please tell us your experience of the May 6th gas leak, the AT&T outage on May 28th, or any other incident due to the underground installation of fiber cables. E-mail **Jennifer Franklin** at [jencarak@gmail.com](mailto:jencarak@gmail.com) and **Hettie Johnson** at [holahettie@hotmail.com](mailto:holahettie@hotmail.com).

Tell us your full name, street address, what happened, the damage done, the toll on your health, the cost to repair/replace, income lost, if anybody reimbursed you for expenses, whom you communicated with about the problems, and how responsive they were, etc.

**All neighbors are invited** to attend the July 7 TPNA meeting via zoom, with City guests, to express their concerns about utility work crews. Check the Trinity Park listserv and Facebook page for zoom details.

### Updates on the Duke Belt Line: Plans for a New City Trail

By Beth Emerson

The Durham Belt Line is a 1.7-mile stretch of an inactive Norfolk & Southern railroad corridor that forms a partial loop around downtown Durham (see map to the right). With the potential to connect pedestrians and cyclists from North Durham to the Ellerbe Creek Trail network and to Downtown, converting it into a trail has been envisioned for more than 20 years.

In August 2018, Durham City Council adopted a Master Plan for the Belt Line—including trail design and eventual construction, and the City purchased the corridor shortly after. This past March, City Council approved a contract for initial design and public outreach. City Council supported the project, a no-fee outdoor recreation amenity and transportation corridor, but encouraged staff and Council to consider and address implications for affordable housing and housing costs along the corridor.



As a large public project that touches so many parts of the City, it is a complicated process. According to Nia Rodgers, Sr Construction Manager for the City's General Services Dept., General Services and Neighborhood Improvement Services will use a public engagement process or "Equitable Engagement Plan" to seek input on trailheads, public art, and community stories. They will reach out to neighbors in the project's

vicinity, including those residents and historically underrepresented communities that are likely to be impacted by the project, such as renters and low income housing residents, communities of color, and those with limited English proficiency.

The project has substantial grant funding, but not enough for completion. Preliminary design work and outreach will seek additional public City and grant funds. A grant

application last year was not successful, but staff plan to reapply this year in an effort to close the gap. For more information, including notices about eventual opportunities for public involvement see the Belt Line web page at <https://durhamnc.gov/3762/Durham-Belt-Line-2018>



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# Our neighborhood

## Historic Neighborhood Designation

By Karalyn Colopy

The Trinity Park Neighborhood Association (TPNA) was founded in 1974, with one of its primary purposes being “to preserve and enhance the physical character of the neighborhood by encouraging maintenance, revitalization, and beautification of buildings and grounds (including shade trees), and

by encouraging the renovation of existing buildings rather than their demolition and replacement.” (<http://trinitypark.org/wordpress/bylaws/>)

Last winter and spring, before Covid hit, the TPNA board had been exploring the question of whether Trinity Park should seek designation as a local historic district, to help preserve the historic structures that give the neighborhood its unique character. It’s a question that has arisen many times over the past several decades.

The TPNA board meeting of March 2020 was devoted to the subject. A large number of Trinity Park neighbors came to learn and ask questions. Three invited guests—**April Johnson** and **Tom Miller** from Preservation Durham, along with Sarah Lachenman from Four Over One Design—shared about different types of historic district designations available in Durham and how they might affect the neighborhood:



**A The National Register of Historic Districts** can provide certain tax credits for maintenance, but offers little in the way of protective regulation, and nothing against demolition. A large part of Trinity Park is on the National Register. (See the references at [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trinity\\_Historic\\_District](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trinity_Historic_District))

**B Local historic district designation**, on the other hand, provides some protective regulation to limit changes to historic structures, including up to a 1-year delay of demolition. The Historic Preservation Commission in Durham considers major proposed changes to properties in the district and can deny those that would harm the character of the neighborhood. Trinity Park has no such protections, as it is not currently a local historic district. Eight Durham neighborhoods are local historic districts: Trinity Heights, Watts-Hillandale, Morehead Hill, Holloway St., Golden Belt, Fayetteville St., Downtown Durham, and Cleveland St. (See <https://durhamnc.gov/398/Local-Historic-Districts>) The boundaries of each local historic district are defined by neighborhood organizers and do not need to include all of the neighborhood.

**C A Neighborhood Protective Overlay (NPO)**, while not discussed in depth at the meeting, is another option. It is a customized set of protections designed to help preserve the established character of the neighborhood. Trinity Park does not have an NPO. Two Durham neighborhoods do: Old West Durham and Tuscaloosa Lakewood.

The March 2020 meeting was meant to start a conversation (or, more precisely, re-start a conversation). Some neighbors expressed desire to preserve the historic character of the neighborhood. Some worried that local historic designation would be a burden on homeowners.

The TPNA board agreed that the board itself would not be the body to pursue the formation of a local historic district, but that they could facilitate bringing in parties to discuss the benefits and drawbacks.

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# Trinity Park Foundation

## Foundation Plans for 2021-2022

By Shelley Dekker

The Trinity Park Foundation, Inc. is a not-for-profit 501c3 organization formed in 1980 to purchase the land at 410 Watts St., where The Trinity Park is now located. The Foundation leases The Trinity Park to the City of Durham and partners with the City to maintain and improve it. The Foundation is also responsible for capital improvements throughout the entire neighborhood and carries out major enhancements as well as ongoing maintenance, focusing on 1) the Park, 2) medians and traffic circles, 3) public art, and 4) trees.

So far in 2021 the Foundation has professionally pruned several of the trees in the park to maintain their health, and treated the park's two ash trees to protect them from emerald ash borer (the insect destroying ash trees in many regions of the country). We also repaired the gate in the park along the alley so that small children don't wander out into the alley.

Looking ahead, we have a long wish-list: pruning the rest of the trees in the park, replacing the weathered wooden slats in the park benches with slats made of thermally-modified native ash, weeding and mulching the Trinity median, replacing the utility pole in the park with an historically appropriate street lamp, fixing the 115-year-old granite steps that lead to the insect walkway and adding a handrail to



these steps, exploring placement of a neighborhood "welcome" sign at the N. Gregson St./Club Blvd. entrance to the neighborhood, and exploring the creation of a tree-planting matching grant program.

The Foundation's funding typically comes from proceeds from the biennial Trinity Park Home Tour. However, because of Covid, the 2020 Home Tour was cancelled. To make up for this loss of funds, the Foundation plans to launch a fundraising campaign this fall, but we would love your support right away so we can continue with projects this summer. Please show your support for the Foundation's work by sending a tax deductible donation to the The

Trinity Park Foundation at P.O. Box 725, Durham, NC 27702.

**It takes all of us to keep our neighborhood flourishing. Thank you, neighbors!**



# Meet my neighbor

## Gene Downs

Interviewed by Bill Brown

### NAME AND FAMILY MEMBERS:

Just me - Gene Downs - and my hound dog, Daisy

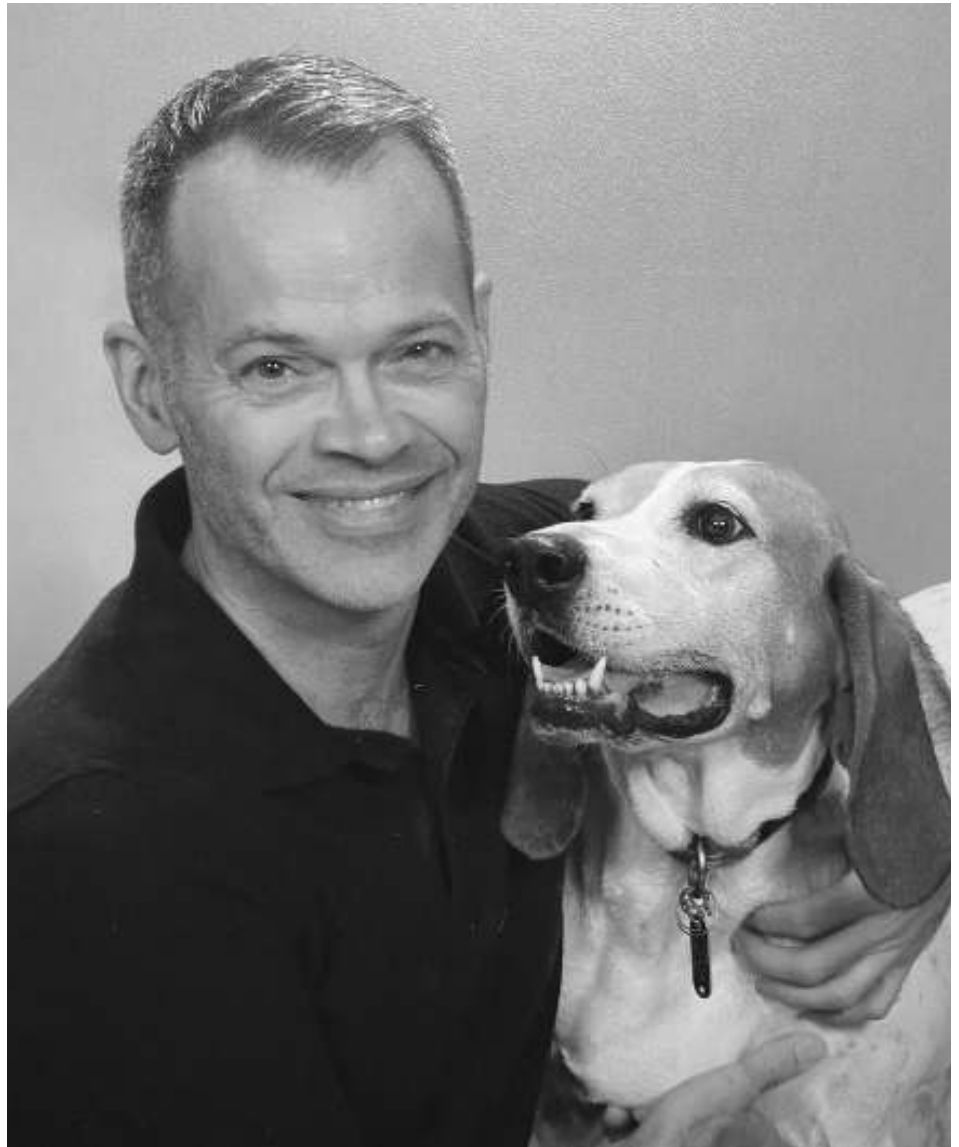
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**WHY DID YOU MOVE TO TP?** Realtor extraordinaire Marybeth Dennett, of Triangle Star Realty, connected me with neighbors who planned to sell their home. One visit to the house, street and neighborhood was all it took.

**THE THING THAT SURPRISED ME MOST ABOUT TP IS....** How much of a true community we all have here. If you want to do an hour's worth of yard work, block off four hours of time, because you'll want to stop and catch up with everyone who happens by.

**IF I COULD IMPROVE ONE THING ABOUT TP, IT WOULD BE.....** Opening the East End Connector to reduce traffic on Gregson and Duke streets!



**Jerry Reese** –By Scott Doron  
If you have lived in Trinity Park for long, you have certainly heard of Jerry Reese, if not used his services. Jerry, the self-described “Trinity Park Handyman,” wants you to know that he survived the pandemic despite the loss of income, is fully vaccinated, and is open for business. Jerry, however, did not come through the pandemic unscathed. His mother died when the pandemic hit her nursing home

in Queens. (Jerry is originally from New York City.) He still feels pain about not seeing his mother before her death or even being able to bury her for several months after her death.

Jerry moved to Durham 30 years ago, and has two children and nine grandchildren. He first came here to work in his father's dry cleaning establishment on Roxboro Rd., but that didn't work out. He then worked for various moving companies

and set up many Duke University events. Ten years ago, he began solely serving Trinity Park and now considers Trinity Park his territory. He gets most of his business through Trinity Park referrals and tackles any job: power washing, gutter repair and cleaning, car washing, carpentry, even poison ivy removal! To contact Jerry, call **919-358-7518**.

# Congratulations Graduates!

**Adin Moskovitz,**

George Watts Elementary  
*Heading to Lakewood. You Rock!  
Now get ready to wake up at 6:00!  
Love Mom and Dad.*

**Alex Dickerson,**

Cary Christian School  
*Can't wait to see all the great things  
you'll accomplish!*

**Annabelle Brown,** Riverside High  
*Headed off to Appalachian State to study  
Finance*

**Ani Pietropaolo,**

George Watts Elementary  
*We are so proud of you!*

**Ariella Snyderman,** George Watts  
Elementary  
*Congratulations!*

**Ayla Fish,** Jordan High

*Yachts of love to Ayla, beautiful and  
brilliant granddaughter of Barbara and  
Peter Fish and daughter of Christina  
and Jon Fish. Off to UNC-Chapel Hill  
in the fall.*

**Cordelia Mullin,**

George Watts Elementary  
*You're a strong, independent acid snake  
in the skinsuit of a strong, independent  
young woman*

**Eleanor Cole,**

Durham School of the Arts  
*So proud of you! On to Bryn Mawr!*

**Elijah Parish,**

NC School of Science & Mathematics  
*Onward and upward!*

**Eva Flowe,** Riverside HS

*We're so proud of you!*

**Eve Moskovitz,** 12th grade H.S.  
diploma from Durham Tech's Gateway  
To College program  
*On to study nursing in the fall*

**Gus Heller,** George Watts Elementary  
*We're super proud of you, Gus!*

**Holden Somers,**  
George Watts Elementary  
*We are all so proud of you!*

**Jack Swansey,** Wesleyan University,  
high honors majoring in anthropology  
and film *Go Wes!*

**John Rust,** Riverside High  
*We are so proud of you! We're excited to  
watch as you move into the next chapter  
of your life. We love you! Adam, Susie  
and Rosie*

**Lucy Heery,** George Watts Elementary  
*We're so proud of you!*

**Lucy Genevieve Kraus,** Riverside High  
*We are so proud of the person you are.*

**Luke Murphy,** completed his HS  
education 18 mo early earning his  
GED with the support of his Camelot  
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*We are so proud of Luke for  
accomplishing all of the goals he set for  
himself during Covid. --Stacy Murphy  
and John Utz*

**Maggie Chambliss,**  
Durham Academy  
*Congratulations, we're so proud of you!*

**Mercer Anne Rutherford,**  
George Watts Elementary  
*Way to go Mercer Anna Banana!*

**Micah Pizer,** George Watts.  
*Great job, Micah. Keep up the good work!  
Love, Mom, Dad, Sammy and Naomi*

**Minna Fullenkamp,** Riverside High  
*Way to go, Minna!*

**My dog Sydney Edmonds,** Whole  
Dog Institute's Relationship Building  
Fundamentals class  
*We're proud of our "paw-fect" puppy!*

**Nola Eisner,** George Watts Elementary  
*Boppa and Grandma are so proud of  
you, beloved Nola!*

**Sophia Noukhaly,**  
George Watts Elementary  
*Congratulations and Much Love!*

**Sophie Miller,**  
George Watts Elementary  
*We are so proud of you!*

**Woodson Rutherford,**  
George Watts Elementary  
*Excellent job Woodson Bear!*

**Xaviera Colopy,**  
George Watts Elementary  
*We're so proud of you, Xavi. On to  
middle school!*

**Yofti Sava,** George Watts Elementary  
*From virtual to in-person learning, you  
kept a smile on your face, made others  
laugh and did your best. We couldn't be  
prouder. Way to go Yofti! We sure love  
you. Mom & Dad*

## Neighborhood Improvement with Grants from Duke

By Mollie Flowe

This spring, the TPNA worked with partner nonprofits to apply for two Duke Doing Good grants through the Duke Durham Neighborhood Partnership program.

First, TPNA partnered with the Trinity Park Foundation and with the George Watts PTA for a \$2500 neighborhood grant. With TPF, we will purchase and install permanent bronze labels to describe and attribute the lovely art in our Park - the Bug Walk leading to the gazebo, the Trinity Park sign at the corner of the Park, and the curvy metal sculpture on the Trinity Avenue side. Watch for the arrival of these labels (expected by September), and know that the TPF will be working in the coming months to source financing for labels for the other art throughout the neighborhood.

With the George Watts PTA, our grant will help repair the rain gardens on the school playground. The rain gardens protect the playground and downhill areas of the neighborhood, including Ellerbe Creek, by preventing soil erosion during rainstorms, and slowing and filtering runoff. They are also beautiful and are used extensively by the general public outside of school hours. They make a great gathering spot in late afternoons and evenings, weekends, and summertime! The Ellerbe Creek



Rain gardens at the George Watts playground with paved walking trail

Watershed Association (ECWA), TPNA and the PTA will together sponsor a community workday and rain garden workshop at the playground on July 17 (rain date: July 18), with grant funds to pay for materials and some professional labor.

ECWA and TPNA together applied for a \$9000 grant to enhance the Ellerbe Creek Trail and surrounding preserve land. The funds will be used for 2 small projects: 1) hiring 1-2 at-risk youth to help with community outreach,

community workdays, and invasive species removal; and 2) creating a cultural interpretive display along the trail, centering the African American heritage of the area. ECWA and TPNA are working with community partners to identify storytelling opportunities along the trail.

Look for these improvements to our neighborhood coming soon, with appreciation to Duke Doing Good.

# Membership

## Membership Raffle

By Beth Sheppard

Thanks to all who helped make the March Membership Madness contest a success! We registered 10 renewals/new members, bringing our total membership to 215.



*A big congratulations goes out to Dechen Lama, winner of a \$50 Goorsha gift card!*

## Why join TPNA?

TPNA, one of the oldest and most active neighborhood associations in Durham, has been integral in building community, preserving historic architecture, collaborating with the city on smart development while working to protect neighborhood issues such as zoning, crime, traffic and safety in order to keep the neighborhood safe and enjoyable for all neighbors. Membership dues are vital in these initiatives. Our urban neighborhood is a diverse mix of roughly 40% homeowners and 60% renters. Get involved to make sure issues important to you are voiced. We encourage all residents, homeowners and renters alike, to contribute to our vibrant community by joining TPNA.

**One year membership..... \$15**

**Two year membership.... \$25**

**Five year membership.... \$50**

**Lifetime membership.... \$200**

## How to join?

### ONLINE VIA PAYPAL:

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## Re-development of Northgate Mall

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cash offering to buy your house.” In a neighborhood with a median income of around \$37,000 and where a quarter for the residents have lived there over 30 years, Williams said it takes effort to maintain the character of the neighborhood.

The WCA has been working with Walltown residents since the site was purchased in 2018. In July of last year, they organized the NMNC with 12 members representing adjoining neighborhoods: Walltown, Northgate Park, Duke Park, Trinity Park, Trinity Heights, Watts Hospital Hillandale, and Old West Durham. The NMNC has surveyed the greater area, hosted meetings, and conducted a design charrette. Working with a design team from the Coalition for Affordable Housing & Transit and NC State University, they produced three alternative designs to present Northwood Ravin with new, community-sourced ideas.

After the press conference, the WCA and NMNC sent a letter to Mayor Schewel and the city council, outlining four priorities:

- **Affordable Housing**
- **Affordable Retail**
- **Accessible Community-centered Design**
- **Environmental Sustainability**



Members of the WCA and NMNC met multiple times with Northwood Ravin in 2020 and January of this year. At these meetings, Northwood Ravin

said their goal was to have plans drawn up by May or June of this year. As of press time, these plans have not been made public, but stay tuned!



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# Upcoming Events

## TPNA Monthly Meetings

**1st Wednesdays @ 7pm**  
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*All Trinity Park residents are invited and encouraged to attend. Look for confirmation of meeting details, including zoom link, via the Trinity Park listserv and Facebook*

### JULY 7:

In place of a regular monthly meeting, TPNA will hold a special community meeting dedicated to the subject of **utility work crews, associated property damage, and damage prevention**. Neighbors are invited to come and express concerns, ask questions about digging in the right-of-ways, and what the City can do to help address problems and prevent future problems. The meeting will be held via zoom with guest Dan Vallero, a principal engineer with Durham's Public Works Department, and possibly other officials.

**AUGUST 4:** We tentatively plan to resume meeting in-person! Look for confirmation via listserv and Facebook.

## Rain Garden Workshop & Community Workday at George Watts: Saturday July 17

**Calling All Neighbors!** The Ellerbe Creek Watershed Association, in partnership with TPNA and the George Watts PTA, will host a rain

garden workshop on **Saturday, July 17 from 9-11:30am on the George Watts playground (700 Watts St.).**

Come learn about the importance of rain gardens and help with some key rain garden maintenance tasks. Supplies will be provided. For more information contact ECWA's **Robert Meehan** (robert@ellerbecreek.org) or **Sarah Musser**, George Watts PTA Grounds Committee Chair (Sarah.musser@duke.edu). We hope you can join us in learning about and caring for these important stormwater devices in our neighborhood. The rain date will be Sunday, July 18 from 9-11:30 am. **Sign up at <https://ellerbecreek.secure.force.com/>**



## National Night Out: Tuesday August 3

If it continues to be safe to gather outdoors in groups, we **WILL** hold our National Night Out celebration on Tuesday, August 3. NNO is an annual evening of food and fun at the Park to promote healthy police-community partnerships, bringing police and neighbors together under positive circumstances. Come and get to know our local officers and connect with neighbors!

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