



# Trinity Park news

SPRING 2020

## Historical Designations in Trinity Park - By Waugh Wright

At the March 4th meeting of the TPNA, the board invited Preservation Durham's executive director, April Johnson, and board president, Tom Miller, along with Sarah Lachenman from Four Over One Design to talk about different types of historic district designations available in Durham and how they might affect the neighborhood. A large number of TPNA members showed up to learn about the issue and ask questions. One point of confusion among many residents is the difference between local historic districts and the National Register of Historic Districts. A large part of Trinity Park is on the national register, which can provide certain tax credits for maintenance but offers little in the way of protective regulation.

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In North Carolina, local historic districts (which Trinity Park is not and which requires approval from owners of at least 25% of the homes in question, plus city council approval) require any modifications of a certain size to be reviewed. For small modifications, such as changing an exterior light structure, a Durhamite would apply for approval to the Planning Department and pay a fee of \$78. These changes are generally approved in a few days but can take up to one

month. Larger modifications need to be reviewed by the Historic Preservation Commission and also require a fee. If a homeowner opts for demolition, the commission can not deny such a permit, but can delay it for 365 days. Conversely, applications for changes (minor or major) to the exterior of a "contributing" structure could be denied. Applications for changes to or construction of non-contributing buildings are generally evaluated to see if they are harmonious with the neighborhood and can also be denied.

This presentation was intended to be the start of a conversation (or the re-start of a conversation that has happened before in Trinity Park). Many neighbors expressed hopes that something could be done to help preserve the historic structures and overall character that help give Trinity Park its unique character, while others worried that it would be a burden on residents, particularly younger residents or those on fixed incomes.

The TPNA board agreed that the board itself would not be the ones considering whether to pursue the formation of a local historic district, especially since would probably only cover a portion of the neighborhood (assuming not all Trinity Park residents would want one), but that they could try to help facilitate bringing in parties to discuss the benefits and drawbacks of such an enterprise. *Stay tuned.*

NEXT TPNA BOARD MEETING  
Wednesday, April 1, 2020, at 7 p.m.  
George Watts Montessori School Media Center

# From the board

## Annual TPNA meeting/retreat update · By Diane Amato

Every year one set of TPNA Board members complete their service to the neighborhood and another group of Trinity Park residents step up to take their place. This year those board members who were completing their first terms agreed to a second term so we happily did not lose anyone. From traffic issues and development projects to annual events and communications, they've contributed to building our community and keeping us connected to each other and the city at large.

At the Annual Meeting on January 22nd, a quorum of TPNA members accepted nominations and then elected the following Trinity Park residents to the Board:

**Andrew McClellan** was elected as Treasurer

**Wagh Wright** was elected as Secretary

**Michael Forhez** was elected as board director

**Beth Sheppard** was elected as board director

**Karalyn Colopy** was elected as board director

**Kary Dilard** will fill out one year as board director

This year's board will continue to bring conversations of importance to the neighborhood starting with the March 4th board meeting and a conversation about local historic districts. In April we will host representatives from the new owners of Northgate to hear about their plans for the redevelopment of that shopping center.

Board meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the media center of Warts Elementary School.

*Learn more about one of our newest board members*

**Karalyn Colopy**, Karalyn, her husband Joe, and their 4 children love living on Buchanan Blvd. in a big old house across the street from East Campus. They moved there in 2016, all the way from the 900 block of Urban Avenue, where they'd lived since 1999. In 2018 their house was part of the Trinity Park home tour. Though they can take no credit for its historic restoration, meticulously completed by its previous owners, Karalyn is proud that they haven't wrecked it yet. Originally from New Jersey and with a background in environmental science, she loves Trinity Park for the good neighbors, the engaged community, the big

trees, the sense of history, the walkability and bikability. She also loves sleeping in, and so enjoys living close to George Warts school, where she's been a parent for 13 years and counting. Her kids have been known to roll out of bed at 7:15 and be at school by 7:35. Hard to beat that commute!

### TPNA - Board Retreat · By Philip Azar

In keeping with past practice, the board held a retreat to welcome new members, review bylaws, and discuss general matters of concern. Since board retreats are not open meetings, no votes are taken.

Thanks to the good offices of **Don Ball**, former board president, President of the Trinity Park Foundation and Man-About-Town-With-A-Coon-Hound, the retreat was again held at the Washington Duke. The retreat was February 5th, at 6:30.

New members **Beth Sheppard** and **Karalyn Colopy**, were introduced as new board members and warmly welcomed. All board members were present, except Diane Amato (urgent family matter) and Michael Forhez (business and travel), whose absences were excused.

**Marc Phillips** led a review of the bylaws. The purposes of the association, duties of officers and board members, and conflicts of interest were focal points and reviewed in detail. Committee structures and the need for board participation on committees were also stressed. Time was given to the possibility of restructuring the communications chair role, which is currently the most demanding board position. TPNA Board Retreat continued.

Committee chairs were encouraged to provide content. Please contact Kevin Kearns ([kevin.kearns@duke.edu](mailto:kevin.kearns@duke.edu)) if you would like to help with the Newsletter or other communications matters.

The board discussed the history of the symphony playing at The Park. Symphonies at The Park strengthen links between the neighborhood and The Park whereas holding the event at George Warts is relatively simple and predictable

as the venue is not weather dependent and does need to be reserved and paid for regardless of whether it is used. It was also noted that the acoustics are better in the school and that the symphony prefers to play there. Great support and gratitude for Steve Falzarano's work in community building was expressed as well complete confidence in his continuing to run the symphony and other events. Please reach out to Steve ([falzos8077@gmail.com](mailto:falzos8077@gmail.com)) if you would like to work on community building activities.

There was a broad ranging discussion of how some home tour proceeds might be allocated and how the association might be more responsive to events outside the neighborhood (for example, MacDougald Terrace). Recent past board practice has been to give almost all home tour proceeds to the Trinity Park Foundation. There was also a time where home tour committee members nominated a nonprofit, not necessarily the Foundation, to receive proceeds and the board voted in favor of the committee's recommendation(s). Contact Stacy Murphy ([stacyb.murphy@gmail.com](mailto:stacyb.murphy@gmail.com)) if you would like to work on the home tour, scheduled for Sunday, October 18, 2020.

Questions then arose were whether the association's purposes would need to be updated either to address the ability to contribute home tour proceeds outside the neighborhood, the ability of the association to address events (such as MacDougald Terrace) outside the neighborhood, or whether the bylaws might need refreshing more generally. For example, the current bylaws address "citizens" and not "residents" and Trinity Park undoubtedly has residents who are not citizens. Shouldn't the association also address non-citizen resident concerns? Generally, there was broad consensus that:

- (a) the purposes of the association were broad enough to allow the board to consider a request from the home tour committee to nominate a nonprofit other than (or in addition to) the Foundation to receive home tour proceeds,
- (b) that, other than letters of support or general encouragement, the association probably did not have latitude to respond to events outside of the neighborhood such as MacDougald Terrace by making donations, and

- (c) the language regarding citizens as opposed to residents while unfortunate, might be read to include citizens of Trinity Park and might be addressed the next time the bylaws were revised and that non-citizen resident concerns might be covered by other provisions.

No votes were taken. The board adjourned before discussing nonprofit reserve best practices or the listserv platform.

**Help Support the Trinity Park Newsletter!** In addition to being a source of neighborhood news, the advertising in the newsletter provides a lot of the funding for the TPNA events that are hosted throughout the year. This season and throughout the year, be sure to support the businesses that show support for our neighborhood! The newsletter would not be possible without content and photos from volunteers, and we are grateful to those who contribute. If you are interested in assisting with coordination of the newsletter content, please contact Diane Amato at [damaio312@gmail.com](mailto:damaio312@gmail.com).



# TPNA Foundation



Photos courtesy of Larry Apple

## The Bug Walk! - By Don Ball

Sunday, January 26 was a gorgeous day, with a winter chill in the air and clear blue skies. Fifty neighbors came out to celebrate the completion of Brooks Butterson's new BUG WALK that was installed in The Trinity Park last autumn. Brooks gave a talk on the process of developing the sidewalk, which included suggestions from the little people who were playing in the Tot Lot during the many weeks he worked on the project. There are also numerous salvaged materials that were offered by neighbors during construction, including terra cotta tiles from a Trinity Park garage.

A special 'Bug Walk Puzzle' was also shared during the event. This fun learning tool was created by Allison Gatherum with photos of the bugs, trivia, and letter jumble by Larry Apple, Cavett French and Sue Concanon. Copies of the puzzle will be available in the park, hopefully to be used for generations to come. A collection of kids young and old noshed on sipping chocolate and Girl Scout Cookies provided by Caroline Ozment, Sarah Martin, Debbie Dobbins, and the Washington Duke Inn.



The sidewalk was paid for with proceeds from the bi-annual Trinity Park Home Tour, as well as private donations. The Foundation offers heartfelt thanks to the Trinity Park Neighborhood Association for sharing those proceeds, as well as the individuals who offer their tax-exempt donations. The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Should you wish to contribute to future projects to enhance the neighborhood, we welcome your contribution.

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## THE TRINITY PARK BUG WALK

Can you connect the picture to the clue and solve the jumble?



**IANPRACTNEER**

This hard-working insect lives in a colony and builds its nest in wood.

**ANNATISPGRIMY**

This large insect's long thin body is camouflaged by green or brown coloring and its strong front legs make it look like it is praying!

**EEESSBBELL**

This insect with a shiny black exoskeleton makes tunnels through rotting logs by using its strong mouthparts. They lay their eggs in poop!

**HRNTMELTUACBYRF**

With beautiful orange and black wings, these insects can migrate up to 3,000 miles and they lay their eggs on the milkweed plant.

**LADY BUG GLYDAU**

This tiny insect's red color and bright spots are meant to warn predators that this type of beetle tastes terrible.

**YFRDAOGLN**

These agile flyers have large compound eyes and are often found near water where they use their tiny wings to hover like a helicopter.

**NEHEYOBE**

This insect lives in a hive and produces a sweet treat eaten by humans.

**EEDENCIPT**

This invertebrate has a long body and its name comes from the Latin word for "hundred legs".



# Committee reports

## South Ellerbe Creek Wetlands - Paul Cardille

The soil removal phase and subsequent demolition of remaining structures are still targeted to commence this summer as long as the permit review process is not delayed. Stormwater and GIS Services (Staff) and the consultant have received one round of comments on the site plan permit application and have resubmitted it.

Staff recently contacted the New Hope Audubon Society to help with a bird survey in an effort to get an idea of what species are at the site during the winter season. Since the site is relatively small compared to the urban area around it, it would be difficult to attribute the presence or lack of specific species to the site alone. The species information collected will be considered when developing the landscape plans for the project to include appropriate plantings for food and shelter. Twenty species were observed around the perimeter of the site.

## Traffic - Beth Emerson

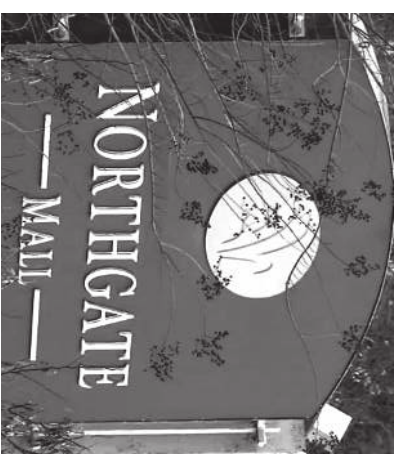
NCDOI is now forecasting a November 2020 completion date for the East End Connector. The N.C. Department of Transportation is building the East End Connector in Durham County to provide a direct connection between the Durham Freeway (N.C. 147) and Miami Boulevard (U.S. 70) – two major east-west highways in the Triangle – and improved access to I-85 and I-40. It will also alleviate congestion on the Durham Freeway through downtown Durham and will help divert traffic off local roads, such as U.S. 15-501 – often used as a connection between I-85 and I-40 – and Roxboro, Mangum, Gregson and Duke streets.



The City's Annual Satisfaction Survey released in February indicated that only about 30% - 40% of respondents were satisfied with the Transportation services in Durham – these categories included public transportation, bicycle facilities, condition of city streets and public transit system. Maintenance of City Streets ranked as one of the highest recommended investment priorities for the City. Respondents felt similarly ranking street maintenance as their top priority for City emphasis, just behind police protection. Find more about the survey at <https://durhamnc.gov/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/4732>

## Urban Development: Northgate Mall

- Mimi Kessler



You may have heard that a company bought the Northgate property and wondered what will happen to it. In December 2018, the bulk of Northgate Mall was purchased by an international real estate firm, Northwood Investors (see local projects such as one in Chapel Hill at [northwoodinvestors.com/carolina-square.html](http://northwoodinvestors.com/carolina-square.html) and another in Durham at [northwoodinvestors.com/palladian-apartments](http://northwoodinvestors.com/palladian-apartments). Northwood owns the majority of the property at Northgate (including the strip mall on Guess Rd. and the auto repair shop

property on W Club) Duke University owns the old Macy's department store. Northwood Investors have retained a local firm to engage with the community to hear what we would like (or not like, as the case may be). Development of the property would emerge from that feedback. A number of local neighborhoods (notably Walltown) have organized to provide preferences/feedback and Northwood has started doing outreach to the general community.

*A representative from Northwood Investors will be at the April TPNA Board meeting on April 1st @ 7pm and all are invited to attend.*

To ensure everyone has an appropriate expectation for that meeting, the approach they are taking is to talk to the community before drawing up plans rather than the initial contact being to react to their plans. So don't be expecting renderings or any kind to be displayed.

There will be other opportunities to provide feedback to the company in more general community engagement activities in the coming months. Watch for announcements of those on the TPL listserve.

If you would like more information, contact Mimi Kessler at [mimikessler1@gmail.com](mailto:mimikessler1@gmail.com).

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# Upcoming events



## Trinity Park Neighborhood Association 2020 Annual Spring Egg Hunt Saturday, April 11th, 9:30AM

**Duke East Campus** - Steven Falzarano

The Trinity Park Neighborhood Association would like to welcome families with young children to join us for the Annual Spring Egg Hunt, on Saturday, April 11th. The Hunt will take place at the Gazebo on Duke East Campus located near the intersection of Campus Drive and West Main Street. Families from neighborhoods surrounding Duke campus, as well as Duke employees and their family members, are invited to participate in the springtime tradition.

The egg hunt, which will involve over 3000 "hidden" eggs, will be divided into two age groups: 4 years old and under, and 5 to 10 years old. Children are encouraged to bring baskets to carry their eggs. The eggs will be filled with

**10:15 a.m.: Egg Hunt begins for 0-4 year olds**  
**10:17 a.m.: Egg Hunt begins for 5-10 year olds**

We will also have other fun activities for the kids! The wonderful sisters of Alpha Phi sorority will be on hand for face painting, and the Easter Bunny may make an appearance too!

All children are welcome to participate in the hunt!

And younger and older children will have separate areas to hunt in for their eggs. Children must be accompanied by a parent at all times during the event. 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 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](http://www.trinitypark.org), and on the listerv.

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## Census 2020: Help Shape the Future of Our Community

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### United States Census 2020

New this year, the 2020 count will be the first time households can respond online, but you will still have the option to respond by phone or mail if you prefer. You can preview the questionnaire on the Census 2020 website and find key dates below. In addition to making sure you complete the Census, there are additional ways to get involved – apply for a Census job, join a complete count committee, and make sure friends and neighbors know why they should participate.

2020 Census data will help inform how billions of dollars are distributed to states and communities every year for the next 10 years.

The 2020 Census will determine how many congressional representatives each state gets.

(What could go here?)



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### Census 2020 Key Dates

**March 12-20:** Receive invitation in the mail to complete the 2020 Census and begin responding online at 2020census.gov. You can also reply by mail or phone.

**Late March-April:** Reminder letters are sent to those who don't respond.

**June-July:** Census takers go door-to-door to count those who have not responded.

**December 31:** U.S. Census Bureau reports the population count to the President.

**2021:** Initial 2020 Census data will be made available on census.gov. Find additional information and updates at [dcoem.gov](http://dcoem.gov) and [census.gov](http://census.gov).

# Upcoming events

2020 Trinity Park Home Tour - By Stacy Murphy

OCTOBER  
18th  
2020

The 2020 Trinity Park Home Tour will be held the afternoon of Sunday Oct 18. This years tour will focus on a wide variety of homes in our neighborhood including a small internal apartment, a large recently completed renovation, eco-friendly green upgrades, open community spaces, grand historic structures, and surprising pockets of density historic to our neighborhood. This years home tour will also highlight all the recently completed art installations and signage additions to our neighborhood.

## Are you interested in being a volunteer?

The Home Tour committee needs about fifty docents to greet guests and help at the various homes along the tour. Volunteer shifts are three hours and all volunteers get a free ticket for the tour.

Please contact Stacy Murphy  
(stacy.b.murphy@gmail.com)  
if you are interested in helping out.

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# Spring Events

TRINITY PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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## TPNA BOARD MEETINGS

7pm on 1st Wednesdays, monthly.  
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 Wats Montessori School Media Center.  
Come join us to greet your neighbors and learn about events and issues important to our neighborhood.

## TPNA EGG HUNT 2020

Saturday, Apr. 11th, begins promptly at 9:30 a.m. at the Carzbo on Duke

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East Campus located near the intersection of Campus Drive and West Main Street. See page 8 for more information. Also, look out for more details on the lisserv and on Facebook.

## TPNA Board and Committees

### OFFICERS

President, Diane Amato  
Vice President, Philip Azar  
Treasurer, Adam McClellan  
Secretary, Waugh Wright

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Can Dickerson  
Beth Emerson  
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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](mailto:tpnamembership@trinitypark.org).

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter Delivery       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Pedestrian Safety                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Contact me as needs arise |
| <input type="checkbox"/> House Tour/Garden Tour                                |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications<br>(newsletter, website, social media) |  |