



Trinity Park news



Original artwork by Iris Emerson

By Beth Emerson

Throughout the northern hemisphere, around the darkest days of the winter solstice, a number of regions and cultures observe celebrations of light. Lighting of luminaria (or farolitos, or paper lanterns) seems to have originated in New Mexico as early as 1590 when small bonfires were lit by Gaspar Castano de Sosa's men to guide a scout back to their camp. Pueblos picked up luminaria traditions during Spanish colonization where luminarias became popular on Christmas Eve, lit to symbolically guide the Holy Family on their journey to Bethlehem.

Luminaria Night: Sunday, December 18*

With time, these traditions have blended with others all over the world where luminaria are lit to welcome and guide travelers, or to bring communities together, in moments of joy, solidarity, celebration or loss. Trinity Park and many Durham neighborhoods enjoy this tradition to light up the long dark night, take strolls and spend time with neighbors and families.

Luminaria are placed about 10 feet apart on the edge of your yard along the road on the Sunday closest to the winter solstice. The lanterns line the streets and sidewalks and are lit in the early evening and continue to glow into the night. In Trinity Park an interested

neighbor organizes the event and raises funds for their non-profit organization. This year, the Emerson family is sponsoring the distribution of supplies to fundraise for their daughters' Girl Scout troops. The troops will use the funds for enrichment opportunities for all the girls in their troop and help fund their next major community project, their Silver Award.

Trinity Park and many downtown neighborhoods will celebrate Luminaria this year on December 18 (December 25 is the rain date). If you haven't already ordered supplies, order them online at trinitypark.org/luminaria/. The Emersons will even deliver the supplies to you!

Or, you can pick them up in the neighborhood. At the link, there are also instructions for setting up your luminaria.

Each luminaria kit will include a candle, a bag and sand to hold the lantern in place.

Consider partnering with your neighbors to ensure a continuous stream of warm light up and down your street! It really is a stunning and special event in Trinity Park and throughout Durham!

Thank you for supporting the Girl Scouts and have a Happy New Year!

***Rain Date, Sunday December 25**

Home Tour



Trinity Park Home Tour: A Big Success!

By Karalyn Colopy

The 2022 Trinity Park Home Tour on Sunday, October 16, was a big success. Nine beautiful homes were opened for the tour. The work of planning and carrying out the event was shared by 76 volunteers. We were supported by 18 generous sponsors. Nearly 800 neighbors and visitors from all over the Triangle strolled the streets of Trinity Park on the beautiful sunny afternoon. Ticket sales exceeded our expectations -- we sold 523 in advance and another 275 day-of -- with record net proceeds of ~\$21,000.

We also learned a few lessons. For example, next time, let's invite a school group or a scout troop to sell refreshments somewhere along the route (Tourists get thirsty), and let's rent a port-a-potty (the nearest public bathroom is pretty far away)!

TRINITY PARK

HOME TOUR 2022

The theme was Home Renovations, so the Tour highlighted homes with interesting histories as well as recent renovations. Here are a few examples:

- The Colonial Revival at 407 Watts St. was built in 1912 with a generous front porch and a striking central staircase just inside the entrance. After the original owner passed away, the family sold the house in 1961, and over the next five and half decades, the house changed ownership five times, with each subsequent family making new alterations and often dismantling old ones. The imposing yet graceful old staircase, however, remained in place and intact. In fact, a former owner joked about the tradition of staircase stewardship, describing the property as a “grand staircase surrounded by a renovation project.” When the sixth and current owners bought the house in 2017, they planned to renovate just the kitchen. Instead, they renovated the whole house, including rebuilding the foundation and the entire front porch, in addition to the kitchen. Owner **Kristin Heery** said, “We walked away from this house three times before we bought it because it had needed so many repairs; but we just couldn’t resist it in the end.”

- Built in 1908, 512 Watts St. has a distinctive wraparound porch and overlapping two-story entry portico. It was a grand single-family home until 1934, when it was nearly totally destroyed by a kitchen fire. It was then re-built using the existing foundation and much of the original layout but modified into a four-unit apartment building. Resident **Kevin Kearns** says, “Not only is the apartment very comfortable and spacious, but the wrap-around porch offers much more living space. While working on my porch preparing for the tour, I’d meet new neighbors who’d pause on their walks to comment on the house and chat and even come inside to take a look.”
- The owners of 1014 Green St., the newest home on the tour (built in 1999), not only made significant additions and improvements to their house but also focused attention on the outdoors when renovating. “First on our list was the removal of many invasive plants, such as ligustrums, nandinas, and a huge patch of bamboo,” said homeowner **Cavett French**. They also planted more native trees and shrubs and installed a rain garden, turning this property into a vibrant home for birds, butterflies, bees and other insects. Cavett added, “We are proud to be a New Hope Audubon Bird Friendly Garden and a Homegrown National Park.”

This year’s Home Tour benefitted two local non-profits. The TPNA donated

\$5,000 of the proceeds to Families Moving Forward, helping families in the crisis of homelessness (learn more about FMF on page 6). The remaining proceeds (~\$16,000) will be donated to the Trinity Park Foundation, which maintains and improves the public areas in the neighborhood, for the benefit of neighbors and visitors from throughout Durham (learn more about TPF on page 4).

Thank you to our generous Home Tour sponsors:

Adam Dickinson Realty Group, Acanthus Construction, Acme Plumbing Co., Broadway Veterinary Hospital, Carrie Moore Interior Design, Dominos Pizza, Ellen Cassilly Architects, Four over One Design, The Jewel Family, Kate Kennedy Photography, Live Edge Wood Designs, Marie Austin, MarkaBull, Ninth Street Flowers, Preservation Durham, Smitten Boutique, Sykes Painting, Trinity Design Build, and Turnlight Partners General Contracting

Thank you also to our neighbors who bravely and graciously opened up their homes: Cecilia Barja and Brian Reale, Jane and Bill Brown, Cavett and Barker French, Jill and Johnny Grantham, Kristin and Chris Heery, Barry Howard and Keith Poteat, Kevin Kearns, Mo Noukhaly, Aron Kimmerly and Qi Chen, and Laurie and Matt Williamson.

Thanks also to the 76 volunteers who so generously gave their time and talents to organize the event, research and write the home histories, solicit sponsorships, take photographs, create the ticket booklet, publicize the event, sell tickets and act as docents.

Thank you, finally, to all who supported the Tour by buying a ticket!

Together we created a very special event, enjoyed a beautiful day together, and raised important funds for organizations doing good work in our community.



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Public Spaces

Trinity Park Foundation: Caring for Our Public Spaces

By Shelley Dekker

TPF background

The Trinity Park Foundation is the neighborhood's non-profit 501(c)(3) charitable entity. It was formed in 1980 to purchase the land at the corner of Watts St. and West Trinity Ave. that is now known as The Trinity Park. Its founders wanted it to be a place of recreation for people of all ages. They wanted to maintain the "tot lot," as the mostly-vacant lot with a slide and sandbox was then known, but they also wanted plenty of benches, walkways, and gardens which would appeal to adults as well.

The garden areas and trees that border the park along Watts and Trinity provide a green buffer from the street, creating a beautiful, fragrant, and relaxing setting. The gardens were greatly enhanced in 2005 when the Foundation received a matching grant from the Durham Open Space and Trails Commission, with the Foundation promising to maintain the gardens.

Garden upkeep and the Blossom Garden Club

For the past 17 years, the gardens have been maintained by a group of dedicated volunteers known as the Blossom Garden Club. These women hold several park workdays a year and take turns watering the park in the

summer. Over the years, they have ordered truckloads of mulch and compost and spread it themselves. This fall, they scouted local nurseries for drought-tolerant native plants, purchased them, and planted them. Many of them do not even live in the neighborhood but give their time nonetheless!

With the average age of the Club's members rising into the 70s, I hope that the Foundation will support the Club's ongoing efforts in the park gardens by installing 1) an irrigation system, and 2) decorative short fencing to protect the plantings from being trampled by dogs and people cutting through the gardens to enter the park.

Trinity Avenue median: a big project

The Foundation has been in touch with local garden designers to talk about a long-term plan for the large median that runs along Trinity Ave. between Buchanan and Watts. The City of Durham owns the land but does not wish to maintain it, and so we are tasked with finding a solution. Significant volunteer effort has already gone into planting parts of the median with bulbs, but still the weeds dominate. Stay tuned.

Other projects in the park

We have purchased and received all of the bronze labels for our neighborhood artwork; they will be installed soon. We would like to replace the utility pole light in the park with a decorative street lamp

and are waiting on Duke Energy to proceed. We also have plans to make a "Trinity Park Tree Trail," which will highlight and celebrate the diversity of trees within the urban arboretum that is our neighborhood. Also we will soon update trinityparkfoundation.org with some important, if not glamorous, information - including the TPF's history and bylaws (thanks to Dale Pahl, TPF Vice President, for his heroic efforts in getting our bylaws in order!). Finally, the Little Free Library in the park continues to be a wonderful and well-used resource, and we thank **Sue Concannon** for her dedicated maintenance. Please remember the LFL when you are donating old books!

If you have ideas for capital improvements for the neighborhood or would like to volunteer, we would love to hear from you. Contact us at trinityparkfoundation@gmail.com

Note from Shelley Dekker, TPF

President: "Almost every time I am working in the park, I am thanked, most often by people I do not know. The Trinity Park is important to neighbors and visitors to Durham, as well as to a great number of people who come from other Durham neighborhoods to use the park. The Foundation's mission is to preserve and enhance it, and I would even say it is our job to love and care for it."



Blossom Garden Club at a recent park workday (pictured L-R): Jody White, Betsy Norman, Lynne Alexander, Bebe Guill, Caelia Bingham, Barbara Welanetz, Shelley Dekker, Sarah Hodder. Other active members not pictured: Laura Benedict, Sue Concannon, Cavett French, Dale Gaddis, Chrissy Huber, Martha Jennison, Chris Jewell, Hettie Johnson, Ilene Nelson, and Susan Schaffer.



Trinity Avenue median between Buchanan Blvd. and Watts St. needs some TLC



Little Free Library on Watts St. by the Park playground

Helping Others

Home Tour Benefits Families Moving Forward

By Mimi Kessler

Trinity Park is proud to have a wide array of housing types, including large historic homes, small single-family homes, multi-family homes, and apartments of various kinds, including Section 8 housing. This year's Home Tour did a great job of showing some of this diversity. Since the Tour's focus is on housing, the TPNA Board wanted to donate some of the Tour's proceeds to a local organization that helps people in need of stable housing. We chose Families Moving Forward (FMF).

I spoke with Anna Krecklow, FMF's Interim Development Director & Volunteer Engagement Coordinator about FMF's operations and current needs. FMF helps provide families with children a stable, safe, and loving environment while they are in the temporary crisis of homelessness. FMF can house up to 20 families in their facility on Queen St., and there is always a waiting list. The goal is for families to move into permanent housing within 90 days. However, with the current housing shortage, many have had to stay longer because they cannot find an affordable place.

FMF provides important services for their guests while they are in shelter. FMF social workers help families set their own goals for the future, including job/housing/

financial planning. For adults, FMF provides job skills assessments, help in securing employment, and help with placement in a safe home. For children, FMF provides developmental and educational assessments, as well as tutoring.



FMF utilizes volunteers in a variety of ways, including one-on-one tutoring, childcare, serving dinners, and hosting fun events for the families. To volunteer, use this link: <https://fmfnc.org/volunteers>.

FMF receives funding through grants, foundations, individual contributions, and various other sources. The annual Chefs for Change dinner series raises money for FMF. At each event in the series, a distinguished local chef serves an elegant dinner, with the proceeds benefiting Families Moving Forward.

TPNA is proud to be able to donate \$5,000 from the proceeds of the Home Tour to this important organization in our community. Please consider them in your charitable giving plan and volunteer to help. For more information, including how to volunteer or to buy tickets for Chefs for Change, see <https://fmfnc.org>.

Trinity Park Memories with Gil Wheless

By Shelley Dekker

Gil Wheless moved to Trinity Park as a boy in 1949 and returned to Durham in 2008 after a long and successful career as a landscape architect in Greenwich, CT. He lives in his childhood home at 1021 W. Trinity Avenue. Gil and I spoke recently in his library.

WHY DID YOUR PARENTS DECIDE TO MOVE TO TRINITY PARK?

My parents, Gilbert and Evelyn Wheless, lived in Raleigh after they were married in 1940, and that is where I was born. We moved to Roanoke, VA, when I was a young boy and lived there for 8 years, and when we returned to NC we lived briefly in a little brick house on Hope Valley Rd. The house is still there. When this house on Trinity Ave. came up for sale, Daddy bought it. Mother had grown up down the block (her parents were D.C. and Lona Barbee), and it was ideal for Mother to be close to Granddaddy, who was still living there at the time. My grandparents had helped to start Watts Street Baptist Church with C.T. Council and some others, and my grandparents' house was used for church services before Watts Street Baptist was completed.

WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR MEMORIES OF GROWING UP IN TRINITY PARK?

I went to George Watts School, which went through the 6th grade.

Neighborhood Memories

We performed wonderful plays there. There was a costume shop which had beautiful, really fine costumes, like those on Broadway, and we were measured and fitted for them. We received great experience in singing and acting, and we performed on a stage on the second floor of the school.

My mother was wonderful at bringing people together, and she was the den mother of our Cub Scout troop, which was full of boys from the neighborhood, and we met in our basement.

There was a large house on the lot where the park is now (I took piano lessons there, and Daddy rented a room there while he was dating Mother), and I seem to remember there may have been a fire upstairs. But anyway the house and a garage behind it were torn down. There was a large hickory tree, loaded with nuts. My friends and I would gather the nuts, collect them and store them in a garage off the alley. The garage had what was like a hayloft with a ladder, and we would store these nuts by the barrel-full up in the loft. We had slingshots. We were ready for the Germans! Of course this never amounted to anything.

As a boy I played with little metal soldiers and horses. There was a large tree with exposed roots near the sidewalk up the street. I would scratch and dig under the roots and make a fort for my figurines. When the acorns fell, I gathered the “hats” from the acorns to depict the enemies.

After attending George Watts, we went to Carr Junior High School. There we met kids who had attended E.K. Powe and Morehead schools, and this really broadened our horizons. We took ballroom dancing lessons downtown on the second floor of a building. It was called Satterfield’s Dance Studio. We also went swimming at the YMCA down on Trinity which was new at the time and very nice. I would stop on my way home from school at the Piggly Wiggly on Gregson St. for a popsicle. Then I would visit my grandparents and walk down the alley toward my house and begin to enter through the backyard, but my neighbor Nannie Lawrance would make a chess pie every day, and I would smell the pie, and then I would hear her [sing-song voice] say, “Gil-bert, I have a chess pie for you.” And so I would go visit her and have a piece of chess pie. So it took me a long time to get home from school.

My mother shopped for groceries at the A&P that was across the street from Duke Memorial United Methodist Church where there is a parking lot now. She also chose fresh vegetables every week delivered by a farmer who would stop by our house with a trailer/cart from his farm. She shopped for clothes downtown at Montaldo’s or Ellis-Stone.

In high school at Durham High the social life was fabulous. We went to dances all the time. The men wore coats and ties. There was often live music. The debutante events lasted two weeks

at a time, and there would be breakfasts, teas, and dinners leading up to the balls. We fixed up our basement as a place where my friends and I could play music and dance. And then another friend fixed up her basement, and then another friend fixed up his basement, and so on, and we took turns hosting. We also walked to Durham Bulls games.

HOW LONG WERE YOU AWAY FROM DURHAM, AND WHY DID YOU RETURN?

After I received my landscape architecture degree from N.C. State, I was hired by A. E. Bye of Greenwich, CT. I was away from 1967 to 2008. I’d come home to visit about twice a year. My brother lived for a time across the street from our house in the Sloan House. My Aunt Becky lived down the street in another house. Daddy’s business partner, Sam Watkins, lived across the street where Hanne Rogers used to live. Every time I drove down from Connecticut and got close to Durham and saw the sign for Gregson St., I just felt like I was home. There are so many happy memories. I would not have been able to drive down Trinity Ave. if we [my family] had sold this house. After buying it from my brother, I made some architectural changes, opened it up. It provides nourishment. It is what architecture should be.

Thank you, Gil, for sharing your memories and your love of Trinity Park!

Meet Your Neighbor

Peggy Kinney

Interviewed by Jane Brown

NAME AND FAMILY MEMBERS:

Peggy Kinney. I live with my husband, Andy Stewart, and our dog, Luna

ADDRESS: I live on the 1400 block of Dollar Avenue on the north side of the neighborhood

OCCUPATION: I am retired but spent many years serving as a hospice social worker in Durham

WHY DID YOU MOVE TO TP?

We moved here to live in a more walkable neighborhood. Now I have mobility issues, but can still enjoy the beauty and community of the neighborhood on my electric trike!

WHAT SURPRISED YOU ABOUT

TRINITY PARK? I was not surprised, but I was delighted to meet so many interesting people here.

IF YOU COULD IMPROVE ONE THING ABOUT TP, WHAT WOULD IT

BE? What's not to love about this neighborhood?!; though it would be great to have another garden tour. There are some amazing gardens and gardeners here.



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Special Guest: Bike Durham

Bike Durham: Working for Safe, Affordable, and Sustainable Transportation

By John Tallmadge

EDITOR'S NOTE: *The TPNA invites speakers to our monthly board meetings to educate us on topics of interest to the neighborhood. Bike Durham Executive Director, John Tallmadge, joined us at the November 4 TPNA Board meeting.*

“Our 3rd grader loved experiencing riding a bike for the first time during the bicycle safety program in his PE elective classes. He has had some gross motor challenges in the past and with us was hesitant to try being on a bike. At school these last few weeks, it’s been a very different story. Thank you for your partnership with our school!” - DPS parent

Bike Durham received this message recently after completing classes at one of the twelve schools that we will be serving this year. Thanks to a contract with the City and contributions from generous donors, we will provide classes to more than 750 students this year as part of a Safe Routes to School program. Our strategy is to leverage these bike riding and safety classes to connect with parents, teachers, and administrators to promote walking, biking, and rolling to school. Ultimately, we will work with those

leaders in the school communities to identify the obstacles to walking, biking, and rolling and advocate for sidewalks, safe street crossings, protected bicycle facilities, and slower streets.

Bike Durham is a ten-year old, local, non-profit organization advocating for safe, affordable, and sustainable transportation for everyone in Durham, regardless of who they are or where they live. Today, our transportation system



Bike Durham's "Walk and Roll to School" event at Eastway Elementary in October

is designed to move cars with as little delay as possible, resulting in too many deaths and serious injuries, inequitable access across our community, and climate-damaging levels of carbon emissions. We do not accept these trade-offs for mobility. We have a vision for a transportation system with Zero Deaths or serious injuries, zero carbon emissions, and zero disparity of access based on race or income.

With our members, supporters, and partners, we are moving our community toward this vision through education, advocacy, and events. In addition to our Safe Routes to School focus, we are pushing the City to develop a Vision Zero Action Plan by next November showing the roadmap for getting to zero deaths or serious injuries from traffic violence. We also want the City Council to fund a full-time, dedicated Vision Zero Coordinator to lead this work. Finally, we have been conveners of the Transit Equity Campaign, pushing for the Durham County Transit Plan to prioritize the needs of current transit riders, transit workers, and the residents of predominantly Black and Brown neighborhoods when deciding how to allocate our transit tax revenues.

We know that Durham can have a network of safe streets with slow traffic, sidewalks, safe crossings, and protected bike lanes. We know that we can have a system of frequent transit service with easy connections, and comfortable waiting areas at stops and stations. We know that we can have a transportation system that works for everyone, from an 8-year old 3rd grader just learning to ride a bike to an 80-year old and everyone in between. Together with your support, we will make this happen in Durham. Learn more about how you can get involved at bikedurham.org.

Local Developments

Traffic Update

By Mollie Flowe

Thanks to all who answered the call to join the TPNA Traffic Committee. We had our first meeting on November 30 via Google Meet, to get to know each other a little and share our concerns and ideas. We had a productive conversation and agree that some serious traffic calming is in order for Duke and Gregson Streets now that the East End Connector is open. We plan to learn a bit more about where things stand now, what suggestions are out there, and how open the city might be to taking over those streets. If you're interested in some reading on the topic, take a look at the Move Durham Transportation Study. The final report was adopted by the City Council on October 5, 2020. (To find online, google "Move Durham Transportation" and click on the "final report" link.)

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Leave Your Leaves, Again

By Karalyn Colopy

Last November the TPNA invited the New Hope Audubon Society to our monthly board meeting to tell us about the "Leave Your Leaves" initiative. We learned about the enormous environmental and economic benefits of letting the falling autumn leaves remain in your yard. This year, as leaves continue to fall in Trinity Park, the message bears repeating. Here's an excerpt on the subject from last year's Trinity Park News:

Fallen leaves create important habitat for our favorite insects to lay their eggs. Many butterflies, moths and fireflies "overwinter" in leaf litter as caterpillars, chrysalises, or eggs. And the baby birds in the springtime will depend on those caterpillars for their food. Leaf litter also works like a sponge in heavy rain, mitigating flooding and filtering water as it flows to our drinking water sources, while keeping trees and plants hydrated. Leaving your leaves will also decrease noise and air pollution (from blowers and trucks to haul leaves away). Most landscape crews use gas-powered leaf blowers, which are loud and very polluting. Did you know that running one for an hour generates air pollution equivalent to driving a 2016 Toyota Camry for 1,100 miles?! California has even enacted legislation to regulate them after July 1, 2022, and ban their sale before the start of 2024. Instead of paying to have your leaves removed, try

using them as mulch. You'll save time and energy, reduce pollution, and help the environment in many ways!

Neighbor **Gabriele Weinberger** attended the November meeting and has remained interested in advocating for "leaving your leaves" for all the reasons noted above. She adds, "Without the leaf litter, stormwater washes out more soil around root systems and runs off rather than be absorbed by our trees."

She would like to see the culture of landscaping and lawncare to evolve towards more environmentally friendly and less disruptive practices. She acknowledges that it is not something that will happen suddenly and uniformly, but it will be a transformation that we seek over a period. For example, she suggests, "As battery operated blowers and mulching mowers are becoming very common, affordable, and easy to use, you can opt for them as you purchase yard equipment and make a clean investment in our neighborhood. You can also let your landscaping company know your preference for battery run equipment for the sake of clean air, noise reduction, and landscaping practices that leave our leaves for our Trinity Park trees and animals, rather than taking them away."

If you have tried leaving your leaves in your own yard, share your experience with Gabriele at intaweinberger@icloud.com

Canine Corner

Remember to Scoop the Poop

By Karalyn Colopy

Dog owners and dog walkers: please remember to pick up after your pet. Thanks for helping to keep our streets and waterways clean. Dog-loving neighbor **Stacie** says, “When I’m on a walk, I always try to have plenty of bags with me. I’m prepared so I won’t be the neighbor who leaves my dog’s poop in someone else’s yard, knowing I wouldn’t want it left in mine. Be considerate to the neighborhood.”

If you’re out with your dog but forgot a bag, you can pick one up in the Park at the dog waste bag dispenser. In the new year, the TPNA is considering installing more dog waste bag dispensers in other locations in the neighborhood. Stay tuned.

TOP 6 REASONS TO PICK UP AFTER YOUR PET

1. **It’s the law!**
2. **To Protect Our Water:** Pet waste left on the ground gets washed by rain into drains and ditches that flow into our local waterways. This water is not treated. All the bacteria, viruses, and parasitic worms in the waste get into our water.
3. **To Stay Healthy:** Dog waste can contain bacteria, viruses, and parasites. Leaving it in your yard means bacteria is likely to get tracked into your house. Waste can also attract flies and rats which carry additional diseases.
4. **Dog Poop Isn’t Fertilizer:** It is very acidic and will burn plants and grass. Extra nutrients don’t sink into our clay soil. Instead they wash away into our creeks and streams and cause algae to grow.

5. Your Neighbors Will Like You

Better: No one likes dog poop. Your neighbors don’t want to see, step in, or smell dog poop. They will appreciate your picking up after your pet.

6. It’s Not Going Anywhere:

Poop does not magically disappear. Dog waste can take up to a year to break down. An average dog creates almost 100 pounds of waste a year. That is a lot to leave lying around.

Source: Durham Public Works

<https://www.durhamnc.gov/786/Pet-Wastes>



Get Involved



Grant Opportunity from Duke Durham Neighborhood Partnership

By Karalyn Colopy

This year we once again have an opportunity to apply for a neighborhood grant from DDNP. With these grants, Duke hopes to empower neighborhood associations, addressing quality of life issues and interests. To be eligible for a grant, a project must fall into one or more of the following categories: Equity and Justice, Health and Safety, Education, Neighborhood Communication Tools, People First Development, Respect and Preserve History.

Duke will award up to \$2,500 to each neighborhood for projects that are driven by the neighborhood association, and possibly more for a project in collaboration with another neighborhood or local non-profit.

The deadline for grant applications is 1/31/23. Projects must be completed by May 2023.

Contact **Karalyn Colopy** (karalyncolopy@gmail.com) if you have a potential project in mind and would like to help with the application.

Call for Volunteers: Web Masters and Board Members

By Karalyn Colopy

Web masters: Do you have experience with simple website maintenance? Do you know your way around Wordpress? Are you inexperienced but willing to learn? If so, your neighborhood needs YOU! Both the Trinity Park Neighborhood Association (trinitypark.org) and the Trinity Park Foundation (trinityparkfoundation.org) need help updating their websites from time to time.

Board Members: Being a member of the Board brings joy and responsibility. It's a great way to meet neighbors and get to know your neighborhood more deeply. The Trinity Park Neighborhood Association is seeking new board members to replace four current members whose terms are ending. Could it be YOU? We aim to have a diverse Board to reflect the residents of our neighborhood. You don't need to have lived here long (just a year) or have any particular experience, just a willingness to participate. Fun facts about the Board:

- The TPNA Board has 14 members and meets monthly on 1st Wednesdays for about 90 minutes.
- Board members serve a term of 3 years and may continue for a second term.
- Elections for new board members will happen at the Annual Membership Meeting on January 11, 2023.
- Most Board members report they spend 2-6 hours per month on their Board or committee responsibilities.
- The current Board self-identifies between the ages of 30s-60s and represents a wide range of professions. Community college administrator to stay-at-home parent, entrepreneur to finance manager, we work across many fields.
- Board members love pets! 13 dogs, 6 cats, 7 chickens, 2 ducks, 1 rabbit, and 1 beta fish, to be exact.

If you're interested in either of these roles, or just want more information, send a note to info@trinitypark.org. We look forward to hearing from you!

Membership

You love Durham. You love Trinity Park. Join TPNA.

TPNA brings the neighborhood together for activities and initiatives that improve our community and make living in the heart of Durham so wonderful. One of the oldest and most active neighborhood associations in Durham, TPNA has been integral in preserving historic architecture and open space, working with the city on smart development, and most importantly, building community. Your membership dues and active involvement make all this possible.

TPNA is for all Trinity Park residents. Our urban neighborhood is a diverse mix of ~40% homeowners and ~60% renters. We encourage ALL residents, homeowners and renters alike, to contribute to our vibrant community by joining TPNA.

How to join TPNA?

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Halloween - Monday, October 31

By Waugh Wright

Halloween 2022 saw a return to normalcy in Trinity Park. **Steve Falzarano** and TPNA volunteers decorated the park's gazebo and environs with spooky accoutrements and laid out plenty of arts and crafts activities for the younger crowd (and candy for the younger, young, and maybe not-so-young crowd). Hundreds of costumed goblins, mandalorians, and Taylor Swifts came by before venturing out into the neighborhood to do their trick-or-treating. An esteemed tribunal of recent George Watts graduates strolled among the crowd surreptitiously judging the costumes for the costume contest, with LocoPops gift certificates and other treats going to the winners. Special thanks to LocoPops and all the neighbors who donated candy and time to one of the best annual events in Trinity Park!



Upcoming Events



Order your luminaria supplies now using the QR code, and they'll deliver to your home!

Sunday, December 18

Durham's traditional luminaria night will be on December 18. In Trinity Park, luminaria supplies are organized and distributed by volunteers on behalf of a non-profit of their choice. This year, neighbor Beth Emerson and the Girl Scouts of Troops 21 and 7000 are in charge. They've created a handy online order form.

TPNA MEETINGS

2023 Annual Membership Meeting (including Board elections): Wed. Jan 11 @ 7 pm on Zoom (link to come). ***Please plan to attend the Annual Membership Meeting on January 11.*** Each January, TPNA lays out the plans and the budget for the coming year, and - most critically - holds elections for several new Board members. **To do this, we need your help!** Join us on January 11 for an hour or so to learn about TPNA activities, meet your board members, and cast your vote.

BOARD RETREAT: On February 1, the Board will have its annual planning retreat in lieu of a February Board meeting.

REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS: 1st Wednesdays at 7 pm, March 1, April 5, May 3, etc.

All Trinity Park residents are invited and encouraged to attend. Look for confirmation of meeting details, including zoom link, on the Trinity Park listserv and Facebook.

STAY CONNECTED!

Listserv: <https://groups.io/g/trinityparkdurhamnc/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/trinityparknc>

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