



# Trinity Park news



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## Traffic on Duke and Gregson

By Mollie Flowe

The TPNA Traffic Committee, chaired by **Mollie Flowe** and advised by retired planner **John Hodges-Copple**, is working on a plan to ask the city to take over some of Durham's dangerously fast one-way streets. Of particular interest to Trinity Park, of course, are Gregson and Duke Streets.

The East End Connector has been open for nearly a year now. In addition to connecting NC 147 and US 70, the connector was intended to "reduce traffic growth on local streets such as Duke St., Gregson St., Mangum St., Roxboro St., Alston Ave., and Avondale Dr." according to the City's website. Traffic counts and anecdotal evidence do point to a reduction of cars on Duke and Gregson, but unfortunately, fewer cars make these roads even more wide open and unobstructed for speeding.

Duke and Gregson are currently maintained by NCDOT, with the goal of moving regional traffic efficiently. Now that the Connector is open, it is time to look at returning Duke and Gregson to serve local travelers safely rather than regional travelers quickly. Because NCDOT is in the business of efficient car movement rather than traffic calming, the first step in the process must be to have the city take over control of these streets from NCDOT.

Several past city plans and analyses have called for city takeover of Duke and Gregson and other similar streets in Durham. The time is right to make Duke and Gregson and other similar city streets safer for all users—cars, pedestrians, bikers, transit users. The traffic committee is hopeful for a safer and slower future for our streets.

## El Tráfico en Calles Duke y Gregson

Por Mollie Flowe

El Comité de Tránsito del vecindario, dirigido por **Mollie Flowe** y **John Hodges-Copple**, tiene la intención de pedirle a la Ciudad que se haga cargo de algunas de las calles peligrosamente rápidas y de dirección única, especialmente las calles Gregson y Duke.

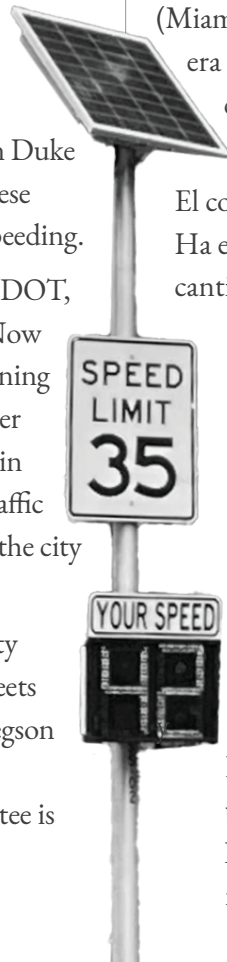
Como sabrá, hemos estado esperando durante muchos años la construcción del East End Connector (I-885), un tramo de carretera diseñado para conectar la NC147 con la US70 (Miami Blvd.). Otro objetivo importante del conector era reducir el crecimiento del tráfico en calles locales como Duke Street, Gregson Street, Mangum Street, Roxboro Street, Alston Avenue y Avondale Drive.

El conector finalmente se completó en junio de 2022. Ha estado abierto durante casi un año. Creemos que la cantidad de automóviles probablemente sea menor ahora, pero parece que están conduciendo incluso más rápido que antes.

Duke y Gregson actualmente son mantenidos por el estado del Carolina de Norte (NCDOT), no por la Ciudad, y el objetivo de NCDOT debería ser mover el tráfico regional de manera eficiente.

Ahora que el Conector está abierto, es hora de que la Ciudad tome el control de estas calles. Ha llegado el momento de hacer que Duke y Gregson y otras calles similares sean más seguras para todos los usuarios: automóviles, peatones, ciclistas y usuarios del transporte público.

El Comité de Tránsito tiene la esperanza de un futuro más seguro y lento para nuestras calles.



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# Congratulations, Graduates!

**All the 5th grade graduates of George Watts:** Alice, Andwele, August, Axel, Britney, Brooklyn, Bryn, Charlie, Christian, Clara, Danny, Eliza Grace, Ella, Elli, Elliott W., Ethan, Evie, Francisco, Grayson, Ishan, Israel, James, Jeep, Jojo, Jon, Jorge, Joselyn, Lia, Lowry, Lucien, Lucy, Meredith, Naomi, Patrick D., Patrick H., Roscoe, Rowan, Ruby, Sa'Miah, Saibh, Seve, Sibiu, Stell, Vera | *Congratulations from the teachers and staff!*

**Abby Fish**, Jordan High School  
*Yachts of love and congratulations! - Grandparents Peter & Barbara Fish*

**Ada Bridgers**, Riverside High School  
*Congratulations! Off to UNC Chapel Hill in the fall!*

**Alice Heery**, George Watts Montessori  
*So proud of you, Boo!*

**Alon Greyber**, NC State University (BS Computer Science and BA English)  
*Mazal tov, Alon... we are so excited for what lies ahead for you!*

**Annabel Swansey**, Camelot Academy  
*We are so proud of you!*

**Claire Morris-Benedict**, Bryn Mawr College | *What an accomplishment, Claire! We're beaming with pride.*

**Clara Molinaro**, George Watts  
*Congratulations, we are very proud of you! - Mom, Grandma and Papa*

**Clarabelle Brown**, Riverside High School | *You have what you need to go be all you were meant to be! Love, Dad, Mom, Izzi & Annabelle*

**Edwin "James" Allen**, Duke University, Bio (philosophy)  
*Yay James!!*

**Eleanor Abadie**, George Watts Montessori | *Congratulations Eleanor! We are so proud of you! Love Mom, Dad, Isabelle & Catherine*

**Eliza Porter**, Lakewood Montessori Middle School | *We're so proud of you! Love, Mom, Dad & Cyrus*

**Emerson Jakes**, Earlham College (BS Chemistry) | *You Did It! We're so proud of you!*

**Eve Smokoski**, George Watts Elementary | *Way to go!! Congratulations! Love Mom, Dad, Liddy, & Miriam*

**Harris Hodder Allen**, Harvard College, Bio (global health)  
*Way to go Harris!*

**Ian Wilkinson Conway**, U Penn (ROTC scholarship as a marine)  
*Way to go! - Grandmother Nancy May*

**Isabel Goll Young**, Goucher College  
*Mazel Tov Izzy. We're so proud of you!*

**Jack Williamson**, Durham School of the Arts | *We love you, Jack!*

**Libby Flowe**, Riverside High School  
*Congratulations!*

**Lila Goldstein**, Lakewood Montessori Middle School | *Starting at Riverside High School in the fall. We are so proud of you!*

**Luci Jones**, Brown University  
*Love you to the moon! Mom & Dad*

**Maya Gergen**, Proctor Academy  
*Heading to Appalachian State to study environmental sustainability and design*

**Meg Alcazar**, NCCU School of Library Science | *Summa cum laude, Courage & Inspiration award. Congratulations, Meg!*

**Megan Healey**, Durham School of the Arts | *Good luck! We love you!*

**Naomi Goldstein**, George Watts Montessori | *Off to Lakewood Middle in the fall. We are so proud of you!*

**Phoebe Todd**, Riverside High School  
*We're so proud of you and so excited for your next big adventure!*

**Piper Leypoldt**, Lakewood Montessori Middle School  
*Onto Riverside (STEM). You rock, Piper, and we are so proud of you! - Mom & Lex*

**Ruby Barron**, Brogden Middle School | *Onward and upward!*

**Samantha Sklar May**, LaGuardia High School (music, art and performing arts)  
*So proud! - Grandmother Nancy May*

**Shannon McGroddy Murphy**, Riverside High School | *We are so proud of you as you start your next chapter at Warren Wilson College!*

**Sigrid Jensen Oyaski**, Univ. of Georgia College of Agriculture & Environmental Sciences | *Super proud of you and your love of the "meat lab"!! -David & Maria (Aka dad & mom)*

**Sophia Ganter**, Riverside High School  
*Congratulations on graduating summa cum laude, Sophie!*

**Tullia Eisner**, Kindergarten at George Watts Montessori | *We are so proud of you! We are scared now that you can read! - Martin, Saskia, & Nola*

**Vann Fugikawa**, Riverside High School | *Attending Appalachian State in the fall. Vann, we're so proud of the person you've become — and can't wait to see what adventures lie ahead.*

**Vera Goldstein**, George Watts Montessori | *Off to Lakewood Middle in the fall. We are so proud of you!*

**Vibeka Jensen Oyaski**, Riverside High School | *Wear those cords Summa Cum Laude; watch out VA Tech!! - David & Maria (Aka dad & mom)*

**Vivi Wilson**  
*Congratulations for graduating 8th grade!! Moving in to high school!! We are so impressed by the adult you are becoming!*

**Xiomara Colopy**, Durham School of the Arts | *We're so proud of you! Love, Mom, Dad, Ximena, Xalvador, Xaviera, Lucy, & Fishbait*

**Zachary McCarthy**, Duke University (Math/Physics double major)  
*We could not be prouder of you, for this and for everything that you are! You are wonderful!*

## Most of Trinity Park to serve as “base area” for George Watts Elementary in 2024

By Steve Unruhe and Annie Ambrose

New attendance zones for elementary schools will go into place in the fall of 2024 with the passage of the Growing Together plan by the DPS Board of Education.

George Watts Elementary, located in the heart of Trinity Park, will continue to be a Montessori magnet school under the plan. However, the school will now have a “base area” that includes most of Trinity Park and extending east through downtown. Families living within the base area will be guaranteed enrollment at George Watts.

Jennifer Aguilar, principal of George Watts, says that families will still have to apply for the pre-K program. Older children, however, will no longer need a special application. The school will remain the same size, around 350 students, with about two-thirds of those students living within the base area of the school.

A goal for the Growing Together plan for the entire DPS district was to increase access to elementary magnet seats. The plan places all schools into five regions. Within each region, families will have access to magnet schools (known as “application schools” under the new plan). Each region has options for Montessori, Dual Language Immersion, International Baccalaureate and year-round schools. Additionally, each elementary school will offer STEM, music and visual arts, and global languages. More information available at <https://www.dpsnc.net/domain/2546> and <https://engage.dpsnc.net/>

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# Our Neighborhood

## Reality Center: Our Neighbors on the Corner

By quinn holmquist, Coordinator of Community Engagement and Giving at Reality Ministries

You've probably seen our sign. You've perhaps spied us walking up Lamond and down Watts to Trinity Park. Perhaps you or your four-legged friend has gotten an effusive greeting from Weston, who loves people but might love dogs even more. Or maybe you've seen Sloan brazenly plowing a path down the middle of Lamond in his wheelchair, which he was compelled to do before the sidewalks were redone (praise!).

If we haven't formally met, allow me to introduce our community: we're Reality Ministries. Perched on the corner of Lamond and Gregson, we're a community of 400 and growing friends with and without disabilities, sharing life and deepening in friendship.

And I'm quinn. I spent all of my undergrad tenure at Duke (2012-2016) walking down Trinity Ave, admiring the gardens on Watts, and landing at Reality, where I volunteered. I reconnected with the person who is now my wife at Reality and was often over at the apartment she rented on Monmouth while we dated. I've gone on many a stroll with Reality volunteers and supporters to where Watts meets Club. This neighborhood has been, in many ways, a space of welcome.

This is very much the case for our community at Reality. After high school, while most of us go on to the independence and freedom college promises, most people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) enter a void: without school, there are no regular social activities. Most places don't hire people with disabilities, transportation is inaccessible, and friends are nowhere to be found.



Sidney and Matt, two Reality friends, at Trinity Park. Sidney thinks he has big muscles. Matt's smile seems to suggest this is true.

This is where Reality Ministries comes in: we seek to be a community of belonging and friendship for people with and without disabilities, a place that counters the NO from the wider world with a YES to the goodness of all people. We gather daily at the Reality Center for groups that run the gamut: rock climbing, kayaking, and international cooking for the adventurous and songwriting and coloring & listening for our creatives. We have a talent show each spring, a Live Nativity in December and during the month of May, we're taking 200 of our friends on retreat to the mountains.

We're so grateful for our neighbors in Trinity Park. **Steve Unruhe** is Reality's incoming board chair. **Phil and Susan Jakes** host a monthly meal for Reality friends in their home. We are greeted by neighbors as we go for walks down Watts Street and gather at the park. Several members of the Watts St Group Home come regularly to Reality, too.

If you're interested in getting involved, I'd love to talk more. You could join us for a meal at our Cafe (scan the QR code in our picture on page 3!). You could join us as a volunteer at a morning or afternoon gathering but be careful...you might meet your new best friend here. And you could support us financially. We are unique in the nonprofit world in that over 75% of our funding comes from individual donors who love our community (not government funding or grants). You can find all these opportunities on our website at [realityministries.org](http://realityministries.org). We are delighted to be down the street - please stop and say hello the next time you see us, or drop me a line below.

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## Haphazard Gardeners Diane & Dale Pahl

By Sarah Hodder

The foam flower came from an elderly neighbor's yard 20 years ago, and the tall Solomon's Seal from a master gardener up north. A botanist neighbor on Watts St., now deceased, passed along some irises, and a peony also hailed from a garden around the corner, the original plant dating circa 1930. And the hellebore, well, they were a gift that just kept on giving... and giving.

**Dale and Diane Pahl's** garden is full of stories, plants with pasts; bought, borrowed, and sown from seed. The two have lived in their West Markham house in Trinity Park since 1981, and they have been establishing and nurturing their backyard landscape ever since. The lawn and gardens were created intentionally for enjoyment and active observation, as play space for their children and now grandchildren, and as play space for the Pahls themselves – lots of dirt to dig in. And they delight in the results of that play; despite suffering allergies, they still relish the beauty and scent of flowers both on the vine and in the vase. (As do the myriad pollinators buzzing and fluttering among the beds.)

Diane claims they are “haphazard gardeners,” a humble way of saying they aren't professional landscapers - their green thumbery consequent to many years of dirt beneath the fingernails. The Pahls have



Curb appeal on West Markham Ave.

experimented with plants and their placement, adapted their garden beds to changing light after trees have died from disease or storm damage, have learned which flowers like to be where, when, and how to ensure vibrant color and exuberant birds in their yard, all year round. When plants become too ambitious, or fail to thrive, the Pahls divide them or move them, or try something else altogether. They are, as every gardener can't help but be, always hopeful. The delicate spring ephemerals WILL appear out of the drab blank ground. Those seeds will one day be a brilliant bed of zinnias. Hard work helps - Diane confesses they never aspired to a low-maintenance garden. (She now practices winter sowing, an efficient and economical plant propagation technique, lest you

assume there's a season for rest in the Pahl gardening calendar...)

Dale credits good soil for their garden's success. When they bought the house, Dale, a civil engineer by training, saw great potential in the space, in spite of erosion from mismanaged run-off, persistent ivy, bamboo and a few dying trees. With one six-month-old already, and more to come, the Pahls knew they wanted to create an outdoor area friendly to children, and an extended living space conducive to all the things they enjoyed, entertaining, eating, birding, reading and of course, gardening.

To start, they added a playset and sandbox... and then tackled the run-off. They created a more distinct creek bed across the property for the storm water run-off, adding riprap rocks

# In the Garden

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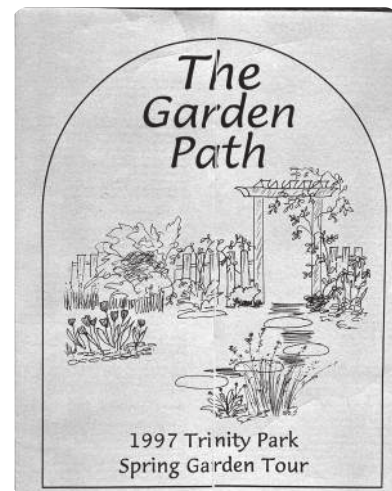
Diane and Dale's backyard garden

to slow down the flow and prevent erosion. They built a bridge and berms and redirected water flow away from the house via drains. And, they brought in many, many cubic feet of enriched soil (from Sands and Soils) to amend and improve the native red clay base. Nourishing the soil is an ongoing task, and the Pahls continue to mulch and compost the beds, which are characterized by the amount of sun they receive and the evolving tree cover. They designed a curved yard delineated by stone paths and low stone walls, with a recirculating stream whose gentle trickle can be heard from the back porch. The area along the back southern fence is less choreographed but still punctuated with tea olives and yews, old growth white oaks and a sweet gum, among other trees, shrubs and shade-loving plants. In addition

to many dozens of perennials and annuals surrounding the house with 360 degrees of color (virtually 365 days a year), the Pahls grow an extensive variety of vegetables in a long row of raised cedar beds and a cold frame on the western side of their house.

If you walk by the property today, in May, you will be wowed by the long street-facing border of pale pink Evening Primrose and Stella D'ora lilies. In a few weeks it will be something different, but equally lovely. If you see Dale, ask him about his bee house. And if you are lucky, Diane might be offering up a divided perennial, as their garden's story continues.

See link for description of winter sowing. <https://www.trianglegardener.com/start-your-garden-early-by-winter-sowing/>



## Garden and Landscaping Tour Planned for Spring 2024

By Karalyn Colopy

Back by popular demand! TPNA will host a Trinity Park Garden & Landscaping Tour in the spring of 2024, for the first time since 2002! We'll meet some of our neighborhood gardening enthusiasts and have a closer look at their beautiful gardens. Garden lover **Dale Pahl** notes, "As I have walked around Trinity Park, I've observed that our neighbors' love of outdoor living has inspired them to accomplish many things in addition to gardening." ... like creating outdoor living areas; paths, berms, and decorative walls; stormwater management solutions; vegetable beds; artwork; and recirculating streams.

Interested in helping with the Garden Tour? Contact **Karalyn Colopy** at [karalyncolopy@gmail.com](mailto:karalyncolopy@gmail.com) if you'd like to volunteer; if there's a particular garden you'd like to see featured on the tour; or if you'd consider offering your own garden as a Tour stop.

# Traffic / El Tráfico

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## How you can help:

- Send your questions and concerns about traffic calming on Gregson and Duke or about city vs state control of these roads to **Mollie Flowe** at [mollieflowe@hotmail.com](mailto:mollieflowe@hotmail.com).
- Share your stories, pictures, and videos of accidents on Duke and Gregson with **Layne Walker** (committee member, Duke St. neighbor) at [laynewalkercc@gmail.com](mailto:laynewalkercc@gmail.com).
- We are getting our ducks in a row before reaching out to the City Council formally, but would love to know their thoughts/questions/reservations about city takeover of local one-way streets. If you have contacts with Council, please share with **Aliza Sinkinson-Nogradi** (committee member, Gregson St. neighbor) at [aliza.sinkinson@gmail.com](mailto:aliza.sinkinson@gmail.com).
- Are you interested in working with the Traffic Committee in making these streets safer for all? Contact **Mollie Flowe** at [mollieflowe@hotmail.com](mailto:mollieflowe@hotmail.com) to be added to the committee email list.

## ¿Puede ayudarnos?

Por favor póngase en contacto con **Mollie Flowe** [mollieflowe@hotmail.com](mailto:mollieflowe@hotmail.com) si...:

- Tenga preguntas e inquietudes sobre el tráfico en Gregson y Duke
- Tenga historias, fotos y videos de accidentes en Duke y Gregson
- Tenga algún contacto con el Consejo Municipal, para que podamos saber sus pensamientos sobre el control de las calles locales.
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# Meet Your Neighbor and Sponsor

## Sarah Hill

By Annie Ambrose



**Sarah Hill** is a longtime Trinity Park resident, currently at 1011 Dacian Ave (downstairs, unit A), and owner of Hamilton Hill Jewelry, a longtime sponsor of the Trinity Park News.

I sat with Sarah in her boldly painted, gorgeously decorated living room, adorned with modern and eclectic furniture that reflects the style of Hamilton Hill's jewelry collection. With jazz (WNCU! her fave) playing in the background and cat **Holly** (15) and dog **Billie** (13) keeping us company, we talked about Sarah's decades of experience living in Trinity Park and downtown Durham and life as a small business owner.

**WHAT ARE YOUR FAVORITE THINGS ABOUT TRINITY PARK?:** I love the walkability. I like the mix of apartments and houses because of the mix of people that brings and supports, including

students (I'm hooked on university towns after growing up in Chapel Hill and Gainesville, FL). And the gifts Duke gives us are amazing -- beautiful East Campus, performances at Baldwin Auditorium, the Al Buehler trail... I love biking around campus, hopping on the campus bus to attend events on West Campus, and more. Despite being Tarheel born and Tarheel bred and a state school graduate, I must say loudly and clearly: we are really lucky to have Duke as a neighbor and great citizen.

**IF YOU COULD CHANGE ONE THING ABOUT TRINITY PARK, WHAT WOULD IT BE?:**

The speeding cars! Many years ago when I was on the TPNA safety committee (under the reign of friend **Hank Majestic**, Demerius), we volunteered to drive at the speed limit as "pace cars" on Duke and Gregson to calm traffic. And now people are speeding at higher rates and we're having frequent, sometimes major accidents. It's so frightening. I understand there is hope for change now that we have the East End Connector. Fingers crossed. And what's up with the condition of the streets?! In many areas (see Watts between Trinity and Urban), the pavement is in horrible condition.

**HOW DID THE PANDEMIC AFFECT YOU AS A BUSINESS OWNER?:**

Covid prompted the departure of two long-term teammates. That was sad and emotionally painful, but as is often the case, the difficulties resulted in new opportunities and those pesky but beneficial growth experiences. For

several months, I did nearly everything myself, was riding the pity train, but I learned so much about my business! Over the months and years, I've added several new teammates, including a Hill who is no relation, my assistant who lives upstairs at 1011 Dacian, and a digital marketing manager who lives at 208 N. Buchanan. Yes, the usual incestuous-in-a-good-way Durham life! It was difficult but there were silver (make it platinum) linings. The government's Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) was very important. Many business owners I know got a PPP loan and the forgiveness process was seamless. It was a lifesaver. Also, around 2019, we were finally beginning to see a lot of Durham newcomers at Hamilton Hill. Of course that slowed down a lot during the pandemic but now that trend is running strong again. I sense people are coming not just from New York City, California, and DC, but from Ohio, Iowa, Minnesota, Colorado, upstate New York, etc. We also have many long-time clients from Durham and nearby, many out-of-town clients, some of whom have lived in or visited Durham, and others who simply found us online.

**HOW ARE THINGS NOW?:** In 2021, Hamilton Hill bounced back and even boomed. The same was true for the jewelry industry nationally. The theory is that disposable income not spent on travel and restaurants was available for jewelry. 2022 was less strong overall, but 2023 looks to be a



banner year. The recent renovations at Brightleaf Square haven't yet done much for business, but that's starting to change. I think the remainder of 2023 will see greatly increased traffic in the beautiful courtyard and on the Main Street side, too. I think Asana [new owner of Brightleaf and several surrounding buildings] has what it takes to renovate and revive. (It would have been a challenging project even without Covid, and they bought it in December 2019!)

Despite the pandemic, the downturn of Brightleaf Square, Durham's original retail/restaurant renovation crown jewel, and the stresses of running a business, I love my work. Every day I interact with people who add so much joy to my life... clients, other merchants, jewelry designers, teammates, and TP neighbors including you, right?! It's really like being at a party!



*Scan here for more about how Sarah ended up in Trinity Park, how she began Hamilton Hill, and her perspective as a small business owner.*

Thank you, Hamilton Hill, and all of our sponsors! You make publication of this quarterly neighborhood newsletter possible. Know a business owner who would like to support TPNA? Contact Tiffany Florestal ([tfgadbury@gmail.com](mailto:tfgadbury@gmail.com)) to learn about sponsorship options.



## 321 Coffee: Inclusive Employment, With a Latte to Go

By Steve Unruhe

Trinity Park's newest neighborhood coffee shop, 321 Coffee, is built on inclusion. Located at 300 Morris Street at the base of the Durham ID (Innovation District) building, 321 currently employs over 50 adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) in Durham and Raleigh. They are the ones roasting the coffee, taking the orders, making the lattes, and demonstrating the value of an inclusive business model.

"It feels very hopeful and encouraging to see Durham support the next generation of kids with Down syndrome and for them to see me working at as an adult and role model with Down syndrome," said Emma, a Lead Barista.

The company was founded in 2017 by Lindsay Wrege and Michael Evans. The two met during their freshman year as Park Scholars at NC State University. They had the vision to build a company founded on inclusion.

The company started in Raleigh and opened the Morris Street location a few months ago. Wrege is delighted to be in Durham. "I've always admired how forward-thinking the Durham community is, and I've always wanted to have our mission and people as a part of that. I think we contribute to what Durham stands for, and I think we will grow from being in this environment. Our shop has been open for a few months, and I love seeing the friendships that have already started to grow between our staff and regular customers."

(On a personal note, I can vouch for the quality of the coffee and the shop is an excellent spot for a quiet meeting).



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# Outdoor Spaces

## Trinity Park Foundation: Caring for Our Shared Spaces

By Shelley Dekker, Trinity Park  
Foundation President

After a successful fundraiser in 2021 and TPNA Home Tour in 2022, the Trinity Park Foundation or TPF (the neighborhood's 501(c)(3) charitable entity) has been able to move forward with several neighborhood improvements. A few of these projects are complete. Most are in the works!

The largest project, which has been on our to-do list for some time, is the restoration of the granite steps leading into The Trinity Park along W. Trinity Ave. We have hired Sundial Landscaping to do the work, and they are waiting on two new granite steps to be cut before they proceed with the job. In partnership with TPNA, we received a \$5,000 Duke Doing Good grant toward this work, for which we are incredibly appreciative!

We also hired Sundial to landscape the western end of the Trinity Ave. median. This has been a dramatic improvement, and we hope to raise more funds to hire Sundial to continue their work along the entire median. Thank you to neighbors **Keith Poteat** and **Barry Howard** who have offered to water and weed the landscaped portion of the median to keep it looking terrific! Thanks also to neighbors **Duncan Beale** for weeding the eastern half of the Trinity median; **Julia Borbely-Brown** and

her grandchildren, **Magnolia** and **Elias**, for weeding in the Markham median and the Watts St. traffic circle; and **Steve Falzarano**, **Marc Moskovitz**, and **Mike Forhez** for taking care of the traffic circle at Dollar and Englewood. We are fortunate to have such caring neighbors who give so much of their time.

Other recently completed projects are the pruning of all the trees in the Park and treating the two ash trees for emerald ash borer. We have been treating these ash trees for many years now, and both mature trees continue to thrive and provide welcome shade along the sidewalks and in the park.

One of the projects in the works is an irrigation system for the park gardens. Members of the Blossom Garden Club have been manually taking care of this for many years, but many members are in their 70s and 80s, and dragging heavy hoses around the park during the heat of the summer is not as much fun as it used to be! An automated system will make the task of keeping the plants watered much easier.

We are also working with Duke Energy to replace the creosote utility pole light in the Park with a decorative fixture and LED lamp that is more energy efficient and in keeping with the historic character of the neighborhood.

TPF is funded by donations from neighbors and proceeds from the TPNA Home Tour. We would like to thank **Debbie & James**

**Dobbins, Laura & Robert Gutman**, and **Jeanette Stokes & Dwight Honeycutt** for their tax-deductible donations this year. We invite you to support TPF's work by donating online at [trinityparkfoundation.org](http://trinityparkfoundation.org) or by mailing a check to The Trinity Park Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 725, Durham, NC 27702. Your donations go directly to projects that improve our neighborhood.

Finally, 2023 marks 40 years of the Trinity Park Foundation's ownership of The Trinity Park, and 2024 will mark 50 years of The Trinity Park functioning as a city park. We look forward to celebrating these milestones in fall 2023 and spring 2024! Stay tuned!

## Update on South Ellerbe Creek Wetlands Restoration

We continue to monitor progress on the restoration of the wetlands on W. Trinity Ave. Here's the latest from Sandra Wilbur, PE, Watershed Restoration Manager, with the City of Durham Public Works Department:

"We have completed Phase I - demolition of the building, and Phase II - initial grading of the site. Phase III construction plans are underway and we plan on bidding it in the Fall/Winter as soon as all permits are in place."

# Membership

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

By Jill Wright

Thanks to all who helped make the March Membership Madness contest a success! 23 neighbors joined TPNA or renewed their membership during March and April: 6 first-time members and 17 renewals.

Congratulations to our lucky raffle winners! **Newman** and **Ann-Louise Aguiar** (current members) and **Lisa Hodges** and **Derek Horstmeyer** and their black lab **Baloo** (new members) received \$25 gift cards to Cloche Coffee on Broad St.



New members Derek Horstmeyer and Lisa Hodges



Long-time members Newman, Joshua, and Ann-Louise Aguiar

## Why 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. For just \$15 a year or less, your membership dues and active involvement make all this possible:

**1-year = \$15**

**2-year = \$25**

**5-year = \$50**

**Lifetime membership = \$200**

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.

**Check your membership status or join online via Paypal:**

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# Community Events

## Spring Egg Hunt Re-Cap

Spring Egg “Hunt” this year at the Park gazebo. Special thanks to **Steve Falzarano** for organizing, **Waugh Wright** and **Cordelia and Megan Mullin** for preparing treat bags, and **Xiomara Colopy** and **Julia Schmidt** for face painting. A good time was had by all!



## Earth Day Outcomes

By Mollie Flowe

HAPPY  
**EARTH**  
DAY



Many thanks to the volunteers who came out on Earth Day, Saturday April 22, for our neighborhood Clean-Up-Palooza Beautification Extravaganza. Extra special thanks to **Julia Borbely-Brown**, who organized the multi-pronged event and sponsored the Triangle E-cycling collection and **Jerry Reese's** transport of hazardous materials.

Two truckloads of hazardous waste and recyclable textiles were collected and disposed of appropriately. Triangle E-cycling picked up all donated electronics to use for parts and training. Neighbors also collected trash from several neighborhood blocks. A shout out to **Pam W.**, who picked up 4 pounds of trash on Gregson Street!

In the Ellerbe Creek Pearl Mill Reserve, a group of neighbors planted natives in the meadow area, while others removed invasives and collected trash.

From Donna Myers of Ellerbe Creek Watershed Association: "Thank you for coordinating this event! It was a great success for ECWA as we got plants into the Pearl Mill meadow, and removed a lot of invasive species and trash from the preserve and creek."

Students from the Riverside High School National Technical Honor Society pulled a rusted bicycle from the creek, among other goodies. A neighbor named **Lucas** found a monitor embedded in the creek bank. It was fun to have several kids and parents participating—thank you to these young citizens!

Thank you all for taking care of the neighborhood on Earth Day. If you are interested in adopting a litter collection route or keeping a neighborhood drain clear, please contact Julia ([juliaborbelybrown@yahoo.com](mailto:juliaborbelybrown@yahoo.com)) or me ([mollieflowe@hotmail.com](mailto:mollieflowe@hotmail.com)).



Julia Borbely-Brown and Adam Flowe at Earth Day headquarters on Dacian Ave.



# Community Events

## Salon Series Comes to an End with Free Concert in the Park on July 9

By Karalyn Colopy

For more than a decade, Trinity Park has enjoyed the special privilege of being home to the Salon Series: an annual program of house concerts featuring chamber music for the cello, organized by neighbor and professional cellist **Marc Moskovitz**, performed by Marc and colleagues.

The first Salon Series concert was held at the King's Daughters' Inn in 2011. Marc notes, "Chamber music was by its very nature intended for an intimate setting. Though perhaps programs featuring Mozart and Haydn (both of whom preferentially played viola within chamber music settings) were presented in the ballrooms of the aristocracy, the fashion was eventually

pursued by the rising middle class who desired music in their own homes, and who also had expendable wealth to be able to afford keyboards, lessons, etc."

Since 2011, Salon Series concerts have been held in numerous Trinity Park living rooms. Marc says, "I can think of no better place to play such a program, and I'm indebted to our TP neighbors for having graciously opened up their homes to us for so many years."

Alas, all good things must come to an end! Marc has announced that this year will mark the end of the Salon Series. The pandemic is largely to blame. Marc explains, "Covid did a real number on everyone and everything, including house concerts. In the meantime I've simply become too busy to be able to play, much less plan such concerts every year. I'm not averse to giving an occasional house

concert now and then, but I simply can no longer devote the time such an endeavor requires."

To say thanks for being such a devoted neighborhood, Marc is planning one final show with other cellists from the NC Symphony, long-time collaborators together known as Cello Fourum. **The show will be Sunday, July 9 at 7 pm, outdoors at Trinity Park.** Bring a blanket or chairs and picnic and come enjoy the free show, which will feature a variety of classical and pop tunes.

"I'm thrilled that my fantastic NC Symphony colleagues, among the best cellists you'll hear anywhere, will be able to join me for our final program!" Marc says.

*Thank you, Marc, for enriching us with your music!*



Cellists Nathaniel Yaffe, Marc Moskovitz, David Meyer and Peng Li of Cello Fourum



# Remember When... ?

Stroll down memory lane or peek into a past you never knew. These colorful and thought-provoking questions were put together for a July 1993 reunion of Trinity Parkers who either grew up in the period before, during and after World War II; or were the parents of the sons and daughters who filled the streets, yards and houses of the neighborhood. Courtesy of **Ann Kirkland**, who grew up on N. Duke St. *How many can you answer?*

**1. How did the Cub Scouts attempt to put out the fire they started in the field next to the Faucette house on Knox St.?**

- a. smothering it with their tents
- b. stomping it out with their feet
- c. using water from their canteens
- d. using 12-ounce Pepsi Colas supplied by Watts Street Grocery?

**2. Dollar Ave. and Demerius St. were named after the same person.**

- a. Demerius Dollar Duke, daughter of James B. Duke
- b. Demerius Dollar Durham, the daughter of Dr. Bartlett Durham
- c. Dollar J. Demerius, owner of Durham's first trolley car company
- d. Demerius F. Dollar, who inherited 80 acres of land bordering the south edge of Demerius St

**3. What neighborhood resident once was an owner of the Durham Bulls?**

- a. Jim Trevathan, who sold life insurance to several players
- b. Coley Ray, who established a tire business next to Durham Athletic Park
- c. Mike May, an outstanding amateur golfer
- d. Duck Baldwin, whose department store offered 50 percent discounts to players' wives

**4. Why was Club Blvd. named Club?**

- a. It was the main route to the Durham Country Club
- b. A grocery store at what became the corner of Club and Roxboro was famous for its club steaks
- c. During Prohibition several night clubs sprang up along the road
- d. One member of the City Council who named the street always carried a golf club to meetings

**5. Some neighborhood boys sold peanuts at Duke football games. For 100 bags sold, they would get:**

- a. two tickets to a Duke basketball game
- b. a barbecue sandwich
- c. a chance to sit on the bench with the football players
- d. a dollar bill

**6. A house has never been built on the land next to 1013 Watts St. This is because:**

- a. the property was the site of a rock quarry and it is impossible to construct water and sewer lines
- b. it is known as the Watts Street graveyard and is still listed by the county tax office as a cemetery
- c. the owner in the late 1800s was a hermit and specified in his will that no house be built there as long as the family kept the property
- d. the size of the lot fails to meet the minimum size requirements in city ordinance

**7. When cars drove on Dollar Ave. between Englewood and Knox, they sometimes had to change lanes because:**

- a. the George Watts safety patrol conducted sessions on that block
- b. the west side of the street was used to sell vegetables grown in the neighborhood during the summer
- c. the street was full of chuck holes caused by substandard construction materials
- d. drivers had to avoid teen-agers who sunbathed in the street

(Editor's note: we have not verified the accuracy of these answers)

Answers: 1. C 2. D 3. C 4. A 5. D 6. B 7. D

# Upcoming Events

Salon Series Concert in the Park - Sun Jul 9 @ 7 pm

National Night Out - Tue Oct 3

Halloween in the Park - Tue Oct 31

Luminaria - TBD in Dec

## TPNA BOARD MEETINGS

1st Wednesdays @ 7pm

JUNE 7	JULY 5	SEPT 6	OCT 4	NOV 1	DEC 6
IN PERSON	ZOOM	IN PERSON	ZOOM	IN PERSON	ZOOM

*All Trinity Park residents are invited and encouraged to attend. Look for confirmation of meeting details, including Zoom link or location specifics, on the Trinity Park listserv and Facebook. We're alternating between in-person and Zoom to balance the benefits of both kinds of meetings.*

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