



Trinity Park news



FALL 2023

National Night Out

OCTOBER 3

Free food and fun at the Park

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 4:30-8:00 PM

National Night Out (NNO) is a nation-wide community-building event that brings neighbors together with local police and government officials for a cook-out and conversation, promoting good relations and safe, healthy neighborhoods.

Come to the Park (400 Watts St.) on October 3 to meet your neighbors and local officials. Enjoy grilled hot dogs (vegetarian included), Domino's pizza, beverages and snacks, all provided by TPNA. We'll have activities and toys for the kids. Bring a side dish or dessert to share if you are able.

In addition to the food and conversation, we'll also have a ribbon-cutting celebration for the recently renovated granite steps into the Park on W. Trinity (see page 10).

NNO is traditionally held on the first Tuesday in August. But in 2023 Durham Police Department re-scheduled it to October, hoping for cooler temperatures. So NNO will be celebrated on October 3 this year in Trinity Park, as well as in many other neighborhoods throughout Durham.

Volunteers needed! Contact **Steven Falzarano** at falzos8077@aol.com if you can help with activities, setting up, or cleaning up.

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3 DE OCTUBRE A LAS 4:30-8:00 PM

National Night Out (NNO) es un evento de desarrollo comunitario a nivel nacional que reúne a vecinos con la policía local para una comida al aire libre, promoviendo buenas relaciones y vecindarios seguros y saludables.

Disfrute de hot dogs a la parrilla (veggies tambien), pizza, bebidas y refrigerios, gracias a la TPNA. Habra actividades y juguetes para los niños. Traiga un plato o un postre para compartir si lo desea.

También vamos a celebrar la inauguración de los escalones de granito recientemente renovados que dan acceso al parque en W. Trinity (más a la página XX).

NNO se celebra tradicionalmente el primer martes de agosto. Pero este año se lo reprogramó para octubre 3, con la esperanza de temperaturas más frías.

¿Puedes ayudar con las preparaciones o limpieza?

Comuníquese con **Karalyn Colopy** en karalyncolopy@gmail.com si tiene ofertas, preguntas e ideas. Se habla español.

National Crime Prevention Month

Crime Update

By Karalyn Colopy

The recent rash of home break-ins, car break-ins, and theft has left many in our community feeling rattled and uncertain, and some devastated. We are sorry for all the loss, disruption, and frustration. Thanks to all who have notified neighbors as well as police to help raise awareness and aid the investigation.

As of early September, the police have some leads. Assistant Chief Piatt in the Investigative Services Bureau reported:

“We are aware of the break-ins in the area and have been working on several leads regarding these crimes. While we cannot give out specific information, I can say that we do have persons of interest in many of these cases, which we believe are related. I would encourage everyone in the area to continue to remain vigilant as they have always done; remember to set your alarms and lock your doors and windows, and report anything suspicious immediately either via 911 or our non-emergency number (919-560-4600).”



October is National Crime Prevention Month! Safety Tips from Partners Against Crime

By Mimi Kessler

Here are some tried-and-true tips for deterring theft and break-ins. These are frequently emphasized at the monthly meetings of PAC2 - Partners Against Crime District 2:

- Install and use locks on all doors and windows
- Install video: doorbell, motion-activated; it's easier than you would think
- Get a monitored alarm system and put signs and stickers on doors and windows
- Lock your car
- Don't leave valuables or your gun in the car
- Get a dog
- Be a nosy neighbor and ask others to do the same

Partners Against Crime is a community-based volunteer organization that works at the neighborhood level on crime prevention strategies and quality of life issues. Each of Durham's five police Districts has a corresponding PAC organization that meets monthly. Trinity Park is in District 2, so I attend PAC2 meetings, which are held on the 2nd Monday of each month, 6-8 pm at the Edison Johnson Aquatic Center at 500 W. Murray Ave. Attendees discuss concerns and improvement strategies with our police liaison, as well as City/County officials and other guests. If you'd like to know more about PAC2 or Partners Against Crime, contact me at mimikessler@gmail.com.

Reflections on the Citizen Observer Patrol with Jo Darby

By Karalyn Colopy

Citizen Observer Patrol or COP is a national police program that uses a community-oriented strategy to improve neighborhood safety. In the early 2000s, the Durham Police Department (DPD) started a COP program here, training volunteers from various neighborhoods throughout District 2 to be Citizen Observers. Trinity Park Neighbor Jo Darby was a COP volunteer for a few years starting in 2010.

“The program was compelling because of Officer Hester,” Jo fondly remembered. Eric Hester was the instigator behind Durham’s COP program and kept it going for many years. “He had a generous personality and could talk warmly with anyone. He really cared about people’s safety.”

After completing training in a variety of areas, volunteers took 4-hour shifts in the evenings, driving throughout the neighborhoods of District 2. Jo said, “We would drive around in pairs in the COP squad car, wearing our uniforms, following a route laid out for us by Officer Hester, waving to kids, talking to folks, answering their questions.”

Citizens could request a COP patrol to drive through areas with frequent theft or break-ins. “Our presence would hopefully deter crime or at least make the residents feel seen and protected. We didn’t have the authority take

any particular action. We were just benevolent observers in a squad car,” Jo said.

COP volunteers also helped DPD with events like Bike Rodeos, gun-lock giveaways, and parades. “I really liked the Bike Rodeos. And checking in on elderly folks,” Jo noted. COP patrols were sometimes asked to visit shut-ins or infirm neighbors. “Once I went to check in on a woman on Buchanan Blvd. whom I had come to know well. She didn’t answer the door, and I figured out that she was inside but was hurt. I called 911, and they broke down her door. She had fallen and couldn’t get up.”

The COP program eventually faded away after Officer Hester left DPD, though there were a few stalwart volunteers who remained loyal to the program and continued to advocate for it to be funded.

Reflecting on her time with COP and also on the TPNA Safety Committee, Jo said, “Strong community is a good crime deterrent. That’s why I give out free herbs or plants from my garden when I can.

I want people walking down the street - neighbors, visitors, strangers, students - to feel a sense of community here.

I hope we can do more in Trinity Park to build that up.”

When to Call the Police

From durhamnc.gov:

CALL 911:

- Any fire emergency
- Any immediate or potential threat to life or property
- Any medical emergency
- Any other actual or perceived emergency
- Any suspicious persons, vehicles or activity
- Any type of fight or disturbance
- Any vehicle accident
- Child or pet locked in a vehicle

CALL THE NON-EMERGENCY NUMBER 919-560-4600:

- Burglaries that occurred hours or days earlier (not in progress)
- Vandalism to public or private property
- Barking dogs
- Loud music

School Perspectives

Highlighting the Value of the Trinity Park Neighborhood Association:

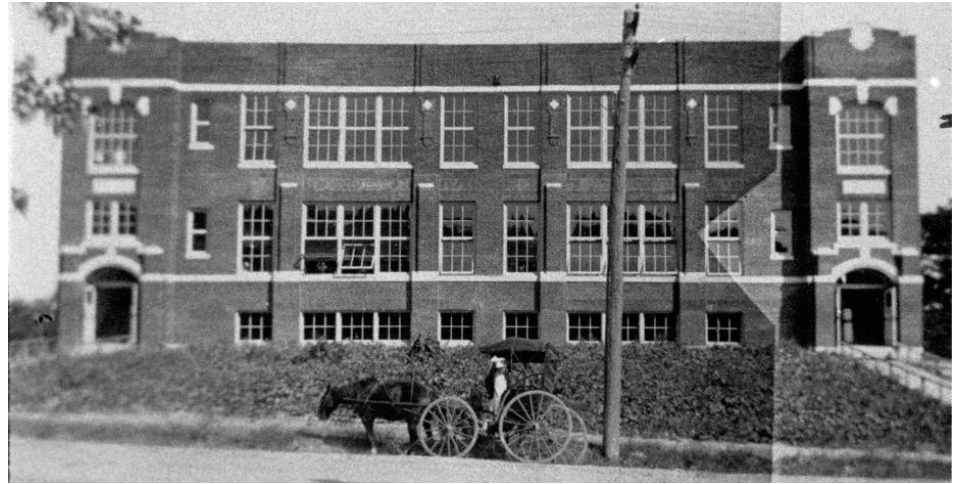


of Renovating George Watts Elementary School

By Dale Pahl

Thirty years ago, the Trinity Park Neighborhood Association (TPNA) completed a multi-year effort to rescue George Watts Elementary School from state policies that threatened its existence. Based on these policies, a 1992 assessment of George Watts, EK Powe, and Club Boulevard elementary schools created a crisis for TPNA when the assessment recommended closing George Watts. Recognizing the value of its historic neighborhood school, TPNA and local residents formed a team that ultimately persuaded the Durham Public Schools (DPS) Board of Education to renovate all three elementary schools. These local elementary schools are still thriving today.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP) viewed our neighborhood's successful response to this crisis as so significant that it highlighted our story in one of its national publications and in a 2001 workshop on saving historic local schools that NTHP organized for its national, state, and local policy directors.



George Watts Elementary School at 700 Watts St., in 1918 (above) and today (below)



I was a member of the team that worked with TPNA to preserve George Watts elementary. At the link below, I've written the story of our preservation effort—including the public policy issues that created the crisis, the strategy to save our historic school, and the outcomes of our effort.

I believe it's important to remember this story because it illustrates the significant public benefits that can be achieved by TPNA and neighborhood leaders when we work together.

Scan here to read
the full story at
trinitypark.org:





View of the DSA campus, from Gregson St.

Durham School of the Arts

By John Hodges-Copple

Today, Durham School of the Arts (DSA) is in a similar situation to that of George Watts in the 1990s; Durham Public Schools has announced plans to build a new campus for DSA three miles north of its current location. There are many parallels between

the history of George Watts and the current plans for DSA, most notably an initial lack of meaningful engagement with parents, staff and the community - later remedied by DPS in the case of George Watts; and no detailed and transparent comparison of the “move” option with an “improve” option that can address the clear deficiencies at the current location. These limitations are mostly not about

academics; DSA performs better than any of the large, suburban schools, as just-released state data continues to show. Future plans for the current campus are unclear -- and also have not involved those who would be affected -- and would seem to need to address many of the parking, access, utility, safety and security deficiencies that are being used as justification for closing and moving DSA.

Get Out and Vote!

Municipal Elections Are Happening Now: Make a Plan to Vote

By Mimi Kessler

This fall in Durham, we will elect a new Mayor and three At-Large City Councilmembers. (“At-large” means not representing any specific area of the city.)

Local elections are not as sexy as Presidential or Senate races, or even state-wide elections. But local decision-makers affect our everyday lives in many ways, like in the conditions of our local roads, placement of traffic lights and pedestrian crosswalks, pay rates for sanitation workers, police officers, firefighters, 911 operators, and more. Local elected officials control many aspects of residential, commercial, and industrial zoning, which determines building types and construction. Local elections matter!

Photo ID Now Required

The biggest change at the polls this year is that you’ll need to show a picture ID, such as a driver’s license. Many employer and student IDs have also been approved. Voters without an acceptable ID can get a free photo ID Card from the Durham County Board of Elections, 201 N. Roxboro St., during normal business hours. If you arrive at the polls without an acceptable ID, you can still submit a provisional ballot. A decision will be made in each case as to whether the ballot can be counted.

For early voting, go to any of these locations: North Regional Library (221 Milton Rd), East Regional Library (211 Lick Creek Ln), Durham County Main Library (300 N Roxboro St), South Regional Library (4505 S Alston Ave), or NCCU Turner Law Building (640 Nelson St). Polls will be open Mon - Fri: 8:30am – 6:00pm, Sat 8:30 – 1pm, Sun: 12pm – 4pm, and Sat (last day) 8am – 3pm.

On Election Day, vote only at your assigned voting location.

The Candidates

Each candidate has a web site, so you can do your research. After the Primary election, the top 2 Mayoral candidates and the top 6 City Council candidates will move on to the General election.

Mayor:

- Charlitta Burruss
- Jontae Dunston
- DeDreanna Freeman
- Nick Pettiford
- Leo Williams
- Sylvester Williams
- Marshall Williams Jr
- Mike Woodard

City Council (3 seats):

- Nate Baker
- Shanetta Burris
- Javiera Caballero
- J.J. Campbell
- Waldo Fenner
- Bonita Green
- Monique Holsey-Hyman
- Shelia Huggins
- Khalilah Karim
- Carl Rist
- Sherri Zann Rosenthal
- Renee Vaughan

For More Information

The Board of Elections at www.dcvotes.com has links to details about ID rules, absentee voting, voting location hours, and finding your assigned voting location. The NC non-profit You Can Vote at www.youcanvote.org is another good source for information and is seeking volunteers to register people to vote.

People all over the world would give their lives for this freedom. Please exercise your right and participate in the process.

	PRIMARY	GENERAL
EARLY VOTING	Sept 21 - Oct 7	Oct 19 - Nov 4
ELECTION DAY	Tue Oct 10	Tue Nov 4
ABSENTEE VOTING	Oct 3* Oct 13**	Oct 31* Nov 13**
* Deadline to request ballot ** Deadline to return ballot		

Seeking new Board members! Could it be YOU?

We anticipate several vacancies on the TPNA Board of Directors starting in January 2024. Serving on the TPNA board is a rewarding experience that brings joy and responsibility. Most Board members spend 2-6 hours a month on TPNA business. We seek a diverse cross section of Board Members to truly reflect the residents of our neighborhood. We're particularly interested in renters! You don't need any particular skills or long-term residency in the neighborhood. Contact TPNA President **Mollie Flowe** at mollieflowe@hotmail.com if interested.

Improving Our Response to Gun Violence

By Karalyn Colopy

At the July 5 TPNA Board meeting, we welcomed special guest **Azmen Johnson** of Prescriptions for Repair (P4R) -- a pilot project to help improve the way Durham addresses gun violence. Launched in October 2022, P4R is supported for one year by the City of Durham, Duke, and NCCU.

Ms. Johnson explained that normally when someone is shot, we focus public attention and funds on who committed the harm and how we

punish them. The P4R pilot instead takes a restorative justice approach, focusing on the experience and needs of those who were harmed. It provides an organized way for Durham residents who have been impacted by gun violence to tell their story, to identify what needs to be done to make things as right as possible, and to offer "prescriptions of repair" to the greater community.

As the Lead Facilitator of P4R, Ms. Johnson coordinates listening sessions, where trained volunteer facilitators listen in teams of two with one survivor. Trinity Park neighbor **Tiffany Florestal** serves as a P4R

Community Member Facilitator, explaining, "I listen to participants who share their stories and ideas for improvement within Durham." She added, "Azmen's ability to connect communities and people, even around a divisive topic like gun violence, is astounding."

By the end of September, P4R will have met with 40 survivors.

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Neighborhood Priorities

Working for Traffic Calming on Duke and Gregson

By Mollie Flowe

Traffic flow is slower on two-way streets than on one-way streets, and crashes are less frequent and less severe when they do happen. Traffic calming on Duke and Gregson Streets has been a part of the City's plan for some time. Most recently, in October 2020, City Council adopted the Move Durham Plan, which calls for restoring two-way traffic on Duke and Gregson, as well as Mangum, Roxboro, and the Downtown Loop.

The TPNA Traffic Committee continues to meet regularly, with the goal of pushing for slower speeds and improved safety for pedestrians, bikers, transit riders, and drivers on Duke and Gregson. We are working on crafting a set of talking points to aid in discussing the issue with City Council members, to push them to make good on the promises in the Move Durham Plan. We are also interested in collaborating with other neighborhoods with similar issues on NCDOT-maintained roads.

Survey to Identify Trinity Park Priorities for the DDNP

By Susan Jakes

The Duke Durham Neighborhood Partnership (DDNP) is a group of representatives from 14 Durham neighborhoods - including Trinity Park - that border on Duke. The group is convened by Duke to build goodwill and relationships. In addition, Duke

periodically offers small neighborhood improvement grants for projects that align with DDNP's shared vision of thriving neighborhoods. Trinity Park has benefitted in recent years with several grants (\$1100 for rain gardens at George Watts, \$1400 for permanent labels for the artwork in the Park, \$9000 for cultural heritage signage and for invasive species removal along the Ellerbe Creek Trail, \$5000 to help repair the steps in the Park).

This summer, the DDNP held a visioning workshop to re-examine our shared priorities for the next 2-3 years. A few weeks before the workshop, I created an informal online survey to find out what Trinity Park residents believe our priorities should be. I shared it via the Trinity Park listserv.

The survey asked "What community needs and priorities should the DDNP focus their efforts and resources on for the next 2-3 years?" and invited respondents to rank six given priorities (the current DDNP priorities at the time): Health & safety, Equity & justice, Education, Neighborhood communication tools, Development that puts community members first, and Respect & preserve history. Respondents were also invited to elaborate on how they interpreted each priority and to write in additional priorities of their own.

89 neighbors completed the survey. Of the six given priorities, Health & safety, Equity & justice, and Education were top-ranked by many respondents. Neighborhood communication tools,

Development that puts community members first, and Respect & preserve history tended to be lower priorities.

Most respondents provided some explanation about their priorities. Health & safety, for example, meant a variety of things: traffic mitigation, pedestrian / bike safety, root causes of crime, more police, and climate change. Equity & justice meant things like root causes of violence, racial inequity, affordable housing, public transportation, living wages, disability access, and urban heat islands. More than half of the respondents also wrote in additional priorities, many expressing concern for the environment / climate, affordable housing, and traffic / public transportation. It's clear from the responses that people share many similar concerns even if they would categorize them differently.

Thank you to all the respondents for your thoughtful participation! Your responses were very interesting and will help guide us in working with the DDNP.

Shared Priorities of the DDNP Neighborhoods

By Karalyn Colopy

"What community needs and priorities should we focus our efforts and resources on for the next 2 to 3 years?"

This was the guiding question at the Duke-Durham Neighborhood Partnership (DDNP) visioning workshop on Saturday, August 26 at the Lyon Park Community Center. With the help of a professional

facilitator, representatives from the 14 neighborhoods of the DDNP expressed our neighborhoods' concerns and hopes. About 50 people attended, including **Susan Jakes, Kelly Witter, Matt Kopac** and me as representatives of Trinity Park. We used the results of the survey that Susan Jakes sent out on the listserv in early August to help guide our input to the discussion.

By the end of the 3-hour workshop, the group had agreed on 9 shared priorities:

- Supportive safe communities
- Political activism
- Neighborhood networking
- Housing justice
- Environmental justice
- Neighbors helping neighbors
- Cultural heritage and preservation
- Traffic and pedestrian safety
- Intra-community development

"I thought it was a very productive meeting and allowed all voices to

be heard," said Kelly. "One of the priorities that especially resonated with me was environmental justice. Some neighborhoods have limited green space, and we have access to so much being next to East Campus and a short distance to other trails."

Starting in early October, Duke will again offer DDNP neighborhoods the opportunity to apply for Doing Good grants for projects that align with any of these shared priorities, placing emphasis on collaboration among DDNP neighborhoods. If you would like to help develop / work on a project in any of these areas that would involve other DDNP neighborhoods, please contact me at karalyncology@gmail.com.

Matt offered this reflection on the workshop:

It was incredibly special to spend time with a group of neighbors from across Durham to discuss what we saw as

the pain points in our community, as well as our vision for the future. There were some clear high-level themes that emerged, like affordable housing, traffic/pedestrian safety, and environmental justice. I appreciated the strong shared belief in local capacity building, supporting neighbors through mutual aid, and advocating together to influence the policies of local government. While we often think in terms of the boundaries of our own neighborhoods, we can seek to be allies and support other parts of our community. For instance, there was a lot of energy behind acknowledging and preserving the legacy of historically Black and brown neighborhoods in the face of so much change in Durham. I left hopeful about our ability to support each other within and across neighborhoods, and to advocate for a Durham that is healthier, safer, and more just.



On August 26, ~50 neighbors from the 14 DDNP neighborhoods agreed on a list of 9 shared priorities that will guide our projects and discussions for the next 2-3 years. The DDNP neighborhoods are Burch Avenue, Bragtown, Crest Street, Lakewood Park, Lyon Park, Morehead Hill, Old West Durham, Southside, Trinity Heights, Trinity Park, Tuscaloosa-Lakewood, Walltown, Watts Hospital-Hillandale, and West End.

Outdoor Spaces

Trinity Park Foundation Update

By Shelley Dekker

In August, the Foundation was thrilled to complete the restoration of the granite steps leading into The Trinity Park from W. Trinity Ave. Thanks to Sundial Landscaping for the fine work and to the TPNA, a Duke Doing Good grant, and individual donations for funding this project! Speaking of donors, we would like to thank **Cavett and Barker French, Andy Stewart and Peggy Kinney, and Mr. and Mrs. Scott Taylor** for recent donations to the Foundation. Andy and Peggy visited our website, trinityparkfoundation.org, and signed up to donate monthly through PayPal. They asked that their donation go toward helping purchase irrigation for the Trinity Park gardens, and this is exactly where it will go! Irrigation will be installed this fall or winter to relieve the Blossom Garden Club of this arduous task. We would also like to thank **Julia Borbely-Brown** for a large donation toward the restoration of the decorative brickwork in the right-of-way along W. Trinity Avenue near the park. There is a wooden bench here which we will look to restore as well.

In August **Sue Concannon** and I began identifying trees along what will be the Trinity Park Tree Trail, an urban hike celebrating the diversity of the trees within our neighborhood. We found over 30 species of trees in

just a few blocks, including 5 different species of oaks on one block of Gloria Avenue alone!

Dale Pahl, Foundation vice-president, has been working on an overhaul of the Foundation's website which will take place this winter. Dale has also spent a lot of time making digital copies of the Foundation's legacy documents so that we will have not only the paper copies but also digital copies of our archives. This summer **Jacqueline Morgan** alerted me to the early history of the inception of the Trinity Park in the 1970s by **Lelia Proctor**, an architect and mother who moved in 1972 to 407 Watts St. across from the lot where the park is now, which had sat vacant for 20 years. It was Le's idea to make a park, and she made it happen! I have been in touch with Le, who is looking for her original drawings and photographs from the time. We will post these documents on our website if they can be found.

A future project which needs funding is the addition of decorative steel edging along the perimeter of the park gardens in order to protect the plants from being trampled. We would also like to add handrails along the restored granite steps along the W. Trinity Ave. side of the park. You may donate to the Trinity Park Foundation online at our website, trinityparkfoundation.org, or by mailing a check to The Trinity Park Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 725, Durham, NC 27702. Your donations go directly into funding projects that

improve our neighborhood! Thank you for your support!

Restoring a Bit of History at the Park

By Karalyn Colopy

If you're new to Trinity Park you might not know the story behind our neighborhood park. If you have lived here a while, you might have contributed to its construction! Our little park has a long and interesting history. It is located on the site of the former Warren-Farthing House, built in 1906 for James B. Warren, a local tobaccoist and real estate magnate. The large house was converted into apartments in the late 1930s and razed in 1952; all that remains of it is the granite curbing surrounding the site and two sets of granite steps that led to the home's entrances - one on Watts St. and the other on W. Trinity Ave.

In the early 1970s, twenty years after the home was razed, neighbor Lelia Proctor, an architect and mother who had recently moved across the street from the lot, saw the opportunity to make the lot into a public park. She tracked down the lot's owner (the Teer family), made drawings of her proposed park, and presented her idea to the City. The City agreed that if she was able to get the Teers to agree to her plan, they would purchase and install the playground equipment and maintain the park. The Teers were delighted with the idea and leased the land to the City for \$1 a year. These were the years of the "Tot Lot." The

park did not have the gazebo at this time. There were benches, a sand box, spring riders, several climbers, a slide, swings, and the large grassy play areas that remain today.

In 1980 a small group of neighbors formed the 501(c)3 Trinity Park Foundation to receive donations and then purchased the park lot from the Teer family. The Foundation leased the land back to the City of Durham in 1983, the land continuing to be used as a public park. The gazebo was dedicated in 1989. The park underwent a major renovation in 2001 when the City added new play equipment, new benches and picnic tables, and new walkways. The Foundation added the gardens in 2005 and continues to work with the City

to make improvements to the park.

For many years, the set of original granite steps along W. Trinity has been in need of restoration. The lower step was much too high, and two of the treads were tipping inward, while the tread on top was tipping downward! This created an accessibility issue, which was bound to become a safety issue in time. The granite columns on either side of the steps, buckled from settling over the years, needed to be repointed as well.

Restoration of the steps promised to be an expensive project, involving heavy equipment and custom-made granite slabs. The project has been on the Foundation's "to-do" list for several years but was not feasible due to the high cost.

Last fall, however, with the possibility of a \$5,000 grant from Duke Doing Good in the Neighborhood, the project began to take shape. The Foundation was awarded the Duke Doing Good grant in February 2023 and also received money from the TPNA 2022 Home Tour. After difficulty finding a serious and able contractor, we were delighted to find that Sundial Landscaping could secure the granite and do the work. They completed the project in August.

We are so thankful to Duke Doing Good for their strong support. Thank you also to all who made the 2022 Home Tour a success. These beautiful restored steps are available to all now thanks to you!



Granite park steps on W. Trinity Ave., before, during, and after restoration

Community Events

Summer Heat



Entrepreneurship met community service on a scorching July day. Lemonade stand owner Ezme, granddaughter of Joan Austin and Dan Morgan. With guest LuLu Russell. Photo by Gwen Palmer.

Good music. Good food. Good cause. What's Not to Like?

The Yiddish Songfest to Benefit Urban Ministries of Durham is back!

From 2010 to 2019, Trinity Park hosted an annual Yiddish benefit concert. Then Covid intervened. Happily, the lively series resumes on Sunday, October 29 at 3 pm at Trinity Ave. Presbyterian Church. Audiences will hear traditional Yiddish songs (though not klezmer) performed by local singers to the accompaniment of piano and strings. Then comes an enticing spread of Jewish treats, savory as well as sweet. And as always, all proceeds go to Urban Ministries. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. For tickets or more information, call 919-682-7468 (please note: no texts) or email yiddishsongfest@aol.com.

Salon Series Concludes in the Park

By Karalyn Colopy

Since 2011 many neighbors have enjoyed the privilege of experiencing the Salon Series, an annual program of house concerts featuring chamber music for the cello, organized by Trinity Park neighbor and professional cellist **Marc Moskowitz**, performed by Marc and colleagues. This summer, after more than a decade, the Salon Series came to an end.

To say thanks for being such a devoted neighborhood for so many years, Marc organized a final free concert in the Park on Sunday, July 9. Marc and three other cellists – **Nathaniel Yaffe**, **David Meyer**, and **Peng Li** – from the NC Symphony, long-time collaborators together known as Cello Fourum, performed a variety of classical and pop tunes on the hot but rain-free evening.

“The weather fully cooperated, and we had a really nice and appreciative turnout,” Marc modestly reported.

Neighbor **Tim McNulty** elaborated:

The gathering for the cello concert created a true neighborhood feel, with families sitting under the trees and children playing off to the side in the playground. It was a midsummer delight. The 100 or so neighbors who attended included those who saw the notices and intentionally arrived with lawn chairs, others who were walking by and, becoming entranced by the throaty

vibrations, chose to stop and listen, some balanced on the gazebo railings, others leaning against trees, all listening to the classic and contemporary music of the four cellists.

Thank you, Marc and friends, for enriching us with your music!

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



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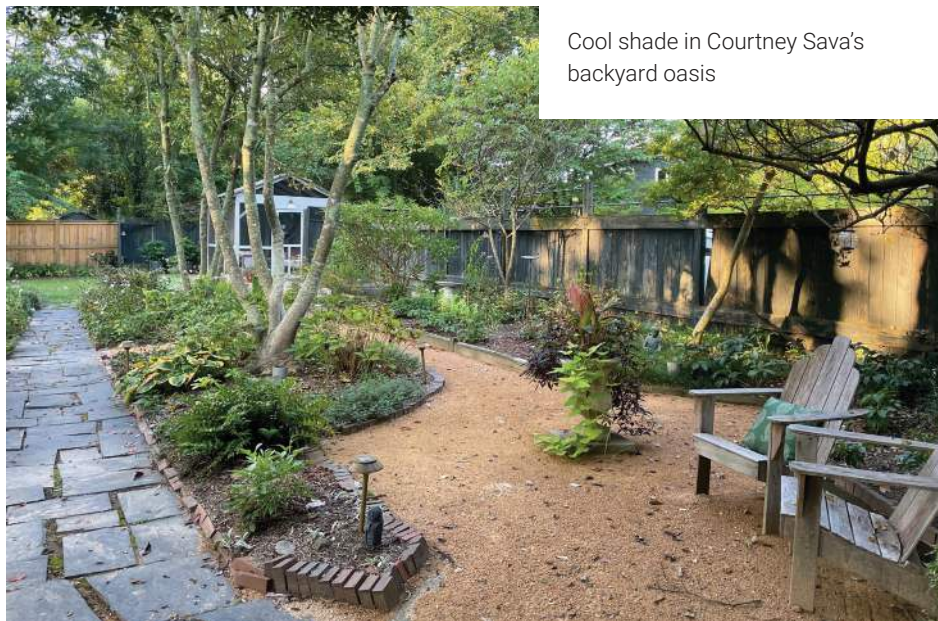
Garden and Landscaping Tour – Spring 2024

By Karalyn Colopy

As we head into autumn, with vegetables ripening, leaves drying and the days getting shorter, the fresh blossoms of spring might seem like a distant memory. But now is the perfect time to plan your spring garden, or better yet, your neighborhood Garden Tour! For the first time since 2002, TPNA is planning a Trinity Park Garden & Landscaping Tour for the spring of 2024. If you are a gardener or a garden lover, we could use your help. Contact Karalyn Colopy at 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.

Fall and Winter Are Time for Planting Trees

The City of Durham's tree-planting season is at hand! If you have an empty spot in the City right-of-way in front of or beside your house, please search "Durham Urban Forestry" online and click on the link for the TREE REQUEST FORM. Complete the short online form, and the City will contact you about planting a tree. Thank you for helping to keep Trinity Park cool and green.



Cool shade in Courtney Sava's backyard oasis



Late summer haul from Tom Wenger's vegetable garden on Watts St.

National Night Out – Tuesday, October 3

Contact **Steven Falzarano** at falzos8077@aol.com if you can help.

Ellerbe Creek Clean-up at Pearl Mill Nature Preserve – Saturday, October 7 at 9:00 am

Join us as we work with Ellerbe Creek Watershed Association (ECWA) and Keep Durham Beautiful to improve the creek that runs through our neighborhood. We will remove trash and invasive species and take on other tasks guided by ECWA staff, if we have enough volunteers. This is a fun activity and great exercise. It is also a worthwhile opportunity for any students who might need community service work. No special skills are needed, and the necessary equipment will be provided. Contact **Julia Borbely-Brown** at juliaborbelybrown@yahoo.com if interested in volunteering. We will meet at the kiosk at 703 Green St. on Saturday, October 7, at 9:00 am.

Halloween in the Park – Tuesday, October 31

Contact **Steven Falzarano** at falzos8077@aol.com if you can help.

Luminaria – Sunday, December 17

Durham's traditional holiday luminaria night will be on December 17 this year. In Trinity Park, luminaries are organized and distributed by volunteers as a fundraiser for a non-profit of their choice. If you'd like to be the Minister of Luminaria this year, please contact **Mollie Flowe** for more details at mollieflowe@hotmail.com

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:

<http://trinitypark.org/wordpress/membership/>

Or mail us a check:

Print and mail the Membership Form found at the above website and a personal check to:

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