



Trinity Park news



SPRING 2024

Trinity Park Garden Tour: Sunday April 28th



**2024 Trinity Park Garden Tour: Celebrating Nature
in City Gardens & Landscapes**
Sunday, April 28, 1-5 pm, rain or shine!

By Karalyn Colopy

Explore the leafy, peaceful, and unique spaces that your neighbors have created in their yards. The tour will include 8-12 gardens - perennial gardens, pollinator gardens, vegetable gardens, rooftop gardens, ponds, patios, outdoor living areas, and more!

Tickets (\$20 in advance, \$25 day-of) are on sale now at trinitypark.org, and will also be on sale the weekend of the event at the Gazebo. Check the listserv and website for details. Proceeds will benefit the Trinity Park Foundation, a 501(c)(3) that maintains and improves our neighborhood infrastructure, such as The Trinity Park.

Want to help and get a discount? Volunteer as a docent! You'll take a shift directing visitors in one of the gardens and get a half-price ticket. Contact **Julia Borbely-Brown** (juliaborbelybrown@yahoo.com) to volunteer for a shift. Any other questions, contact Garden Tour Co-chairs **Dale Pahl** (dalepahl@gmail.com) or **Karalyn Colopy** (karalyncolopy@gmail.com).

**El Recorrido de Jardines de Trinity Park: Celebrando
la Naturaleza en los Jardines de la Ciudad**
Domingo el 28 de abril, 1-5 pm, lluvia o sol

Por Karalyn Colopy

Pasea entre los espacios frondosos, tranquilos y únicos que sus vecinos han creado en sus jardines. El recorrido va a incluir 8-12 jardines -- ¡los jardines perennes, de polinizadores, los huertos, los jardines en azoteas, los estanques, los patios y más!

Los boletos ya están a la venta (\$20 por adelantado, \$25 el día) en trinitypark.org. Las ganancias beneficiarán a la Trinity Park Foundation, una organización 501(c)(3) que mantiene y mejora la infraestructura de nuestro vecindario, como el parque.

¿Quieres ayudar y conseguir un boleto con descuento? Necesitamos a muchos docentes para dirigir a los visitantes en cada jardín. Comuníquese con **Karalyn Colopy** (karalyncolopy@gmail.com) para ofrecerse como voluntaria para un turno.

Membership

MARCH MEMBERSHIP MADNESS!

By Jill Wright

Join or renew* your TPNA membership in March (or April) for a chance to win a \$25 gift certificate to Yonderlust on 109 N. Gregson St. <https://yonderlu.st/>

We have 1 prize for first-time members, and 1 prize for all other current members.

Check your membership status (send a note to tpnamembership@gmail.com) and renew now if needed. Whether you're new or renewing, get your membership dues in by April 30 to be entered into the drawings.

*If you renewed recently or are a lifetime member, you'll be automatically entered to win, too!

All memberships received by April 30 will be entered into the drawing for the prizes.



You love Durham | You love Trinity Park | Join TPNA!

By Jill Wright

Trinity Park Neighborhood Association 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.

GET INVOLVED

Make sure that the issues important to you are voiced. Monthly TPNA meetings (1st Wednesday of every month) and committee participation are open to all, regardless of membership.

JOIN OR RENEW NOW

For as little as \$15 per year, your dues keep TPNA going. Join or renew online at trinitypark.org

Go to TPNA --> Membership
Email tpnamembership@gmail.com if you want to check your membership status (we all forget sometimes!)

Pay online or via check to:
TPNA, PO Box 725,
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2 YEARS = \$25
5 YEARS = \$50
LIFETIME = \$200

Questions?

Contact tpnamembership@gmail.com

President's Report: 2023 in Review

By Mollie Flowe, TPNA President

The state of TPNA is strong! We especially enjoyed being able to meet more often in person, both as a Board and with neighbors at community events. We held our in-person Board meetings in a variety of neighborhood locations, meeting new people at each, including Trinity Ave. Presbyterian Church, Watts Baptist, Beth El, and Grace Lutheran. Some highlights of the year:

Guest speakers at our monthly meetings: **March** - John Hodges-Copple, retired planner with Triangle J Council of Governments, on traffic calming strategies; **April** - Bob Chapman, SCAD Taskforce, and Bonita Green, President of INC, on the pros and cons of SCAD; **July** - Azmen Johnson from Prescriptions for Repair, a pilot project to help improve Durham's response to gun violence; and **November** - Natalie Beyer, DPS School Board, and **Fredrick Davis**, DPS Director of Building Services, on the re-location of Durham School of the Arts; as well as **Nikola Milenkovic**, Public Engagement Specialist with GoTriangle, on ways to use transit in the Triangle.

Hundreds of neighbors at in-person community events.

Spring Egg Hunt (Apr 16), **Earth Day** (Apr 22) neighborhood and Ellerbe Creek clean up, with hazardous waste collection and e-cycling; the final **Salon Series** cello concert in Park (Jul 9); **National Night Out** community picnic (Oct 3) with ribbon cutting for restored granite stairs in the Park; **Ellerbe Creek clean-up** (Oct 7); and traditional **Halloween celebration and costume contest** in the Park (Oct 31). We also hoped to participate in the Durham-wide celebration of **Luminaria** (Dec 18). Unfortunately, we were rained out, but the Girl Scouts

that organized the event appreciated donations, and some neighbors put out lights independently.

Traffic. Our very active Traffic Committee kept busy developing strategies for calming traffic on Duke/Gregson--collecting data, anecdotes, pictures of accidents on Duke and Gregson; speaking with City Council members; joining forces with Bike Durham and other neighborhoods to push for improvements on Roxboro/Mangum; and pushing for implementation of MoveDurham goals.

Successful March membership drive with 2 raffle winners selected from all eligible members. We're grateful to all who join TPNA, any time of year! We currently have 89 lifetime household members, 141 yearly household members, 230 in total. Thanks to all members for your support. Membership dues keep us going.

Looking ahead, in 2024 we'll continue to alternate in-person and virtual meetings. We'll continue monitoring developments in local traffic, crime / safety and PAC2, South Ellerbe Wetlands development, Northgate re-development, and DSA campus changes. And we plan to hold all of our yearly community events, as well as the

traditionally biennial Home Tour. The Garden Tour will make a return this year, for the first time since 2002. We are also considering some new events, such as a tree canopy workshop and park concert.

It takes many people to keep these and other neighborhood activities going. Please consider volunteering your time and expertise!

- Co-chair the Home Tour
- Help organize or volunteer at a community workday - Earth Day clean-up, gardening in the Park, hazardous or electronic waste collection
- Volunteer at the Garden Tour, Egg Hunt, Home Tour, or Halloween celebration
- Volunteer as a storm drain monitor or Tree Keeper
- Write a newsletter article on a topic of you care about
- Join a TPNA committee
- Attend monthly Board meetings and share what's on your mind

Thank you, neighbors!

New Year - New TPNA

Goodbyes and Hellos

By Mollie Flowe

At the TPNA Annual Membership meeting on January 10, we said goodbye to several Board members as they completed their terms, and we elected new board members and officers to fill their big shoes.

THANK YOU to out-going Board Members **Bill Brown, Missy Crawford-Smith, Tiffany Florestal,** and **Laurie Williamson** for their years of service!

WELCOME to our new Board Members and Officers:

Brett Aefsky, Board member
Annie Ambrose, Treasurer
Scott Doron, Vice President
Tim Dunn, Board member
Sam Griffith, Secretary
Katie Lutz, Board member

Brett Aefsky and his wife Leslie moved to Trinity Park in 2012. He works as a Physical Therapist for Duke Athletics and enjoys attending any and all athletic events. Brett joined the neighborhood association as a way to get involved in the local community and continue to help make Trinity Park such a wonderful place to live. Outside of work Brett enjoys working out, playing soccer, learning the piano and spending time with his wife and their 8 year old son.

Annie Ambrose, Treasurer, served as a TPNA Board member in 2022 and as Vice President in 2023. She has lived in Trinity Park since 2010, with her husband Jarrod, kids Owen and Sadie, and rambunctious 2-year-old dog, Maisie. She grew up in Chicago, went to Cornell for college, and then made her way south via a two-year stint in D.C., followed by a master's in city and regional planning at UNC. She loves being able to walk/bike/bus to her office downtown at Self-Help Credit

Union, where she works on a national affordable housing mortgage program.

Scott Doron, Vice President, has served as a TPNA Board member since 2021 and is a 40-year TP resident. Moving from Boston, he and his wife Mia bought their first TP house after 30 minutes on the market. Even back then, with half the houses in decay on the block, the neighborhood was becoming desirable. His career has been varied, bolstered by an MBA from UNC-Chapel Hill and an English Degree from the College of Idaho. Yes. He is from Idaho. He worked in technology policy for two Departments of Commerce and a regional think tank. A few years ago, he embarked on a new direction as a Vice President at Alamance Community College, the most rewarding job he ever had. He retired last June and volunteers and writes grants for several Durham nonprofits. He has respected how the TPNA Board grapples with many issues prompted by the frenetic growth of downtown Durham and hopes to contribute to wise growth issues as Vice President.

Tim Dunn has lived on Urban Ave since 2018, when he moved with his partner Eva and son Julius from Cambridge MA. Julius is now a happy 2nd grader at George Watts and a loving big brother to Lux, his baby sister born Feb. 2023. Tim and his family adore Trinity Park and have the best neighbors ever. Tim runs a biomedical engineering lab at Duke and spends his spare time grumbling about the Gregson and Duke freeways



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and myopic handling of our tree canopy. As a reward for his grumbling, he has earned a spot on the TPNA traffic committee.

Sam Griffith has been living on Woodland Drive since 2017. Sam hails from the Chicago area originally but when he moved to Durham in the mid-90s to go to grad school he liked it well enough that he never left. His daughter Isabelle Lee graduated from Durham School of the Arts and is currently at college in Boulder, Colorado (dog Buster never even graduated from basic obedience—Sam’s hopes for financial

support in his dotage are all riding on Izzie). You may run into Sam walking his dog around the neighborhood, sharing a cocktail with the neighbors, tutoring high schoolers or volunteering at Habitat for Humanity...introduce yourself!

Katie Lutz is relatively new to Trinity Park, having lived in neighboring Old North Durham for the last 10 years. Born here in the Bull City, she betrayed her Wolfpack and Blue Devil family to play soccer for the Tarheels during college. She now works locally as a Nurse Practitioner. In her free time,

Katie loves to hang out with her dog, Albus, try any and all new Triangle restaurants and bars with friends, and attempt to get better at yoga and Pilates. Katie has loved the process of making her house a home and is excited to become more involved in the neighborhood and the people that make it so wonderful to live here.

Trash Talk

By Tim McNulty

On the streets of Trinity Park, you may notice white bits of paper stuck by the curb, flattened soda cans, empty beer bottles, cardboard food containers from Bojangles and McDonald’s, and sometimes a single glove or shards of a car’s plastic bumper.

And then there’s the wet and folded \$100 bill.

Neighborhood volunteers who walk the streets weekly have seen it all, from discarded clothing (use your imagination) to expensive Apple AirPods that have found their way into the curbs and storm drains.

Armed with a trash bag and a grabber, the volunteers collect the flotsam of daily life as they walk two or three blocks around their homes.

Right now, there is a terrible shortage of volunteers, but a weekly routine of patrolling the streets would encourage other neighbors to pitch in to keep the streets clean and save the storm drains from filling with trash.

Julia Borbely-Brown has been coordinating trash pickup volunteers and is also a prime mover in Earth Day and Ellerbee Creek cleanup efforts. Contact her at juliaborbelybrown@yahoo.com if you’d like to volunteer. Make it a game for

older children and inspire others to be responsible. Your neighbors will love you.



Someone’s trash is someone else’s treasure

Traffic Update

Traffic Update on Duke and Gregson

by John Hodges-Copple

The TPNA Traffic Committee continues to work on making Duke and Gregson slower, safer streets. We have joined with other neighborhoods with similar interests related to Roxboro and Mangum Streets to encourage the City to devote staff and dollars to achieve change more quickly.

Since Roxboro and Mangum are on the NC Department of Transportation repaving list this year, the strategy is to

get Roxboro and Mangum done quickly, while starting the designs for Duke and Gregson. We also need enough funding in next year's budget to pay for restriping, signage and signals for all the priority streets in the MoveDurham transportation plan, of which Duke and Gregson are two.

We ask neighbors to engage with City Council members, bringing up safety concerns with these streets and the expectation that the Council will fight for the needed funding. Continual contact with Council members, stressing the importance of this schedule and sufficient

funding, is valuable because the City has begun its budget development for next year. City transportation staff have not yet made Duke and Gregson a priority, so it will likely take prodding of elected officials to get the safety improvements done more quickly.

We also continue to seek pictures of crashes when they occur. Pictures will reinforce the message that delaying road improvements will mean more injuries and damage.

Contact Traffic Committee Chair **Mollie Flowe** (mollieflowe@hotmail.com) with questions, concerns or information.



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Durham Public Schools Pay Controversy: A Primer

By Steve Unruhe

WHAT IS THE ORIGIN OF THE CONTROVERSY?

DPS sought \$4 million in funding from the Durham County Commission to increase pay for “classified employees” (i.e. non-teachers and non-administrators) in the 2023-2024 school year. A pay plan designed by a consultant proposed to both increase pay and change how pay levels are determined. DPS began paying employees under this new structure this school year.

SO WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

Among the changes recommended by the consultant, employees no longer received credit for years of experience outside DPS (e.g. a secretary starts working for the schools after 15 years in private business). This would have effectively reduced the pay for a large number of employees, and thus reduce the cost of other pay raises. However, the school board did not ever approve this change, and actual pay to employees did not reflect this change. But -- and this is the key point -- the administration failed to recalculate the overall cost of the new pay structure.

HOW BIG IS THE ERROR?

Not completely clear, but evidently ~\$10 million.

WHEN WAS THE ERROR DISCOVERED?

The finance director knew of the error in the spring of 2023 (before the plan was implemented), the superintendent

learned of the error in November 2023, the school board learned in January 2024, and employees were also informed of the error in January 2024.

WHAT SET OFF SCHOOL CLOSINGS?

The first communication to employees about the error implied that DPS might “claw back” pay raises, revert to previous pay levels, or recalculate pay levels by eliminating non-DPS years of service. The response was wide-spread protest and “sick-outs” that eventually morphed into both organized school walk-outs led by the Durham Association of Educators (DAE) and wildcat refusals to work by school bus mechanics and others.

WILL THERE BE PAY CUTS FOR EMPLOYEES?

The school board on Feb. 22 approved a new pay plan that raises pay for all employees (again, not including teachers and administrators) by 11% above 2023 pay. Employees who received raises above 11% will see their pay adjusted down, but will be able to keep the extra pay given due to the error in implementation.

WHY NOT JUST GIVE EMPLOYEES THE FULL RAISES?

This would require an annual appropriation of \$10 million from the County over and above the funding that DPS already receives. It is not clear whether the County can or would

provide this level of funding, and this might preclude any other additional funding request (e.g. pay increase for teachers).

ARE THERE ISSUES BEYOND THE PAY CONTROVERSY?

DAE is pushing for adoption of a “meet and confer” policy that would require the administration and school board to work with them on a wide range of issues. This would resemble a union contract that is in general use in non-Southern states across the country. The board has agreed to meet with DAE representatives and other employees to put a policy in place.

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Around Town

From Our Friends at PAC2 (Partners Against Crime)

By Mimi Kessler

CRIME

Auto thefts are higher than previous years. So lock your car! Don't leave things of value in plain sight. And don't store your gun in your car! All other categories of crime are much lower (year-over-year), including assaults with/without firearms (down 33%), burglary (down 25%).

Call 911 if you see something odd. The 911 center is busy, but they would rather get the call than have

something bad happen.

PARKS & REC

Lead testing in parks is showing >50% reduction in lead readings after interventions, but it's still not gone. Some areas are still testing positive in high ranges, and those areas are roped off. They are still working on it.

Many tennis courts are marked for playing pickleball, but there are now dedicated pickleball courts! Reserve online at dprplaymore.org/169

HEALTH

"Hands only" CPR (no rescue breathing) classes are offered upon request. Get some folks together

and learn how to save a life! Call 919-560-7769 for more info or to schedule a class.

TRANSPORTATION

Roxboro and Mangum will be resurfaced this year. Several major streets are being resurfaced, some of which are state roads. For more information go to durhamnc.gov/transportation then select "Current Projects."

All are welcome to join me at PAC2 meetings, held on the 2nd Monday of every month at 6pm. We have been meeting virtually lately because of renovations at the Edison Johnson Aquatic Center. For more information, contact **Mimi Kessler** (mimidurhamnc@gmail.com)

Watershed

By Steve Unruhe

Ellerbe Creek Watershed Association recently completed a stream enhancement project for a 500 foot stretch of stream at Pearl Mill Nature Preserve just south of Knox Street. Strayhorn Branch was a degraded stream flowing into South Ellerbe Creek. These streams drain 11 acres of downtown Durham and are severely eroded from high stormwater flows. By enhancing the stream to once again access its floodplain, we can help slow the water's flow, reduce erosion, and make the stream cleaner and more hospitable for aquatic life.

The stream enhancement will:

- Stabilize stream banks to reduce erosion that degrades the stream and pollutes our streams.
- Create in-stream riffles that will slow down water as it moves through the stream, contributing a small part to reducing downstream flooding.
- Provide a public access area for residents to view the stream and learn about the stream enhancement work.
- Provide plantings of native plant species that will benefit pollinators.



(Information from Ellerbe Creek Watershed Association website)

Trinity Park Foundation Update

By Shelley Dekker

2024 marks the 50th anniversary of The Trinity Park being utilized as a city park. We are so fortunate to have this little green space within our neighborhood, and The Trinity Park Foundation, as owner of the park, takes very seriously its role of caring for it. To this end, we are always striving to make improvements but also to maintain what we have. Since my last update, I am happy to report that the iron handrails given by **Claire and Allen Wilcox** have been installed along the granite steps on the north side of the park, and the memorial bench given by **Ranji Khanna** in remembrance of her husband **Srinivas Aravamudan** has been installed in the northeast corner of the park. New thermally modified wood slats have also been put in place in

two of the existing benches. This wood is a native ash that is free of chemicals and resistant to decay, mold, and mildew.

Plans for the year include realizing the installation of irrigation in a portion of the park gardens. We are hoping Red Mill Landscaping will come through for us. We will strive to install a decorative streetlight in place of the light on the utility pole. Having to coordinate with both the City of Durham and Duke Energy has made this project incredibly challenging. With TPNA and Duke, we have received a Duke Doing Good grant to restore the brick steps leading into the park on the north side. These steps were built in the 1980s and need restoration and a handrail along one side. We will be working with the Blossom Garden Club, longtime caretakers of the park's gardens, to fund-raise for iron fencing to border the gardens in several places.

Because the park is public, the plants need protection from park-goers who cut through the gardens rather than entering the park via the steps and sidewalks. We also hope to replace the damaged doors to the Little Free Library.

We are excited that **Sue Concannon**, who is taking part in Durham County Extension's Master Naturalist program, will be working with New Hope Audubon to develop a long-term road map for the park to expand its biodiversity while still maintaining its family friendly nature for recreation and relaxation. The plan will likely include removing some of the particularly invasive plants, planting additional natives that attract birds, and pursuing the feasibility of leaving leaves and brush piles which serve as little havens for insects and birds that overwinter in this area.

Finally, I would like to thank **Fox Family Foundation** for their \$2,500 donation to the Trinity Park Foundation in recognition of **Barker French**. We received this gift in December and are so appreciative for the support of **Barker and Cavett French** over the years. I began working with Cavett on the Trinity Park Tree Committee over 20 years ago now, and I have cherished every minute spent in the company of the Frenches! Thank you, Barker and Cavett, for all you have given to Trinity Park and all of Durham.



Above: New iron handrails for the park steps, thanks to the Wilcoxes

Giving Back

MLK Food and Book Drive

By Katy Barron

The neighborhood MLK food and book drive was a great success. We collected 252 lbs. of food (much of which were boxes of Goldfish, which are very light!) for PORCH Durham, and our donations filled two big collection bins. Thank you for your strong support!

Thanks also to those who donated books for Book Harvest. I noticed many carefully selected diverse and bilingual books.

If you'd like to contribute to future PORCH food collections, please email katysbarron@gmail.com to be added to the monthly reminder list.

PORCH-Durham provides supplemental food to Durham children and their families who are facing food insecurity. Book Harvest provides books and ongoing literacy support to families and their children from birth and serves as a model for communities committed to ensuring that children are lifelong readers and learners.



Above: Walt Barron delivering MLK food donations to PORCH-Durham.

Luminaria

Thanks to all who lit up the night with luminaria in December! Originally scheduled for December 17, we had to pivot due to the rain. Most neighbors lit their luminaries on December 24, our official rain date, but some lit them on other nights when it was more convenient. We are deeply grateful for **Beth Emerson** and family, who for the second year in a row organized the event to raise funds for their two daughters' Girl Scout troops.

Meet My Neighbor

Tuck Satterfield

Interviewed by Steve Unruhe

NAME AND FAMILY MEMBERS:

Tuck, Anna, Casey, Ember

ADDRESS:

Minerva Avenue

OCCUPATION: Marketing at IBM, songwriter/singer/rhythm guitarist for the band The Simple Joy

WHY DID YOU MOVE TO TRINITY PARK?

Anna and I met while at Duke, and both of us lived in various places around Durham for a few years after graduating. When we decided to get married, we started looking for a place together, and Trinity Park was a great fit, as we were both familiar with the area, and it wasn't far from where each of us was living before. It didn't hurt that we fell in love with a particular house here.

WHAT SURPRISED YOU ABOUT TRINITY PARK?

After we'd been here for a few years, there was suddenly a re-awakening of downtown. That made Trinity Park feel way more central and connected to the city. In the late 90's, you could walk to a couple of places around Brightleaf, but east of that, there wasn't much going on in terms of restaurants or music or really anything. It was a more-than-pleasant surprise when that started to change in a big way, and now it feels like we're just a walk or a bike ride from pretty much any kind of activity you'd want.

THE ONE THING YOU LIKE BEST ABOUT TRINITY PARK?

The location gives you easy access to so many different resources. Whether outdoorsy (East Campus, greenways in both directions, Duke Forest, short drive to Eno spots), cultural (tons of stuff at Duke, Carolina Theater, DPAC, multiple walkable music venues), sporting (Duke again, Bulls, lots of local clubs), or culinary (Co-op, Whole Foods, too many restaurants to count), there are just a million options close at hand.

IF YOU COULD IMPROVE ONE THING ABOUT TRINITY PARK IT WOULD BE ...

It seems there have been improvements in this regard already, but making the neighborhood safer for walkers and bikers (better sidewalks, safer crossings, protected bike lanes) and more connected to other parts of Durham (particularly those cut off by highways like 147 and 85) would be great.

THE SIMPLE JOY?

A few months before COVID hit, I started a band with fellow Trinity Park resident **Michael Lowry** (on Watts) and two other Durhamites, **Pam McCarthy** and **Stephen Munoz**. Generally, that was a very bad time to start or have a band, but we were lucky. Michael and Bonny have a great front porch, and we were able to play basically all through the pandemic -- with two of us spread out on the porch and two of us in the yard. We set up the PA in the middle and played and practiced that way for more than a year. With no other live music options, we actually had people come hang out and listen to us rehearse and work out new songs. We even filmed a set for the remote version of Carrboro Music Festival in that configuration. We still practice on Watts regularly (though inside now), we generally play about one show a month somewhere in the Triangle, and we put out our first album -- all written, recorded, mixed here in Durham -- last year.



2024 Home Tour

Trinity Park Home Tour Planned for October 20

By Karalyn Colopy

The Trinity Park Home Tour is our neighborhood's largest fundraiser and has been a beloved tradition since the mid-1970's. The 2022 was a big success. With nine beautiful homes on the tour, 76 volunteers, 18 generous sponsors, and nearly 800 tickets sold, we raised more than \$20,000 for the Trinity Park Foundation and Families Moving Forward.

Trinity Park neighbors **Laurie and Matt Williamson** offered their historic Queen Anne house at 1319 Watts St. as one of the 2022 Tour stops. Matt shares this story about the 2022 Home Tour:

We had such a unique and powerful experience on the 2022 Home Tour. Halfway through the afternoon our docent **Stacy Murphy**, who was greeting people outside, came inside and said, "So, there's a woman weeping on your front porch, but let me tell you why before you go out..."

It turns out that this friendly, elderly stranger had grown up in our house! And she was just overwhelmed by emotion, standing at the threshold that she had skipped across countless times in her youth. As we invited her in, she delved into the past, pointing to the place where her baby sister had slept in her bassinet, relishing decades-old games of hide-and-seek as she remembered her favorite hiding spot. She shared that she and her husband, who now reside in Raleigh, had seen the Home Tour advertised on WRAL TV the day before, and had been stunned to recognize the house behind the reporter as her very own childhood home.

We love the character of older homes and feel it is worth protecting and preserving. And for us, in that moment, hugging the joyfully tearful stranger who grew up in our home decades before we owned it, we felt the fullness of that intention.



Above: The Williamsons home at 1319 Watts St. was one of nine homes featured in the 2022 Home Tour

The 2024 Home Tour will tentatively be held on Sunday, October 20. You can expect to visit and learn the history of 8-12 homes.

But first, we need your help! Putting the event together takes many volunteers - planning, researching, finding sponsors, selling tickets, and working as docents. We encourage you to get involved to build the community spirit that keeps our neighborhood thriving.

If you'd like to help, contact Home Tour Chairs **Susan Jakes** (drmom2u@gmail.com) or **Karalyn Colopy** (karalyncolopy@gmail.com).

Trinity Park CONNECTIONS

Put these Trinity Park terms into 4 groups based on something they have in common. For example, if you saw the words Norton, Ruffin, Woodland, and Dollar, you would have a group of North-South streets. What 4 groups can you find below? What do they have in common? Answers on page: 14

LADYBUG	HANDYMAN NEEDED	MARKHAM	SALMON
MURCHISON	GOVERNOR	BEETLE	TRINITY
HONEYBEE	TRINITY PLACE	CLUB	LOOSE DOG
MOVING BOXES	BUTTERFLY	MISSING PACKAGE	GREEN

My Favorite Joke

Submitted by Sam Griffith

Question: What's brown and sticky?

Answer: A stick

Submit your favorite joke to editor@trinitypark.org

Upcoming Events

Spring Egg Hunt

Saturday March 27, 10 - 11:30 am in the Park



Garden Tour: Celebrating Nature in City Gardens & Landscapes

Sunday April 28, 1 pm - 5 pm

Garden Tour tickets on sale now at trinitypark.org. Also available at the Gazebo Friday 4/26 and Saturday 4/27 from 4-6 pm, and on the day of the Tour.



CONNECTIONS ANSWERS:

LADYBUG, BEETLE, HONEYBEE, BUTTERFLY = Bugs in the Bug Walk at Trinity Park
MOVING BOXES, HANDYMAN NEEDED, MISSING PACKAGE, LOOSE DOG = Popular listserve topics
MURCHISON, GOVERNOR, SALMON, TRINITY PLACE = Apartment buildings / complexes
MARKHAM, TRINITY, GREEN, CLUB = East-West streets with traffic lights

ALL TRINITY PARK RESIDENTS are invited and encouraged to attend TPNA Board meetings. 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.

TPNA BOARD MEETINGS

1st Wednesdays @ 7pm

MAR 6* IN PERSON	APR 3 ZOOM	MAY 1 IN PERSON	JUN 5 ZOOM	JUL 10** IN PERSON
SEPT 4 ZOOM	OCT 2 IN PERSON	NOV 6 ZOOM	DEC 4 IN PERSON	

**The March 6 meeting will be at the Reality Center, 916 Lamond Ave.*

***Note that the July meeting will be on the 2nd Wednesday of the month.
The Board will not meet in August.*

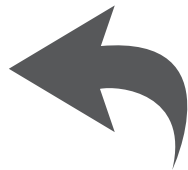
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