



Trinity Park news



WINTER 2024



School bus collided into a home at the corner of Gregson St. and Urban Ave.

BUS CRASH ON GREGSON

By Mollie Flowe

Many of you will be aware of the school bus crash which occurred on Gregson St. on October 30.

A car and school bus collided at the intersection of Markham and Gregson. The car came to rest in a yard at that corner, but the bus traveled a full block further before coming to rest against a house at the corner of Urban and Gregson. Thankfully, no kids were on the bus, and the bus driver was released from the hospital the next day; the driver of the car, however, was injured. By pure luck, no one happened to be walking along that stretch of road. In addition to a downed power line, two houses (on different sides of the road!) were damaged. Gregson was closed to traffic for hours while the crash was cleared and electricity was restored to a large portion of Trinity Park.

This crash, like the others which happen regularly on Gregson and Duke, illustrates the dangerous design of these high speed thoroughfares. Roads can be engineered to slow traffic down and keep all street users (including walkers and bus riders) safer, or they can be engineered for speed. Gregson and Duke Streets, with one way traffic, gentle hills, and few visual obstacles, invite

CHOQUE DE AUTOBÚS EN GREGSON ST

Por Mollie Flowe

El 30 de octubre, hubo un choque de autobús escolar en Gregson St.

Un coche y un autobús escolar chocaron en la intersección de Markham y Gregson. El coche se detuvo en un patio en esa esquina, pero el autobús avanzó una cuadra entera antes de detenerse contra una casa en la esquina de Urban y Gregson. Afortunadamente, no había niños en el autobús y el conductor del autobús fue dado de alta del hospital al día siguiente; sin embargo, el conductor del coche resultó herido. Por pura suerte, nadie caminaba por ese tramo de la calle. Además de un cable eléctrico caído, dos casas (¡en diferentes lados de la calle!) resultaron dañadas. Gregson estuvo cerrada al tráfico durante horas mientras se despejaba el choque y se restablecía la electricidad en una gran parte de Trinity Park.

Este choque, como los otros que ocurren regularmente en Gregson y Duke, ilustra el diseño peligroso de estas vías de alta

Bus Accident Continued

speeding, increase the likelihood of human error, and maximize the potential consequences of speeding and human error.

The Trinity Park Traffic Committee is busy making sure our local and state leaders know about this dramatic and frightening crash and reminding them that we can do better. The city is currently working on a project with the NC Department of Transportation to redesign Roxboro and Mangum Streets for safer, two-way traffic, but it is far from a sure thing. Gregson and Duke are also owned by the state, and the state process for change is long and arduous at best. While the Trinity Park Traffic Committee would be delighted to see NCDOT make necessary improvements for safety, we do not believe improvements to these streets can be put off indefinitely. The City has signed onto the Vision Zero pledge, and the MoveDurham study specifies ways to make Gregson and Duke safer for drivers, walkers, cyclists, and bus riders. We are asking the City to support us in pushing for safer streets sooner, by pushing the state for change, by implementing immediate actions to slow traffic while pursuing longer term solutions, and possibly by taking ownership of these streets from the state.

The Traffic Committee has invited several Council Members to visit the crash site and hope to have visits on the books soon. We appreciate that Council Member **Carl Rist** came to observe the crash immediately.

We encourage all neighbors to reach out to City leaders to request action to make Gregson and Duke safer for neighbors and for the many Durham residents, including city bus riders and public school students, who use the streets daily. You can email the City Council as a group at citycouncilonly@durhamnc.gov.

If you are interested in working with the Traffic Committee, please reach out to Chair **Mollie Flowe** at mollieflowe@hotmail.com.

velocidad. Las calles pueden diseñarse para reducir la velocidad del tráfico y mantener a todos los usuarios de la calle (incluidos los peatones y los pasajeros de autobús) más seguros, O pueden diseñarse para la velocidad. Las calles Gregson y Duke, con tráfico en un solo sentido, suaves colinas y pocos obstáculos visuales, invitan a la velocidad, aumentan la probabilidad de error humano y maximizan las posibles consecuencias del exceso de velocidad y del error humano.

El Comité de Tráfico de Trinity Park está presionando a los líderes a nivel local y estatal, asegurándose de que sepan sobre este aterrador choque. La Ciudad está trabajando en un posible proyecto con el Departamento de Transporte estatal, para rediseñar las calles Roxboro y Mangum para el tráfico en ambos sentidos, porque el tráfico en ambos sentidos sería más seguro. Pero no estamos seguros de que este proyecto se lleve a cabo. Las calles Gregson y Duke también son propiedad del Estado, y el Estado tarda mucho tiempo en hacer algún cambio. No podemos esperar a que el Estado haga que las calles sean más seguras. Estamos pidiendo a la Ciudad que nos apoye para impulsar calles más seguras lo antes posible, presionando al estado para que haga cambios e implementando acciones inmediatas para reducir la velocidad del tráfico.

El Comité de Tráfico ha invitado a varios Miembros del Consejo a visitar el lugar del choque y esperamos que lo hagan pronto. Agradecemos que el Miembro del Consejo **Carl Rist** haya venido a observar el choque de inmediato.

Todos los vecinos deben comunicarse con los líderes de la ciudad para solicitar que se tomen medidas con respecto a Gregson y Duke. Estas calles deben ser más seguras para los vecinos y para todos, incluidos los pasajeros de autobús y los estudiantes, que usan las calles a diario. Puede enviar un correo electrónico al Consejo a citycouncilonly@durhamnc.gov.


Si está interesado en trabajar con el Comité de Tráfico, comuníquese con la presidenta **Mollie Flowe**, mollieflowe@hotmail.com.

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Happy Holidays

Happy Holidays from PAC2

By Mimi Kessler

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. Here's some advice and news from PAC2:

- As the holidays and New Year approach, remember to look out for your neighbors and take care of your own safety, too.
- If you'll be going out of town, let your close neighbors know. Plan to have your residence look like someone is home. Arrange for lights to be on during normal waking hours. Have packages taken into the house within an

hour or two of delivery, or have them delivered to another location.

- Update about police vacancies: While the police department has a full class of recruits for the upcoming officer training (which happens twice per year), the department still has a vacancy rate of 23%. The recent increases in pay have been helpful, but Durham's pay is still below other immediate areas.
- Durham's Holiday Parade on Main St. is December 14, starting at 10 am. Plan to be there!

Winter Luminaria: Sunday December 15 (rain date Dec 22)

By Beth Emerson

Around the darkest days of the winter solstice, many cultures around the world observe celebrations of light. Luminaria, or paper lanterns, are lit to welcome and guide travelers, or to bring communities together, in moments of joy, solidarity, celebration, or loss.

Trinity Park and many Durham neighborhoods enjoy this tradition to light up the long dark night, take strolls, and spend time with neighbors and families. Neighbors place luminaria 6-10 feet apart along the sidewalks and roads on the Sunday closest to the winter solstice--in 2024, that means **Dec 15 (rain date Dec 22)**. The lanterns are lit in the early evening and continue to glow into the night.

Again this year, the Emerson family is selling and distributing luminaria kits to benefit their daughters' Girl Scout Troops 21 and 7000, supporting enrichment opportunities for all the girls in their troops and helping to fund their next major community project, their Silver Award. Each luminaria kit will include a candle, a paper bag, and sand to hold the lantern in place. Luminaria are sold in sets of 10 for \$12 and will be delivered to your home if you order by **Dec 8**. If you order by **Dec 13**, you can pick the kits up from the Emerson's home at 1202 N. Gregson St.

Consider partnering with your neighbors to ensure a continuous stream of warm light up and down your street! It really is a stunning and special event in Trinity Park and throughout Durham. Thank you for supporting the Girl Scouts, and have a Happy New Year!

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Period Power: My GS Silver Award Project

By Hazel Emerson

Period products are expensive and hard to ask for. We want to make them more accessible and decrease stigma, so we are collecting pads and tampons to be donated to NC Diaper Bank Period Power Project. If you would like to support this project, please drop off supplies at 1202 N. Gregson St. or contact us at Troop21girls@gmail.com with questions.

Upcoming Events

Join us for the 2025 Annual TPNA Membership Meeting: January 8 at 7pm

Each January, TPNA lays out the plans and budget for the coming year, and holds elections. This year, we will elect one new Board member, as well as a new President and Vice

President. Please join us on **January 8 at 7:00 pm** on Zoom to learn about TPNA activities, meet all your Board members, and cast your vote.* To join the meeting, scan the QR code below, or look for the announcement with the link on the listserv or Facebook.

Scan to join Annual Membership Meeting on Zoom, Wed Jan 8 at 7 pm
* Make sure your TPNA membership is up to date, so that you'll be eligible

to vote. You can join, renew, or check your membership status at <https://trinitypark.org/membership/>




Live Nativity at Reality Center: December 20th 6:00pm - 7:00pm

You're invited to The Live Nativity, at the Reality Center on Friday, December 20th from 6:00pm to 7:00pm.

Address: 916 Lamond Ave in Durham. It will be a family friendly evening with worship, warm drinks, and snacks. We hope you will join us!



The Reality Ministries annual Live Nativity is an exuberant telling of the Christmas story enjoyed by families from throughout Durham. Located here in Trinity Park, Reality Ministries is a community of adults with and without intellectual and developmental disabilities. That community comes together at Christmas to enact the Nativity with readings and music, and to share hot chocolate and friendship.



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DSA Is Moving. What's Next?

By Steve Unruhe

With the Durham school board's final vote on August 22 to move the Durham School of the Arts to a new location on Duke Homestead Road, neighbors and the community are asking "What is next for the current DSA campus?"

Construction of the new DSA campus is scheduled for completion for the fall of 2026, giving the school board and community several years to explore

opportunities to make use of the site. Since the driving force for building a new DSA was the potential cost of renovation of the existing buildings, it is clear that any future use of the site will require a major investment.

Millicent Rogers, chair of the DPS school board, said that a 10-year comprehensive capital assessment for the system is due for completion in January. That plan will set an overall context for DPS planning. "We anticipate a robust community engagement process" as DPS moves from the assessment to setting a plan in place for the district.

In an effort to encourage the school board to involve the neighborhood and community in the process of developing alternative uses of the site, TPNA President **Mollie Flowe** and Urban Planning Co-chair **Steve Unruhe** wrote the following letter in early November:

*Board chair Rogers
Superintendent Lewis
Board members,*

We write on behalf of the Trinity Park Neighborhood Association. With our proximity to the current Durham School of the Arts campus, we are deeply interested in how Durham Public Schools plans to make use of the current site.

Could you please inform us of any plans already in place for the future of the DSA site?

And could you please inform us of the process that DPS will use to make decisions about the future use of the site?

We would suggest that DPS consider the creation of a citizen advisory body to help develop options for the use of the site. The downtown location offers a unique opportunity to serve DPS, the broader community, and the neighborhood. We would very much like to be engaged in this process in support of the efforts of DPS.

Thanks for your consideration. We look forward to sharing your plans with our neighbors in Trinity Park and other surrounding neighborhoods.

*Yours,
Mollie Flowe: President, Trinity Park Neighborhood Association*

Steve Unruhe: Co-Chair, TPNA Urban Planning Committee



DSA's historic main building on N. Duke St.

Home Tour

2024 Home Tour a Big Success!

By Karalyn Colopy

The 2024 Trinity Park Home Tour was held on the sunny afternoon of Sunday, October 20. About 600 neighbors and visitors bought tickets, another 50 served as volunteers, and all enjoyed meeting new people, reconnecting with friends, and sharing stories. It's been said that the shortest distance between two people is a story, and that held true on the Home Tour.

With the theme "If These Houses Could Talk," this year's tour invited

Trinity Parkers to tell their stories. All neighbors were encouraged to participate by placing homemade signs (finally a use for those old election campaign signs piling up in Steve Unruhe's basement!) displaying stories--historical or recent, verbal or visual--in their front yards on the day of the tour for all to enjoy. Visitors and neighbors alike loved seeing those signs! We got lots of glowing feedback about them. See photos of the signs at <https://trinitypark.org/home-tour/>



The official tour included 12 stops -- 9 homes sprinkled throughout the neighborhood from Albemarle St. to northern North Duke St., as well as Beth El Synagogue, Watts Street Baptist Church, and the park itself. The park, 50 years old this year, was spruced up for the occasion, with a coat of fresh paint on the gazebo.

Lynne Grossman from the Beth El congregation said, "I want to relay what a pleasure it was to host tour goers today... All our visitors were receptive, respectful and asked great questions... Our docents were terrific and having 10 banners on display to illustrate the 400 year history of Jews in North Carolina was an added bonus."

Tim McNulty, a docent at one of the homes, said, "As a volunteer for this year's Trinity Park Home Tour, I was delighted to welcome residents of all ages, from young families to older couples, eager to peek inside the beautiful houses and discover imaginative decorations and redesigns. The homeowners' generosity and pride were evident as they answered questions and explained the decisions they had made to make their houses truly homes."

Vance Kite, homeowner, said, "Sharing our home joy with the community was an absolute joy. It was a pleasure getting to know those who live nearby and to learn new stories about our home."

Many neighbors contributed their time and talents to make the tour possible. Thanks to the gracious hosts of the tour stops: **Lindsey, Dan, Chris, Dan, Stacey, Melissa, Frank, Jim, Brad,**



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Home Tour

Dennis, Gina, Carson, Thea, Rachit, Jamie, Vance, and the congregations of **Watts Street Baptist Church** and **Beth El Synagogue**. Thanks to the volunteers — the cheerful and helpful docents and ticket sellers, as well as the researchers, writers, designers, and organizers behind the scenes. Thanks to the dozens of creative neighbors who created and displayed their own “If This House Could Talk” signs. Finally, thank you to our generous local sponsors: **Ellen Cassilly Architects**, **Marie Austin Realty Company**, **Adam Dickinson Realty**, **Inhabit Real Estate**, **Patina**, **Preservation Durham**, **Trinity Design/Build**, **Four Over one Design + Preservation Consulting**, **Acme Plumbing**, **Broadway Veterinary Hospital**, **Lucie’s Home Services**, **Kate Kennedy Photography**, **Urban Durham Realty**, **Hylton Daniel Design+Construction**, **The Common Market**, and **Dominos Pizza**.

The event raised about \$18,000, which will be put to good use. First, the funds will help sustain the operations of the Trinity Park Foundation for the next two years, carrying out important maintenance and improvements in our shared public spaces.

In addition, because the Tour’s focus is on housing, TPNA will donate some of the proceeds to help people in need of stable housing, here in Durham as well as in western NC. As in 2022, a portion will be donated to **Families Moving Forward**, providing families with children a stable, safe, and loving environment while they are in the temporary crisis of homelessness in Durham. TPNA will also make a special donation to help rebuild housing for people in western NC, still reeling from the devastation caused by Hurricane Helene.

Thanks to the hard-working Home Tour Committee!

Karalyn Colopy: Co-chair

Susan Jakes: Co-chair

Ana Bessias: Home selection, Writer

Annie Ambrose: Treasurer

Jess Lawing: Home selection, Booklet design

Julia Borbely-Brown: Volunteer coordinator

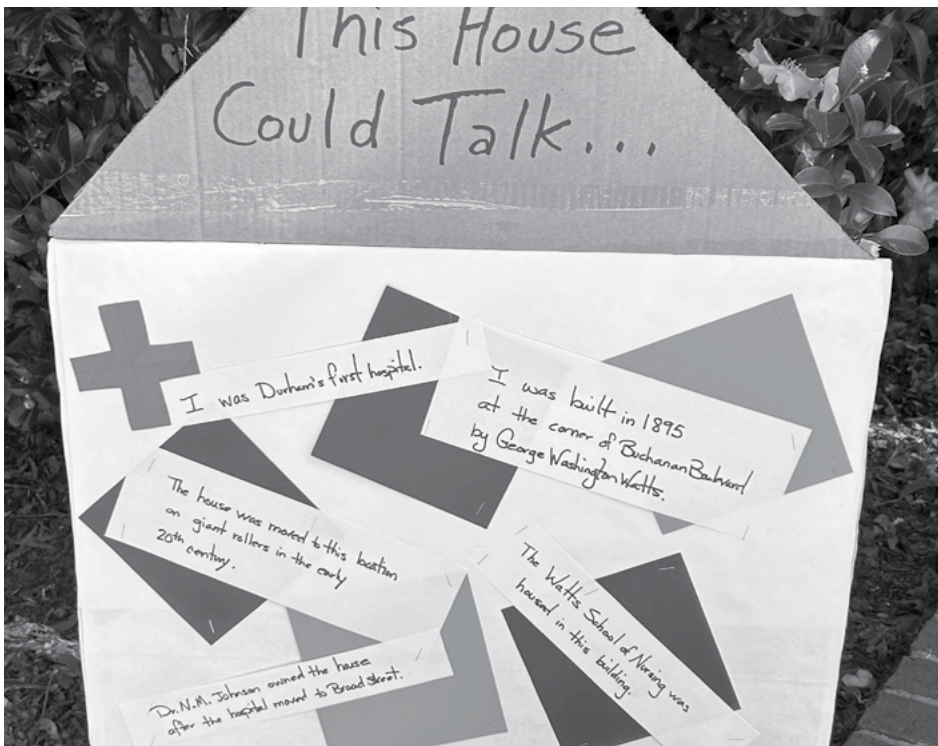
Kelly Kress: Home selection, Publicity

Lindsey Bickers Bock: Writer, Sponsor liaison

Peg Carlson: Home selection, Theme development

Sarah Hodder: Writer, Volunteer appreciation

Shelley Dekker: Writer coordinator



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Fall Events



Rockin' Trinity Park

By Steve Unruhe

Trinity Park was buzzing with simple joy at the (first annual?) Rock in the Park September 29. A crowd of neighbors relaxed in lawn chairs to the tunes of our very own musicians on a perfect early fall afternoon.

Kids and adults alike enjoyed treats from Alsie's ice cream truck. A few intrepid neighbors cranked up a smoothie on Bike Durham's pedal-driven blender.



"It was so much fun for everyone and typified the Trinity Park spirit," said **Scott Doron**, organizer for the event and member of the TPNA Board. "On a beautiful fall day, neighbors of all ages, many with children and grandchildren, enjoyed each other and their talented musical neighbors, in our very own Park."

The music kicked off with **Marty Smith**, founder of the group Lorenz and the Butterfly, a 23 year resident of Trinity Park, and an environmental economics professor at Duke, playing his own songs on guitar.

Teddy and Friends followed, featuring 4 year old **Teddy Loeser** and friends (mom, dad, Grandma, Poppa, sister Maggie) leading a sing-a-long of Wagon Wheel and the Beatles.

Finally, rocking into the early evening was The Simple Joy, led by Trinity Park



residents **Tuck Satterfield** and **Michael Lowry**. Many neighbors had already caught their songs on Spotify and were delighted to hear them in person.

Tuck called out "See you next time" as the Simple Joy finished their set from the gazebo. We certainly hope so.

National Night Out

By Karalyn Colopy

National Night Out (NNO) is an annual, 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. The event used to be held on the first Tuesday in August. But in 2023 Durham Police

Department re-scheduled it to October, hoping for cooler temperatures. Tuesday October 1 was a perfect fall afternoon, so we had a great turnout of neighbors and law enforcement officers for a fun gathering in the park. TPNA provided hot dogs, pizza, drinks, and snacks, while neighbors brought their favorite sides and desserts. Special thanks to organizer **Steve Falzarano** and grillmaster **Drew Poplin!** Thanks also to **Larry Apple** for taking pictures.



Halloween

By Karalyn Colopy

The park was full on Halloween evening with princesses, pumpkins, witches, warriors, minions, and monsters of all sizes. Thanks to

chief organizer **Steve Falzarano** for rounding up supplies and volunteers for this super fun event, with a photo booth, various crafts, glow sticks and treats, as well as a raffle and a costume contest, with prizes of gift certificates for the Carolina Theater, LocoPops and the Parlour. “It was so hard to choose the winners! There were so many awesome costumes!” said **Jess Lawing**, one of the costume judges.

Thanks to all who volunteered to help with the festivities at the park, donated candy, decorated their homes throughout the neighborhood, and came out in costume for one of the



best annual events in Trinity Park! Special thanks again to **Larry Apple** for capturing the evening on film.



Meet My Neighbor

Meet My Neighbor

By Steve Unruhe

Names: Christopher Gergen and Heather Graham, children Maya and Liam

Address: 611 Watts St.

Occupation(s):

Heather--Director, Learning Differences Program, Oak Foundation;

Christopher--Chief Growth Officer, 4P Foods, Founding Partner, Raleigh Founded

Why did you move to Trinity Park?

We moved to Trinity Park from Mount Pleasant in Washington, DC, 15 years ago. The catalyst was Christopher teaching Social Innovation & Entrepreneurship at Duke. It's been a great place to raise our family and be part of an amazing community. We were also attracted by Trinity Park's walkability, including our kids' ability to walk across the street to Watts Elementary, the opportunity to stroll downtown for the Farmers Market or a dinner out with friends, and the accessibility of East Campus where our children learned to ride their bikes and we regularly walk our dogs.

What surprised you about Trinity Park?

The pure scale of Halloween! Coming from a lively Halloween scene in DC, we thought we were prepared. But the first year we ran out of candy in about 15 minutes. We love having friends over to help give out well over 1,000 pieces of candy each Halloween.

The one thing we like best about Trinity Park?

The number of friends we have made throughout the community. From catching up with neighbors on the street, to porch sitting, to spontaneous dinners with friends, to raising kids here, to being part of a long-standing running group, to helping welcome new friends to the neighborhood... we have loved being part of a strong community of engaged, kind people who look out for one another.



If we could improve one thing about Trinity Park it would be ... making the bike boulevard on Watts St. permanent and turning Gregson and Duke Streets two-way.

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Trinity Park Foundation

Trinity Park Foundation Update

By Shelley Dekker,
Trinity Park Foundation President

The Trinity Park Foundation is happy to report that the beloved gazebo in the park has been washed, primed, and painted, and all was finished in time for the Home Tour. We thank **Jeff Scott** and his crew for their beautiful work and for completing the job on time and on budget!

We would also like to thank again **Sue and Kevin Concannon** for their gift of the new Welcome Garden, a native plant garden installed in October on either side of the brick steps leading into The Trinity Park

from the W. Trinity Avenue sidewalk. It replaces English ivy and vinca and other invasive plants and is Phase I of a plan to replace the invasive plants along the slope that borders the sidewalk along portions of the north side of the park. Sue and Kevin not only donated the funds for this garden but have been involved in clearing the area of the invasives, planting, and watering. Sue has also coordinated the many on-site meetings with landscape professionals who have helped us form a solid plan moving forward. More thanks go to members of the **Blossom Garden Club** for coming out early on a park workday to put all the new plants for the Welcome Garden in the ground.

Because our little park is actually not so little, the Foundation will be forming a larger and more active Park Committee so that a group of neighbors, rather than just one or two people, can help carry out the long list of to-do projects in the park. A sampling of these projects includes: finding and commissioning an artisan to craft a decorative handrail for the recently restored brick steps; meeting with landscape professionals to make a plan to tackle the erosion issues in the park; finally (!) (maybe?) installing a decorative street lamp to replace the light on the utility pole; installing low fencing to protect the plants in the garden beds; replacing the rotted wood on the gazebo; coordinating

semi-annual mulching of the park gardens; finding a solution for the problem of the malodorous dog waste in the park waste cans; renovating the grass in the park lawns; adding a picnic “table for two” once invading juniper has been cleared; finding, purchasing, and installing clean wood chips in the City right-of-way along the W. Trinity Avenue side of the park; forming a group of Trinity Park Stewards to spend time in the park—weeding, watering, picking up litter and sticks, talking to visitors, etc. This is only a partial list of things that need to be done to maintain the park adequately. If you are interested in being a member of the Foundation’s Park Committee, or if you have other ideas for the improvement of the park (or any other public areas of our neighborhood), please write us at trinityparkfoundation@gmail.com.

As the year comes to a close, we would like to thank those who have donated to the Foundation in 2024: **Ranji Khanna, Debbie and James Dobbins, Peggy Kinney and Andy Stewart, Laura and Bob Gutman, Sue and Kevin Concannon, and Duke University**. Because our needs are greater than our income, which is largely made up of proceeds from the TPNA Home and Garden Tours, we appreciate all donations, large and small. If you would like to donate, please visit our website, trinityparkfoundation@gmail.com, to donate via PayPal, or send a check to The Trinity Park Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 725, Durham, NC 27702. Your generosity makes a direct impact in our neighborhood! Thank you!

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MULCH, PAINTING (the gazebo), **STAIR REPAIR, TREE CARE** = Maintenance and improvements at the park financed with proceeds from the Home Tour
NECKDOWN, ROAD DIET, SHARROW, TWO-WAY = Traffic calming tools / strategies
BINGO (Mollie’s cat), **MOOSE** (Susan’s dog), **RALPHIE** (Tim M’s granddog), **TOTO** (Scott’s cat, short for sweet potato pie) = TPNA Board member pets
ONION SOUP (Karalya), **PIE** (James-pumpkin, Mimi-pecan), **STUFFING** (Brett, Annie, Tim M, Tim D, and Jill--cornbread), **TURKEY** (Susan, Scott--smoked, Mollie--fried) = TPNA Board member favorite Thanksgiving foods

New Opportunities

Free Spay / Neuter Day?

By Karalyn Colopy

For the past several years, Duke has offered “Doing Good in the Neighborhood” grant funds to the 14 neighborhoods that make up the Duke-Durham Neighborhood Partnership (DDNP), in an effort to support neighborhood leaders’ work to improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods. Trinity Park is one of the 14 neighborhoods. The others are Burch Ave., Bragtown, Crest St., Lakewood Park, Lyon Park, Morehead Hill, Old West Durham, Southside, Trinity Heights,

Tuscaloosa-Lakewood, Walltown, Watts-Hillandale, and West End.

This winter we have the opportunity to apply for a new round of grant funding. Duke especially encourages neighborhoods to work together on projects of mutual benefit. One idea we are considering is a free spay/neuter day or days for pets of neighbors who cannot afford private vet care. Trinity Park neighbor **Ash Banes**, a veterinarian at St. Francis Animal Hospital, said, “Spay/neuter is vital to population management and to the individual quality of life for people and their pets.” She has experience collaborating with Beyond

Fences, a Durham non-profit that works to address the inequity in and lack of access to pet resources that people in under-served communities experience, and works to make spay/neuter service available at no cost where needed.

We would partner with multiple other DDNP neighborhoods to pool resources.

If you have feedback on this idea, contact **Karalyn Colopy** at karalyncolopy@gmail.com

Around the Neighborhood

By Tim McNulty

Neighbors and friends who fondly remember **Scott Schuett** and his dedication to keeping Trinity Park clean and beautiful came together on October 26 to walk the streets and gardens, pruning, weeding, and collecting roadside litter. Scott led by example and, with an infectious smile, encouraged others to do their bit, and so twenty or more residents, in a tribute to him, walked down the streets and gardens between Trinity and Main,

Buchanan and Gregson, cutting overhanging branches, picking up trash and weeding the median at Trinity Park. Scott, who died in July, was a

trained Tree Keeper and a frequent volunteer with Keep Durham Beautiful; he set an example for all of us.



Neighbors and friends gathered to work in honor of Scott Schuett

Around the Neighborhood

The Eyes of Bach

By Susan Jakes

Marc Moskovitz, cellist and long-time leader of the popular Salon Series chamber music performances in Trinity Park, shared another of his talents with the neighborhood on October 27. At a public gathering hosted by my husband Phil and me at our home on Watts St., Marc read from his new historical fiction novel, *The Eyes of Bach*, relating a bit of the backstory, historical setting and his particular interest in the story as a musician. An additional treat was hearing Marc play some of the cello music referenced in the book! One neighbor commented after Marc's talk and playing, "This is like what happens in big cities, yet we have this talent right here in our neighborhood."

In his invitation to the event, Marc described the book well: "The book is intended for music lovers and anyone interested in historical fiction. Discussion of Bach's music is pretty basic, but hopefully, readers unfamiliar with Bach's

music will still get a strong sense of its beauty, complexity, and importance." Be sure to check out this intriguing yet accessible tale of what may have happened to JS Bach available at the Regulator or other booksellers.



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Solar Panels at Watts Street Baptist Church

By William McCraw, WSBC Member

Spurred by federal government and Duke Energy incentives, Watts Street Baptist Church recently installed a solar photovoltaic (PV) system. Because of practical restrictions and aesthetic concerns associated with installing solar panels on the church's terra cotta tile roof, a solar carport was built in the church's parking lot instead. The 75-panel carport is now in operation and is projected to provide 48.6 Kwh of electricity, meeting 60-70% of the church's annual electricity needs. The system is designed to allow

for car charging stations to be added in the future should the church decide to do so. This system will save the church thousands of dollars each year,

significantly decrease the church's carbon impact and serve as an example of environmental sustainability in the community.



Solar carport at Watts Street Baptist Church

Puzzles & TPNA

Trinity Park CONNECTIONS

By Karalyn Colopy

Put these 16 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 in Trinity Park. What 4 groups can you find below? What do they have in common? Answers on page 11.

ROAD DIET	TREE CARE	ONION SOUP	STAIR REPAIR
RALPHIE	TWO-WAY	NECKDOWN	STUFFING
PIE	TOTO	MULCH	SHARROW
PAINTING	TURKEY	MOOSE	BINGO

My Favorite Joke

Why are frogs so happy?

They just eat whatever bugs them.

Submit your favorite joke to
editor@trinitypark.org

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

By Jill Wright

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.

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:

<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:

TPNA Membership Chair
PO Box 725
Durham, NC 27702

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.

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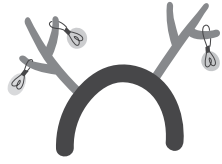
1-year | \$15

2-year | \$25

5-year | \$50

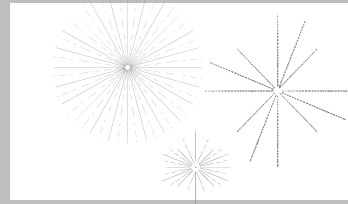
Lifetime membership | \$200

Upcoming Events



Durham Holiday Parade

Sat | Dec 14th at 10AM
Downtown / Main St



Trinity Park Luminaria

Sun | Dec 15th
(Rain Date: Sun Dec 22)



Live Nativity at The Reality Center

Fri | Dec 20th at 6PM
916 Lamond Ave.

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.

STAY CONNECTED!

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

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

Website: trinitypark.org

Email: info@trinitypark.org

FINAL TPNA MEETING OF 2024

Dec 4th | Trinity Ave. Presbyterian Church @ 7pm



2025 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, INCLUDING BOARD ELECTIONS:



Wed Jan 8, 2025 @ 7 pm on Zoom.
Please plan to attend and vote!

Scan to join Annual Membership Meeting on Zoom, Wed Jan 8 at 7 pm

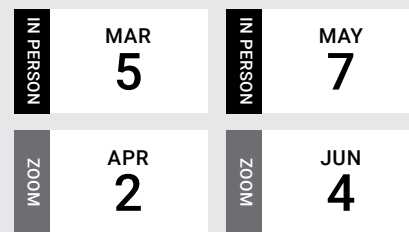


2025 BOARD RETREAT

In February, the TPNA Board will have its annual planning retreat in lieu of a public monthly Board meeting

2025 TPNA BOARD MEETINGS

1st Wednesdays @ 7pm



GET THE WORD OUT! TPNA publishes the Trinity Park News four times a year. We are always looking for news about events and issues of special interest to the neighborhood. Contact editor@trinitypark.org with news to share.

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Sarah

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