



Trinity Park news



SPRING 2025

2025 TPNA March Membership Madness!



**JOIN OR RENEW* YOUR
TPNA MEMBERSHIP**



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 Street. <https://yonderlu.st/>

There will be one prize for first-time members, and one prize for all other current members.

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



**If you renewed recently or are a lifetime member, you will automatically be entered to win.*

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Do you live in Trinity Park?

Do you want to help keep Trinity Park a vibrant community?

JOIN TPNA!

Trinity Park Neighborhood Association (TPNA) is one of the oldest and most active neighborhood associations in Durham.

OUR PURPOSE:

- To encourage and promote community pride in the neighborhood
- To preserve and enhance the physical character of the neighborhood
- To be a voice for common neighborhood interests
- To encourage and facilitate vigorous citizen participation in governmental processes
- To encourage participation in activities affecting quality of life in the neighborhood and in Durham

Join TPNA Continued

GET INVOLVED

Our monthly meetings (1st Wednesday each month) are open to all. Meeting and committee participation is encouraged so that issues important to you can be voiced.

JOIN or RENEW

Our urban neighborhood is a diverse mix of approximately 40% homeowners and 60% renters. We encourage all residents to contribute to our vibrant community by joining TPNA.

Check your membership status or join online:

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

Pay Online or via Check to:

TPNA
PO Box 725
Durham, NC 27702

Questions? Contact:
tpnamembership@gmail.com

Join for just \$15 a year!

1-year | \$15

2-year | \$25

5-year | \$50

Lifetime membership | \$200

Trinity Park Merch

You asked for it, we got it! New swag available for purchase! T-shirts, stickers, mugs, and more, in a variety of logo options.

Check it out and buy a gift for yourself, your family, or your neighbor.

To access our shop, go to <https://www.cafepress.com/shop/tpna/products>, then click on your desired logo. You will see a range of products from which to choose. (This is not a fundraiser. All proceeds go to CaféPress but all pride goes to the neighborhood!)



Congratulations to Xiomara Colopy, Trinity Park Logo Contest Winner



Xiomara grew up doodling in Trinity Park and graduated from Durham

School of the Arts in 2023. She is currently a sophomore studying studio art at Washington University in St. Louis, MO. Congratulations, Xiomara, on your winning bluebird design!

A BIG THANK YOU to all the participating artists! (And yes, Karalyn Colopy, former board member and mother of the winner, recused herself from the voting. All submissions were evaluated anonymously.)



A Look Back at 2024

TPNA Annual Report for 2024

By Mollie Flowe
Presented January 8, 2025

The TPNA was busy with meetings, socials, and advocacy activities this year. We look forward to continuing to work together with neighbors in 2025. Monthly board meetings, open to all neighbors, will continue to alternate between Zoom and in-person.

The neighborhood is fortunate to have an excellent communications team. Many thanks to **Karalyn Colopy**, **Steve Unruhe**, and **Tim McNulty** for preparing newsletter content, **Jess Lawing** for

layout and design, and **Carol Anderson** for leading the fabulous team of delivery volunteers. Neighbors also communicate regularly on the listserv (moderator **Mimi Kessler**) and trinitypark.org (**Steve** and **Karalyn**).

Safety committee board liaison **Mimi Kessler** is seeking active committee members—please contact her if you can help.

Starting in early 2024, TPNA and many concerned neighbors monitored and addressed a pattern of violence where the neighborhood meets downtown, around the intersection of Watts/Main/Morgan. The president and board members met with the Police Chief, City Manager, and

Deputy Manager to discuss this issue. Neighbor **Scott Schuett** was a driving force on this issue, making connections in the neighborhood and city. With his passing, we will miss his kindness and advocacy. Trinity Parkers to tell their stories. All neighbors were encouraged to participate by placing homemade signs.

In 2024, TPNA organized several events that are always on our calendar, like the Spring Egg Hunt, Halloween, and National Night Out. The biennial Home Tour in 2024 was a resounding success, showcasing beautiful homes and raising money for the TP Foundation, Families Moving Forward, and Mountain Projects Inc. A handful of new events included:

- The Garden Tour made a return with beautiful weather and many enthusiastic participants.

- A neighborhood social in June was great fun and a chance to meet neighbors in a new setting.
- The September Rock in the Park featured neighbor band **The Simple Joy** along with **Marty Smith** performing as **Lorenz and the Butterfly**, and sing-along leaders **Teddy and Friends**.
- The T-shirt contest found a winning design from **Xiomara Colopy**, featuring a bluebird. T-shirts and other merch available for purchase online at <https://www.cafepress.com/shop/tpna/products>

In 2024, the TPNA continued to monitor and advocate around several issues affecting the neighborhood, including traffic and speed on Duke and Gregson Streets, the planned move of Durham School of the Arts (DSA), plans for the Northgate Mall site, and the slow movement on the South Ellerbe Creek Wetlands project. It takes many people to keep the neighborhood activities going. Please consider volunteering your time and expertise!

- Help organize or volunteer at a community workday.
- Volunteer at the Egg Hunt, the National Night Out, or the Halloween celebration.
- Volunteer as a storm drain monitor or tree keeper.
- Write a newsletter article on a topic you care about.
- Join a TPNA committee! (Safety and Trees committees especially need active members).
- Attend monthly Board meetings and share what's on your mind.

Thank you, neighbors!

Marie Austin
REALTY COMPANY

Helping families buy and sell homes in Trinity Park for over 65 years!

Look For The Pink Sign!

1204 Broad Street
Durham, NC 27705
(919) 286-5611
www.marieaustinrealty.com

A Word from Scott Doron

Message from the new TPNA President.

The TPNA Board works to improve our neighborhood. It celebrates the positive aspects of our community (houses, gardens, music, holidays, giving...) while tackling its challenges (traffic, urban planning, crime). However, our biggest challenge is encouraging YOU to work with us on our committees or special purpose groups.

A shining example of cooperative effort is the traffic committee. Led by my talented predecessor, **Mollie Flowe**, the committee has over 30 neighbors working together to increase the safety of our neighborhood's major thoroughfares, Duke and Gregson streets.

The committee initiated the placement of the Slow Down signs you've seen along the roads. Another committee doing substantive work that could use more expertise and effort is the urban planning committee, chaired by Trinity Park stalwart and former Durham Public School Board member **Steve Unruhe**. This committee addresses our neighborhood's severe development pressures, including the Durham School of the Arts and the Northgate Mall. Occasionally, TPNA convenes groups of special interest. A few years ago, we had a meeting about historical designation. Many residents have recently expressed interest in refugee support activities, which the board could facilitate.

Please consider volunteering for one of the committees below by emailing me at sjdoron1956@gmail.com (or relay other issues you would like to champion). The committees are:

- Communications (including newsletter)
- Community Building
- Finance
- Membership
- Safety
- Traffic
- Trees
- Urban Planning

As a wise person once remarked: *"You have a responsibility to the neighborhood when you live somewhere like this."*

Scottie Noel: 30 years of community and service... and counting!

By: Deb Dobbins

In 2003 my family and I returned to Durham, NC and moved back into the neighborhood we had left for a stint in NY/NJ in 1999. You expect changes when you return, but the streets and many of the people we encountered rang with the same sense of community and familiarity we had left behind four years previously.

It's a rare thing to walk down the street and hear your name called out from the FedEx Express truck, but that's just what happened. The smiling face and voice of Scottie Noel reached out from the truck to me exclaiming, "Mrs. Dobbins, I saw your name on a package and thought it might be a mistake. Welcome Back."

For over three decades Scottie Noel has been the face and the smile of FedEx Express in our neighborhood and the surrounding areas of Durham. A native of Chapel Hill he went to work for Federal Express in 1994. A confirmed UNC basketball fan he is usually absent during ACC Tournament Week when he takes vacation to attend the tournament.

One of his joys has been to see the kids on his route grow up and have children of their own. He has watched a lot of folks come and go during this time and has many recollections of those he has delivered to over the years. His smile and positivity are legendary. When word got around FedEx was ending their Express division and Scottie would be retiring neighbors wanted to make sure he was not forgotten.

In our conversation I inquired about his philosophy and what he thought made him so effective. He answered *"I treat every delivery as important medication and customers as valued*

family members." He always looks for the positive and is willing to go the extra effort. He believes in looking up and not down. He has been the rescuer of dogs, the listening ear for those who are lonely and see no hope and often just the beep of a horn in recognition, a smile and a wave as he moved throughout our streets. "It's all about relationships."

Scottie was not quite ready to retire when Federal Express had other ideas... So what's next, Scottie? He is looking to start a transportation service. His focuses will be Handicap Accessible Transport and Luxury service.

Scottie has often been asked if his attitude and positivity were part of his training from Federal Express. He is quick to answer they didn't make him like this — it's just who he is and how he was raised; to treat others and himself with respect. It is easy to recognize Scottie Noel is one of life's helpers.

Don't be a stranger, Scottie.
-Deb Dobbins

Thoughts on Real Estate

Real Estate

By: Matt Lawing

As a recently elected member of the TPNA board, the veteran board members were asking how I'd like to get involved in my role, and one of the ideas that came up was me doing a write-up on housing for the newsletter. After a few minutes that idea evolved into me writing an ongoing column about Local, National, Durham, and Trinity Park housing and real estate news or issues, and I'm excited to get started.

A question I get asked a lot is "How is everything going since the lawsuit?" Everyone seems to know that there was a big nationwide settlement involving the National Association of Realtors, but the details seemed to get lost in the headlines. To get the most relevant detail out of the way early, I feel, is the most important. The accusation of the plaintiff in the case was that someone who wants to sell a house is forced to pay a standard 6% compensation to an agent, including paying a buyer's agent. Whether in Truth or Consequences, New Mexico (which is a real town!) or here in Durham, that has never been the case. In reality, there were a few firms in Missouri who were illegally setting compensation structures which amounts to collusion. These isolated firms were absolutely doing something wrong, but because of the implications, the National Association of Realtors was brought into it as a defendant.

This compensation detail brings an interesting point, though. If there is no standard compensation nationwide, what can we as an industry do to combat the perception that there is, since so many people seem to believe it? I believe the lawsuit gave

us an opportunity to open up the conversation, be more transparent, and address it head on. The only substantial difference that has been made in the process of buying or selling a home in North Carolina since the lawsuit and settlement has been the amount of paperwork we do and when we do it, and how we are allowed as listing agents to share compensation details with a buyer's agent.

With the listing process, the seller will have virtually the same experience as they did before. As they always have, sellers can negotiate on what they pay, both on the listing agent and buyer's agent side. The paperwork and how this is described to you as a seller will look different, but there won't be any noticeable changes if you've sold a house before. Most of the more noticeable changes have been in the buyer's process, but this is still good for a seller to keep in mind.

It used to be that if you wanted to buy a house, you could have an agent show you a few houses without having to sign an agency agreement. Now, you will have to sign an agency agreement or other similar paperwork before you can enter a house with an agent. This is a new measure to make absolutely clear who the agent represents when they are walking you through the house. This is the biggest change post lawsuit that the consumer will see during the process. Although this sounds scary, keep in mind that the paperwork can absolutely be made to only apply to one specific house. Once you become more comfortable with an agent, you can decide to sign an overall agreement to work with them on any house.

In terms of listing agents sharing compensation with buyer's agents, the listing agent used to put that information up on the MLS for buyer's agents to see. Part of the settlement was that agents had to stop doing that, because of the close associations between local Realtor associations and local MLS offices. Now, each buyer's agent has to reach out to the listing agent for each home they show and ask what compensation they and the sellers are offering. There is a separate form that is signed by both agents and both the buyer and seller detailing the compensation and who is paying it.

North Carolina thankfully was ahead of the curve on the changes it needed to make. Not all states have a dedicated buyer's agent role, but North Carolina has had it since the 90s. This made the changes we had to make a lot easier than those of other states.

In general, the lawsuit has been an adjustment, but not an earth shattering paradigm shift. In my personal experience, the agents who work around Trinity Park have always gone above and beyond for their clients, being very honest, transparent, and communicative, so I for one am glad that the law now requires all of us to do the things a lot of us were already doing.



Hello Neighbor!

Meet Your Neighbor: Laura and Bob Gutman

by Steve Unruhe

Name: Laura and Robert (Bob) Gutman

Address: Watts Street

Occupation: We are both now retired from a career as medical physicians.

Moved here: We came to Durham in 1971, first lived adjacent to Duke Forest, and moved to TP in 2000. We made the move because we wanted to be in a genuine neighborhood where I could walk to the grocery store, had a neighborhood school, was walkable to our synagogue, and walkable to local stores and restaurants.

What surprised me? I served on the TPNA when we first came, and the most surprising thing was the need for strong neighborhood participation and leadership to ensure that the neighborhood families could live in harmony with Duke students, and also could live in harmony with the interests of developers. Both issues required considerable attention and led to wonderful close friendships.

The one thing I like about TP? I LOVE my neighbors and the fact that it is a true, complete neighborhood.

One thing to improve? I am wracking my brain. Some of the infrastructure (especially the storm drainage pipes and overhead wiring) are decrepit and in need of a great deal of renovation.

Tell us about your book: "Army Brat: World War II" was published just a few

months ago. It is a historical autobiography, starting when I was age 4 ½ in Pearl Harbor and witnessed the attack from my back porch. My father was career Army, and as fate had it, our family lived at the absolute center of a number of highly historic events from the mid 20th century. Those included the onset of WWII at Pearl, the training up from the tiny pre-war army to the powerhouse it became, the wartime life of a front-line warrior and the receipt by his family of notices of wounds, living in rubble Germany immediately at the end, the siege and airlift of Berlin, the onset of the cold war with Russia, the writing of the protocols for NATO, and so forth. We were there for it all. Meantime, our home life was chaotic,

and by the time I graduated from High School I had lived in 20 places. It was a wild life, and I wrote the book in part to thank the US Army for skillfully folding its children into that purpose-driven life even when the Army itself had other extreme obligations and challenges. I am very grateful indeed for the life I was born into, and hope that civilian communities can understand and appreciate what those in the military, including the children, do on behalf of the nation. As children, we served the nation.

If you are interested, please take a look at an interview regarding Army Brat, seen on Spotlight TV, at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yWjVR4Cd2oE&t=19s>.



Foundation Report

Trinity Park Foundation Update

by Shelley Dekker

The Trinity Park Foundation, Inc. is the neighborhood's 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable foundation which formed in 1980 to purchase the land at the southeast corner of W. Trinity Ave. and Watts St., now the home of The Trinity Park. Several years ago, the TPNA asked the Foundation to oversee maintenance of the park and also to coordinate care of the public medians and traffic circles in the neighborhood, oversee street tree planting and care, and install and maintain the neighborhood's public art. The Foundation Board is made up of 3 TPNA officers as well as 6 at-large neighbors who serve one or two 3-year terms. The Board meets 3 times each year, and several neighbors work behind the scenes all year long to address the many maintenance issues that arise. There is always more to do than there is time to give or money to fund, but we make progress!

This year the Foundation looks forward to working on several projects in the park: a handrail along the brick steps as one enters the park from the W. Trinity Avenue sidewalk, replacing the roof of the gazebo, and continued landscaping.

The brick steps into the park were restored last year with help from a grant given by Duke University. We have applied for another grant from Duke to help towards the cost of the commission and installation of an artistic handrail. We have been in touch with local artist **Al Frega**, whose metal work still adorns the former Morgan Imports/Parker & Otis buildings, about creating this handrail which would complement the sculpture by **Andrew Priess** already in place in that area of the park.

This year we also need to address the rotting wood in the roof of the gazebo. This will be a costly endeavor, but the work is necessary to keep our beloved gazebo in good repair.

We also look forward to continuing to remove invasive ivy and vinca along the north slopes of the park and replace it with native grasses and other plants. **Sue** and **Kevin Concannon** got this project off the ground last year with a gift of labor and funds for phase one of this undertaking, and now we aim to finish the job.

Finally, we hope to continue our partnership with the Blossom Garden Club to care for the park gardens which border the park on its north and west sides. These gardens create a green buffer from the busy streets, offer peaceful places to sit, and attract birds and pollinators to our park and our neighborhood. The gardens are at risk of demise, as they have become additional playground space and entrance/exit paths for park visitors. This year marks the 20th year of the Blossom Garden Club's dedication to caring for the Trinity Park gardens, and it would be helpful if the neighborhood showed appreciation and respect for their time and efforts by placing low fencing around the gardens to protect them.

There are several other projects in the planning stages. If you have ideas for park or other neighborhood improvements, please email the Foundation Board at trinityparkfoundation@gmail.com. If you would like to contribute to the Foundation and its work in the park and elsewhere in the neighborhood, please send a check to The Trinity Park Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 725, Durham, NC 27702 or go to our website, trinityparkfoundation.org to give online. We appreciate all donations and could not do the work we do without your help.

Thank you, neighbors, for your support!

Edward Jones

> edwardjones.com | Member SIPC

We Understand Commitment

At Edward Jones, we deliver candid guidance and personalized investment strategies to help you plan for and realize the possibilities of your future - for you, your family and generations to follow.



Doug Dickerson, CFP®, CRPC™
Financial Advisor
411 West Chapel Hill Street
Suite 420
Durham, NC 27701
919-286-1222

MKT-1952H-A © 2022 EDWARD D. JONES & CO., L.P. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.

Know Your Trees



Above: Freely growing willow oak on Watts St., and forked willow oak on Gregson St.



Male willow oak catkin (Source: <https://plants.ces.ncsu.edu/plants/quercus-phellos/>)

WILLOW OAK

by Karalyn Colopy

Take a look out your front door and chances are you'll see a willow oak. Willow oaks (*Quercus phellos*) are everywhere in Trinity Park. They're our biggest street tree, growing up to 100 feet tall, with thick trunks up to 5 feet in diameter. As a native species, they're important sources of food and habitat for wildlife (squirrels, birds, butterflies and other insects). Growing freely, their beautiful round crowns may be up to 50 feet wide. They are not always so majestic along neighborhood streets, though, where they're often forked to accommodate power lines. Even so, you gotta love them for trying -- A for effort!

HOW TO RECOGNIZE A WILLOW OAK

The bark is gray and furrowed. In late winter, that's all we see: bark. But in early spring come the catkins (flowers) along with abundant pollen (sorry, allergy sufferers), and soon after that, leaves. The leaves are narrow and 3-4 inches long, smooth-edged, and tapered at both ends, a shape known as lanceolate. Willow oak leaves don't have lobes like most other oaks, but they're definitely oaks, since they make acorns -- oodles of them, $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ inch round.

Some of you can tell dramatic stories about big trees that dropped heavy limbs or toppled over during storms, which may very well have been willow oaks. Compared with other kinds of oaks, willow oaks have relatively shallow roots. They are big and fast-growing but not particularly long-lived. (Other large oaks in our area, like white oak, can live to be more than 300 years old.) Many of the biggest willow oaks

in Trinity Park are nearing the end of their healthy lifespan in an urban setting (80-100 years).

DID YOU KNOW...?

The City of Durham maintains our urban forest of 21,800 street trees, which includes 2,222 willow oaks. The only species more common in our urban forest is crape myrtle (3,398). Check out the City's interactive map of Durham's street trees:

<https://tree-management-durhamnc.hub.arcgis.com/>

You can zoom in and see each individual tree, with estimates of size and benefits. In front of my house is this large willow oak:

Durham Street Tree Inventory	
Home	Details
Willow Oak	
<i>Quercus phellos</i>	
Height (feet)	60-80
Trunk diameter (inches)	26.000000
Nearest address	704 N Buchanan Blvd
Annual Tree Benefits	
Replacement Value	\$5466.7
Carbon Storage	\$280.57
Carbon Sequestration	\$6.75/year
Runoff Removal	\$6.83/year
Pollution Removal	\$5.9/year
Annual Benefits	\$19.48/year

Thank you, hard-working friend! You're worth a lot more than \$19.48 per year in my book.

Traffic Report



Spring 2025 Traffic Report

by Mollie Flowe

You have undoubtedly noticed the multi-color “SLOW DOWN” signs along Duke and Gregson Streets. These signs were a project of the TPNA traffic committee. Neighbor Margaret Chapman worked with a small group of neighbors to design, order, and distribute the signs intended to remind all of us and passers-through to slow down! Duke and Gregson are designed to look like wide-open, one-way speedways, but these streets are regularly used by neighbors walking dogs, workers waiting for city buses, schoolchildren walking home from school or their bus stops, and drivers.

The TPNA Traffic Committee continues to advocate for safer conditions, especially for redesigning the one-way pairs to center safety for all rather than speed for cars. In addition to the attention-grabbing signs, committee members regularly email and call local and state officials and send photos and stories of frightening accidents. Committee members recently met on Gregson Street with a member of the State Department of Transportation Board and our state division and district

road engineers to review the route and damage of the October school bus accident and discuss traffic calming. Councilmember Carl Rist also attended the on-site meeting and continues to partner with stakeholders to maintain a sense of urgency around the issue.

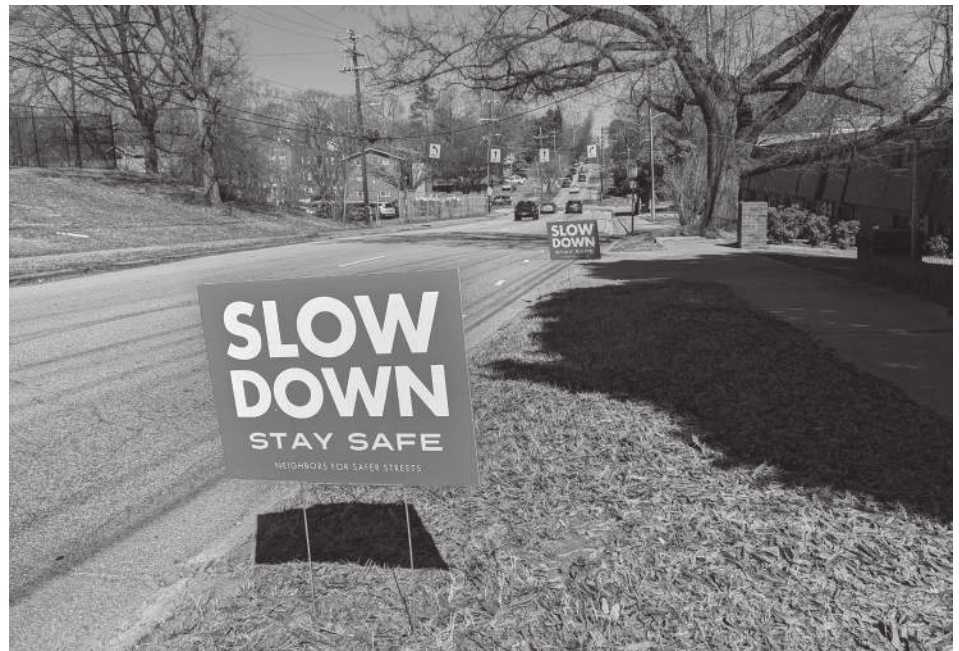
The City Transportation Department is moving forward with the process, as required by the State DOT, to consider returning Duke and Gregson to safer, slower two-way traffic. The City is preparing a contract for a feasibility study on two-waying the streets, hoping the Council will approve the agreement at its March 17 meeting. Our Councilmembers must know that safe streets are an essential community issue and that we want urgent progress. Consider writing to all Council Members at citycouncilonly@durhamnc.gov.

Note also that our neighbors in the Roxboro and Mangum corridor

have similar, if not worse (!) speed problems. The feasibility study for two-way Roxboro and Mangum has been completed, and the City Council is expected to vote to approve a design contract in March. Work on this corridor will serve as a template for work on Duke and Gregson, so let the City Council know that you support forward movement on the Roxboro and Mangum redesign, too. Safer streets need to be a city-wide priority.

Lastly, Bike Durham strongly advocates for safe, sustainable transportation in Durham. They work for safer conditions for cyclists, pedestrians, bus riders, and drivers. Bike Durham is pushing for city buses to remain fare-free, and they have been strong partners with the TP traffic committee on Duke and Gregson.

Change is a slow process, but it won't happen without us!



'Slow Down, Stay Safe' Signs posted on Duke St.

Welcome New Board Members

Matt Lawing

Matt Lawing is a North Carolina native raised in a small town in Western NC called Maiden. After having completed school at UNC Charlotte and NC State, he briefly lived in Raleigh and Cary before moving to Durham for a job in college administration. Quickly after that he discovered his love for Habitat for Humanity and building homes in general and did two years with the Americorps program with Habitat for Humanity of Durham. In 2014, During his time at Habitat, he moved into a quadraplex on Watts Street and has lived in several places in Trinity Park since. Continuing his

construction career he worked in roofing for 4 years while he earned his general contractor's license. Around the same time he got his real estate license and started part time as an agent before moving to real estate full time in January 2021 while still doing an occasional construction job and maintaining his general contractor's license. Matt's love of history along with his experience in construction and real estate have given him a true appreciation for historic neighborhoods like Trinity Park. He and his wife own and live in a 1923-built Craftsman style home on Gregson Street. They are excited to build their future here in Trinity Park, starting with building their family. They welcome their first baby this May.



Marcie Porter

Marcie Porter and her husband Jeff have lived in Trinity Park since 2008. Their kids Cyrus and Eliza have grown up here, attending George Watts Elementary and Durham School of the Arts. Marcie is originally from Michigan, attended Duke for college and business school, and lived in

DC and Philadelphia before returning to Durham. She works in marketing at Grifols, a biopharmaceutical company. In the neighborhood, Marcie enjoys walking and biking, community events and traditions, and the steady stream of activity on East Campus, Main Street, and downtown. She is excited to become involved with the TPNA to help maintain the qualities that make this neighborhood a great place to live and to contribute to constructive dialogue about issues and opportunities in our community.



*Your neighborhood
plumber since 1947.*

P.O. Box 2288, Durham, NC 27702
(919) 688-1348

ACMEPLUMBING.COM

Est.  1947

Mountain Projects



Friends—

Thank you so much for your generous donation. Every dollar will be used to help those directly affected.

There are still so many w/o basic needs. Food, water, heat, even medications.

Please know you are making a difference in our community. I hope your kindness is returned many times over.

—Patcy Davis, Director

Western NC Support

By Susan Jakes

Some of the proceeds from the past two Trinity Park Home Tours went to support local non-profits. For the 2024 home tour, the Trinity Park Board decided to direct part of the funds to a nonprofit in Western NC, given the immense scale of destruction in that part of our state. Through a local contact we were made aware of Mountain Projects Inc., which operates in Jackson and Haywood Counties just west of Asheville,

NC. The Mountain Projects tag line is Helping People Help Themselves. This is a way of framing the way they partner with people to build resiliency. As they put it, *“Mountain Projects is a Community Action Agency that works to change people’s lives for the better. We work to improve communities by alleviating poverty and fostering independence and self-sufficiency for community members who need support. We serve seniors, households with economic need, the disabled and individuals and families experiencing emergencies. If we*

cannot provide needed services, we connect clients to those who can.”

If you would like to help in their efforts in rebuilding, check out their Smoky Mountain Housing Initiative at <https://mountainprojects.org/giving/>. We so appreciate everyone’s participation in the 2024 Trinity Park Home Tour and are so privileged to get to support such transformative work in Western NC!

2025 TPNA BOARD MEETINGS

1st Wednesdays @ 7pm

ZOOM	MAY 7	IN PERSON	JUN 4	ZOOM	AUG 6
IN PERSON	SEP 3	ZOOM	OCT 1	IN PERSON	NOV 5

NO MEETING IN JULY

The board will not meet in July. Meetings will pick up again in August.

NEXT MEETING:

IN PERSON	APR 2
-----------	----------

Wed Apr 2, 2025 @ 7 pm on Zoom.

Please plan to attend!



Scan to join Board Meeting on Zoom, Wed Apr 2 at 7 pm



TPNA Board and Committees

OFFICERS

PRESIDENT, SCOTT DORON
VICE PRESIDENT, OPEN
TREASURER, ANNIE AMBROSE
SECRETARY, KATIE LUTZ

BOARD MEMBERS

BRETT AEFSKY
ANNIE AMBROSE
JAMES DOBBINS
SCOTT DORON
TIM DUNN
MOLLIE FLOWE
SUSAN JAKES
MIMI KESSLER
MATT LAWING
KATIE LUTZ
TIM MCNULTY
MARCIE PORTER
STEVE UNRUHE
JILL WRIGHT

PAST PRESIDENT

MOLLIE FLOWE

COMMITTEES

FINANCE
ANNIE AMBROSE

COMMUNICATIONS
MATT LAWING, TIM MCNULTY,
MARCIE PORTER, STEVE UNRUHE

COMMUNITY BUILDING
TIM DUNN, MOLLIE FLOWE,
MATT LAWING

DDNP
BRETT AEFSKY, JAMES DOBBINS,
SUSAN JAKES

LISTSERV OWNER/MODERATORS
KARALYN COLOPY, MIMI KESSLER

MEMBERSHIP
JILL WRIGHT

INC REPRESENTATIVE

MIMI KESSLER

SOCIAL MEDIA
MOLLIE FLOWE

TRAFFIC
MOLLIE FLOWE, JOHN HODGES-COPPLE

TREES
SHELLEY DEKKER, TIM DUNN

SAFETY (PAC2 LIAISON)
MIMI KESSLER

SPONSORSHIP LIAISON
MARCIE PORTER

SOUTH ELLERBE CREEK WETLANDS
SCOTT DORON, MOLLIE FLOWE

URBAN PLANNING
JOHN HODGES-COPPLE, KATIE LUTZ
MARCIE PORTER, STEVE UNRUHE



Welcome HHome! Hamilton Hill would like to be your jewelry home for the finest in contemporary and modernist designer jewelry, custom design, repairs, restorations and more. Located in the historic gem, Brightleaf Square, adjacent to Trinity Park. Owner and gemologist Sarah Hill and the amazing HH team look forward to serving and delighting you!

Brightleaf Square • 905 West Main Street
HamiltonHillJewelry.com • 919-683-1474

HamiltonHill
amazing you.