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FISHER PARK GARDENS AND URBAN FORESTRY – Thursday April 23

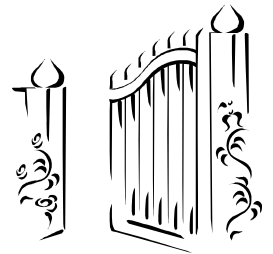
Join us **Thursday April 23 at 6:30 PM** in Redhead Hall at First Presbyterian Church as the Fisher Park Neighborhood Association (FPNA) sponsors a program highlighting Fisher Park Gardens and Urban Forestry. Chip Callaway, our neighbor and nationally acclaimed garden designer, is a featured speaker. You'll enjoy a photographic tour exemplifying the planning and restoration of gardens behind Chip's bungalows on East Fisher Avenue. City staff will be on hand to remind us of Historic District guidelines for trees and landscaping, and discuss successful planting and maintenance of trees in established neighborhoods.

TREE PLANTING IN LOWER WEST PARK – Saturday April 25

On **Saturday April 25 beginning at Noon**, the First Presbyterian Church "Green Team" will plant trees along the stream in the lower west park. These new trees will enhance the existing stream buffer, protect water quality, and improve air quality by absorbing carbon dioxide. This is one of several of the church's recent environmental initiatives; a cooperative project coordinated with and approved by our FPNA Park Committee and Board of Directors.

NEIGHBORHOOD GARDEN TOUR – Sunday April 26

Celebrate a new gardening season **Sunday April 26 from 2:00 to 6:00 PM** when the Neighborhood Association sponsors an informal tour of several Fisher Park gardens, including Chip Callaway's magnificent garden. Specific garden Tour locations will be confirmed at the Fisher Park Gardens program on Thursday evening April 23 (see above) and will be shared on our website www.fisherparknc.org and e-mail listserv.



NEIGHBORHOOD PARK WORKDAY – Saturday May 2

On **Saturday May 2 from 9:00 AM to Noon**, the FPNA Park Committee will lead another Park Workday to help maintain our public neighborhood park. You'll find this to be a delightful opportunity to meet neighbors, even if you can only come for an hour.

FISHER PARK POT LUCK SUPPER & MUSIC – Saturday, May 30

Enjoy a springtime potluck supper with neighbors and a great bluegrass band
The Alley Rabbits

Saturday, May 30, 5:30-8:30 pm

on the grounds of Temple Emanuel, corner of Florence and Greene streets
(inside the Temple Social Hall if rainy weather).

Please bring a blanket or lawn chair, **a dish to share**, and your favorite drink.

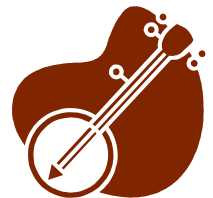
Last names starting with:

A-G please bring an appetizer or side dish,

H-R please bring a main dish,

S-Z please bring a dessert.

Plates, cups, cutlery, and napkins will be provided.



Fisher Park T-shirts will be for sale for \$10 and Neighborhood Watch decals for \$1.
Questions? Call our FPNA Social Committee volunteer Rachel Percival at 336-273-3365

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Downtown Design Overlay District & Manual

PLEASE READ ME!

Your consideration and input is requested immediately about a newly proposed **Downtown Design Overlay District** and its ***Downtown Design & Compatibility Manual***.

It is **very important for Fisher Park neighbors and property owners** to review the draft manual because, upon adoption by the City, the proposed overlay district will effect neighborhood properties between Smith Street and Fisher Avenue, plus a few properties on the north side of Fisher Avenue. These properties will be subject to new zoning requirements and any exterior changes will need to meet new guidelines and development standards. (NOTE: All of these properties are outside of the Fisher Park Historic District overlay. This is an entirely new **overlay district** being proposed by the City of Greensboro, Downtown Greensboro Inc., Action Greensboro, and others listed in the draft manual.)

For more information or to obtain a copy, contact City Planning Department Urban Planner Mary Sertell at 336-373-4769. The draft manual is also available online at: www.greensboro-nc.gov/departments/Planning/urbandesign/manual/

All neighbors are encouraged to attend two (2) meetings at which the proposed **Downtown Design Overlay District** and ***Downtown Design & Compatibility Manual*** will be discussed.

- On **Monday April 27 at 6:30 PM** your FPNA Board of Directors will discuss the proposed overlay district and manual at our regular monthly meeting in the Haywood Duke Room at Holy Trinity Church. All neighbors are encouraged to attend.
- On **Tuesday April 28 at 6:00 PM** the City of Greensboro Planning Department will hold a public meeting, in the restored Train/Transportation Depot at 230 East Washington Street, to receive comments on the proposed overlay district and manual. All neighbors are encouraged to attend.

Please educate yourself about the proposed **overlay district** and **manual**, attend the two (2) meetings if you can, and submit your comments **by April 30** to the following people who need your input:

- City of Greensboro Planning Director Dick Hails, 336-272-2922, dick.hails@greensboro-nc.gov
- City Council District 3 Representative Zack Matheny, 336-272-0523, zack.matheny@greensboro-nc.gov
- Mayor Yvonne Johnson, 336-373-2396, Yvonne.Johnson@greensboro-nc.gov
- FPNA President John McLendon, President@FisherParkNC.org
- You may also contact our **entire City Council simultaneously** via this City website <http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/citygovernment/council/emailcouncil.htm>

All positions regarding this newly proposed **Downtown Design Overlay District** and its ***Downtown Design Compatibility Manual*** are invited. The proposed overlay district and manual are not products of your Neighborhood Association, and your FPNA Board wants everyone to be thoroughly informed about these proposals.

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN A NEIGHBORWOODS FORM!

Our neighborhood is applying for a **NeighborWoods** grant from the City of Greensboro and Greensboro Beautiful. The grant could provide many free trees to be used along neighborhood streets, front yards, or in our park. You'll increase our chance to receive the grant if you simply obtain, complete, and return a NeighborWoods form via Sally Atwood, 336-273-8286, at 803 Simpson Street. The NeighborWoods form is also available at: www.fisherparknc.org



The NeighborWoods form allows you to request a FREE tree, or to simply SUPPORT the overall project for our neighborhood to receive many new trees. Even if you do **not** want a free tree for your yard, **please support the project** by completing the form and returning it to Sally Atwood. Your support helps our neighborhood bestow a healthy tree canopy for future generations. Thanks to Sally Atwood for coordinating our NeighborWoods grant application!