

Fisher Parker

WINTER/SPRING 2003

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PRESIDENT



MISSION STATEMENT



NEW FPNA BOARD
MEMBERS



RENOVATED LAW
OFFICE:
N. ELM STREET



CONTACTS

DON'T FORGET:

EASTER EGG HUNT
APRIL 12, 11:30 A.M.



GREENHILL
CEMETERY TOUR
MAY 18 (SEE PAGE 2)



NATIONAL NIGHT
OUT: AUGUST 5



PRESERVATION NC
SEPTEMBER 11-13

Fisher Park Neighborhood: The Second Century

*I*n 2002, our centennial year, the Fisher Park Neighborhood celebrated its history. During 2003, we are focusing on its future, as our neighborhood association board works in these and other areas:

- ***The youngest Fisher Parkers.*** Now is the time to create childhood memories for our youngest Fisher Parkers of growing up in a great neighborhood. Several activities are already planned for this year. Plan to come to the neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt and Party that Delancey Street will host in the Park on **April 12** at 11:00 am. Later this year we will dedicate a renovated playground area in the eastern part of the park, with newly installed playground equipment and a newly landscaped play area. Near Halloween, our children will be the guests of honor at our neighborhood Halloween Party. Allison Manning chairs the committee for young Fisher Parker activities, and Russ Clegg is working with her. Give them a call if you would like to join in a toddler playgroup or work with them on an event for children.
- ***Local historic district expansion.*** Residents of the 900 block of Olive Street led the successful effort to expand our local historic district to include their block and some neighboring areas.

Now Kay Quinlivan and Judy Morton are ready to identify and work with other property owners who wish to have their part of our neighborhood included in the local historic district. Remember that our national historic district is broader than our local historic district. Give them a call if you wish to learn more.

- ***Planning for the Fisher Park Neighborhood's Next Generation.*** Late last year the Board created a group to work on neighborhood long range planning. The Next Generation Group is working to develop a forum through which Fisher Park neighbors and other stakeholders envision the neighborhood's future and establish goals to achieve that future. Expect to hear more about how you can participate in this neighborhood planning process. Meanwhile, please give your thoughts to any of the committee members: Peter Bearse, Russ Clegg, Lawrence Cox, Pat Dillon, Angie Leath, Todd McCain, Judy Morton, Carl Myatt, Ann Stringfield, Liz Urquhart, Geoffrey Wall and chairperson Genie Schwartz.
- ***Enhancing our Park.*** Fisher Park remains the heart of our neighborhood. The Park Committee has planned park improvements for 2003 and has recommended longer-range plans to care

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for our precious natural resource. Among numerous Park Committee projects are: use of net proceeds from our candle sales to purchase and plant trees in the Park to replace those lost due to storm damage and aging; contracting for an updated park plan by Chip Calloway, author of the successful plan used in recent years; continuing to work with the Park Department, owner of the Park, and the Storm Water Division, overseer of the creek, to fund projects they have previously approved, for repair of park bridges and pathways and for funding expenses to make grant applications for support of a major stream restoration project for the park. Angie Leath continues to chair this committee, which includes Mary Lee Copeland, Lawrence Cox, Todd McCain, Robert Payne, Mary Ellen Soles and Geoffrey Wall. They would love to have you join them.

- **Realtor Education Program.** We live in Fisher Park because we know it's a great neighborhood. To refine and share that message, we're asking impressions from local realtors, newcomers, and long-time residents. Gathering those, we'll create a presentation and CD promoting our Fisher Park neighborhood. Ann Stringfield, Katrina Solomon, Sandy Hurt, and Carol Lajeunesse are working on this Realtor Education Program. If you have impressions to share or would otherwise like to help, please give them a call.
- **Updating our Bylaws.** Our bylaws are some of the ground rules by which we operate. Mary Lee Copeland chairs the by-laws committee, with members

Cindy Hatfield, Allison Manning, and Allan Bannaer. They will recommend bylaws amendments to the Board if they decide updates are needed. If you think of something that you want them to consider please give them a call.

- **More Parties.** Last year we celebrated our Centennial with several parties. Let's continue the fun. More social events will be announced as the year progresses. Michael Byrd, Social Committee Chairman, will be glad to receive suggestions, assistance, and attendance at parties by one and all.
- **A Neighborhood Look at Parking.** We are beginning informal discussions with representatives of Holy Trinity, First Presbyterian, and Hanes Lineberry to take a long-term neighborhood approach to parking needs at our southern edge. Mary Lee Copeland, David Moore, and Genie Schwartz are the neighborhood association representatives at those discussions. If you have thoughts or suggestions, please give them a call.
- **Neighborhood Communication.** To accomplish all of the above and to have a strong sense of neighborliness, we will try to have quicker and more frequent neighborhood communication. We hope that we can have prompter neighborhood-wide delivery of the Fisher Parker, more email updates to those who want them, a more attractive website, and other means to keep everyone up to date. Ann Stringfield is leading this effort, with help from Todd McCain. They would appreciate help from many others. Please give them a call with your ideas and skills.

If you would like to receive occasional email neighborhood news updates, please send your e-mail address to eschwartz@triad.rr.com.

Thanks to each of you for all you do to make the Fisher Park Neighborhood a welcoming, friendly and beautiful place to live.

Genie Schwartz
eschwartz@triad.rr.com
456-7594

City-Wide Neighborhood Summit

Several Fisher Park neighbors are participating in plans for an autumn city-wide Neighborhood Summit conference.

Among hundreds of recognized neighborhoods in Greensboro, each has much to learn and share with others. The Summit is intended to help neighborhoods communicate among themselves while sending a clear message to elected leaders that neighborhood issues need to be respected in city governance.

To learn more about Neighborhood Summit plans, contact Ann Stringfield or Russ Clegg (contact information at end of *Fisher Parker*).

Cemetery Tour—5/18

Celebrating National Historic Preservation Week, Ann Stringfield will conduct a tour through our beautiful Greenhill Cemetery, Sunday, May 18 at 2 p.m. \$5 per person donated to the Cemetery Maintenance Fund. Call Ann Stringfield, 273-1393.

Fisher Park Updates & Other News

New Fisher's Grill Print Available

Greensboro Artist Chuck McLachlan announces a new limited edition print of the interior of *Fisher's Bar and Grill*, a popular neighborhood restaurant and watering hole. Prints are \$175 to \$250 depending on the size. For information call 273-9885 or visit www.twoartchicks.com.

Park Update

The Park Committee reports that a City fund is providing eight attractive new trash containers in Fisher Park. More are requested as funds become available. Also, expect our old wooden playground equipment soon to be replaced with the metal and plastic equipment discussed intensely last year and heartily recommended by neighborhood parents.

Reasonable Hours for Yard Equipment

It's hard to resist starting up your new leaf blower on a Saturday morning. But at our annual meeting, a neighbor reminded us all to be considerate of neighbors and not operate loud outdoor mechanical equipment, such as leaf blowers and mowers, until later in the morning. Thanks for the reminder and your consideration.

Fat Rats

Although some folks feel kind feeding squirrels in Fisher Park, the sad truth is that we have some well-fed rats in our parks as well. When you leave the park, please don't leave food out as it may encourage rat population growth.

Luminaria Event Raises More Than \$2,300

Our December '02 Luminaria display was initially delayed due to an ice storm, power outage, and limb debris, but was successfully rescheduled December 15th. Net Income was \$2,392.98 including generous donations of \$1,400 from 55 households.

Thanks to all who participated, especially Block Captains who gather orders and deliver supplies for another brilliant evening.

Red Cross Open Six Days/Week

Our local Red Cross Chapter Blood Center at nearby 1501 Yanceyville Street is open 6 days/week and encourages those that can to **donate blood** to meet that ever-growing need in our community.

Hours are Monday 2–6:30 p.m.; Tuesday/Thursday 12:30–6:30 p.m.; Wednesday/Friday/Saturday 8 a.m.–1 p.m. Call 333-2111 and schedule an appointment to donate, or – if you need to, walk in!

Neighborhood Welcome Rep

New in the neighborhood – or know someone who is? Please call our official newcomer welcome representative, volunteer Connie Usry, 279-8383. We're a bit behind greeting newcomers this year. We send our condolences to Connie at the death of her husband after a long illness.

Connie herself inspires great enthusiasm and she welcomes your calls. And if you wish to help Connie greet new neighbors, she welcomes your participation.

FPNA 2003 Events

This schedule includes a preliminary listing of upcoming events for 2003. All board meetings are held at 6 p.m., Holy Trinity Episcopal Church on Greene Street. For more information on meeting times, or to receive a copy of the agenda, contact Genie Schwartz, President, 456-7549.

March 24 (Monday): Board meeting.

April 12: Easter Egg Hunt in Fisher Park. No rain date.

April 28 (Monday): Board meeting.

May 18 (Sunday), 2 p.m.: Green Hill Cemetery tour (celebrates National Historic Preservation Week)

May 19 (Monday): Board meeting

June 23 (Monday): Board meeting.

July 28 (Monday): Board meeting.

August 5 (Tuesday): National Night Out Ice Cream Social in east Fisher Park. No rain date.

August 25 (Monday): Board meeting

September 11–13: Fisher Park hosts Preservation North Carolina annual meeting attendees; block party/house tours.

Sept. 22 (Monday): Board meeting.

October 27 (Monday): Board meeting.

November 9 (Sunday), 4 p.m.: Annual Neighborhood Association Meeting, Holy Trinity Church.

November 24 (Monday): Board meeting.

December 14 (Sunday): Luminaria display. Rain date Dec. 21, 5:30 p.m.

December 15 (Monday): FPNA Board meeting 6:00 p.m. [Tentative]

January 26, 2004 (Monday): Board meeting.

Attorney Joins Fisher Park in New Location

Attorney Deborah Maury has moved her office from just outside the Fisher Park Historic District on West Fisher Avenue to 628 North Elm Street, just inside the District.

Ms. Maury graduated from the University of Maryland Law School, has practiced law since 1983, and specializes in Social Security Law, personal injury, and worker's compensation.

She purchased the building that was originally constructed for the Orange Presbytery as their office building. The Presbytery served several churches, including First Presbyterian Church, much like a school district.

The International style brick and pre-cast concrete frame office building was completed in 1963 for \$3.00 per square foot and was later sold and more recently served as a dentist office.

The building was only slightly modified on the exterior but the interior was totally reworked and modernized.

We welcome Attorney Deborah Maury to her new Fisher Park location!

Submitted by Carl Myatt



The law office of Deborah Murray, 628 N. Elm Street.

Fisher Park Neighborhood Association Board—2003

Our neighborhood Board consists of 15 members, five rotating on and off each year. We try to select Board members spread evenly across our four quadrants, to represent equally the neighborhood.

Want to be considered for next year's Board of Directors? Please contact Ann Stringfield at the address/phone/e-mail below.

Position	Name	Phone	E-mail
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Community Development Program

Historic District Staff 373-2349

Certificate of Appropriateness

Historic District Guidelines, Design Manual

Technical Advice

Housing/Community Development Web Address:

www.ci.greensboro.nc.us/hcd

Zoning Enforcement 373-2630

Historic District Regulations Violations

Zoning Violations

Local Ordinance Enforcement..... 373-2111

Housing Standards, Lot Clean-Up Violations

Parking Violations 373-2648

Parking in Yard or Right-of-Way

Creek Water Quality/Pollution Concerns..... 373-2055