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Centennial Wrap-Up

DON'T
FORGET:

*Order Your
Luminaria Kits by:
Tuesday, December 3*



*Lighting of the
Luminarias
December 8, 2002
(Rain Date: Dec. 15)*


It's Time to Light Up the Night!

It's time again put in your order for the annual Fisher Park Luminaria Display. Then on Sunday, December 10, join your neighbors to light up the night!

One of Fisher Park's most spectacular events, the Luminaria Display involves thousands of lanterns lining streets throughout the neighborhood! Combined with the winter landscape of Fisher Park, the event is a good occasion for a holiday party or other get-together.

Visitors come from all over Greensboro to view the display, while many Fisher Park residents simply take a long walk to enjoy the lights.

Your block captain has delivered an order form along with this issue of *The Fisher Parker*, with instructions on how to order and assemble your luminarias. Remember, the deadline for getting orders back to the block captains is December 3. And in case of bad weather on December 8, the rain date is December 15.

If you have questions, call either Ann Stringfield at 273-1393 or your block captain. 




Geoff Wall Receives Captain Fisher Award

Geoff Wall received the Captain Fisher Award at the neighborhood association's annual meeting on Sunday, November 17, in recognition of his efforts for the neighborhood.

President of the FPNA Board in 1996, Geoff was instrumental in securing more than 200 new trees for Fisher Park, which were planted throughout our neighborhood during his tenure. Now well established along Eugene Street, Bessemer Avenue, and throughout the park, these will mature to fill in as older trees suffer from storms and age.

In presenting the award to Wall, Board President Ann Stringfield reminded the audience that during his tenure as president, "he modeled excellence in communication with our City and County representatives and has been a trusted source of advice for each neighborhood president since he held the post."

Established in 1983, the Captain Fisher Award is dedicated periodically by the FPNA board for outstanding service to the Fisher Park neighborhood. The award is named after Captain Basil John Fisher (1851 - 1903), who, in 1902, deeded 28 acres to the City of Greensboro. This acreage just north of town would eventually become Fisher Park, Greensboro's first planned suburban park. 

FISHER PARK - EST. 1902

Captain Fisher Award Recipients

The Captain Fisher Award has been awarded to 13 individuals and one organization since 1983. Here is a list of recipients.

- 1983: Mary Lee Copeland
George Hamer
Joe Sargent
- 1984: John R. Kernodle, Jr.
- 1985: David Moore
- 1987: Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
- 1989: Alice M. Carroll
- 1990: Paul E Calloway
- 1991: Dr. & Mrs. Bob Clutts
Dr. & Mrs. Ernie Lumsden
- 1996: Julia M. Morton
- 2000: Rick Luebke
- 2001: Angie Leath
- 2002: Geoff Wall



Geoff Wall (photo by Carl Myatt)


News on Proposed Stadium

On August 24, our neighborhood was surprised to read that citizen input plans for a “Bellemeade Village” southwest of our neighborhood had been switched to plans for a minor league baseball stadium. Two days later, our neighborhood Board voted unanimously to oppose the proposed stadium, support the original “Bellemeade Village” plan (mixed-use residential and commercial development, DSS remaining downtown, a public square, and a downtown school) and gather input from neighbors.

Neighborhood president Ann Stringfield immediately sent out an opinion survey and in return received hundreds of e-mails, phone calls, and completed surveys. Of the hundreds of responses Ann received, 90% were opposed to the proposed stadium, over 6% were of mixed opinion, and over 3% were in favor of the proposed Bellemeade stadium. Neighbor responses vary in their reasons for opposition. Most mention support of a renovated War Memorial Stadium. Some support a stadium elsewhere, such as Lee Street or near the Coliseum. Some want a new larger stadium away from downtown. Responses never reflect opposition to downtown redevelopment, only opposition to proposed stadium placement at Eugene/Bellemeade.


Since August, many neighbors and concerned citizens have worked to learn the issues and share positions with public officials and not-for-profit organizations promoting the stadium. Stadium proponents have done an excellent job sharing what they believe the noise, traffic, parking, and lighting situation near a stadium would be like. Yet they do not believe our neighborhood will be adversely affected in any way and they do not suggest mitigation of physical effects should a stadium be built at Bellemeade. Neither stadium proponents, nor City/County elected officials, assure accountability for potential noise, traffic, parking, or lighting concerns.

Neighbors are monitoring developments, and Board members continue to request your input. Survey forms remain available at the front door of 1005 North Eugene Street.

One positive outcome of such controversy is that we’ve received e-mail addresses and phone numbers of neighbors asking to be kept up to date with developments. In the future we’ll be better prepared to share news and “take the pulse” of neighborhood opinion. To receive neighborhood updates on this and other issues, share your e-mail address with Ann Stringfield at infocrofters@triad.rr.com. 

Neighborhood Centennial Draws to a Close

Our centennial year draws to a close after many celebrations: a February Centennial Tea for former residents of Fisher Park, a Home History Workshop to research your home’s history and document your homes current residents, a successful Home & Garden Tour, quarterly tours of neighboring Green Hill cemetery, a children’s neighborhood “Shutter Hunt” to identify unique home shutters, an Easter Egg hunt, challenges of a stadium proposed in the nearby Bellemeade section of town, a National Night Out Against Crime ice cream social, revision of Historic District Guidelines, a Centennial dessert and music party, an excellent annual meeting with speaker Jim Schlosser, a neighborhood tour sponsored by UNC-G Museum Studies students, and soon our annual fundraising Luminaria display.

We were in good company as other city organizations also celebrated their 2002 centennial including the Greensboro Public Library, the Children’s Home Society, and the Gilbert T. Pearson chapter of the National Audubon Society. 



For more information on the Fisher Park Neighborhood Association, visit: www.triadneighbors.com/fisherpark

Repairing Old Windows

When Peter Bears and his family began total interior refurbishment (down to the studs) of their new older home at 202 Fisher Park Circle, little did they know how extensive the project would become. One decision involved window repair. Current Historic District Guidelines suggest we **repair** as long as items are repairable, **replace** only irreparable **sections** as necessary, and only **totally replace** when a window is totally irreparable. New window salesmen would have you believe this is not cost effective.

Bears found that a local company ("Double Hung," 273-2384, owned by David Hoggard at 108 Cypress Street in the Aycock Historic District) strips old window frames and repairs the windows at a cost **significantly** less than new windows. The Bears family appreciates the clean, classic look of their newly refurbished old windows so much, they've decided not to reapply aluminum storm windows. Mind you, they've insulated the entire interior of their home making it comfy cozy for the next century. ↪

At The Library: Books on Repair of Older Homes

Repairing your home before winter sets in? If you're within the Historic District, contact the Historic District office (373-2144) to determine if a Certificate of Appropriateness (CoA) is necessary for your project. If you need ideas, the Central Library has several classic books on home restoration.

- **Old Houses: a rebuilder's manual** by George Nash. 1980
- **The Original Old-House Journal Compendium**, edited by Clem Labine & Carolyn Flaherty. 1980
- **Preserving and maintaining the older home** by Shirley Hanson & Nancy Hubby. 1983
- **Caring for your historic house** by Heritage Preservation & the National Park Service. 1998 ↪

SEEKING A "DOG JOGGER"

Our neighbor, Kathleen Koestler of Fisher Park Circle, is seeking someone who can take their gentle Giant Schnauzer on a regular jog, and she'll be happy to pay to get him the exercise he needs. Interested? Call Kathleen at 275-0606.

WHILE YOU'RE OUT SURFING . . .

Remember, www.triadneighbors.com/fisherpark puts you in touch with neighbors and neighborhood news. For **e-mail news** about neighborhood issues or events, or if you want to volunteer to work on our Web site, call Ann Stringfield at 273-1393, or e-mail her at infocrofters@triad.rr.com.

FOR THESE CONCERNS,
PLEASE CONTACT:

Community Development Program

Historic District Staff 373-2349

Certificate of Appropriateness
Historic District Guidelines
Historic District 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

Minimum Housing Standards Violations
Lot Clean-Up Violations

Traffic Violations 373-2757

Parking in Yard
Parking in Right-of-Way

Creek Water Quality/

Concerns About Pollution 373-2055

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