

the

serving residents of the Fisher Park Neighborhood

Fisher Park

NOVEMBER 2008

NEIGHBORHOOD-WIDE ANNUAL MEETING

Y'all come, to the Fisher Park Neighborhood Association annual meeting, Sunday, November 16, 4:00 p.m. in Roe Library at Holy Trinity Church. Neighbors are invited to all monthly Board meetings, but if you haven't made it monthly, the annual meeting is a great time to catch up on a year's worth of neighborhood plans and reminisce with neighbors both known and new. Your neighborhood Board members provide refreshments. Roe Library is best accessed from North Greene Street. Look for signs. We'll look for you!

ELMS RETURN TO ELM STREET

This fall, look for five new disease-resistant Elm trees to be planted in the park along both sides of Elm Street boundary of Fisher Park! Your neighborhood Park

Committee volunteers have expended significant hours throughout 2008, developing planting plans and a park management policy and offering park walks to help us envision improvements in our shared City park.

During recent park workdays, invasive plants have been removed along the creek bed in the east park in accordance with Greensboro Parks and Recreation Department policy. New plantings of native species are planned for this fall and winter along the stream – and in other areas of the park over the next several years.

Thanks to neighbors Sally and Wayne Atwood (PosterPrints) for creating and donating signs posted near work areas. The Park Committee and its enthusiastic chairperson David Craft are anxious to hear your thoughts as we move ahead. Attend the November 16 annual meeting to see plans. Board members or Park Committee members welcome your ideas, park-specific donations, and Park Work Days helping hands in 2009!

VANITY GIFTS

If your gift-giving list includes folks who fancy name brands, we have the gifts for you! Fisher Park t-shirts are available in any size and meet two important criteria: inexpensive at \$10 and support a worthy cause! To order t-shirts, delivered to your doorstep, contact neighborhood Vice President Vicky Saunders at 272-7661. The only gift that can top our tees is honoring someone with a Fisher Park street sign topper for \$75. Mail street sign topper checks to the Fisher Park Neighborhood Association (FPNA for short) at our PO box. There's nothing wrong with neighborhood pride!

CALENDAR

Annual Meeting

Sunday, November 16
4:00 p.m.
Roe Library
off Greene Street at
Holy Trinity Church
336-545-5543

2008 LUMINARIA EVENTS

Luminaria Kit Orders

DUE to YOUR
Block Captain
Sunday, December 7

Luminaria Kit- Building Party

Wednesday, December 10,
6:00 p.m.
Rob Pope's home
803 Simpson Street
336-638-7706

Luminaria Display

Sunday, December 14, dusk
336-638-7706

Luminaria Rain Date:

Sunday, December 21, dusk
336-638-7706

The FPNA Board and Newsletter Editors send **thanks to neighbors** who've participated in events throughout the year. All neighbors are invited to enjoy the benefits of neighborhood engagement in 2009!

DECEMBER LUMINARIA DISPLAY



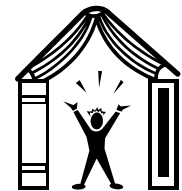
It's almost time for our neighborhood's annual Luminaria display! Included with this newsletter is your Fisher Park Luminaria order form and instructions for participation. Our Luminaria Kit-Building Party is open to everyone, Wednesday, December 10, 6 p.m. at Rob Pope's house, 803 Simpson Street, 638-7706. Rob will kindly offer light refreshments to volunteers. Soon thereafter, volunteers deliver luminaria kits to Block Captains, who in turn kindly deliver kits to your doorstep. On Sunday, December 14 at dusk, add sand or litter to each bag, place a candle cup inside, light candles, and enjoy our glowing annual display. Walk illuminated sidewalks with friends, carol, or organize block parties! Two generous neighbors invite the neighborhood to their Luminaria open house events:

- **227 North Park Drive** hosts Sherry & Tom Rogowski, 275-2174, srogowski@triad.rr.com, invite neighbors 7–8:30 pm for hot cider and wine, appetizers, and sweets, December 14 only. If the Luminaria display is canceled due to bad weather, this open house will be canceled and not rescheduled the following week.
- **1004 North Elm Street**, Jewel Day Spa host Nicole Shelton, 268-9050, www.jeweldayspa.com invites neighbors 7–8:30 p.m. to tour the grand 1918 Victorian house that's currently a spa. While you're there, enjoy complimentary Red Oak beer tasting, courtesy of a local brewery, refreshments, and a free Thai massage by Fisher Park neighborhood resident Ronda Cranford. If the Sunday December 14 Luminaria display is canceled due to bad weather, this open house will shift to Sunday December 21 along with the rescheduled Luminaria display. If both December 14 and 21 have inclement weather, this open house will be cancelled. Simply enjoy your Luminarias another time.

As you complete your Luminaria order form (returned to Block Captains Sunday, December 7) consider a donation to the neighborhood as a convenient way to give back to your neighborhood and our unique city park.

COMING TO SOUTHWEST FISHER PARK

It's been in the back of our minds for years, and now the Guilford County School Administration has openly discussed the possibility of leaving their Eugene Street location in years to come. We all recognize the current School Administration buildings and parking lots, spanning blocks bounded by Simpson Street, Fisher Avenue, Wharton Street, and Florence Street, will be redeveloped *some* day, most likely as high density residential or mixed use. Large undeveloped tracts of land near downtown are rare gems and should be snatched up for significant development; but "by whom," "how," and "when" we're unlikely to be privy. We should anticipate the transition to be part of a complicated land-swap, and most likely accomplished well before the neighborhood receives any details.



It is extremely important for affected neighbors to meet, envision, and present an overview of your primary wishes for this land, both to your neighborhood and to our School Administration, requesting your wishes be valued among business-lead stakeholders. The best compromises surface when we articulate our highest wishes and place them on the discussion table as early as possible.

Our Aycock neighbors have twice received grants to hold a design charrette (a series of short, intense, professionally led design workshops) to envision options for future development of one remaining large piece of undeveloped land across the railroad tracks, the Dunleath property. During a design charrette, professional urban designers introduce cutting edge infill development principles and work with neighbors to document positive options.

Coincidentally, the Aycock neighborhood invites you to a Dunleith property public charrette, November 18-21 at Revolution Mills Entertainment Studios. Details will be posted at <http://www.historicaycock.org/>. Neighbors nearest our School Administration property may wish to meet

casually, or to plan a professionally-guided charrette, to document their highest wishes for School Administration property. You might consider a Historic District overlay or create a neighbor-defined Neighborhood Conservation Overlay.

While not naively anticipating that our wishes will supersede a developer's, if neighbors initiate, coordinate, and document their wishes, there's a much greater chance for mutually positive outcomes, assuredly greater than passively awaiting developer's plans whose best interests may not complement your own. We encourage you to attend Aycock's charrette, then meet, brainstorm, inquire, and bring your wishes to our neighborhood Board.

BEST BEHAVED PET OWNERS

Are wild beasts leaving their waste on neighborhood sidewalks? Umm, more likely it's our own well-loved dogs. Dog owners, please carry doggie bags, scoop the poop, and dispose of same back home. Neighbors who observe this simple courtesy reinforce the practice saying "Thanks" to our best behaved pet owners!

NEWBORN & INFANT PLAY GROUP

Amy Leubuscher of Victoria Street hopes to arrange a playgroup for neighborhood mothers with newborns or infants group. If you are interested, please email aleubuscher@yahoo.com.



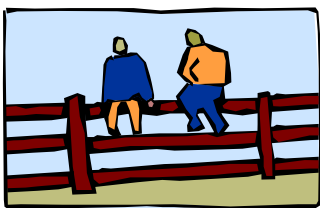
FOUNDING FAMILIES

Thanks to detailed data entry by City Housing & Community Development employee Russ Clegg (who lives on Magnolia Street), owners of homes in Greensboro historic districts now can learn the names, occupations, and building dates of the original owners of many homes in the local Historic Districts. The list is sorted by street name, then street number. What fun it is to learn each home's "ancestry"! Visit <http://www.fisherparknc.org/HistoricDistrict.html>. If you have evidence of even more accurate information, please communicate your information or questions to City of Greensboro Historic District staff, Mike Cowhig at 373-2755 or Stefan-Leih Geary at 412-6300. Thanks, Russ, for your efforts!

KNOW IT ALL

The best way to know all that's happening in our neighborhood is to join the Fisher Park e-mail listserv. Every week, several neighbors post reminders about gatherings, lost and found items or pets, community watch alerts, yard sales, free give-aways, contractor recommendations, plant swaps, and other items and news of interest.

Our neighborhood e-mail listserv is for non-political non-commercial purposes and has become a tremendous resource for all who participate. To join, visit www.fisherparknc.org/news.html and follow directions. Our volunteer listserv coordinator Genie Schwartz can help. 574-2942 eschwartz@triad.rr.com. Also visit our neighborhood website at www.fisherparknc.org for bountiful useful information.



If your neighbor doesn't have Internet access, please keep them up-to-date by chatting over the phone or fencepost. If you're new to Fisher Park, please contact our neighborhood Greeters who'll bring helpful information about your new neighborhood.

We recommend that all neighbors decorate their fridge with at least the back page of the latest Fisher Parker to keep helpful contact information within reach. We welcome your neighborhood news, your volunteerism, and

thank you again for sharing our year end Fisher Parker with friends and family!

Fisher Park Neighborhood Association — P. O. Box 2004, Greensboro, NC 27402

Board of Directors

Position (term ends)	Name	Address	Phone
President (2009)	McLendon, John (jmclendonjr@triad.rr.com)	2 Magnolia Court	336-545-5543
Vice President (2008)	Saunders, Vicky Vanstory	400-A Fisher Park Circle	336-272-7661
Secretary (2009)	Graham, Lutie	204 Leftwich Street	336-706-1335
Treasurer (2009)	Pope, Robert	803 Simpson Street	336-638-7706
Board (2008)	Atwood, Sally	802 Simpson Street	336-273-8286
Board (2008)	Myatt, Wanda	213 N. Park Drive	336-272-0999
Board (2008)	Rhyne, Dick	110 Fisher Park Circle	336-333-1731
Board (2008)	Rubin, Steve	224 South Park Drive	336-271-8086
Board (2009)	Cannon-Percival, Rachel	912 North Eugene St.	336-273-3365
Board (2009)	Luebke, Rick	1115 Virginia Street	336-273-5080
Board (2010)	Craft, David	605 North Church St.	336-274-3420
Board (2010)	Grieve, Greg (gpgrieve@gmail.com)	225 Florence Street	336-402-6443
Board (2010)	Jackson, Jane	115 North Park Drive	336-271-6705
Board (2010)	Lowe, Sonya	710 Magnolia Street	336-209-5525
Board (2010)	Usry, Connie	908 Magnolia Street	336-279-8383

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Greeter Coordinator	Rachel Cannon-Percival	336-.273-3365	purplepercival@yahoo.com
Southeast Greeter	Janet Craft	336-274-3420	chsyhkr@gmail.com
Southwest Greeter	Prudy Strong	336-379-7209	
Northwest Greeter	Rebecca Woell	336-404-0898	woelljr@earthlink.net
Northeast Greeter	Vacant – Contact Rachel Cannon-Percival to volunteer! (See above.)		
Neighborhood Watch	Sonya Lowe	336-209-5525	lowesonya@gmail.com
Playgroup	Rebecca Woell	336-404-0898	woelljr@earthlink.net
Social Committee	Rachel Cannon-Percival	336-273-3365	purplepercival@yahoo.com
Streets & Sidewalks	Greg Grieve	336-402-6443	

Block Captain Coordinators

Southern Area	Cheryl Poole	336-275-0333	cherylpoole@triad.rr.com
Northern Area	Jim Willis	336-275-5092	
City Council Rep.	Zack Matheny, District 3 Councilman	336-272-0523	Zack.matheny@greensboro-nc.gov
County Commissioner	Kay Cashion	336-274-6272	kcashion@co.guilford.nc.us

Board Meeting Schedule	Board meetings are usually the Monday before the last Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church education building, Haywood Duke Room. Remaining 2008 Board meetings are November 16, FPNA neighborhood ANNUAL meeting (Roe Library) and November 24. The December meeting is usually cancelled due to holidays.		
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Fisher Park Neighborhood Association Mission Statement

To preserve the historic and residential character of the Fisher Park neighborhood, and to work with the City of Greensboro to help maintain the scenic park for the benefit of the general public.

City of Greensboro and Other Contacts

Department/Company	Purpose	Phone
City Customer Contact Center	Directs citizen calls to appropriate City departments.	373-2489 (373-CITY)
City Historic District Staff	Historic district guidelines, application for certificate of appropriateness, free advice.	336-373-2349
Zoning Enforcement	Parking in front yards, historic district guidelines enforcement.	336-373-2630
Ordinance Enforcement	Housing inspections, abandoned vehicles, lot cleanup.	336-373-2111
Duke Power	Streetlight outage.	336-378-9451
Police Central Division	Help for emergencies and non-emergencies/ enforcement.	Emergency: 911 Non-Emergency: 336-373-2222
Police Central Division–Community Resource Officer	Officer Melanie Daniel	336-373-4645 mailto:melanie.daniel@greensboro-nc.gov
Fisher Park ListServ	Subscribe: mailto:fisherpark-subscribe@yahoo.com	Submit e-mail: fisherpark@yahoogroups.com