

# Fisher Parker

November 2011

## LOCAL SUSTAINABILITY IS TOPIC FOR ANNUAL MEETING

Please plan to attend our Fisher Park Neighborhood Association's annual meeting, **Sunday November 20, 4 p.m., in Broome Hall of Holy Trinity Church.** Hear a review of our neighborhood's annual accomplishments, savor ample refreshments generously provided by neighborhood Board members, and engage with invited guest speaker architect Bob Powell as he leads discussions about local sustainability. Explore how our Fisher Park neighborhood fares in terms of sustainable housing, transportation, economic development, and health. This meeting offers an annual opportunity to shape goals for the neighborhood. Looking to participate in your neighborhood? Go to: [www.fisherparknc.org/files/VolunteerOpportunities.pdf](http://www.fisherparknc.org/files/VolunteerOpportunities.pdf).

## LUMINARIA FUNDRAISER

Along with this newsletter your volunteer Block Captains deliver your annual Luminaria kit order/donation form. Once again the FPNA Board decided to keep kit prices at \$5/kit which still includes 10 bags, candles, and cups. Each kit represents numerous hours of neighborhood Luminaria volunteers' time.

Because kit supply prices rise annually, the neighborhood now earns only \$1.17 profit per kit of 10. Please consider a generous donation on your Luminaria order form! Return your completed order form and check or cash to your volunteer Block Captain by Sunday December 4. Block Captains will deliver kits to your door by December 11. Occupants of businesses,



townhomes, condos, or apartments may place group orders for convenience.

Everyone is invited to a neighborhood open house **Sunday, December 11, 6-8 p.m. at 112 Fisher Park Circle**, the home of Adeline and David Talbot with the Kantlehner and Rogowski families co-hosting. (To offer additional neighborhood open

houses, please contact Rob Pope at 638-7706.) Please bring a can of food to donate to a local food pantry. Holiday music will be provided by the new **Fisher Park Dulcimer Trio** with Molly McDonald, Cate Parker, and Chuck VandeZande. Simpson Street neighbor **Rob Pope** arranges the entire event!

The open house will take place December 11, even if inclement weather postpones the Luminaria display until the following Sunday, December 18. We're encouraged to form caroling groups, enjoy candle-lit walks, and visit the open house. Thanks for your participation and donations, which fund year-long neighborhood newsletters and events!

## CALENDAR

### Neighborhood Annual Meeting

**Sunday, November 20, 4 p.m.**  
Broome Hall, Holy Trinity Church  
336-274-4530, Robert Kantlehner

### Luminaria Orders Are Due Sunday, December 4

To Your Block Captain

### Luminaria

#### Kit Building Party

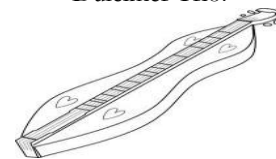
**Wednesday, December 7, 6 p.m.**  
803 Simpson Street  
336-638-7706, Rob Pope

### Luminaria Display, dusk & Holiday Open House

**Sunday, December 11, 6-8 p.m.**

In case of rain, call 336-638-7706 to hear if lighting is postponed. Open house proceeds even if Luminaria are postponed! Bring a can of food to donate to a local food pantry.

Music by the new Fisher Park Dulcimer Trio.



### Luminaria "Rain Date"

**Sunday, December 18, dusk**

If both days have inclement weather, enjoy your Luminaria any other time!  
336-638-7706, Rob Pope

Neighborhood events are posted all year long at

[www.fisherparknc.org/News.html](http://www.fisherparknc.org/News.html)

For event updates and real-time news, please join the neighborhood e-mail listserv. See the back page for listserv instructions.

## NEIGHBORS CONVERGE TO “TAKE BACK THE PARK”

The Park Committee applauds the more than 60 volunteers who joined forces Saturday, October 15, to clip, lop, and rake summer’s overgrowth in Fisher Park. Eleven youngsters cleaned debris from the creek thanks to the recruiting efforts of young Cole Percival. We regrouped at noon near the



concrete animals to enjoy American Legion hot dogs served by Elizabeth Garland and William Talton. Cheers to team leaders Tim Eaton, Robert Kantlehner, Ann Stringfield, Mika Cavello, and all of Delancey Street’s consistently cheerful volunteers. First Presbyterian Church volunteered several hours of its yard crew to reduce overgrowth along steep banks and in front of the Church. Park Committee Co-Chairs Sally Atwood and Carl Myatt applaud what neighbors can do when working together.

## FISHER PARK BOYS CIRCA 1936

Mrs. Virginia Forbis of Olive Street kindly shared a few old photos of her husband and his childhood friends playing in the west Fisher Park creek. She recalls that Fisher Park was always busy with children playing on their own. It was not unusual for boys to dam up the creek and sail model boats, as seen here with Harold Ross, Billy Cartland, Charles Forbis, and Bob Roberts knee high in creek water.

In the background of the original photo is a rustic wooden Adirondack-style bridge crossing the creek. We’ve often heard that “some *wild* neighborhood boys” long ago burned that bridge and Mrs. Forbis wouldn’t be surprised if it wasn’t some of these young fellows, Charles Forbis and his young buddies!

She also confirmed that in the lowlands of east Fisher Park, just below the Elm Street slope, there was a shallow yet wide concrete wading pool, common in neighborhood parks that used Work Projects Administration (WPA) or Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) crews, who built small amenities after “the great depression.” Many thanks to Mrs. Forbis for sharing her recollections of early times in the Fisher Park neighborhood. If others have early neighborhood stories to tell or resources to share, please contact our editors. Every story becomes a treasure.



## HAPPY HALLOWEEN PARADE & PARTY



We could scarcely count all the strollers, wagons, and revelers participating in this year’s Fisher Park Halloween parade and children’s party, Sunday, October 30. Skunks, mad scientists, cowgirls, princesses, very scary creatures defying description, and even a pizza-headed youngster paraded around the park and into Temple Emanuel for sweet treats.

Thank you to Rachel Cannon-Percival and Erica Levy-Ringel for coordinating this annual event, to all parents who provided drinks and treats, neighborhood gentlemen who volunteered to ensure traffic safety along the route, and everyone who cheered them on.



## FOCUS ON BAKER PLACE CONDOMINIUMS



In an ongoing series, one by one, we're highlighting all eight condo and townhome Associations which provide 117 residences throughout our neighborhood. Each Association reflects a different time period and appeals to different audiences. This issue features ***Baker Place***, twelve condominium units at 412 Fisher Park Circle.

The original Latham-Baker home was designed by local architect Wells L. Brewer and built in 1913 for cotton broker and real estate developer James Edwin Latham, for whom today's Latham Park is named. It is built of rock-faced granite with horizontal features that reflect Prairie-style architecture popularized by Frank Lloyd Wright and likely crafted by local stonemason Andrew Leopold Schlosser whose craft remains throughout our neighborhood. Between 1910 and 1920, Latham acquired from Captain Basil J. Fisher's estate much of the undeveloped property between Fisher Park and Green Hill Cemetery and Latham's real estate company sold residential lots throughout the neighborhood. In 1932, the Latham home was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. R.W. Baker. Mr. Baker was an executive with Blue Bell apparel, the precursor of

Wrangler/VF. Mr. Baker died in 1956 and his widow continued to live here until her death in 1980.

In 1982 Brown Investment Properties converted into twelve condos the main mansion and its large stone servants' quarters and garage in a joint venture with John MacRae Architects, JMD Contractors, and Boone, Higgins, Chestaw, Dennis & Case. Four modern Prairie-style gray stucco condo buildings were constructed on the extensive grounds. In our fledgling Fisher Park archives, we've found an original sales brochure for these condos! Those reveal "The appraised value of the large trees on the grounds of the mansion exceed \$100,000" and suggest the developers went to great lengths to preserve the landscaping. Irrigation lines were even placed underneath new parking areas to water and feed tree roots. Certain interior features were so extremely valuable – beveled leaded glass windows, the gracious entrance foyer, and a black walnut walled library – those specific features were documentarily conveyed to The Historic Preservation Fund of NC (now PNC) to ensure these unique assets were preserved within the main mansion. Baker Place condo owners have their own bylaws and guidelines to follow, as well as guidelines of the City Historic District and the National Register of Historic Places.

The stone "Carriage House" was once servant's quarters and a barn before it was converted to a three-car garage and then a condo. Current owner, Diane Stallworth says, "I love to say that I live in a three-car garage and barn!" Her building's three French doors replace the former garage days and the downstairs windows were where the horses stuck their heads outside. The Bakers kept a rose garden behind the mansion and previous residents added a small rose garden in front of their condo, still tended by a condo owner as an ongoing tradition. Each year, owners share a holiday gathering in the mansion's atrium and everyone pitches in to purchase Luminaria kits for their part of Simpson Street and Fisher Park Circle.

"Now and then people who remember when Baker Place was a single-home drive-up and tell us how they visited or played in the back yard - interesting and fun to hear," Stallworth says. "Once you move into Baker Place, it's hard to imagine living elsewhere! It is a fun and interesting place, and there is always another project keeping up the old home place and fostering our bonds of community."



It's ***important to realize*** that the Fisher Park Neighborhood Association Boards of 1980–82 worked diligently with the City Planning Department, insisting that the developer's plans were compatible with the home's original appearance and the then new Fisher Park Historic District guidelines. FPNA archives include newspaper articles of this time showing the developer initially planned ***total*** demolition! Thanks to ***judicious and engaged neighborhood residents*** of that time, and the dedicated condo owners of today, the Baker-Latham house looks much as it did in 1913. Margaret Mead, an American cultural anthropologist (1901-1978) is attributed as having said, "*Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.*"

**Fisher Park Neighborhood Association**  
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President	Robert Kantlehner	306 Parkway	336-274-4530
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<b>Board Meeting Schedule</b>	Board meetings are 6:30 p.m. in the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church education building, Haywood Duke Room or Roe Library. Board meetings in 2011 are Mondays, January 24, February 21, March 28, April 25, May 23, June 27, July 25, August 29, September 26, October 24, and December 5. The Neighborhood-wide Annual Meeting is Sunday, Nov 20, 2011 at 4 p.m in Broome Hall of Holy Trinity Church.		

**Fisher Park Neighborhood Association Mission**

*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.*

Department/Company	Other Helpful Contacts	Phone
<b>City Customer Contact Center</b>	Directs citizen calls to ANY appropriate City department.	336-373-2489 = 336-373-CITY
<b>City Historic District Staff</b>	Historic district guidelines, applications for Certificate of Appropriateness (CoA), plus <b>free</b> design review advice.	336-373-2349 directly or simply call 336-373-CITY
<b>Zoning Enforcement</b>	Parking in front yards, historic district guidelines enforcement.	336-373-2144 directly or simply call 336-373-CITY
<b>Ordinance Enforcement</b>	House/Apt. inspections, abandoned vehicles, lot cleanup.	336-373-2111 directly or simply call 336-373-CITY
<b>Duke Power</b>	Streetlight outage.	1-800-POWERON (1-800-769-3766)
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