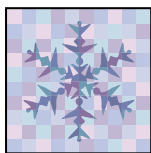


Fisher Parker

November 2012

NEIGHBORHOOD HISTORY AT ANNUAL MEETING

Hope to see you at our **2012 FPNA annual meeting, Sunday, November 18, 4:00 p.m.** at Holy Trinity Church **Broome Hall** (rear of building). Guest speaker Linda Evans, Historian at the Greensboro Historical Museum, will convey stories of Fisher Park's early years. Current Board members share refreshments. Nominations are open for several Board positions. Please partake of the stories, bring nominations, eat, drink, converse, and be merry!



LUMINARIA OPEN HOUSE

All Fisher Park neighbors -- from our homes, condos, townhomes, apartments, and businesses -- are cordially invited to the **2012 Luminaria Night Open House at the home of Margaret and Robert Kantlehner, 306 Parkway, Sunday, December 9, 6:00-8:00 p.m.** The open house proceeds no matter what the weather! Light your Luminaria at dusk. Please bring a canned food donation which we will deliver to a local food bank. (In case of bad weather, the Luminaria **display** only shifts to Sunday Dec 16 at dusk.) Contact the Kantlehner's ahead of time if you offer to bring specific refreshments to share with all who drop in for good cheer. Thanks to all who contribute to the annual Luminaria fundraising which has supported quarterly newsletters, neighborhood-wide socials, our park, and our neighborhood endowment.

WELL ENDOWED

Back in 1997, our **Fisher Park Neighborhood Association (FPNA) Board** established an endowment fund at the **Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro (CFGG)**, the only such CFGG fund initiated and maintained by a Greensboro neighborhood. An exceptionally generous neighbor contributed the first \$10,000!

Since then, as our neighborhood raises funds from annual Luminaria events or infrequent home tours, funds raised in excess of those needed for annual expenses (neighborhood-wide socials, park events, or newsletters) may be transferred to our FPNA endowment. By autumn 2012, the endowment was ~\$28,000 currently earning about 4% interest. Terms of the endowment allow the FPNA to extract a small annual payout, but the principal has and must remain intact with moderate, incremental growth.

Recently the FPNA Board formed a committee both to consider neighborhood-wide uses for any small annual endowment payout and to determine how to increase the endowment. Because the FPNA is a currently registered 501c3 non-profit, donors receive tax deductions. All neighbors are invited to all FPNA Board meetings to share your ideas and opinions about

2012 CALENDAR

Neighborhood Annual Meeting

Sunday, November 18, 4 p.m.
Broome Hall, Holy Trinity Church
336-274-4530, Robert Kantlehner

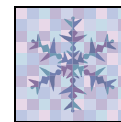
Luminaria Order Forms are in THIS newsletter. Orders are DUE to your Block Captain Sunday, December 2!

Luminaria Kit Building Party
Wednesday Dec 5, 6:00 p.m.
Home of Rob Pope
803 Simpson Street
336-638-7706, Rob Pope

Luminaria Display
Sunday Dec 9 at dusk

Luminaria OPEN HOUSE
Home of Margaret & Robert Kantlehner
306 Parkway
Sunday, Dec. 9, 6-8 p.m.
Call 274-4530 NOW to offer food/drink for the OPEN HOUSE.
Also bring canned food donations.

Luminaria Display Rain Date
Sunday Dec 16 at dusk.
(Open house is only Dec. 9.)



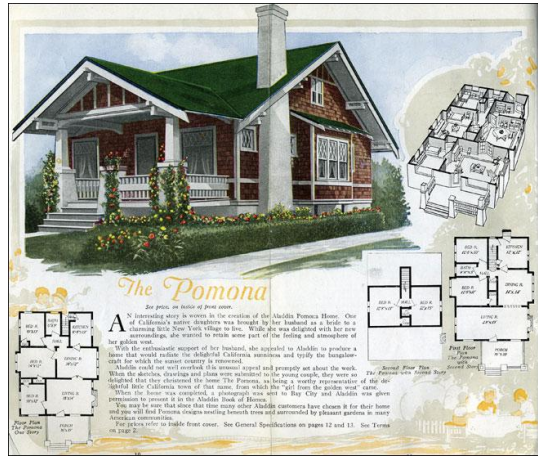
For each year's event updates and news visit www.fisherparknc.org/News.html.

Please join the e-mail list!
Instructions on back page.

FPNA business, including this opportunity to grow and/or use our endowment funds. Monthly Board meetings and Board members are listed on the back page of every Fisher Parker newsletter and at www.fisherparknc.org.

KIT HOUSES

Kit houses became especially popular after WWI and WWII as soldiers returned to embrace family life. The “baby boom” ensued. Manufacturing was booming, too, and large companies -- Sears and Alladin for example -- offered hundreds of kit home designs. Hopeful homeowners previewed house picture books, placed their order for specific house designs including interior options such as bath, kitchen and light fixtures. The materials were delivered to their vacant lot and building commenced – early “Just In Time” projects. Older neighborhoods such as ours still exhibit many fine examples of these kit houses.



For example, **105 East Hendrix Street** may be the “Pomona” design of an Alladin kit home. **406 Wharton Street** is a dead ringer for the



“Kentucky” design Alladin kit home. And “kit” is not synonymous with “small”. Neighbor Todd McCain was thrilled to locate original documentation of his large kit home on West Bessemer Avenue, including several of the original interior options chosen by the home’s original owner.

A UNCG Interior Architecture Department class is studying mail order and kit homes. If you have information about your kit home, please share your findings with volunteer neighborhood archivist/editor Ann Stringfield (see back page) and with UNCG M.S. Architecture student Amirah Lane at adlane@uncg.edu.



TAKE BACK THE PARK – ROUND 2

Our 2nd annual “Take Back The Park” work morning was **Saturday, October 27**. Thanks to Bessemer Court neighbor Bill Sutton’s marketing, forty neighbors flocked to help -- including ever-faithful Delancey Street neighbors -- as we clipped, lopped, and pulled invasives from West Fisher Park. Also on hand were volunteers from the City of Greensboro’s “Weed Warriors” and the [Piedmont Land Conservancy](http://www.piedmontlandconservancy.org), kindly lending tools and herbicides selectively applied to cut stems.

We celebrated thereafter with a BBQ meal smoked and seasoned by your Park Committee members Tim and Rebecca Eaton and Robert Kantlehner. Fisher’s Grille donated ice. Brooks Mullane shared fresh crisp veggies. Several neighbors donated an hour or more of yard service time, delivering a significant improvement in short order. Thanks to our Park Committee Co-Chairs Sally Atwood and Carl Myatt, they for their organizational efforts throughout 2012. Beyond work accomplished, community camaraderie is the greatest benefit. Enjoy photos of many successful neighborhood events at www.fisherparknc.org/Photos.html.



FROM THE ARCHIVES

News clippings in our unique neighborhood archives chronicle neighbors’ multi-year quest to form our **Fisher Park Neighborhood Association in 1978** followed by a lengthy challenge to convince a required 2/3rds of neighbors to form a small historic district within the neighborhood. Four years later, in **April 1982 our smaller Fisher Park Historic District was recommended by the Greensboro HD Commission** after significant publicity and outright contention. The leadership of First Presbyterian and Holy Trinity churches made public their votes to include their properties within the Fisher Park Historic District.

Less you think healthy controversy and activism are new to our neighborhood, FPNA Archives dispel that blissful myth. One of many examples was the exasperation of Douglas Turk of 309 W. Fisher Avenue who opposed historic district designation saying “I think it’s worse than communism. It’s a dictation of art. We’re in the Fisher Park Prehistoric Society!” Some neighbors organized “**CAUTION - Citizens Against Unnecessary Tyranny in Our Neighborhood**” to pay legal fees to attorney Dick Douglas who publicly argued their opposition. Concerns were raised that a homeowner wouldn’t be able to choose their home’s paint colors or to screen their porches, neither of which turned out to be the case.

Neighbors supporting historic district designation were represented by then FPNA President, attorney John R. Kernodle, Jr. of 912 Magnolia Street and attorney David M. Moore II of Fisher Park Circle. Their presentations appealed to the City “to preserve the character of historically or architecturally significant neighborhoods by regulating changes to the exteriors of buildings”. “Without it [the historic district], the **slow erosion** of the neighborhood will continue”, warned Kernodle.

Six months after a Fisher Park Historic District was recommended by the Historic Preservation Commission, aroused by lively weekly newspaper articles and letters to the editor -- pro and con -- on **October 18, 1982 Greensboro’s City Council voted unanimously to designate a portion of the Fisher Park neighborhood as Greensboro’s 2nd historic district.** (College Hill Historic District was formed first!) One week later bomb threats were reported on a Sunday morning at Holy Trinity and First Presbyterian Church, both of which publicly supported the Historic District designation. Neighbors independently reported at least 6 incidents of tires slashed.

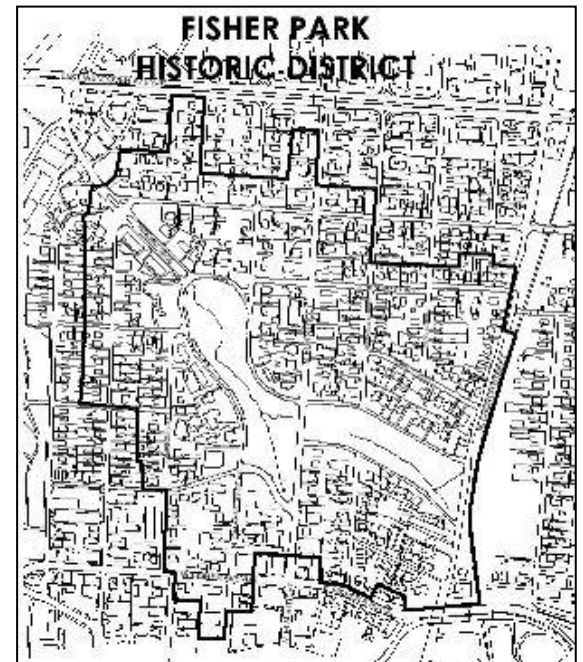
As attorney for neighbors opposed to historic district designation, Dick Douglas was quoted as saying “I’m very disappointed that the historical basis is being used when I think there is nothing historic or architecturally significant about the whole area.” Douglas’s childhood home was 106 Fisher Park Circle, a house of structural elegance much admired to this day.

Tensions continued. In June 1983 news articles reported that a piece of concrete was thrown through the glass doors of the Holy Trinity Church Parrish house at 607 N. Greene Street during a statewide conference on Preserving 20th Century Neighborhoods. Unsigned typed notes were tacked to the church door and placed under a doormat, charging that Fisher Park property owners had been forced into the new Historic District and asserting that historic district regulations encroach on personal property rights.

Though surely not all, many who today choose to purchase and maintain homes, apartments, townhomes, condos, offices and churches within local historic districts are pleased that our 20th century forbearers undertook courageous steps to preserve remaining housing stock today. Our character-filled neighborhood and the smaller historic district within are increasingly convenient to urban amenities and help to revitalize downtown in the 21st century. Cheers to neighborhood activism and archives!

DON’T BUNGLA A BUNGALOW

An engaging series of articles about the financial value of retaining an old home’s interior and exterior features, aptly titled “Don’t Bungle A Bungalow”, was published by Michael Logan in *Cottages & Bungalows* August/September 2008 issue. Logan suggests “As a general rule, it is in your best **financial** interests to retain your original bungalow features and to authentically reintroduce them when they’re missing. You’ll get more bang for the buck in the long haul with authentic looking [features] versus investing in the latest craze that is guaranteed to become obsolete. Stay with or go back to vintage and you’ll only have to replace when things physically wear out instead of when the look wears out.” Whether your home is a craftsman bungalow or any early- to mid-1900’s style, “**an increasing number of buyers are looking for vintage homes -- while the supply is decreasing.**” Serendipitous opportunities exist within both historic preservation and financial prudence.



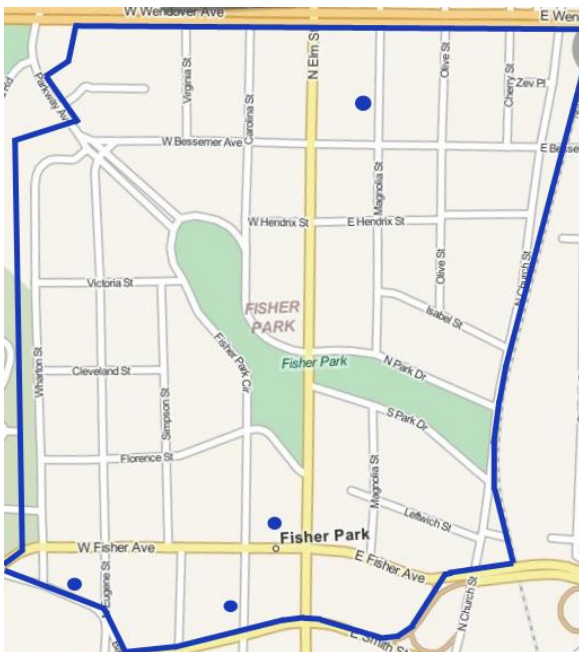
ANTICIPATE CONSTRUCTION AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 2013-2014

First Presbyterian Church representatives alert neighbors that their successful capital fundraising campaign soon allows long-awaited repairs and enhancements to their facility, bringing significant construction anticipated from April 2013-April 2014. The church's ancient basement HVAC system will be replaced, cooling towers and power/utility transformers will be installed, a new solarium will provide interior connections between several existing buildings, and a new welcome/hospitality entrance will be constructed east of their new columbarium. Architects and landscape designers engaged for this project are skilled in period-appropriate preservation, attentive to the French gothic romantic style, robust posts and brackets, and Vermont slate roof. Our FPNA Board supports plans as described. Now your patience and understanding are requested. Major repairs and enhancements require construction trailers, POD storage, and extra noise through springtime 2014. Once completed, these functional improvements will serve First Presbyterian Church members for many years to come.

CHILD CARE CENTERS IN FISHER PARK

The September Fisher Parker newsletter reported U.S. Census findings that indicate our neighborhood has grown to include over 100 children under the age of 15. If your family has contributed to this population "boom", you may be delighted to know – to the best of our knowledge -- there are **four child care centers** located within our neighborhood. You may treasure strolling or walking your child to and from their first schools!

First Presbyterian Church offers two programs for young children and is located at the corner of Fisher Avenue and North Elm Street. 1- **First School** is a child development center licensed to care for up to 110 children (aged 6 weeks to 5 years) in a series of 9 classrooms. The center maintains a five-star rating with the NC licensing board. For more information, visit www.fpcgreensboro.org/firstschool or call Rose Risinger at 478-4780. 2- **Weekday Preschool Center** is a morning preschool program for children aged one year through private kindergarten. This program was established in 1946 and now serves up to 170 children. For more information, visit www.fpcgreensboro.org/wpc or call Lana Burske at 478-4770.



Holy Trinity Day School, founded in 1955 with one class of kindergartners, has grown to 10 classes and a staff of 12 offering quality half-day programs for ages 3 months through 5 years. An extended-day program is offered when there is sufficient interest. HTDS strives to maintain a positive atmosphere fostering each child's natural curiosity, using student interests as the foundation for curriculum and activities. Visit <http://www.holy-trinity.com/christian-education/family-ministries/holy-trinity-day-school/> or call Julie Buie at 275-7726.

Our Children's House (OCH) is a non-profit child care center founded by parents in 1994 after Walker Avenue Children's House closed its doors earlier that year. OCH provides care for children aged one (and walking) to five years old in a multi-age setting that promotes interaction among the four age groups throughout the day. The center maintains a five-star rating with the NC licensing board and can care for up to 29 children. OCH is located on Magnolia Street near the intersection of Bessemer Avenue and North Elm Street. Visit www.ourchildrenshouse.com

or call Janet Auman at 272-8882 for more information.

Partners in Childcare is a locally-owned child care center located at the corner of Wharton Street and Battleground Avenue. Partners provides care for children aged six weeks old to five years old in a series of seven classrooms. The center was established in 1990 and has operated under the same ownership for 22 years. Partners is licensed to care for up to 110 children. Visit www.partnersinchildcare.com or call Angie Caudill at 230-2400 for more information.

Thanks to Tammy Thorarinson at OCH for submitting this article for our own local "baby boomers".

FLOW METERS FOR LAWN IRRIGATION SYSTEMS

As a 903 North Eugene Street neighbor discovered when investigating lawn irrigation systems, the City of Greensboro now may require addition of a **flow meter**. This includes a hard-to-ignore above ground spidery-looking gadget-adorned pipe in front yards. After appropriately requesting and receiving a City Historic District Certificate of Appropriateness (CoA) for the work, a quest began to disguise this new front yard accoutrement. Neither a traditional green plastic box cover nor an artificial rock cover were particularly appealing options.



Landscaping to the rescue! This new street-side flow meter pipe is now surrounded by a ring of evergreen azaleas, with a matching azalea ring across the walk, for symmetry. A take-home message for us all is that landscaping can provide suitable coverage without resorting to artificial cover-ups. The same concept may guide neighbors who desire moderate separation from adjacent neighbors, without the downside of boxing homes in common suburban fencing. Subtle landscaping can provide screening, without the cost, maintenance, or regrettable isolation that solid fencing creates. Oxygen generation is a bonus! FYI, a west Fisher Park neighbor recently received Historic District approval to add **solar panels** to their south-facing roof, reportedly not visible from the street nor by neighbors. Historic District guidelines accommodate some changes as technologies require. As winter firesides invite springtime planning, remember that City Historic District Guidelines are always available at www.fisherparknc.org/HistoricDistrict.html.



FISHER PARK FURNITURE COLLECTION

After a September 2012 *Fisher Parker* newsletter reacquainted us with a 1986 Fisher Park furniture line manufactured by Thomasville Furniture Industries (TFI), neighbor Cathy Sternbergh of Magnolia Street called to say their home has a “chest on chest on chest” piece from that TFI collection! “We purchased this in 1992 when we returned from California. Living in Fisher Park is as good as it gets! Having a piece named after the area was perfect.” Thanks to Cathy and Bill Sternbergh for sharing their admirable choice of furniture and neighborhood!

SPIRITED HALLOWEEN PARADE

October 28th, dozens of playful Fisher Park children and parents paraded along Fisher Park Circle to Temple Emanuel where they munched pumpkin cookies and sweet treats, with face painting by the Grimsley High School Med Club, and all the fun associated with Halloween’s traditions of make believe.



A new neighbor off Wendover Avenue shared that she’d previously lived in a midwestern suburb and was naturally hesitant about new urban living. Yet this neighborhood event convinced her Fisher Park is a splendid choice for her young family.

See photos of spirited neighborhood events at www.fisherparknc.org/Photos.html. If you’ve lived here several years, you can almost watch the kids grow through 8 years of neighborhood event photos! Please share thanks with [Rosemary Kenerly](#), our volunteer Fisher Park Children's Events Coordinator who ensured Fisher Park kids enjoyed another festive fright-free time together.

VOTING NUMBERS

After the November 6, 2012 General Election the Guilford County Board of Elections reported that our G11 Precinct has 1612 registered voters of which 1092 (~68%) cast ballots in recent elections.

ANTHROPOLOGISTS DIG IT!

Our curiosity peaked when Park Committee members discovered a semi-mysterious semi-circle of masonry under groundcover near one west Fisher Park stairway. We invited faculty and students from the UNCG Anthropology Department to excavate in November. If a story develops, we’ll share that in next year’s Fisher Parker. If the stones reveal no story ... well, perhaps we’ve wasted some dirt and ink. Until then, we invite any neighbor interested in writing/editing newsletters to call volunteer editors Ann or Liz to share your talents with neighbors.

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

Board of Directors

Position (term ends)	Name	Phone	Address
President	Robert Kantlehner	336-274-4530	306 Parkway
President Elect (2013)	Don Smith	336-362-1511	308 Parkway
Secretary (2012)	Judy Morton	336-387-8351	102 Fisher Park Circle
Treasurer (2012)	Angie Smits	336-574-1879	706 Magnolia Street
Board (2012)	Sarah Jordan	336-574-3680	836 Olive Street
Board (2013)	Elizabeth Knight	336-382-1829	225 Florence Street
Board (2013)	Anne Marsh	336-314-0526	1 Magnolia Court
Board (2013)	Daintry O'Brien	336-273-9488	801 Simpson Street
Board (2014)	Ashley Meredith	336-202-4964	206 Leftwich Street
Board (2014)	Laura Way	336-333-7460	Isabel Street
Board (2014)	Raymond Large (pending Nov. 18 th approval)	828-508-6977	622 North Elm Street
Board (2014)	Adeline Talbot (pending Nov. 18 th approval)	336-312-5654	112 Fisher Park Circle

Other Contacts in the Neighborhood and Beyond

Children & Youth Event Coordinator	Rosemary Kenerly		rosekenerly@yahoo.com
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Southeast Greeter	Janet Craft	336-274-3420	JWolfeCraft@gmail.com
Southwest Greeter	Carla Bums	336-327-5019	cecopelan@gmail.com
Northwest Greeter	Todd McCain	336-339-4089	stmccain@aol.com
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Park Committee	Carl Myatt & Sally Atwood	336-274-3554 336-273-8286	cmmyatt3363@aol.com skda1@aol.com
Streets & Sidewalks	Sarah Jordan	336-574-3680	sarahtjordan@yahoo.com
Webmaster	Ann Stringfield	336-370-0457	infocrofters@triad.rr.com

Block Captain Coordinators

Southern Area	Cheryl Poole	336-275-0333	cherylpoole@triad.rr.com
Northern Area	Jim Willis	336-275-5092	NA

Find your volunteer Block Captain's contact information at www.fisherparknc.org/Neighborhood.html

Participate in the city-wide Greensboro Neighborhood Congress! Visit www.gnc-nc.org

Civic Representatives of the Fisher Park Neighborhood

City Council	Zack Matheny, District 3 Councilman	336-232-1900	zack.matheny@greensboro-nc.gov
County Commissioner	Kay Cashion, District 6 Commissioner	336-274-6272	kcashio@co.quilford.nc.us

Board Meeting Schedule	<p>Board meetings are usually 6:30 p.m. in the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church education building, Haywood Duke Room or Roe Library, the Monday before the last Wednesday of every month.</p> <p>November/December meetings are combined due to holidays and will be Monday, December 3, 2012.</p> <p>The Neighborhood-wide Annual Meeting is Sunday, Nov 18, 2012, 4 pm in Broome Hall of Holy Trinity Church.</p>		
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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
City Customer Contact Center	Directs citizen calls to ANY appropriate City department.	336-373-2489 = 336-373-CITY
City Historic District Staff	Historic district guidelines, applications for Certificate of Appropriateness (CoA), plus free design review advice.	336-373-2349 directly or simply call 336-373-CITY
Zoning Enforcement	Parking in front yards, historic district guidelines enforcement.	336-373-2144 directly or simply call 336-373-CITY
Ordinance Enforcement	House/Apt. inspections, abandoned vehicles, lot cleanup. etc.	336-373-2111 directly or simply call 336-373-CITY
Duke Power	Streetlight outage.	1-800-POWERON (1-800-769-3766)
Police Central Division	Help during emergencies and non-emergencies.	Emergency: 911 Non-Emergency: 336-373-2222
Police Community Resource Officer	Officer Melanie Daniel melanie.daniel@greensboro-nc.gov	336-373-4645
Fisher Park E-mail Listserv	Visit www.fisherparknc.org/communicate.html and follow directions. YOU make up your Yahoo username & password. For help, contact Genie Schwartz at schwartzgenie@gmail.com	After joining the e-mail listserv, simply send e-mails To fisherpark@yahoogroups.com To unsubscribe, send a blank e-mail to: fisherpark-unsubscribe@yahoo.com