THE FISHER PARKER

SUMMER 2026

SUMMER BEGINS WITH NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTY

Neighbors gathered on West Bessemer Avenue Saturday, May 30 to enjoy music, food and good conversation during the second annual Summer Kickoff.



This event was planned and executed by Lynn Haeseler and Kid's Event Coordinators Phoebe Murray and Liddy Stewart. A special thanks goes out to Lynn, who continues to give her time and effort to Fisher Park social activities neighborhood.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AUGUST 4

This year's National Night Out gathering will be at the East Park playground on August 4 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. As always, this event allows us to thank our first responders and enjoy food and fun with neighbors. Organizer Lydia White has arranged food and ice cream trucks, a bounce house and, of course, a visit from local firefighters with their firetruck.



RESIDENTS VOICE CONCERN OVER PARK PLANS

More than a dozen residents attended the May 18 and June 22 Fisher Park Neighborhood Association Board meetings to express concerns about the City's plan to create a gathering space in West Fisher Park. The board and representatives from Greensboro Parks and Recreation Department listened and answered residents' questions about the planned project.

2026 CALENDAR

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
Tuesday, August 4
5:30-7:30 p.m.
East Park
Lydia White, 910-233-7274

HALLOWEEN PARADE & PARTY
Saturday, October 24
4:30-6 p.m.
East Park playground.
Phoebe Murray and Liddy Stewart, 336.402.0333

ACCIDENTAL GARDENERS
Dates and times are announced by text and Facebook, April through October.

CURBSIDE COCKTAILS
Most second Fridays, April through October, 5:30-7 p.m. Announced via text and Facebook.

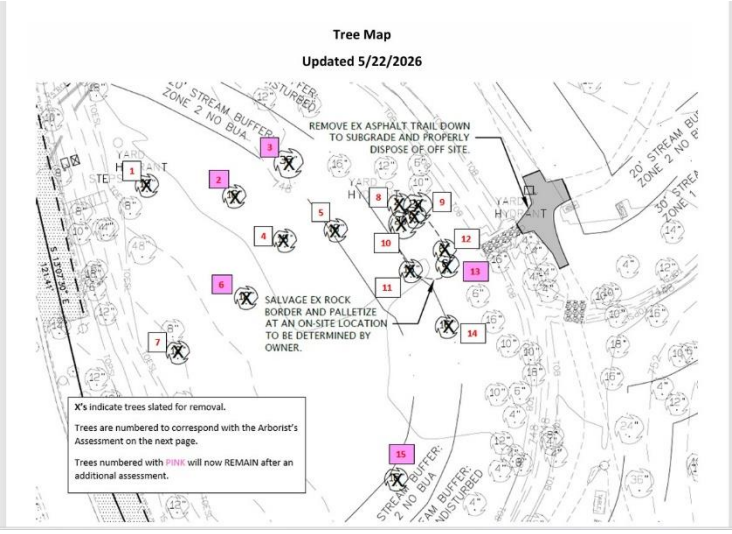
PARK WORKDAYS
First and third Saturdays, weather permitting. Volunteers needed. Contact Jim Halsch for more information, 336.302.3738.

ENGAGE!
To sign up for text updates and announcements, text FPNA (all caps) to 336.203.7773. Cancel any time. Join Fisher Park Neighborhood on Facebook at www.facebook.com/groups/70093789136

NEW NEIGHBOR?
Contact Fisher Park's Greeter for helpful information and a welcoming gift. Annik Adamson, 703.629.9093

LUMINARIA DISPLAY
Sunday, December 13
Rain Date: Sunday, December 20
Emily Hinton, 336.266.2598

The project evolved from the Master Plan which was developed using funds from a City grant and was adopted in 2022. Jim Coleman, FPNA President, provided this update at the board meeting on June 22. "There was confirmation by City Council and others that the period for appealing the HPC's approval of the CoA concerning the Gathering Space expired in November of last year. In response to concerns raised by neighbors about the number of trees planned to be removed and the size of the gathering space, I met with Parks and Recreation, the designers, and donor three times since May 18, resulting in the following adjustments to the plan.

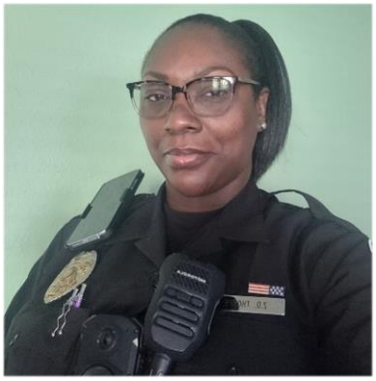


1. Ash Tree- Fair-Multiple dead limbs.
2. River Birch-Fair-Leaning one sided crowding other trees.
3. River Birch-Fair-Multiple dead branches.
4. River Birch-Fair-Low weak crotch.
5. River Birch- Fair- crowding other trees.
6. Bald Cypress-Fair one sided, limb structure looks weak.
7. Mulberry-Poor-Multi stem tree crowding out small oak tree. Oak tree will thrive if we take the mulberry out.
8. Sweet Gum-Fair-Crowding other trees.
9. Mimosa Tree-Poor-This is an invasive tree and has multiple dead trunks in cluster.
10. Sweetgum-Fair-Several dead limbs.
11. River Birch-Fair-Leaning, one sided, low weak crotch.
12. Red Oak- Poor- Large damaged area on NE side of tree possible internal rot.
13. Mulberry-Poor-Multi-stem weak tree.
14. Red Maple-Poor- Missing part of top and signs of possible rot.
15. Popular-Fair-Multiple dead limbs.

The trees that are highlighted in PINK have been revisited and are not going to be removed.

The number of trees scheduled to be removed has dropped from 15 to ten. The size of the patio space will be reduced from an ellipse with a length of about 62 feet and a depth of 32 feet to an ellipse with a length of about 52 feet and a depth of 20 feet. The five-foot walkway around the back and sides of the gathering space will be removed. This means the overall footprint of the gathering space is reduced by 33%." For more information, please visit the Parks and Recreation website: www.greensboro-nc.gov/departments/parks-recreation/park-planning-development/parks and scroll to P&R Current Projects where you will see Fisher Park Gathering Space.

MEET OUR NEW COMMUNITY RESOURCE OFFICER



Fisher Park was recently assigned a new Community Resource Officer (CRO), Officer Zenada Thorpe. Please join us in welcoming her. Our CRO has time on the agenda at our monthly safety news and updates and to take questions. Officer Thorpe shared a bit about herself and her mission as our CRO in this letter:

> I have served the department for five years and have called Greensboro home for approximately 16 years. Beyond my role as an officer, I am a wife, a mother of three, and one of six siblings.
> I chose a career in law enforcement because I believe in building positive relationships and strengthening communities between law enforcement and citizens. As a Community Resource Officer, my mission is to assist, educate, and support residents and businesses throughout my district while helping address concerns, improve safety, and connect people with available resources. If I do not have an immediate answer to a question or concern, I will make every effort to find the information and follow up promptly.
> While I understand that many of you worked closely with Officer Pierce and will miss his presence, I am committed to assisting this community to the best of my ability. On that note, be mindful and be aware of your surroundings, keeping a watch out for your neighbors, lock doors, set alarms/timers when away and or at night. As I can see, most reported

incidents are suspicious activities whether it's vehicles/persons.

Please do not hesitate to reach out and let me know how I can assist you. I welcome opportunities to attend community meetings and engage with residents and stakeholders. As some meetings may occasionally overlap, I may need to rotate attendance; however, I will do my best to remain accessible and involved.

I look forward to working with all of you and building strong partnerships within our community.

Officer Thorpe's contact information is on the back page.

SPOTTED LANTERNFLIES REPORTED

Sightings of this invasive insect have been reported in our neighborhood.

According to the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, "spotted lanternfly is a piercing-sucking insect that produces large amounts of honeydew while feeding. This buildup of honeydew attracts stinging insects like wasps and ants and can cause black sooty mold to grow on infested plants as well as homes and businesses, reducing property values."



(photo courtesy of Lynn Haeseler)

Follow the link below for more information and to report sightings to the North Carolina Department of Agriculture. www.ncagr.gov/divisions/plant-industry/plant-protection/entomological-insect-services/spotted-lanternfly

PARK LEASH LAW REMINDER

There have been reports of dogs being off leash in Fisher Park and Green Hill Cemetery. Please be aware that City rules state that dogs can only be off leash in *designated, fenced dog parks.* For the safety and comfort of others, please keep your dogs on their leash. City parks rules and regulations are here: www.greensboro-nc.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/50064/637674877475430000. Cemetery rules and regulations are here: https://www.greensboro-nc.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/26703/636510647144300000

NEIGHBOR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

There are currently six open positions on the FPNA board, which means the remaining members are taking on several jobs. Additionally, there are projects - both short and long-term - that also need extra hands. If you're interested in running for an open board seat, contact any member. If you're interested in helping as a pot tender, block captain or other job, contact Traci Lytle. All board member contact information is on the back page of this newsletter. To see a description of the volunteer opportunities, follow this link: https://www.fisherparknc.org/our-neighborhood. Scroll down to the section called, "Get involved." The website also houses board minutes, current issues, history, etc. Link to main page: https://www.fisherparknc.org

COFFEE WITH CITY COUNCIL

You are invited to meet our District 3 Representative April Parker and Greensboro's at-large council members, Hugh Holston, Denise Turner Roth, and Irving Allen. The next meetings are July 20 and August 31 at 6 p.m. at Deep Roots Market. This is your opportunity to share ideas, ask questions and talk about the issues that matter to our community.

2026 Curbside Cocktails Calendar

Date	Host	Address	Theme
July 10	Andrea Whitney and Dave Perrin	307 Isabel	FPNA Upcoming Events and how to get involved
August 14	Fisher Park Townhomes Board of Directors	Fisher Park Townhomes, 404 Fisher Park Circle	Plant a tree
September 11	Dabney and Walker Sanders	805 Simpson Street	Greensboro Greenway
October 9	Rev. Scott Taylor and Lauren Wood	1014 Wharton Street	Finale-Oktoberfest

FISHER PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (FPNA) | P.O. BOX 2004, GREENSBORO, NC 27402

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 public.

2026 FPNA Board of Directors

Term Ends	Name	Phone	Email	Address
2027	Jim Coleman, President	336.409.3336	Jim.coleman16@gmail.com	405 W. Bessemer Avenue
2027	Vice President, Lydia White, National Night Out Coordinator	910-233-7274	ladylab2@gmail.com	803 N. Eugene Street
	Past President, Vacant			
2026	Mike Chapman, Treasurer	336.324.5805	mpchapman4739@gmail.com	818 N. Eugene Street
2025	Kathleen Forbes, Secretary, Social Media	336.740.0554	keforbes2@gmail.com	206 E. Hendrix Street
2028	Raymond Hunt, COA Review	804.396.5578	Rghunt77@gmail.com	603 N. Church Street
2027	Traci Lytle, Fisher Parker Editor	734.756.7250	Tramar63@gmail.com	207 W. Bessemer Avenue
2027	Emily Hinton, Luminaria, Streets and Sidewalks	336.266.2598	emily@lindseyarch.com	212 Florence Street
2027	Stacy Smith, Zoning Review	336.339.4975	eustacia@triad.rr.com	816 Wharton Street
2028	Comer Wear		ComerShufordwear@gmail.com	
	VACANT			
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Ongoing Support	Greeter, Annik Adamson	703.629.9093	annikadamson@hotmail.com	211 Isabel Street
Ongoing Support	Jim Halsch, Park Committee & Park Master Plan	336.302.3738	Jhalsch1@triad.rr.com	812 Olive Street

Monthly board meetings are held each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Temple Emanuel basement off Florence Street. Dates: the Monday before the final Wednesday of each month as follows: January 26, February 24, March 23, April 27, May 18, June 22, July 27, August 24, September 28, October 26. Annual meeting Sunday, November 4:00 p.m. All neighbors are welcomed! City Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) Certificates of Appropriateness (CoA) applications are posted on the City HPC web page (https://www.greensboro-nc.gov/departments/planning/boards-commissions-meetings/historic-preservation-commission-hpc) prior to HPC monthly meetings.

Additional Neighborhood Volunteers

Kids' Events	Phoebe Murray & Liddy Stewart	336.402.1439		
Newsletter Editor	Traci Lytle	734.756.7250	Tramar63@gmail.com	207 West Bessemer Avenue
Block Captain South Coordinators: Nancy Schmidt/ Jim White		314.941.0319	schmidtwhite@gmail.com	901 Magnolia Street
Block Captain North Coordinator: Jim Willis		336.202.0586	blakewm0@gmail.com	307 East Hendrix Street

Helpful Contacts and Organizations

City Council	April Parker ,City Council District 3	336.373.2489 or april.parker@greensboro-nc.gov
County Commission	Carly Cooke, County Commissioner District 5 Kay Cashion, County Commissioner At Large	336.580.6813 or ccooke@guilfordcountync.gov 336.274.6272 or kcashion@ guilfordcountync.gov
City Contact Center	Greensboro's City Contact Center accepts any city-related inquiry and attempts to direct your call to an appropriate City department or staff	336.373.CITY (336.373.2489)
City Historic District Staff	Historic District Standards, applications for Certificate of Appropriateness (CoA), plus ***free*** design review advice.	336.373.2144 directly or simply call 336.373.CITY (336.373.2489) hdprogram@greensboro-nc.gov
City Zoning Enforcement	Historic Standards enforcement, property owner housing concerns, signage concerns, etc.	336.373.2753 directly or simply call 336.373.CITY (336.373.2489)
City Code Compliance	Rental housing inspections, abandoned vehicles, overgrown property cleanup, and other issues.	336.373.2111 directly or simply call 336.373.CITY (336.373.2489)
Duke Energy	Streetlight outage or electrical power outage.	1.800.POWERON (1.800.769.3766) dukeenergy.com
Police Central Division	Police assistance during emergencies and non-emergencies such as suspicious activities or noise. Online reporting is also available for non-emergencies.	Emergency: 911 Non-emergency: 336.373.2222 https://www.greensboro-nc.gov/residents/online-forms
Community Resource Officer (CRO)	Zenada D. Thorpe, 336.373.2496. Zenada.thorpe@greensboro-nc.gov. For neighborhood assistance in non-emergencies, call 336.373.2222. Nextdoor.com is not routinely monitored by police. To report homeless persons camping in the park: call 911 and ask police to respond with their Behavioral Health Response Team.	
Social Media	**Fisher Park Facebook page:** Visit www.facebook.com/groups/70093789136	
Text Notices Opt-In	Sign up to receive messages and reminders about events, locations, delays, start times, and other crucial news. (1) Send a text to this number: 336.203.7773. (2) In the text message, type only the letters FPNA, and use capital letters. (3) Send. You may opt out at any time by replying Stop to any text message received.	