



THE FISHER PARKER

SEPTEMBER 2018

SECOND ANNUAL FISHER PARK CAMP~OUT SEPTEMBER 15

The Fisher Park Neighborhood Association (FPNA) invites all Fisher Park residents to join us for a camp-out on September 15 at 5 p.m. Bring your tent or hammock, bedding, lantern or other light, and snacks or drinks to West Fisher Park for overnight camping, a hot dog and chips supper (with s'mores), and a camp fire. We'll serve a light breakfast the next morning, Sunday, September 16 from 7:30 until 9 a.m.; event ends at 11 a.m.

Campers under 16 must be accompanied by an adult who is required to stay overnight. Please register with Michelle Felt at 336.509.1708 to provide the number who'll be attending the cookout and camping Saturday night.

JOIN OUR HALLOWEEN FESTIVITIES OCTOBER 28, 4~6 P.M.

Mark your calendar for the annual Halloween parade and party, which begins at 4 p.m. on Sunday, October 28, at the intersection of Fisher Park Circle/Hendrix Street/Carolina Street. All young residents of Fisher Park, children of those who work in our neighborhood, and their parents, all are encouraged to parade around Fisher Park Circle to Temple Emanuel. Everyone else, please come out to cheer them along the parade route.

The FPNA board is committed to help Fisher Park youngsters form neighborhood friendships here, beyond their schools, churches, sports, and clubs elsewhere. Many thanks to FPNA Children's Events coordinator Katy Bess-Danforth of Hendrix Street who organizes this enchanting annual event.

FALL LOOSE LEAF COLLECTION

As leaves from Fisher Park's remarkable tree canopy begin to fall, the City collects raked leaves piled inside the curb of residences -- **not in the street nor across sidewalks**. The leaf collection program helps keep leaves from blocking storm drains. Collected leaves are made into compost to fertilize City gardens. You may purchase the compost at the White Street Landfill, 2503 White Street. For details call 336-373-CITY (2489).

BOOK CLUB • SECOND MONDAY EVERY MONTH, 7:30 P.M.

ACCIDENTAL GARDENERS • SECOND WEDNESDAY EVERY MONTH, 6~7 P.M.

CURBSIDE COCKTAILS • SECOND FRIDAY EVERY MONTH, 5:30~7:00 P.M.

LET'S ROLL • THIRD SATURDAY EVERY MONTH, 6:00 P.M.

These four new neighborhood get-togethers are a hit! All neighbors are welcome. Follow any of FPNA's three social media outlets (see the back page) to receive notices of meeting locations and topics. If you have other bright ideas for neighborhood engagement, speak up and volunteer to lead!

2018 CALENDAR

FISHER PARK CAMP~OUT
Saturday, September 15, 5:00 p.m.
Contact Michelle Felt michellefelt@yahoo.com, 336.509.1708

PARK VOLUNTEERING ~ **NEW!**
Thursday, September 6, 6-8 p.m.
Thursday, October 11, 6-8 p.m.
West Fisher Park near the concrete animals. Contact FPNA Park Committee Chair Kay Quinlivan, 336.255.7299.

HALLOWEEN PARADE AND PARTY
Sunday, October 28, 4-6p.m. Meet at the intersection of Fisher Park Circle/Hendrix Street/Carolina Street. Parade to Temple Emanuel and celebrate until 6 p.m. Contact FPNA Children's Events Coordinator Katy Bess-Danford, 478.714.4228.

FPNA ANNUAL MEETING
Sunday, November 18, 4:00 p.m., Holy Trinity Church Broome Hall 600 N Greene St. (enter from back of building off Simpson Street).

- LUMINARIA DISPLAY
- November Fisher Parker will include Luminaria order forms.
 - Sunday, December 2: Luminaria Orders are due to Block Captains
 - Thursday, December 6, 6 p.m.: Luminaria Kit-building Party
 - Sunday, December 9, Dusk: Luminaria Display and holiday gathering at the King's Chair in West Fisher Park
 - Sunday, December 16: Rain date

Contact: 2018 Luminaria Coordinator Kay Quinlivan, 336.255.7299.

FISHER PARK NEIGHBORHOOD FEATURED IN SEPTEMBER 2018 "OUR STATE" MAGAZINE

Check out the photo spread and short article about what this *Our State* magazine article calls "the city's most fashionable neighborhood," pages 25–28 in the September 2018 issue (not available online). It makes us proud.

FROM FPNA PRESIDENT MIKE CHAPMAN: NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AND OTHER NOTES

Thanks and congratulations to everyone who made our National Night Out Against Crime a success. The event took a great deal of planning and organization – all kudos to the indefatigable Cheryl Pratt! Many thanks to Michelle Felt for publicity. Everyone enjoyed tacos and ice cream – especially kids, police, and firemen - despite the late storm.

To beat the heat, our Park Work Days shift to **Thursday evenings, September 6 and October 11, 6–8 p.m.** Come help make Fisher Park look spiffy for the thousands of folks heading to the NC Folk Festival the September weekend.

Patience is a virtue during our neighborhood's water line replacements and street paving. We're fortunate to have these done before other neighborhoods.

Your neighborhood Board has scheduled many new neighborhood events this year—from Curbside Cocktails to Accidental Gardeners to Book Club to Let's Roll to Campout and more. For dates of these new monthly events, please engage with one or more of our online social media. Directions for social media are on the back page of every Fisher Parker.

You're encouraged to attend monthly FPNA Board Meetings listed on the back page, bringing your ideas, enthusiasm, and concerns to the Board's attention. While our traditional meeting location is under construction, Sue Hunt graciously offers her law office at 501 Simpson Street.

YOUR HOME'S ANCESTRY

Celebrate your home's birth year! Visit the [Guilford County Tax Department online](#) to research the year your home likely was built.

- In the Location/Address tab, type your street number, street name, then Search.
- If a street direction is asked, choose N, S, E, or W then Refine Search. See your street number and choose your underlined Parcel.
- Choose the Deeds/Ownership tab, Deed Type, and finally the Ownership History.
- A scanned image of an **old-fashioned typed tax card, showing former owners of your home, including the years of purchase**, appears.
- To illustrate: 1005 North Eugene was built in 1924-25 and had four previous owners, beginning with original residents — sisters Ida Mitchell and Alene Mitchell.



Thanks to old tax card information, the current homeowner found and introduced herself to Ida Mitchell at the Friends Homes Continuing Care Center as they celebrated Miss Ida's 100th birthday! While it's less likely you'll have the good fortune to meet your home's *original* owner, it's a treat to learn your home's heritage, celebrate its anniversary, and invite neighbors to the party!



Ida Mitchell

TREASURING OLD HOUSE WINDOWS

A July 2018 [Forbes.com article](#) reminds us, "If you own a house built before 1960 that has its original windows, be grateful. Nothing will ever look as good. And contrary to what you may have heard from the building and remodeling industries, new windows will not function better. They will not save you buckets of money in energy costs." ... "In fact, replacements will not perform well enough to justify the cost." [Saving Windows, Saving Money: Evaluating the Energy Performance of Window Retrofit and Replacement](#), a 2016 project of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, found that "the energy

performance of repaired existing windows comes very close to that of high-performance replacement windows—at a fraction of the cost.” Remember: In the [Fisher Park Historic District](#), many exterior change requests must receive a Certificate of Appropriateness (CoA) from our City Historic District Commission, on which several neighbors voluntarily serve.

RESIDENTIAL SHORT TERM RENTALS ON THE RISE

While our City doesn’t currently have a Short Term Rental (STR) ordinance -- for those using AirB&B, Vacation Rental By Owner (VRBO), HomeAway, and many others -- Raleigh, Asheville, Wilmington, and other communities have or are actively working to clarify how STRs can create a balance between citizens looking to maintain a traditional residential neighborhood character, free from commercial enterprise, and citizens wanting to leverage their investment in a house for additional income.

Greensboro has rental regulations for “Tourist Homes”, defined as: (1) a dwelling originally built for dwelling purposes (2) in which lodging with or without meals is provided (3) for overnight guests (4) for a fee. A “Tourist Home” must be at least 400 feet away from any other “Tourist Home” or rooming house, have a maximum of six guest rooms, the owner or operator must reside on-site, with only one kitchen allowed (none in guest rooms), serving food only to guests, and with patrons staying no more than 15 days within a 60-day period. Signage is limited to what would be allowed for a home occupation.

A special-use permit for “Tourist Home” rental is required in single-family residential zoning but is not required in multi-family, office, commercial, or mixed zoning. Without a local STR ordinance—enforcement deficiencies abound. Attorney Amanda Hodierna, a Fisher Park neighborhood homeowner, explains several issues and concerns of Greensboro’s not having a true STR ordinance.

1. Residents living in established single-family neighborhoods have no recourse to protect their expectation of not living next to a commercial enterprise.

2. Safety concerns arise due to lack of regulation nor registry of where STRs are located, who is staying there, or who was there should something untoward happen. Ancillary impacts from commercial use related to vehicular safety, property upkeep, and nuisance are left unchecked.
3. Shared economy platforms for lodging are not held to the same standards as hotels and raise concern about who might be using these lodging options, insurance, and maintenance.

These are all concerns for the permanent resident who lives next door, day in and day out. Stay tuned for City of Greensboro discussions toward any future STR ordinance. *(Thanks to neighbor Amanda Hodierna of Bessemer Avenue for educating us about STRs.)*

OFFER HELP AT 2~1~1

We’ve all met folks who need extensive help, and sometimes need help ourselves. 2-1-1 is a telephone and online help referral service provided by United Way of North Carolina in all 100 NC counties – free, confidential, and available in many languages 24/7/365. 211 resources lead us to food pantries, homeless shelters, utility and rent assistance funds, health clinics, medication assistance programs, counseling and substance abuse services, child care resources, senior resources, resources for persons with disabilities, and much more. Learn about helping others in need— and ourselves when needed—by phone or online at <https://www.nc211.org/>



ACT LOCALLY

- Call FPNA President Mike Chapman and offer to join FPNA’s Board. We’ve **three vacancies** to fill!
- New in the neighborhood? Please **register to vote now**, well before the November elections! <http://www.guilfordcountync.gov/our-county/board-of-elections>. Our voting precinct G11 is nearby at St. Benedict’s Parrish Hall, North Greene Street, staffed on election days by our neighbors, always providing cookies!

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 general public.

2018 FPNA Board of Directors

Term Ends	Name	Phone	Email	Address
2018	Michael Chapman, President	336.324.5805	mpchapman4739@gmail.com	818 North Eugene Street
2018	Ashley Meredith	336.202.4964	ashley@ashleymeredithhomes.com	206 Leftwich Street
2018	Kay Quinlivan, Park Co-Chair/2018 Luminarias	336.255.7299	kayequin@aol.com	910 Olive Street
2018	Vacant. Contact Mike Chapman with your interest!			
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2019	Michelle Felt, Events Coordinator	336.509.1708	michellefelt@yahoo.com	403 Victoria Street
2019	Jim Brady	336.382.9636	jimbrady6301@yahoo.com	225 Florence Street
2019	Sue Hunt	336.681.1313	sue@susanhuntlaw.com	812 Olive Street
2019	Steve Rubin	336.509.8225	d0crub1n@earthlink.net	224 South Park Drive
2019	Cheryl Pratt	336.202.6543	cpratt3@att.net	910 Magnolia Street
2020	Sam Mjalli	704.614.5059	smjalli@migusa.com	809 North Eugene Street
2020	Keisha Collins Hadden, Secretary	229.326.3944	khadden2@gmail.com	404 West Bessemer Avenue
2020	Beth Nilsson	336.549.8436	efnilsson104@gmail.com	104 Fisher Park Circle
2020	Vacant. Contact Mike Chapman with your interest!			
2020	Lane Hayes	704.231.1696	tlanehayes@gmail.com	1001 North Eugene Street
2020	Cris Schamp	336.541.8412	crispin5champ@gmail.com	912 North Eugene Street

Please call FPNA President Michael Chapman to confirm all 2018 FPNA Board meeting dates, times, and locations. All Board meeting details vary in 2018 due to on-going construction at the prior meeting location. Remaining 2018 Board meeting dates are: August 27, September 24, October 29 and December 3. November and December meetings are combined due to holidays. The annual neighborhood-wide meeting is anticipated to be Sunday, November 18, 2018, 4-6 p.m. in Broome Hall of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 600 North Greene Street. Enter from the back of the building off Simpson Street.

Additional Neighborhood Volunteers:

Children's Events	Katy Bess	478.714.4228	demanigold@yahoo.com	305 East Hendrix Street
Social Media	Cheryl Pratt	336.202.6543	cpratt3@att.net	910 Magnolia Street
Neighborhood Watch	Yvonne Cousino	336.312.8605	ycousino@gmail.com	917 North Eugene Street
Newsletter	Liz Urquhart & Ann Stringfield	336.373.1250	lizurquhart@yahoo.com	403 West Bessemer Avenue
Webmaster	Ann Stringfield	336.370.0457	InfoCrofters@triad.rr.com	1005 North Eugene
Block Captain South Coordinator:	Cheryl Poole	336.275.0333	cherylpoole@triad.rr.com	601 Magnolia Street
Block Captain North Coordinator:	Jim Willis	336.275.5092	galoot00074@att.net	307 East Hendrix Street

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

Helpful Contacts and Organizations

City Council	Justin Outling, City Council District 3	336.373.4638 or justin.outling@greensboro.nc.gov
County Commission	Jeff Phillips, County Commissioner District 5 Kay Cashion, County Commissioner At Large	336.337.2955 or jphilli1@co.guilford.nc.us 336.274.6272 or kcashio@co.guilford.nc.us
City Customer Contact	Directs your calls to the appropriate City department	336.373.CITY = 336.373.2489
City Historic District Staff	Historic district guidelines, applications for Certificate of Appropriateness (CoA), plus free design review advice.	336.373.2144 directly or simply call 336.373.CITY
City Zoning Enforcement	Historic district guidelines enforcement, property owner housing concerns, signage concerns, etc.	336.373.2753 directly or simply call 336.373.CITY
City Code Compliance	Rental housing inspections, abandoned vehicles, overgrown property cleanup, etc.	336.373.2111 directly or simply call 336.373.CITY
Duke Energy	Streetlight outage or electrical power outage.	1.800.POWERON (1.800.769.3766)
Police Central Division	Police assistance during emergencies and non-emergencies such as suspicious activities or noise abatement	In an emergency call 911! In a non-emergency call Police at 336.373.2222.
Police Community Resource Officer (CRO) NEW >>>	Corporal David Ciser 336.433.3923 (desk phone) or david.ciser@greensboro-nc.gov In an emergency call 911! Otherwise support Neighborhood Oriented Policing (NOP) by ensuring our Police CRO is promptly aware of neighborhood safety and security issues, whether reporting suspicious activities or crimes in the neighborhood. Every report helps!	
Social Media Options	Fisher Park E-mail Listserv 1. Visit www.fisherparknc.org/communicate.html and follow directions. Create your own Yahoo! user name and password. Fisher Park Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/groups/70093789136 Fisher Park Next Door Visit https://fisherparknc.nextdoor.com , and follow Nextdoor instructions to join.	2. Then send e-mails to: fisherpark@yahoogroups.com . To unsubscribe, send a blank e-mail TO: fisherpark-unsubscribe@yahoo.com
Historic Homeowner's Contractor Referrals	Positive referrals to contractors, provided by neighbors and hosted by Preservation Greensboro Inc. (PGI) PreservationGreensboro.org/about/preservation-resources/	
Greensboro Neighborhood Congress	Greensboro alliance of neighborhoods meeting monthly to address city-wide issues and empower neighborhoods to resolve neighborhood-specific concerns. www.GreensboroNeighborhoodCongress.org	