



# THE FISHER PARKER

JULY 2017

## 2017 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT: TUESDAY, AUGUST 1 AT 7 P.M.

The Fisher Park Neighborhood Association invites all Fisher Park residents to join us for the 2017 National Night celebration on Tuesday night, August 1, 2017, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the East park by the playground. We will be offering frozen treats for all—and activities for the kids. And, according to Board member and event coordinators Susan Lowe and Michelle Felt, we're expecting "Visitors" from the City! So please come, cool off, see your neighbors, and help us celebrate Fisher Park and National Night Out. More information about [National Night Out is posted online](#).

## JUNE POTLUCK IN THE PARK ATTRACTS NEIGHBORS OF ALL AGES

Fisher Park's first potluck supper in many years, held June 23, 2017, featured food ranging from pulled barbeque and fried chicken to an array of vegetable dishes and desserts, all provided by residents of the neighborhood. Produced by Susan Lowe, Michelle Felt, and Todd McCain, the event was another illustration of the fun to be had when neighbors come together.



From top left, counterclockwise: Liza Martin, Shepherd Hayes, Ruthie Collie, William Collie, and Milly McLeod in the King's Chair at the June 23 Fisher Park Potluck Supper.

Look for more events like this one—and read about the popular Curbside Cocktails elsewhere in this issue. Scheduled events are posted in each *Fisher Parker*.

## MCALLISTER~LEFTWICH PROPERTY: REZONING UPDATE

On Monday, May 15, 2017, the Greensboro Zoning Commission approved the rezoning of the historic McAllister-Leftwich properties at 507 North Church Street, reflecting the terms of an agreement between the Fisher Park Neighborhood Association (FPNA) and the buyers and sellers of these remarkable structures.

- With the finalized agreement, FPNA accepted the rezoning request from CD-CB to a Planned Unit Development (PUD) with numerous restrictions—agreed to by the buyers and sellers via contract—on current and future uses, parking, noise abatement, and hours of operation.
- Those limitations are now filed as restrictive covenants attached

## 2017 CALENDAR

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**  
Tuesday, August 1, 7 p.m. East Fisher Park. Frozen treats, City visitors, games. Contact Susan Lowe, 336.402.0547, or Michelle Felt, 336.509.1708.

**FISHER PARK CAMP~OUT**  
Get your camping gear ready for September! Details being finalized.

**PARK CLEANUP~Final 2017 park clean-up is Saturday, October 7, 9 a.m.–noon.** Meet near first Presbyterian Church near the concrete animals. Contact Kay Quinlivan, 336.255.7299.

**HALOWEEN PARADE AND PARTY**  
Sunday October 22, 2017. Meet at the intersection of Fisher Circle/Hendrix Street/Carolina Street at 4:30 p.m. Parade to Temple Emanuel and celebrate until 6 p.m. Food, prizes, balloon animals, face painting. Contact Katy Bess, 478.714.4228.

## LUMINARIA DISPLAY—KEY DATES

- November *Fisher Parker*: Order forms delivered.
- Sunday, November 26: Last Day for Orders to Block Captains
- Wednesday, November 29, 6 p.m.: Luminaria Kit-building Party at the home of Kay Quinlivan, 910 Olive St.
- Sunday, December 10, Dusk: Luminaria Display and Neighborhood Park Event
- Sunday, December 17: Rain date  
Contact: Kay Quinlivan, Luminaria Coordinator, 336.255.7299.

**HOLIDAY GATHERING IN THE PARK**  
Sunday, December 10, dusk. West Park at King's Chair; rain date December 17.

to the chain of title for the property and operation by any future owners.

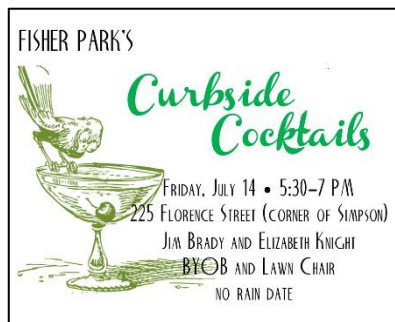
On behalf of all Fisher Park residents, FPNA representatives spent many hours working with attorney Marsh Prause to broker this agreement. Board representatives chose to negotiate with the buyer/sellers rather than unconditionally oppose the change from the proposed CD-CB zoning to a PUD. It is important to understand that had the Board simply opposed the new Zoning without compromise, we could have lost without recourse, and the new owners could have proceeded to operate under a broad range of allowable property uses.

This effort illustrates the crucial necessity of our neighborhood's fundraising events. Not only do your donations and participation help provide the money needed for cooperative efforts with the City to maintain the park and pay for improvements—such as the steps replacement project in the West park—but they allow the Board to move quickly to protect the historic structures within our boundaries.

#### FISHER PARK'S OWN "SECOND FRIDAY": MONTHLY CURBSIDE COCKTAILS EVENT GROWS IN POPULARITY

After a cold start in April (it was chilly and the wind was constant, but attendance was very good), Fisher Park's monthly Curbside Cocktails event has witnessed growing participation and a lot of enthusiasm. Neighbors gather at a different host's home on **the second Friday of each month** to share light food and say hello to begin the weekend.

Scheduled to avoid coinciding with Downtown's monthly First Friday event, the monthly get-together is open to all Fisher Park residents. No rain dates are planned, and any updates in case of bad weather will be sent via the Yahoo! Listserve, the Fisher Park Facebook page, and Next Door. Remaining dates are as follows. Please look for the notice each month as to



*The July 2017 invitation.*

the location and host. All events begin at 5:30 p.m., with no rain date. Mark your calendar!

- August 11
- October 13
- September 8
- November 10
- December 8

#### PARK UPDATE: CITY SUPPORT, REMAINING 2017 PARK WORK DAYS SET

FPNA Park Committee Co-Chair Kay Quinlivan reports the Greensboro City Parks & Recreation worked hard making our parks shine for the Home Tour in May when both sides of our unique park looked especially beautiful. The City also approved about \$23,000 toward two sets of granite steps—supported by generous donations by Fisher Park neighbor Stephen Dull and an anonymous donor—now being rebuilt in the West park along Fisher Park Circle.

On another note, weather delays this spring—and a bid for mulching that was cost prohibitive—mean the City has been unable to spread mulch that the Park Committee requested in the East park. Instead, their crews will continue with weed control and provide mowing as usual. We'll let the leaves be our natural mulch in the fall then spread mulch in select locations next spring.

The remaining Park clean-up day is Saturday, October 7; see details on Page 1. Contact Kay Quinlivan, 336.255.7299.

#### A VISUAL TREAT: NORTH CHURCH STREET UNDERPASS MURAL PROJECT TAKING SHAPE

Thanks to tireless efforts on the part of board member and Social Media Chair Cheryl Pratt and neighbor Dabney Sanders, a project more than a year in the making is about to commence.

The underpass has traditionally been dark and unwelcoming. Responding to requests from FPNA, the City of Greensboro installed lighting this year. Now we're planning to have an artist paint both 200-foot-long walls that flank the underpass to make it more appealing to pedestrians.

FPNA has been awarded both a city Spark grant and a Building Stronger Neighborhoods grant to begin the work, and is now raising funds to pay artist Randall Kane the approximately \$10,000 it will take to complete a project of this scale. Based in Charlotte,

Kane is recognized for his innovative and unique mural design.

According to Pratt, work on this exciting gateway from Fisher Park to downtown is scheduled to start in the autumn of 2017.

## DOWNTOWN GREENSBORO, INC., PROMOTES FISHER PARK AND OTHER DOWNTOWN NEIGHBORS

You may have noticed that our neighbor, downtown Greensboro, continues to develop as a hub for our community. Downtown Greensboro, Inc. (DGI) believes that adjacent neighbors, such as Fisher Park, are essential to the continued development of our city's center. Downtown local businesses rely on nearby residents for consistent visitors.

If you haven't been downtown recently, you may have missed a few new things. In the nicknamed "Lo-Fi" (Lower Fisher Park) area of downtown, the



## DOWNTOWN GREENSBORO

Downtown Greenway route in front of Deep Roots Market, Joymongers Brewing Co., Preyer Brewing and Crafted The Art of Street Food is completed.

Construction is happening in other areas – be sure to check it out! Farther down on Eugene and Bellemeade the new Hyatt Place Hotel and apartments have emerged from the dirt.

New businesses have been opening all over downtown. On Elm Street, Pier, an oyster bar, has opened at 214 S. Elm Street; White & Wood, a cocktail bar, has opened at 215 S. Elm; and another brewery and cocktail bar are on the way. Round A Bout Hot Dogs is open on McGee and a kava bar called Krave on Exchange Place recently opened as well. Across the tracks, or in the "South End," Boxcar Bar + Arcade, Greensboro Distillery and The Bearded Goat have significantly enhanced a positive nightlife in downtown. Now that it's summer, it is the perfect time to walk downtown and support new and existing downtown merchants!

For more downtown news, business openings, event information and more sign up for DGI's weekly email blasts at [www.downtowngreensboro.org](http://www.downtowngreensboro.org) and check out the calendar of events.

## PROPOSED CONDOS AT CORNER OF FLORENCE AND GREENE STREETS

Owner/developers Debbie and Neil Aberman have met with the FPNA, City officials, and adjacent neighbors to submit conceptual drawings and gain approval and support for six proposed upscale condominiums in our neighborhood. The condos will replace the Temple Emanuel activity building at the corner of Florence and Greene streets, which been vacant for more than a year. During the April 2017 Board meeting, plans were reviewed by Board members, and the Abermans answered questions about the timeline for the project, demolition plans for the existing building, retention of the existing retaining wall along Florence Street and Fisher Park Circle/Greene Street, and landscaping plans. Following discussion, the FPNA Board voted unanimously to support the project.

## JUST SO YOU KNOW: SIGNING UP FOR SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATES

Social media Chair Cheryl Pratt encourages all Fisher Park residents and commercial neighbors to enroll in one or all of the social media options for our neighborhood.

Providing critical information—about Neighborhood Watch alerts, information about City opportunities, lost pet or missing possession notices, news about events sponsored by residents and the FPNA, and other timely details—these outlets are a good way to ensure you know what's happening in the neighborhood and elsewhere in the city.

As anyone whose pet has been returned or who has avoided an unwanted solicitation at the front door may attest, these communication channels are essential to staying informed and involved and to reaching out for help from our neighbors.

Signing up is easy. Instructions appear on the back page of every *Fisher Parker*.

**Note:** To access links within this newsletter, please use the pdf format of the document, available at <http://www.fisherparknc.org/News.html>

## A MESSAGE FROM FPNA PRESIDENT TODD MCCAIN

Let me begin by saying that it is my honor to serve as the Fisher Park Neighborhood Board President for 2017 and a privilege to work with such dedicated and energetic Board members during this year.

We began 2017 with a continuing commitment to grow and enhance resident involvement, to encourage new and longer-term neighbors to become involved in planned activities and with the Association, and to protect the beauty of the park at the center of our community.

I am proud to say that we've been able to engage an ever-widening group of neighbors through the monthly Curbside Cocktails event, hosted by different residents each second Friday from 5:30 to 7. We have met new friends and connected with old ones, and we hope you'll join us on August 11 and beyond!

Our Park Clean-up Saturdays have been very well-attended, as were the Easter Egg Hunt in April and the June Potluck Supper in the West Park. (Don't forget upcoming events: National Night, August 1 at 7 p.m. in the East park, the Fisher Park Camp-Out in September, and the Halloween parade/party in October.)

We are also focused on further building our social media presence to ensure that notifications are consistent and timely.

These steps are paying off in broad and meaningful engagement, as we see new families and long-time residents come together as friends in this wonderful neighborhood we call home.

Please join your Board at its monthly meetings to hear about the issues facing Fisher Park and the plans we're making. We welcome your input, both positive and negative. The agenda, location, and time are sent via the Yahoo! Listserve, Nextdoor, and Facebook each month. Check the back page for upcoming dates. We'd love to have you join us.

In closing, I'd like to recognize the crucial efforts on the part of the founders of the Fisher Park Neighborhood Association in the early 1980s, who successfully fought to save Fisher Park from rapid encroachment by commercial interests, prevent alteration and destruction of our historic homes, and establish a collaboration with the City of Greensboro to form the Historic District. Today, no matter where you live in Fisher Park—within or outside of the Historic District "footprint"—you may be sure the

FPNA is committed to protecting our vulnerable boundaries from encroachment. Without those early efforts, our unique neighborhood would not be what it is today: a welcoming and carefully preserved community that continues to grow in popularity as a great place to live.

## ATTENTION MERCHANTS AND SERVICE PROVIDERS: FISHER PARKER NOW ACCEPTING ADVERTISING

To help cover the cost of printing the *Fisher Parker* newsletter, we're now accepting advertiser submissions for \$300 per issue. Included as a full page insert in the issue, your message reaches an estimated 700 households throughout our neighborhood in a printed item that residents read and retain. Your insert is delivered printed and postage free at a cost of less than \$0.42 per location. Design and content must be approved by Fisher Park Neighborhood Association, but we'll work with you to ensure your message and graphics meet your needs. Please direct inquiries to Liz Urquhart at 336.373.1250.

## FISHER PARK GALLERY OF EVENT PHOTOS



December 2016: Holiday Gathering in the Park.



April 2017: Easter Egg Hunt with Delancey Street Easter Bunny.



June 2017: Potluck Supper at the King's Chair.

## 2016 FISHER PARK DONORS

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Thanks to these generous donors, the Fisher Park Neighborhood Association can continue to provide the support and services that make our neighborhood unique, while preserving crucial Community Foundation fund balances.

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### GET YOUR CLUB ON!

If you'd like to serve as coordinator of a club to share a special interest (chess, gardening, playgroup, wine, dinner, music, craft beer...the ideas are endless!) with like-minded neighbors, please email Michelle Felt ([michelle.felt@allentate.com](mailto:michelle.felt@allentate.com)), and she'll help you get the club set up and advertised.

FISHER PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (FPNA)

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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.

2016 FPNA Board of Directors

Term Ends	Name	Phone	Email	Address
2017	<b>Todd McCain, President</b>	336.339.4089	stmccain@aol.com	318 West Bessemer Avenue
2018	<b>Michael Chapman, President Elect</b>	336.324.5805	mpchapman4739@gmail.com	818 North Eugene Street
2017	Susan Lowe, Events Co-Coordinator	336.402.0547	susanlowe4673@gmail.com	305-B Parkway Drive
2017	Katy Bess, Children's Event Coordinator	478.714.4228	demanigold@yahoo.com	305 East Hendrix Street
2017	Lara Katz, Treasurer	336.558.5067	laramkatz@gmail.com	828 North Elm Street
2017	Cheryl Pratt, Social Media Chair	336.202.6543	cpratt3@att.net	910 Magnolia Street
2017	Liz Urquhart, Communications, Secretary	336.373.1250	lizurquhart@yahoo.com	403 West Bessemer Avenue
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2018	Sue Hunt	336.681.7313	sue@susanhuntlaw.com	812 Olive Street
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2018	Kay Quinlivan, Park Co-Chair/2017 Luminarias	336.255.7299	kayequin@aol.com	910 Olive Street
2018	Yvonne Cousino, Neighborhood Watch Coordinator	336.312.8605	ycousino@gmail.com	917 North Eugene Street
2018	Beverly Weyland	412.952.9374	unabella83@aol.com	404 West Bessemer Avenue

**FPNA Board 2017 Meeting Schedule**  
 2017 Board meetings for August through December are at 6:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 600 North Greene Street. Dates are August 28, September 25, October 23, and December 4 (this combines the November and December meetings). The annual neighborhood-wide meeting is Sunday, November 19, 2017, 4 p.m. in Broome Hall of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 600 North Greene Street (enter from back of building off Simpson Street). **Call any Board member to confirm dates and times.**

Additional Neighborhood Volunteers:

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

Find your volunteer Block Captain's contact information at [www.fisherparknc.org](http://www.fisherparknc.org)

Helpful Contacts and Organizations

<b>City Council</b>	Justin Outling, City Council District 3	336.373.4638 or justin.outling@greensboro.nc.gov
<b>County Commission</b>	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
<b>City Customer Contact</b>	Directs your calls to the appropriate City department 336.373.CITY = 336.373.2489	
<b>City Historic District Staff</b>	Historic district guidelines, applications for Certificate of Appropriateness (CoA), plus <b>free</b> design review advice. 336.373.2144 directly or simply call 336.373.CITY	
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<b>Police Community Resource Officer (CRO)</b>	Officer Randy Dixon: 336.373.4643 (desk phone) or randy.dixon and p@greensboro-nc.gov. For emergency, call or email Randy. <b>Do not use NextDoor (not monitored).</b> To report homeless people using the park: call 911, and police will come OR call or email Officer Dixon.	
<b>Social Media Options</b>	<b>Fisher Park E-mail Listserv</b> 1. Visit <a href="http://www.fisherparknc.org/communicate.html">www.fisherparknc.org/communicate.html</a> and follow directions. Create your own Yahoo! user name and password.	
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