



THE FISHER PARKER

MAY~JUNE 2018

PICNIC IN FISHER PARK

Fisher Park's potluck supper is Saturday, June 23, 6 p.m. in West Fisher Park near the King's Chair. Please bring food to share and outdoor games. Last year's menu ranged from pulled barbeque and fried chicken to an array of vegetable dishes and desserts, all provided by neighborhood residents.

Michelle Felt, FPNA Events Coordinator, will post picnic invitations on all three FPNA social media sites. Neighbors who enjoy event planning, please join Michelle at Joymongers, Tuesday, May 22, 6 p.m.



The June 2017 potluck table.

DELANCY STREET/FISHER PARK EASTER EGG HUNT A GREAT SUCCESS

One of Fisher Park's most popular traditions, the annual Easter egg hunt, was held Saturday, March 24, 2018. Hosted and produced by our



Delancey Street neighbors at 811 N. Elm Street, the popular event included an egg hunt and games for kids who live in Fisher Park, as well as children of parents who work in our neighborhood, grandparents, and other relatives.

Thanks to Children's Event Coordinator **Katy Bess**, who in turn thanks all who attended. Eugene Street neighbor **Izzy Hayes** initiated a charming "Thank You!" card full of our kids' handprints and their own words of appreciation for Delancey Street residents. You can almost see our children grow when viewing years of neighborhood event photos always available on the

neighborhood website at <http://www.fisherparknc.org/PhotoGallery.html>.

2017 LUMINARIA REPORT

Luminaria Chairperson **Kay Quinlivan** reports 2017 Luminaria sales plus donations netted \$5,928. Almost 400 kits were distributed, and 112 neighbors sent donations. Thanks to all who participated, especially Kay and all **Fisher Park Block Captains** whose planning and leg-work contributed to the success!

2018 CALENDAR

JUNE POTLUCK

Saturday, June 23, 6 p.m.
West Fisher Park near the King's Chair.
FPNA Events Coordinator Michelle Felt
336.509.1708

PARK VOLUNTEER MORNINGS

Saturday, June 23, 9-11 a.m.
Saturday, September 8, 9-11 a.m.
Saturday, November 3, 9-11 a.m.
West Fisher Park near the concrete animals.
FPNA Park Committee Chairperson
Kay Quinlivan 336.255.7299

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, August 7, 7-8:30 p.m.
East Fisher Park playground.

CAMPOUT IN WEST FISHER PARK

Date and time to be determined.
FPNA Events Coordinator
Michelle Felt 336.509.1708

HALLOWEEN PARADE AND PARTY

Saturday, October 27, 4 p.m.
Parade from 200 Fisher Park Circle
FPNA Children's Events Coordinator
Katy Bess 478.714.4228

FPNA ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, November 18, 2017, 4 p.m.
Broome Hall at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. 600 N Greene Street
FPNA President
Mike Chapman 336.324.5805

LUMINARIA DISPLAY

Luminaria order forms are delivered in November.
Sunday, December 2, Luminaria Kit orders are due to Block Captains.
Wednesday, December 5, 6 p.m., Luminaria kit-building party.
Sunday, December 9, Luminaria at dusk West Fisher Park at the King's Chair.
Sunday, December 16, Rain Date.
FPNA Luminaria Coordinator
Kay Quinlivan 336.255.7299.

ELIZABETH URQUHART WINS 2017 CAPTAIN FISHER AWARD

Only Liz was surprised when her name was announced as winner of our neighborhood's 2017 **Captain Fisher Award**. Whether helping edit newsletters – good luck finding a Fisher Parker issue she hasn't tweaked since 1997 – or serving as our neighborhood Board Secretary and then President in 2001, her service is generous while often behind the scenes. In 2002 Liz assisted with neighborhood projects such as oyster roasts in the park and extensive preparations for our 2002 Fisher Park Centennial Tour of Homes. In 2003 she served on the *Next Generation Fisher Park* long-range planning committee. She frequently won grants for Fisher Park from her downtown employer, citing co-workers benefiting from park walking trails and lunchtime respite. By 2014 Liz rejoined our Board, serving as Communication's Chairperson, newsletter Editor, even as Secretary when needed. Throughout her career in corporate communications – and now teaching those skills at university – Liz graciously lends her wordsmithing and wisdom to the FPNA. *The 2017 Captain Fisher Award is presented to Liz Urquhart in recognition of unique and outstanding service in the interest of the preservation, restoration, and betterment of the Fisher Park Neighborhood, Greensboro North Carolina.*



A MESSAGE FROM FPNA PRESIDENT MIKE CHAPMAN

After quite a few false starts, Spring has finally arrived! Our beautiful trees, dormant for what seems ages, are magically greening. The azaleas, camellias, redbuds and dogwoods always make the Fisher Park neighborhood—and especially our wonderful park—a marvelous spectacle this time of year. Everyone is heading out to the garden to plant, edge, mow and enjoy the perfect weather.

This year all eyes were on Fisher Park as we celebrated the near-miraculous restoration of one of our premiere landmarks, "Hillside," the 1929 home of Ethel and Julian Price, soon home to new owners **Eric** and **Michael Fuko-Rizzo** and their young daughters.

All who volunteered and attended helped support [Preservation Greensboro Inc.](#) (PGI). Tagging onto the successful event, our neighborhood quickly designed and sold new Fisher Park tote bags and coffee mugs!

With nice weather comes the return of FPNA activities. Join neighbors for a couple of hours clearing the park on park volunteer mornings. It is amazing what can be accomplished ... and lots of fun.

Exciting new clubs affectionately named *Let's Roll* – walking together to a downtown dinner and drink location, then rolling dice for three more stops before walking home – and *The Accidental Gardener* – meeting in neighborhood gardens for casual gardening skills and envious admiration – are likewise back in action. Neighbor-hosted *Curbside Cocktails* return on the second Friday of each month! Bring wine or any drink, a sharable snack, and enjoy meeting neighbors in a relaxed setting. Watch for signs and internet alerts for monthly times and locations.



Thanks to those who've hosted these events, and to **Sue Hunt** for advertising social events as they pop-up. To participate with neighbors, please use any of FPNA's three social media outlets (e-mail listserv, Facebook, and Nextdoor) for invitations to a growing number of monthly events. And if these spark your imagination for other novel neighborhood engagements, contact FPNA Events Coordinator **Michelle Felt** at 336.509.1708.

More good news! **Jim Brady**, FPNA Streets and Sidewalks Chairman, tells me he has it on good authority that the City will complete water pipe replacement and repave our streets – and this is a quote – "someday." In the meantime, at least we can look upon the street closures, bumps and holes and such as a successful "Speed Abatement Project"!

In Spring we often turn to home improvement projects. Remember, in the Fisher Park Historic District most exterior projects require a [Certificate of Appropriateness \(CoA\)](#) to ensure preservation of the ambience that makes our neighborhood so unique. A helpful chart of what projects do and do not require a CoA is included in the [City's Historic District Guidelines](#), found via both the City and our FPNA

websites. Most CoA's can be approved and quickly issued by City staff.

If your project requires Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) approval, remember that the FPNA Board meets the Monday before monthly HPC meetings. You are encouraged to bring your project to the FPNA Board *first*. Don't be scared – we're not out to pass judgement. We are *eager to help* our Fisher Park neighbors accomplish their goals, offer advice on how to present to the HPC, and we make a recommendation to the HPC.

Finally, on a sad note, we mourn the recent death of two Fisher Park gems.

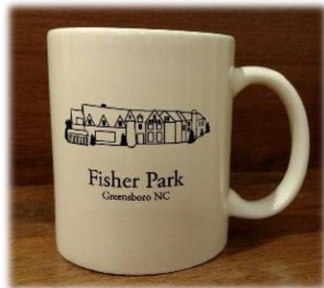
- **Mary Ellen Soles** of North Park Drive, an early leader of the Fisher Park Neighborhood Association, longtime activist, and past FPNA Board member, died in January 2018.
- **Anne Bowers** of Fisher Park Circle died April 2018. She was our 2015 FPNA President, received a Captain Fisher award for outstanding service to the neighborhood, served as Chair of the Historic Preservation Commission, and was a Past President of [Preservation Greensboro Inc.](#)

Opportunities to make friends with neighbors like Mary Ellen and her husband Jeff, and Anne Bowers — well, these are ample reasons why Fisher Park is a great place to live. We're glad you're here, too, making Fisher Park your home!

FISHER PARK MERCHANDISE

The FPNA took part in the April "Hillside" Designer Showhouse celebration by producing attractive coffee mugs and tote bags, each with a stylized design by neighbor **Ashley**

Laffoday. Totes are lightweight canvas with green handles. You'll want some for your household. Fisher Park mugs and canvas tote bags are \$5 each. Giving gifts? \$12 for 1 bag and 2 mugs. \$20 for 2 bags and 4 mugs. Contact Mike Chapman at 336.324.5808 or mpchapman4739@gmail.com to purchase yours while supporting your neighborhood.



RINSE > RECAP > RECYCLE

Please twist plastic bottle caps back onto their plastic bottles before tossing them into recycling bins. Although plastic bottle caps are made of a different type of plastic from the bottles, when reattached they can be recycled into car batteries, garden rakes, storage containers, reusable shopping bags, yarn, ropes, brooms ... and more bottle caps.



It's vital that more plastic bottles be recycled! In the Carolinas, an estimated 3,500 people in the recycling industry depend on your recycling plastic bottles and jugs, yet more than 70% of all plastic bottles are thrown away. Companies in North and South Carolina that make new products from plastic bottles struggle to find enough recycled plastic to operate their plants efficiently. Since you use plastic bottles, please do your part to *rinse, recap, and recycle* plastic bottles.

NEIGHBORHOOD DEMOGRAPHICS

Do you think you know your neighborhood, inside and out? You might be surprised, browsing neighborhood demographics. At our request, in February 2017 City Planning staff used the community profile dataset from ESRI (a mapping technology company) to generate a demographic snapshot of our neighborhood's 0.31 square miles. They're posted at www.FisherParkNC.org.

Demographic categories include average household size, family size, owner and renter-occupied housing units, median household income, home value, age, gender, ethnicity, education, marital status, employment categories, household size, and mortgage status. The profile even hints at our consumer spending. ESRI aggregates data from 2013 and 2014 Consumer Expenditure Surveys, Bureau of Labor Statistics and U.S. Census Bureau Census 2010 Summary File 1.

When it's time for a fresh U.S. Census, please *participate* to ensure neighborhood information is updated. Knowing who we are helps us plan what we want to become!

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.

2017 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	336.681.7313	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	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	Sam Mjalli, Treasurer	704.614.5059	smjalli@migusa.com	809 North Eugene Street
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. Anticipated 2018 Board meeting dates are: May 29, June 25, July 23, August 27, September 25, 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 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	Sue Hunt	336.681.7313	sue@susanhuntlaw.com	812 Olive Street
Neighborhood Watch	Yvonne Cousino	336.312.8605	ycousino@gmail.com	917 North Eugene Street
Newsletter	Mike Chapman & Ann Stringfield	See our contact information above and below here.		818 & 1005 N. Eugene Street
Webmaster	Ann Stringfield	336.370.0457	InfoCrofters@triad.rr.com	1005 North Eugene Street
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, and other issues.	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	Emergency: 911 Non-emergency: 336.373.2222
Police Community Resource Officer (CRO)	Officer Randy Dixon: 336.373.4643 (desk phone) or randy.dixon and p@greensboro-nc.gov. For emergency, call or email Randy. NextDoor is not routinely monitored by police. To report homeless people using the park: call 911, and police will come OR call or email Officer Dixon.	
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: Visit 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@yahoo.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	