



THE FISHER PARKER

NOVEMBER 2018

GET READY TO CELEBRATE! HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES COMMENCE.

The annual Fisher Park Luminaria Display and Park Gathering are coming up! Planned for December 9, 2018, this holiday event enables all residents (and their friends) to show off our neighborhood with streets lined in lanterns. Beginning at dusk, the lanterns are lit, and neighbors are invited to join the celebration in the west park (at the King's Chair) where fire pits, cider, and conversation create a festive mood for everyone.

In addition to caroler groups that provide Christmas songs, some residents use the occasion to host open houses, so check our Yahoo! Listserve, NextDoor, and Facebook notifications for news about these and other neighborhood events scheduled for that night. It's a holiday tradition that grows in attendance every year.

The calendar (right) provides instructions for ordering luminaria kits, details about the kit-building party, and information on the rain date for this year's celebration.

THANKS TO PARK VOLUNTEERS

Major thanks to our friends at [Delancey Street](#) who participated in the October Park Work Day! After two hurricanes visited Greensboro, our park was littered with fallen limbs and debris. Delancey Streeters, under the direction of tireless Park Committee volunteer **Sally Atwood**, hauled debris from the entire West park, then returned home to no power and cold showers. They are amazing neighborhood volunteers! The City will remove the fallen hefty oak trees as equipment becomes available.

Thanks to Sally Atwood also for coordinating the crew of volunteers who tend the planters surrounding the park. Her efforts ensure that, each fall and spring, new flowers are placed in the planters that beautify park entrances.

FROM FPNA PRESIDENT MIKE CHAPMAN: NEIGHBORHOOD ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

We all feel that ours is the best neighborhood in town, but it was not always so. Over four decades since organization of our Fisher Park Neighborhood Association (1978) and our Fisher Park Historic District (1982), volunteers have collaborated to protect our old houses and the City park that shares our name. To maintain the historic and residential character of Fisher Park we have cooperated with—and sometimes even wrangled with—the City, Duke Energy, churches, developers, and a few irresponsible landlords and misguided remodelers. We try to be proactive in our planning and remain alert to threats to the quality and quantity of historic housing and healthy outdoor surroundings.

2018 CALENDAR

FISHER PARK PIG & CHICK PICKIN'
Saturday, November 10, 4 p.m.
Organized by Kathy & Bobby Doolittle on Olive Street at Isabel Street. Bring drinks for your family and a side dish to share. \$5 for adults over 15 and under 75; other ages FREE!
RSVP REQUIRED by November 7 to rdoolittle@triad.rr.com and **MUST** indicate the number of persons attending (including children).

FPNA ANNUAL MEETING
Sunday, November 18, 4 p.m.,
Holy Trinity Church Broome Hall
600 N Greene St. (Enter from back of building off Simpson Street). Speaker: Fisher Park resident Russ Clegg, City of Greensboro Senior Planner.

LUMINARIA DISPLAY & HOLIDAY GATHERING

- November *Fisher Parker* includes Luminaria order form.
- Sunday, December 2: Luminaria Orders are due to Block Captains.
- Thursday, December 6 at 6 p.m.: Luminaria Kit-building Party at Kay Quinlivan's (910 Olive Street)
- 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.

All this requires effort ... and volunteers. Presently, your Neighborhood Association needs new Board Members willing to devote a few hours a month. We need volunteers for the Park Committee, Social and Children's Events Committees, Block Captains who deliver newsletters, and volunteers to help with online communications. Critically, we need a volunteer to become Editor of the *Fisher Parker* newsletter. Liz Urquhart and Ann Stringfield deserve a break!

There's never been a better time for you to help your neighborhood be all that it can be. Please contact any Board Member listed on the back of this newsletter. We look forward to your participation! Then you may look forward to new friendships throughout our neighborhood.

2018 FISHER PARK ANNUAL MEETING

The FPNA annual meeting, featuring a presentation by City Planner and Fisher Park neighbor Russ Clegg, will be held Sunday, November 18, 4 p.m., at Holy Trinity Church Broome Hall 600 N Greene St. (enter from back of building off Simpson Street). Please take advantage of this opportunity to meet the dedicated volunteers who make FPNA events and progress happen. Annual meetings address issues facing our neighborhood, plans for the future, recognition of Board members and the induction of new members. Refreshments including cheeses, crackers, wine, and non-alcoholic beverages will be served.

THE NEW OLD TOBEY HOUSE

What a joy to meet new neighbors who appreciate old homes, seek a near-city center lifestyle, and recognize the potential for returning a multi-family apartment house to single-family use.

While still living in Washington, DC, **Kate and Tim Tobey** bought a long-time three-unit apartment house at 802 N Eugene Street in December 2016. Now it's their young family's comfortable home.

According to old County tax records, the Tobeyes are the estimated 11th owner of 802 North Eugene, starting from its first owner—A. Rayland Cocke—around 1913, followed by various investment owners who likely transitioned the house into apartments from the mid-1980s through 2016.

Original floor plans were unavailable, but the Tobeyes tried to envision the space as it was 100 years before. "We loved reimagining what the space could be with some creativity, love and hard work. Tim probably put together 17 blueprints for the interior layout that we changed and tweaked before we landed on the final one."



They worked with Saltbox Building Co. with consultation from Scott and Bob Richardson to bring their

own designs to life. "We were able to figure out ways to keep the original banister, expose brick, and refurbish a clawfoot tub we found in the house." By mid-May, it was home.

After that transformation, the Tobeyes soon purchased the adjacent house at 306 Florence Street, re-envisioning a previously clumsy Eugene/Florence corner property.

According to Kate Tobey, "We worked with Tall Matt Construction to redesign the interior space—creating two full bedrooms, two full bathrooms, two walk-in closets, and retiled the front sun porch. Gatehouse Management redesigned and landscaped the driveway and outside Eugene/Florence corner."

"Previous owners had nicknamed the smaller house "Flo" so we opened "Bungalow Flo" on AirB&B in July 2018. We've seen a steady flow of visitors since and enjoy meeting people visiting Greensboro for all sorts of interesting reasons—from dog shows to concerts to the Junior Olympics!"

"We love Fisher Park, the people we've met and the life we're living here. We hope the reimagined corner is a nice welcome into the neighborhood as people enter Lower Fisher Park. Friends and neighbors should feel welcome to stop by any time. We appreciate everyone's patience, kind words, and support as we tackled these projects. After living in the DC area for more than 10 years, walkability was a huge priority for us. We still only have one car!"

Thanks to Kate and Tim Tobey of 802 N. Eugene Street and 306 Florence Street for sharing their renovation success story.

FISHER PARK'S CLASSIC HOMES SELL WELL

At www.GSOHistoricHomes.com—the handsome website voluntarily created and managed by David Arneke of the College Hill Neighborhood—we read that, currently, “there aren’t enough older homes for sale in Lindley Park and Fisher Park to go around.” Since March 2018, at least 20 classic homes in Greensboro have sold fast and at a premium, beyond their asking price.

In Fisher Park, four owners accepted offers within a week, and four more within a month, often at higher prices than asked. Even if the premium is a token amount, it is a welcome trend.

Lessons learned: In a city of this size, there is an increasingly limited quantity of well-built homes retaining classic early 1900s exterior and interior features. Whether within or outside of local Historic Districts, homeowners should not remove nor replace significant architectural features of that time period if they expect to tap the growing nostalgic, quality housing market. Treasure and preserve your home’s unique past to enhance its future!

LABOR OF LOVE

“An old house is a labor of love, so I understand not everyone has the time, appetite, or desire to resuscitate or maintain one. I just wish people who have no interest in old houses would leave them alone for people who do.” Tina Traster, Author of “Burb Appeal: The Collection” in the *New York Post*, 2012.

FISHER PARK GIFTS

The FPNA took part in the April 2018 “Hillside” Designer Showhouse celebration by producing attractive coffee mugs and tote bags, each with a stylized “Hillside” design created by Eugene Street neighbor **Ashley Laffoday**. Totes are lightweight

canvas with green handles. Mugs are off-white. Each are \$5, or \$4 each when ordering multiples.

Place holiday gift orders with FPNA Treasurer **Lane Hayes** at 704.231.1696 or TLaneHayes@gmail.com.



VOLUNTEER FOR 2019 HOMES TOUR IN LINDLEY PARK

From May 18 through May 19, 2019, 11a.m.–5 p.m., [Preservation Greensboro’s](http://www.PreservationGreensboro.org) Ninth Annual Tour of Historic Homes & Gardens will feature vintage homes in the Lindley Park neighborhood during National Historic Preservation Month. The tour will highlight charming early and mid-twentieth century architecture and home designs.

“Lindley Park stands among Greensboro’s classic park-centered neighborhoods,” said Benjamin Briggs, Executive Director of Preservation Greensboro. “Its winding streets, sidewalks, parks, and shade trees are the legacy of landscape architect Earle Sumner Draper. Every major North Carolina town has a Draper neighborhood of esteem, and Lindley Park is ours!” Volunteer signup will be online prior to May 2019 but plan now to volunteer. Volunteers receive a free ticket to the tours!

THE VIRTUES OF OIL-BASED PAINT PRIMERS

Today, we often paint with a latex primer and latex top coats of paint. But in our older homes, when facing old, previously painted wood surfaces with some paint still adhering, it’s often better to use an oil-based primer even if the finish coat will be a compatible latex formula.

Why? Latex primers and paints shrink as they dry. That tension pulls at the old paint. And quick drying latex paint hinders absorption onto surface irregularities, so it may peel. Oil base primers won’t shrink appreciably, and their longer drying time assists adhesion to older wood (from *Old House Journal*, December 2017).



THANKS TO OUR BLOCK CAPTAINS!

Remember to thank your [Block Captain](#), one of ~35 energetic neighbors who deliver newsletters door to door around their blocks several times each year. Each December they also kindly collect your Luminaria kit orders and payments, then deliver kits to your doorstep. Share news with them and with newsletter editors. We’re happy to announce new neighbors settling in. Just let us know you’re here!

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, 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
2019	Karen Andersen	336.456.2260	kwandersen26@gmail.com	
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, Treasurer	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. The annual neighborhood-wide meeting is 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	Vacant. Contact Mike Chapman with your interest!			
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	galoot0077@twc.com	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	