

# PARADE

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THE WATTS HOSPITAL-HILLANDALE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

*"Be kind to your friends; if it were not for them, you'd be a total stranger." --Proverb*

## LIGHT UP OUR NEIGHBORHOOD!

On Sunday evening December 16th our Watts Hospital-Hillandale Neighborhood Association will join with other Durham neighborhoods to celebrate the Twenty-Third Annual "Night of Lights."! It's the night when our streets sparkle with thousands of glowing candles. Neighbors stroll in the crisp winter air, parties and open houses abound. So mark your calendars now – you won't want to miss any of the fun!

*Our Night of Lights Celebration is not affiliated with or symbolic of any one religion or ideology. We simply want to mark the age old tradition that so many countries and cultures have noted for millennia: that light in the dark of winter can give hope and joy.*

Everything you need will be on sale at the southern end of Oval Park at the picnic shelter.

Friday, December 14th, 5:00–7:00 pm

Saturday, December 15th, 1:00–5:30 pm

Sunday, December 16th, 1:00–4:30 pm

Come by at one of these times. The price is still only 50 cents per light. Members of the neighborhood association get the set-ups for two luminaries for free. Be sure to bring a pail to carry your sand home. Your Night of Lights volunteers will give you instructions when you pick up your materials. We'll be collecting for the Community Kitchen at the park each night so bring can foods and other staples – or a check – to contribute.

This year Watts Busters will be at the picnic shelter during these times sharing information on compact fluorescent lights. Learn how you can light up your home every day of the year using less electricity. (Please read the FOCUS on page one of this PARADE.)

The success of Night of Lights depends completely on 100% participation. Don't forget and please don't get left out. If your holiday schedule prevents you from picking up your materials, ask your neighbors to pick them for you.

How many should you get? Well it's up to you. The goal is to line every street in the neighborhood for this wonderful night. Grab a couple of extra bags for your neighbors who might forget. When the whole neighborhood is aglow, we guarantee that your heart will be as warm as the glowing candles along every street!

## FOCUS

### Make Your Light Last!!

When you buy your Night Of Lights luminaries you can also pick up a special 4 bulbs for 5 bucks pack of cfl light bulbs! These energy saving bulbs will save you TONS of money, and you won't have to replace them for years! Each bulb is the equivalent of 60 watts of power, but actually only uses 12 watts. – a tremendous way to cut down on your electric bill!

This special offer has been made possible by the good folks at Home Depot, North Pointe who have given the WHHNA this great discount. Our own Mig Hayes, creator of the Watts-Busters energy saving group, is responsible for putting this all together and helping us all out! Watts-Busters is a neighborhood effort to conserve energy, protect our environment, and build a sustainable future.

So come buy a 4-pack of compact fluorescent lights for \$5 during the luminary sale!!

And for more energy saving (and money saving!) ideas check out the Watts -Busters Energy Walking Tour this February! Are you practicing energy conservation in your home? Do you have eco-methods that you could share with neighbors? The Watts-Buster are looking for people to demonstrate the big and small ways they have reduced energy and practiced sustainability – everything from insulation, composting, water-conservation, solar panels and more.

To share your ideas, or for more information about the Energy Walking Tour or about Watts-Busters contact Mig Little Hayes at [mhayes7@nc.rr.com](mailto:mhayes7@nc.rr.com) or call her at 416-0922. Let your energy saving light shine!

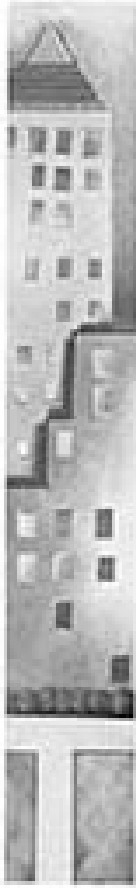


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## Ninth Street North Project Changes Again

In the last issue of PARADE, we reported that the developers of Ninth Street North decided to dramatically increase the size and scope of their project from about 50,000 sq. ft. of retail in a two story building to about that much retail plus 220 condos and a parking deck in a six-to-seven story building. At a community meeting in October, the developers announced yet another vision for their project. The property in question occupies most of the block bounded by Ninth Street on the east, Iredell Street on the west, Green Street on the south and Markham Avenue on the north. The developers now want to build around 40,000 sq. ft. of office and retail, a two-level parking deck, and about 120 condos in a four-to-five story building on this site. This would be just the first phase. A second phase located at the current site of the Vin Rouge and Blue restaurants would replace those buildings with a four story building containing about

72,000 sq. ft. of office and retail uses.

As a point of reference, the developer's existing building on the west side of Ninth Street is only two stories tall. The total area of shops and other businesses already located along Ninth in the Markham-to-Main block is probably around 110-150,000 sq. ft. The tallest building currently on the street is just two stories tall.

At the meeting a number of folks expressed concern about the height of the buildings and intensity of the project. The developers stressed that the plan at this point was mostly conceptual. They promised that they intended to build attractive buildings consistent with the existing Ninth Street "feel." Other residents worried that such a dramatic change would have a domino effect on properties north of Green Street.

Historically, the Green-to Markham block of Ninth Street provided a buffer between the business district to the south and the neighborhoods to the north. It was occupied only by a few small, one-story office and service businesses. Even in the 80's and 90's when most of these were united as the offices for Dataflow, this block of Ninth still provided a gradual step-down of intensity as land use changed from business to residential. This step-down has been the key to the happy and stable relationship between Ninth Street and the surrounding neighborhoods. The developers' new project, if built as

it is currently conceived, could shift the center of intensity in the Ninth Street area and upset the traditional stability of West Durham.

The problem always has been that in spite of the historic pattern of development, the zoning governing this critical block of Ninth has allowed a great deal more than was actually built there. For years the Old West Durham and Watts-Hillandale neighborhoods asked city planners to make the regulatory environment match the historic development pattern. The Planning Department finally began that process last spring and city officials are still digesting citizen comments on the proposed plan. One wonders whether the Ninth Street North developers are trying to get their new project approved before the new Ninth Street plan is adopted.

At the time of this writing, the developers, NSN Properties, have not actually filed for the rezoning necessary to achieve their plans. The OWD and WH-H neighborhood associations are keeping a close eye on this project.

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## Calendar of Events

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| <b>Dec. 16</b> | <b>NIGHT OF LIGHTS</b>  |
| <b>Dec. 18</b> | NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD MEETING<br>7:30 P.M.<br>at the home of Larry Chapman<br>1400 Alabama Rd.   |
| <b>Jan. 15</b> | NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD MEETING<br>7:30 P.M.<br>at the home of Joshua Allen<br>2417 W. Club Blvd.  |
| <b>Feb. 1</b>  | Deadline for next PARADE newsletter,<br>contact Karen Stark at<br>kspci@juno.com              |
| <b>Feb. 16</b> | Native American Annual Powwow<br>NC School of Science and Math<br>Gymnasium                   |
| <b>Feb. 19</b> | NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD MEETING<br>7:30 P.M.<br>at the home of Sherri Rosenthal<br>2205 Wilson St. |
| <b>Mar. 18</b> | NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD MEETING<br>7:30 P.M.<br>at the home of Wendi Gale<br>1612 Maryland Ave.    |

All meetings are held the evening of the third Tuesday of the month. If you need a ride, please call one of the board members and s/he will be glad to pick you up and take you home.

# The Heart of the

Visit Watts Hospital-Hillandale on the Web at <http://www.whhna.org/>

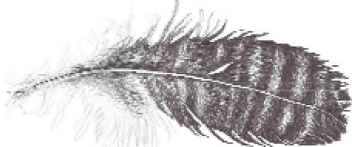
## You And The Tribes Can Come Together!

The 17th Annual Native American Powwow will be held at the NC School of Science and Math on Saturday February 16. MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW! This is absolutely one of the most spectacular events in our neighborhood! Coordinated by our own WHHNA neighbor (and NCSSM teacher) Joe Liles, this yearly festival celebrates in grand style the rich heritage of our country's first Americans.

There will be lots of Native American singing, dancing, arts, crafts, and food, all to be found in NCSSM's gymnasium building. Dances will be explained by a Master of Ceremonies. Also, there will be an opportunity for the audience to participate in the Round Dance and a Two-step Dance.

NCSSM hosts this event as an "Open House" to all the Native American communities in the state to expose their culture to the school and Durham communities and to recruit potential applicants to the NCSSM student body. Typically, 200 dancers, 8 visiting drums, 17 arts and crafts vendors, and two food vendors participate in this event. This all day celebration costs only \$4 for you to attend. Children under 5 are free. And the special Native American Evening Feast in the school's cafeteria is only \$5! All proceeds from the festival go to support future powwows at NCSSM. Visit the powwow's website to see pictures and learn more about what to expect: [www.ncssm.edu/powwow](http://www.ncssm.edu/powwow).

YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS THIS!



## Help Celebrate Our 100th Birthday

The WHHNA Centennial Committee is eager to collect old neighborhood photos and other memorabilia over the next year. If you, or your family or neighbors have just one or even one thousand old photos or other WHH memorabilia, we

would like to speak with you! The goal is to create a DVD to celebrate the WHH and memorialize the place that so many wonderful neighbors have called home for a whole century! Please contact Debbie Kelly at 286-3621, [debrakelly@hotmail.com](mailto:debrakelly@hotmail.com), or a WHH Neighborhood Association board member if you have pictures to contribute.

Other plans for the Watts Hospital-Hillandale Centennial Celebration are coming along very well, especially the kick-off event on Saturday, May 3, 2008, when Preservation Durham will host its 12th Annual Home Tour in the WHH, truly a milestone to mark the ground-breaking of Watts Hospital in May 1908. The 2008 Home Tour is the perfect commencement for the WHH Centennial Celebration, a 20-month series of festivities which will end in December 2009 to mark the first use of Watts Hospital at 1219 Broad Street to treat patients in December 1909.

The 2008 Home Tour will include the oldest parts of Watts Hospital, which is now part of the NC School of Science and Math. Another very special aspect of the 2008 Home Tour is the participation of the Durham Council of Garden Clubs which will display entries to its Flower Show in some of the houses on the tour. If you would like to get involved in the Home Tour, please contact Kathy Carter at 286-9139 or [kathycarter@nc.rr.com](mailto:kathycarter@nc.rr.com). Volunteers are needed to research the sites, prepare brief summaries for the tour booklet, solicit sponsors, plan the Patron's Reception, schedule docents, and organize the Guest Lecture.

The second event on the calendar for the Centennial Celebration is a guest lecture by Jean Anderson, author of [Durham County: A History of Durham County, North Carolina](#), at the NC School of Science and Math on Tuesday, June 10. More details will be in the March 2008 newsletter.

Two other Centennial Celebration events, the 1st Annual WHH Golf Day at Hillandale Golf Club and the 1st Annual WHH 5k Run & Walk, are also being planned for August and October 2008, respectively. If you are interested in getting involved with the WHH Centennial

Celebration or either of these two events, please contact Debbie Kelly at 286-3621 or [debrakelly@hotmail.com](mailto:debrakelly@hotmail.com).

And remember! Send in your old photos to Deb !!!!!!!!!!! She'll explain how they will be used and how they will be protected and sent back to you!

## Praise Be The Median!

BY JOSHUA ALLEN

By the time you read this, phase 1 of traffic calming on Club Blvd. should be complete. It includes a median, neck-ins, and crosswalks. The median provides safe harbor for pedestrians as they will need to cross a single 11-foot lane of traffic at a time instead of 40 feet of two way traffic all at once.

The neck-ins provide greater visibility for cars turning onto Club from the side streets. That greater visibility for turning cars also allows us to keep our street trees. Because of the drought, the landscaping for the traffic calming project will likely be postponed until next fall. You can see a diagram of project at the neighborhood website: <http://whhna.org/images/OvalParkTrafficCalming.jpg>

This is phase 1 of 3 for traffic calming along Club. Phases 2 and 3 have funding from the 2005 bonds, but only if the money doesn't run dry from the other projects ahead of them on the list. We should know more in the coming months whether enough funding is left for phases 2 and 3, which include more neck-ins and a roundabout at intersections along Club between Hillandale Rd. and Broad St.

The traffic calming project was initiated by the neighborhood at least as far back as 2000. In 2001 the City and their hired consultant held a series of meetings in the neighborhood and developed a comprehensive traffic calming plan for Club Blvd, to be developed in as many as 3 phases. It took until now to get the money (partly funded by the City and partly via NCDOT) and go through the whole process to start construction. The last public session for phase 1 was held in March 2005 once

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# Neighborhood

NOTABLE HAPPENINGS  
IN OUR NECK OF  
THE WOODS

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money had been allocated by the City and the State. At that time phases 2 and 3 were unfunded. They became funded with the 2005 bonds passed in the fall of 2005. However, that funding is now in jeopardy due to the spiraling cost of construction on other projects. Once funding is secure another public input session will be held for phases 2 and 3 before final engineering specifications are drawn up. A notice will be sent on the neighborhood listserv when said public input session is to be held.

## **ECWA Receives Two Grants**

BY LARRY BROCKMAN AND STEVE COHN

The Ellerbe Creek Watershed Association has obtained two grants that will further projects within our neighborhood wildlife area. The first is a large stream restoration grant. Many of us in the neighborhood walk, bike, or run along the West Ellerbe Creek greenway that follows Ellerbe Creek from Indian Trail Park to Westover Park. You may have noticed that the stream channel there is steep and narrow, and in some places the bank is eroding away very close to the trail.

This is not the creek's natural state. Decades ago the Corps of Engineers "channeled" the stream and removed its natural meanders on the grounds that this would help to control flooding. But current science shows it is better for water quality, for the biological integrity of the creek, and even for flood control if creeks are left in or restored to their natural state.

ECWA was recently informed that the NC Clean Water Management Trust Fund has approved our grant request for \$411,000 to restore Ellerbe Creek all the way from Albany St. to I-85. Through the use of natural channel design, the project will significantly reduce deposition of sediment, decrease storm-flow velocity, improve the quality of vegetation on stream banks, increase low-flow levels, and help to restore the hydrogeography of the watershed.

These measures will improve the stream's water quality and aquatic habitat, address-

ing many of the factors that have placed this part of Ellerbe Creek on the list of streams that do not meet North Carolina's water-quality standards. The restoration and associated bank stabilization will also protect the trail located adjacent to the creek, thus ensuring the longevity of this important and highly valued recreation resource (which will become even more valuable once the trail is extended eastward along the creek to run under I-85 and all the way to Broad Street at Stadium Drive, where it will connect with the rest of the Durham trail system).

ECWA extends sincere thanks to two Durham City departments--Stormwater and Parks & Recreation—as well as the Durham County Soil and Water Conservation District, who all helped to support the grant request by offering their time, information, and letters of support. We look forward to keeping you posted on this project through the neighborhood listserv and newsletter.

The second grant is a smaller but significant REI Youth Outdoor Education and Recreation grant. ECWA recently received good news about a pilot project grant for \$5,000 from Recreation Equipment, Inc (REI). This grant will provide minority (both African American and Hispanic) youth with opportunities to get outdoors, experience nature, and learn about the natural world. ECWA will lead youth groups into the watershed for nature outings/hikes, stream clean-ups, water monitoring, trail building, plant identification, exotic plant removal, and planting of North Carolina native flora.

How can you can participate? If you are interested in working with ECWA to support either of these projects, or any other ECWA projects, please contact Larry Brockman at 286-3150 or [larry@ellerbecreek.org](mailto:larry@ellerbecreek.org). For more information about ECWA (including how to join or contribute, but also much more), go to [www.ellerbecreek.org](http://www.ellerbecreek.org).

In order to accomplish its mission of land preservation and stream restoration, ECWA needs you. Please think about how you might be able to participate. Whether that's

in large ways or small ones, your help will certainly pay off. And we guarantee it will be greatly appreciated, in an organization that works hard to maintain a lively and enthusiastic volunteer spirit.

## **A Perfect Day for Ponies, Games, Jazz and Friends At FESTOVAL**

BY DEBRA KELLY

Mother Nature cooperated for FestOval this year and we are so thankful! The ponies were happy, the children were happy, so everyone was happy! Thank you to all the volunteers who made this year's event such a success! Anne Fairchild organized groups of great people who helped set-up in the morning, take down in the evening, and attend to lots and lots of details throughout the day. Kevin Young kept the big kids busy running up and down the field, pulling ropes, tossing balloons, and earning ribbons. Joe Liles and Sunshine Scoville managed the artists' corner of the park and painted many rainbows and flowers on lots of smiling faces. And in the reptile corner of the park, Ron Grunwald helped assuage fears of, and encourage enthusiastic interest in snakes, turtles and other creepy-crawly critters. Once again, Mrs. Wells and her equine team gave hours worth of rides on two pony friends, and the bounce house was a huge hit. All of this fun and locopops for everyone too! WHH tastebuds were thrilled!

In the evening, Oval Park was transformed with Don Moffitt's lanterns and lots of incredible food. Thanks again to the Eno River Association for the large tents, and to Mr. Holmes for the ever-delicious lemonade and Francesca's for the scrumptious ice cream. The highlight of the evening, of course, was the very enjoyable performance by Durham Jazz. Lindsey Bute and his group of talented musicians are awesome!

Meredith Emmett announced the winners of the Centennial Logo and Slogan Competition: logos submitted by Joe Liles and Michelle Minah, and the slogan

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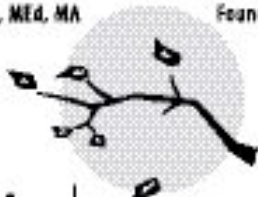
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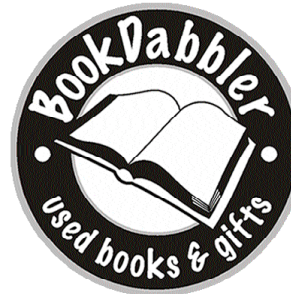


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# THE JOHNSONS REMEMBER STRAW AND PEA FIELDS

*(Editor's Note: The centennial anniversary of the Watts Hospital- Hillandale neighborhood is coming up in 2008. Leading up to then, the next issues of PARADE will feature the stories and histories of longtime residents.)*

Residents of Watts Hospital-Hillandale love trees, from the signature canopy along Club Blvd to the symmetrical umbrellas on the NCSSM campus and all of the beautiful giants in our many parks and recreation areas. From their home at 2510 Indian Trail, Merle "Dub" and Eva Johnson overlook some of our most splendiferous long-rooted and shade-providing neighbors. The view of Hillandale Golf Club out their living room window is a tree-lovers paradise - hundreds of lush pine, fir, pear, cedar, and oak trees reflecting the ever-changing characteristics of the bucolic surroundings. It's a never-ending ballet of swaying albeit stationary performers, from sunrise to sunset, through each season of the year.

Dub and Eva have enjoyed living in this idyllic location for 59 years! With the exception of serving three years in the military during World War II, including one and a half years in Europe, Dub has spent most of his life in or very close to Watts Hospital-Hillandale. He was born and raised at 1003 Oakland, and was named after Dr. Merle Atkins, Sr., the obstetrician who helped bring him and many other Watts Hospital-Hillandale children into this world, many of whom have the first name "Merle"! (Dub got his nickname from an uncle.)

Dub earned some of his first wages as a caddie at Hillandale Golf Course in the early 1930s - when a nickel was a big tip! He graduated to soda jerk one day when Doc Newton asked him to fill-in at his fountain shop on Hillsborough Road. Dub remembers mixing Coca-Cola syrup and carbonated water for his first customer, Mr. O.A. Houston, Sr., the electrician at Grey Stone Baptist Church right across the street. When Dub wasn't working, his favorite place to visit was Erwin Auditorium, Durham's first park which had a swimming pool, bowling alley, library, soda shop, movie house and a small zoo.

Dub also delivered groceries when Mr. Adams owned the neighborhood grocery at Alabama and Knox. Mr. Adams would drive his big touring car as the boys rode on the running boards, jumping on and off providing cold beverages and other refreshment to eager buyers. The reward for their hard work was an ice cold Pepsi! In 1940, Dub's father, John Johnson, purchased the neighborhood grocery from the Adams' family and ran it until the end of the war.

In the early 1940s, Dub spent much of his time working as a lifeguard at Crystal Lake, a summer recreation area and popular place for enjoying music and dance off Hillandale Road north of Croasdaile Farm. In fact, this is

where Dub met his sweetheart, Eva Whitaker who was born at Watts Hospital and grew up in Central Durham. The couple married in 1943 shortly after Dub joined the service. After the war, Dub joined his brother in the construction business, and he and his lovely bride considered building a house on property given to them by a family member. They hired W.T. Proctor to grade the property, but instead Mr. Proctor encouraged them to look for land closer to home and took the initiative to introduce them to his mother who owned acres of land north of Hillandale Golf Course. Even though she rarely agreed to sell any of them, Mrs. Proctor sold a lot to Dub and Eva at the corner of Tampa Avenue and Indian Trail which was surrounded by straw and pea fields.

For the next year or so, Dub worked to build their lovely "drop cord" home using the light from a drop cord at night and on the weekends. The Johnson house was the third home built on the north side of the golf course. Indian Trail was still a dirt road then and Dub and Eva had to use wood planks to cross Tampa to visit with their neighbors, Cecil and Frances Jones. The neighbors paid to have Indian Trail paved and donated land from each of their lots to widen Tampa Avenue before it was paved a few years later.

In 1950, Dub and Eva welcomed their first child Lynne, and in 1954, their son Jeffrey, both born at Watts Hospital. Lynne married a Watts Hospital-Hillandale boy, James Sprague, whose father and brothers build St. Luke's Church on Hillandale. James's mother still resides at the corner of Alabama and Sprunt, and Lynne and James live off Cole Mill Road. Jeffrey recently returned to Durham and was named North Carolina Middle School Coach of the Year.

Dub and Eva still enjoy the trees and convenience of Hillandale Golf Club. Dub plays at least once a week, and Zack Veasey, HGC General Manager, reminds Eva how happy he is to see her working in her garden every Spring because that's his sign the golfers will be coming to play again soon.

*Eva Johnson graciously submitted this article to Parade, and we thank her for sharing such wonderful memories with us. This is the sixth in a series of articles about neighbors who have lived in WHH for 50 or more years. If you would like to suggest someone to profile in this series, please call Debbie Kelly at 286-3621 or send her an email at [debrakelly@hotmail.com](mailto:debrakelly@hotmail.com).*

## **JOIN OUR LISTSERV**

**Lose a dog? Find a cat? Need a plumber or want to find a home for your old bike? Having a yard sale or a connip-tion over the cutting of trees? Did you know we have our own neighborhood listserv? Go to:**  
**<http://rtpnet.org/pipermail/whhna-list/2007/date.html>**  
**and link up with your neighbors!**

## Heart of the Neighborhood—continued

submitted by Tom Miller (“Home for a Century”) will be used for the WHH Centennial.

Thank you to everyone who helped make FestOval 2007 so much fun for the entire neighborhood!

### Our Annual Meeting Gets It Done!

Over 75 members of the Watts Hospital-Hillandale Neighborhood Association gathered on October 16, 2007 at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church for the 2007 Annual Meeting. We elected new officers and directors, listened to updates on neighborhood news, and discussed hot neighborhood topics.

As the primary order of business, the membership elected new officers and directors for the upcoming year. Almost all the directors from last year are staying on for another year with some changes in roles. The membership elected Meredith Emmett as President for another term. Sherri Zann Rosenthal was elected to her first term as Vice President after serving for several years as a director. Gus Beck, a former WHHNA President, was elected to serve as Treasurer. Steve Cohn, moved from the position of Vice President to serve as Secretary. Joshua Allen, Larry Chapman, Anne Fairchild, Wendi Gale, Deb Kelly, Tom Miller, and Gene Moser were elected to serve another term as a director – all of them have served last year. April Walton was elected as the newest director to join the board.

With this election, we say goodbye to a WHHNA stalwart: Marilyn Butler who has served as treasurer for many years. Marilyn has diligently kept all of our membership and financial records in good order and she has done it with grace and ease. We are glad that Marilyn has volunteered to continue to maintain the membership renewal system and to work with Gus Beck as he learns the ropes of being treasurer.

In addition to electing new officers and directors, we received reports on the association’s finances and heard updates on the upcoming renovation of Oval Park, the nearly completed renovation of Westover Park, the traffic calming project on West Club Blvd, and the plans for making Halloween safe.

Jeanne Bishop, the new principal of EK Powe Elementary, shared her vision of making EK Powe a neighborhood school. Ms. Bishop talked about the many good things happening at E.K. Powe: the small class sizes, the opportunity for children to walk or ride their bikes to school, and the 75 Duke students that serve as tutors through the Duke Neighborhood Partnership. The school has special teachers devoted to teaching music, science, art, and physical education and offers Friday clubs, some of them led by neighbors.

After the news updates, neighbors circulated to discussion sessions led by one or two experts in an area of particular neighborhood interest. Joshua Allen, chair of both the Traffic Committee and the Tree Committee, listened to neighbors concerns about traffic calming and the trees on Club and shared the plans being developed by the two committees. Tom Miller shared maps highlighting the plans for new development on

Ninth Street. Deb Kelly solicited ideas and help for the 2008 Neighborhood Centennial. Steve Cohn and Ned Kennington shared the latest on the lighting system for NCSSM’s soccer field and listened to neighbor’s concerns and ideas about the relationship between the school and neighborhood. Larry Brockman, the outgoing President of the Ellerbee Creek Watershed Association, shared the association’s vision for extending the trail along the creek. Shannon Schuster, our neighborhood’s liaison with Durham CAN, asked for input on priorities for Durham CAN. Mig Little Hayes and Judy Kincaid from Watts Busters, our neighborhood group focused on clean energy and discussed ideas for inspiring the neighbors to save energy. Door prizes from the Regulator Bookshop, Joe Van Gogh, and the Ellerbee Creek Watershed Association capped off the evening. Thanks to all who made our 2007 Annual Meeting a big success! Please join us next year on the third Tuesday in October for the 2008 Annual Meeting.

## Board Members, 2007–2008

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