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THE WATTS HOSPITAL-HILLANDALE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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DUKE CENTRAL CAMPUS GETS THE GREEN LIGHT

At its mid-January meeting the Durham city council voted 7-0 to approve Duke's Central Campus rezoning. The vote followed many months of meetings between Duke University officials and representatives of a diverse group of neighborhood and business interests. Over time this group came to be called the "stakeholders" and included the management of Northgate Mall, business owners from the Ninth Street and Brightleaf Square areas, the Historic Preservation Society of Durham, and representatives of the Trinity Park, Old West Durham, Burch Avenue, and Watts-Hillandale neighborhoods.

Central Campus is the area separating Duke's east and west campuses. Duke bought most of the property during the 70s and 80s and redeveloped it from a mill village to student apartments and recreation facilities. As planned, Central Campus will be completely unlike anything the university has built before. Whereas east campus faces inward on itself cloistered safely behind its stone wall and west campus's gothic majesty is nestled deep in its enveloping forest, Central Campus will directly and immediately engage the greater Durham community. Its first phase will open onto Anderson Street, a public thoroughfare.

This past summer, the stakeholders presented Duke with a list of concerns that they believed needed special consideration. These concerns included limits on campus retail, reservation of certain areas for residential development only, height restrictions, open space protection, and historic preservation. Duke responded positively on many of the stakeholders' concerns, right away.

Duke officials were sensitive to the concerns of area merchants, but did not want to unreasonably limit their ability to provide the dining and retail facilities that major universities customarily provide to their students, faculty and staff. The solution came in the definition of two classes of users. Duke agreed that retail and restaurants open to the general public would be limited to an aggregate of 50,000 square feet with no single space exceeding 20,000 square feet. The stakeholders agreed

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FOCUS

Night of Lights Sparkles!

BY ANNE FAIRCHILD

Our 22nd annual "Night of Lights" celebration went off without a hitch on December 17th. The weather was unseasonably hot which brought out neighbors in droves to participate in the festivities. It was a welcome change from the sog-giness of last year's celebration. People came by the picnic shelter at Oval Park (some in shorts!) and chatted with neighbors both new and old, picked up their luminary supplies, and donated food and money to the "Durham Urban Ministries Community Kitchen". As usual our neighborhood was very generous in its giving. 1800 pounds of food were collected as well as \$1700 in cash. It was a festive atmosphere and fun was had by all. The neighborhood looked beautiful with all the glowing lights. A special thanks to the Rock Shop for their donation of our essential sand! Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make Night of Lights a success.

Neighbors who give their time off to help out is why we are able to keep traditions like the "Night of Lights" alive for 22 years!



RETAIL RAP

Folks mourning the loss of favorite downtown pub Jo and Jo's are flocking to **DAIN'S PLACE** on Ninth Street directly across from George's Garage. And who can blame them? Owner Dain Phelan has stocked over 50 premium foreign beers and U.S. micro-brews to help patrons wash down a yummy selection of specialty sandwiches and munchies. Fresh breads delivered daily, homemade soups and desserts, and a real honest-to goodness Philly cheese steak are attracting happy customers! (Dain lived in Philadelphia and knows his cheese steak!) They may have the best burger options in town, too. How 'bout an 8 oz. burger with sauerkraut, mozzarella, blue cheese, guacamole and sauteed peppers? There are lots of toppings and sauces! Dain has made his pub non-smoking and has hooked it up for wireless laptops to have the absolute best dining and/or working experience. Check out Dain's for lunch or dinner, take-out or private parties. Call 416-8800. Oh yeah.....Dain's has gotta be the only place in town where you can order Oreos and milk for dessert!

Lucky Us, we also have another great place in the 'hood for sipping and dining now that the **BROAD STREET CAFE** is under new ownership. There are fabulous coffees, wines and beer, light fare and desserts, and cozy chairs for reading and playing games of all kinds. The BSC is rapidly becoming a most desired hangout for kids and adults alike. There have been a plethora of great bands at night, children's activities on weekends, classes, events, and you can also rent it out for private use. It's an easy walk from our 'hood to Broad Street, just south of Club Blvd.!

Up on Hillsborough Rd. at Oakland, the China Inn that became Pancho's Mexican Buffet is now the **BIG PIG BAR-B-QUE** restaurant. Their menu features a good selection of bar-b-que chicken and pork, with large platter options including the usual hushpuppies and favorite Bar-b-que munchies. Curiously they still seem to be serving Mexican dishes, so it can be a bit confusing it's also unclear whether or not they are open just for lunch and/or dinner. We'll see!!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Drowning In Water Bills?

BY JOEL SHOLTES

(Editor's note: Along with our WHHNA energy saving Watts-Busters, neighbor Joel Sholtes, from the Department of Water Management, offers this water saving advice.)

Did you know that the average volume of water consumed inside a home is 70 gallons a day or 25 gallons per person? On your water bill, that translates to 6 units of consumption every two months (2 units per person) or about a \$37.00 water bill including sewer and stormwater charges. If your water bill is significantly higher than that, then you might have a leak or older, inefficient plumbing fixtures. Visit the City of Durham's website at www.durhamnc.gov and search for "water conservation" for call 560-4381 to find out more about saving water and reducing your bill.



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NCSSM and WHHNA Agree On Stadium Lighting

By STEVE COHN AND NED KENNINGTON

On January 12, Chancellor Gerald Boarman agreed to accept a written offer from WHHNA representatives to endorse a design for a lighting system for the soccer field and track that NCSSM is building at the corner of Broad Street and Sprunt Avenue. The WHHNA offer, made on January 7, proposed that the association could endorse the design if NCSSM would do several things, among them to enter into a written agreement with WHHNA that promises to take corrective action if the lighting system spills more light in the neighborhood than projected by the design documents for the system. The lighting system is to be constructed by Musco Lighting Systems of Oskaloosa, Iowa using their Light Structure Green fixtures in a unique configuration that should reduce glare by aiming the lights pointed toward the neighborhood steeply downward.

While the WHHNA representatives would have preferred to have no lights at all on the stadium, they believe this agreement is a very good deal for the neighbors and for the School. In order to accommodate the neighbors, Chancellor Boarman will be spending more on the lighting system than his expert consultants felt was necessary. WHHNA is very grateful for that.

In order to allow NCSSM to proceed with construction of the lighting system, it appears that WHHNA and NCSSM will sign one agreement on lighting and a separate, later agreement on other issues such as the use of amplified sound systems, vegetative buffers, use by outside groups, spectator seating and parking and access.

As we go to press, many issues in both agreements remain unresolved, and it is not certain that any agreements will be signed.

On January 3 NCSSM began grading for the stadium, and the grading is nearing completion as this is being written. It appears that the grass will not be established well enough for the soccer field to be used until this fall. The School says they have no immediate plans to tear down the eastern smoke-stack and construct the track facility.

WHHNA is extremely grateful to all of the legislators from Durham County and the members of the Durham City Council and the Durham County Commissioners whose assistance has been essential in helping us make the gains we have made so far, especially Representative Paul Luebke and City Councilman Mike Woodard.

Save Energy and \$\$\$ With WATTS-BUSTERS

By CAROLINE WEAVER

Here's all the news and helpful hints from our fast growing neighborhood energy saving group. Join up! Email watts-busters-subscribe@yahoo.com



Sandy Smith-Nonini is seeking volunteers who will conduct a solar hot water survey in the 'hood to assess the viability of south-facing roofs for energy saving solar panels. Contact Sandy (scsmith@email.unc.edu) if you are interested in helping with this effort. We are delighted that Lisa Pepin, head of global awareness group at NCSSM, has 30 student volunteer ready and willing to help with the solar hot water survey in the neighborhood and perhaps beyond our borders.

Energy Survey

We are also interested in conducting a more general energy-focused neighborhood survey to find out what folks are doing (or not doing) regarding energy-conservation, and what Watts-Busters can do to encourage energy-conservation and savings. If you'd like to help

with this effort, email Mig (mhayes7@nc.rr.com) or Sandy (scsmith@email.unc.edu).

What's your carbon footprint?

Calculate the carbon emissions that you produce at:

<http://www.carbonfootprint.com/calculator.html>

Some helpful energy saving hints

Here are just a few. We'd also like to hear what others in the neighborhood are doing! We are adding a Watts-Busters section to the neighborhood website and would love to have your input!

- Change your six most used light bulbs to compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs). They consume a quarter of the electricity and last up to 12 times longer.
- Use low-flow showerheads. Particularly replacing models made before 1994.
- Energy Star appliances are much more efficient. Replace a pre-1993 refrigerator with an Energy Star one.
- Adjust your water heater. Lower your water heater's thermostat to 120 degrees to restrict heat loss.
- Moderate your thermostat. Lower the temperature by just 2 degrees in the winter. Turn the heat down 10 degrees and night and when you aren't home. Installing a programmable thermostat can help you with this.
- Wash clothing in cold water.
- Unplug. Many electronics use energy even when they are turned off. If you are not using something unplug it.
- What you eat matters. Vegetarians use less energy. Also buying locally grown foods or growing your own makes a difference. There is at least one CSA in our neighborhood and the Durham Farmer's Market is a great local resource.

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Neighborhood

NOTABLE HAPPENINGS
IN OUR NECK OF
THE WOODS

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ECWA Keeps Active

BY STEVE COHN

Winter slows down the outdoor activities for all of us, but Ellerbe Creek Watershed Association has been staying active in many ways in recent months, and as always many of those activities are happening right in our neighborhood.

Cynthia Kulstad, our part-time preserve manager, continues to work on clearing out invasive exotic species in the 17-Acre Wood along the West Ellerbe Creek Trail. You can find her there most Fridays, and you can see the results of her work both along the paved trail and along the paths through the woods. From the tangle of vines, she's been liberating such native species as arrowwood viburnum, buttonbush and hearts a bustin.' She also has restored the wetland near the Albany end of the trail.

And if you haven't recently checked out the ECWA kiosk at the Albany entrance, take a look ---among other things you can find new maps of ECWA's preserves (thanks to neighborhood resident and mapmaker extraordinaire Carl Stearns) and a list of wildlife spotted in the 17-Acre Wood. Much of that wildlife is birds, of course, and on February 24th Dan Kaplan, WHHNA's resident bird enthusiast/expert, led a bird walk through the 17-Acre Wood. I hope some of you were able to attend. The best way to find out about such events is to join ECWA, so you can get our newsletter regularly, and also get onto the ECWA list-serve.

ECWA has also been busy on the fundraising front, receiving a matching grant from Durham County for improvements on our three nature preserves. A big grant application is pending with the Clean Water Management Trust fund for restoration of the stretch of the creek that runs along the West Ellerbe Trail, so look for news about

that in the coming months.

We had very active attendance at our annual membership meeting in the late fall, and interest in ECWA seems to be growing steadily. But we're always looking for new members, and we're also looking for people who are willing to pitch in on a wide variety of outdoor and indoor tasks. If you're interested in participating in any way, please contact our Executive Director Diana Tetens at 698-8161 or by e-mail at DianaT@elerbecreek.org.

Helpful City Departments You Can Call!



Need to contact certain folks in the city government but don't know how to reach them? Here are a few names and phone numbers that we frequently are looking for! Clip this article and stick it on your fridge!

(Thanks to Dean Michaels for providing this information.)

Durham Police Non-Emergency: 560-4427

The new Durham One-Call: 560-1200.

Animal Control—Cindy Bailey: 560-0630

Neighborhood Improvement—Toya Merritt: 560-4570 x 223

Housing Inspectors (and/or abandoned vehicles, weedy lots, trash, debris)—Rick Hester: 560-4570 x 236 or George Carter: x 233

Graffiti Removal (especially gang related; also coordinates heavy trash pick-up)—Mitch Archer: 560-4974

Cars Parking on lawns—Cynthia Jenkins: 560-4137 x 250

All of these people can be reached via e-mail by spelling their names and placing a period between the first and last names and then adding @durhamnc.gov...i.e Cynthia.Jenkins@durhamnc.gov

News From E.K. Powe

BY CHERYL FULLER, PRINCIPAL

Hello to all of our neighbors in the E.K. Powe community from your neighborhood school! We are off and running with the ringing in of the 2007 year. There is a great deal of pressure for us to meet our state and federal goals by May, but as always our families, staff and students are rising to the challenge. During the month of February, we get to show off our great school with 2 showcase of school events. The first is on the evening of Thursday, February 15th at 7:00 p.m. The second is Friday, February 16th at 1:30 in the afternoon. Any parents or community members are welcome to come to either of these events to see all the great learning happening right here in your neighborhood. Even if you do not have school age children, it is your tax dollars that support us, so feel free to come by and see what is happening at E.K. Powe Elementary. You may find yourself signing up to volunteer for an hour or two each week with a child that needs some extra support to be successful!

I'm sorry to say we have had a bit more vandalism at Powe with two windows being broken out by large rocks. We appreciate our neighbors keeping an eye open for us when we are not here on the weekends. I know many of you change your traffic route just so you can drive by and check out the security of our building. Thanks so much for these efforts! We love the opportunity to share our basketball court and soccer fields with our community, but our children do an outstanding job of keeping their school safe, clean and in good condition. They deserve the same from their community so thank you for calling 911 if you see any unusual behavior.

Have a great rest of the year and we will write about our success in the June edition of this newsletter!

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A BRIEF HISTORY OF ERWIN MILLS & THE MILL VILLAGE

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As you walk down Ninth Street today, the long red brick building across from the Regulator Bookshop seems to be an almost forgotten footnote of history. And yet the Erwin Cotton Mills were the driving force that made west Durham what it is today.

According to Jean Anderson, author of Durham County, a History, the company bought several adjacent tracts of land in west Durham and built a brick factory 75 by 347 feet, two stories high, with a picker building, dye house, boiler room, and engine house. Rows of neat houses were built for the workers, who in 1895 numbered 375. The factory then had 11,000 spindles and 360 looms producing fine muslin, chambrays, camlets, and denims. The mill was founded by the Dukes and their partners to supply sacking and other textiles necessary for their tobacco products.

Company housing was modest and decent by the standards of the times, decidedly spartan by those of today. The houses were well-designed and built and many were decorated with a little of the gingerbread that is the hallmark of Victorian architecture. They had running water, but most lacked bathtubs and some lacked commodes. They were heated by coal stoves, but most had electricity. Families hung a card on their front porches to indi-

cate to the ice deliveryman how many pounds to put in their icebox that day. Some houses had "Do-not-Disturb" signs advising that a third-shift worker slept there during the day. Jean Anderson adds that the mill homes were, "clean, well-maintained, inexpensive (usually about twenty-five cents per room per week), and convenient. [Mill workers] liked the sociability of the village. They had space in their yards for vegetables and flowers.... Christmas was a wonderful time. Everyone got an apple and an orange and a stick of candy." Small grocery stores dotted the residential streets as well – including the buildings that now house the Magnolia Grill and West Durham Tire.

When the Durham Architectural and Historic Inventory was published more than 25 years ago, it noted, "a great number of these houses survive today in neat rows of identical forms situated close to the street, presenting a clear idea of the early character of the West Durham mill village." Today, however, the closure of the mill, the extension of the freeway, and redevelopment at Duke and Erwin Square have taken their toll. Now only a handful of mill houses still stand south of the freeway and these must be moved or face demolition to make way for Duke's new Central Campus. The largest remnant of the old mill village is located in the Old West Durham Neighborhood south of Englewood Avenue. Here, at least, an important fragment of Durham's architectural and historic fabric stands safe and intact.

For more information on life in the Erwin mill village, check out the Old West Durham Neighborhood Association website: <http://www.owdna.org/History/history.htm>.



Durham CAN Updates

DURHAM CAN TAKING ON ISSUE OF UNINSURED DURHAMITES

At the last Durham CAN assembly, the Health Action Team announced a public meeting with representatives from Duke Health System, County Commission, City Council, Chamber of Commerce, NC Institute of Medicine, Lincoln Community Health Center, the Department of Social Services and the State Legislature in order to discuss specific solutions for the growing number of uninsured families. In preparation, several CAN Health Team members did extensive research on the hidden costs of the uninsured, and came up with several models as a starting point. At the December 15th meeting, CAN leaders met with almost every public and private leader in Durham's health care arena, including the institutions listed

above. We are happy to report that CAN, in partnership with three other groups, got a commitment from all the major players to form a working group to evaluate several plans for improving health care access in the City of Medicine. Stay tuned for updates on this important advance toward a healthier, more equitable Durham.

DURHAM CAN ADDRESSING SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

Leaders of the CAN Education and Youth Team agreed to implement a new round of house meetings in order to better understand the concerns and vision of students and parents for the public school system. House meetings are organized in order to listen to the vision and concerns of CAN members. The team recently organized a retreat with leaders from the School Board and received a very positive report on most of the commitments made to CAN at a previous accountability session with candidates for School Board.

DUKE CENTRAL CAMPUS—continued

that there would be no special limit on retail and dining facilities open only to Duke students, faculty, staff, and alumni. With a little polishing by the Durham Planning Department and the city attorney's office, this agreement was incorporated into the rezoning.

Concerning building heights, the stakeholders asked Duke to limit Central campus buildings essentially to the height of the mature tree canopy. For their part, Duke's representatives quickly agreed to limit building heights for all but a fraction of the 128-acre area to 3-5 stories. However, Duke was reluctant to limit building heights near the intersection of Anderson and Erwin because they did want to constrain the ability of the medical center to expand and grow. Compromise was achieved when the parties agreed that the occupied space of buildings in this area would not exceed 90 feet in height. For reference, the Erwin Square tower across the freeway is about 140 feet tall.

At the city council meeting, the agreement of the university and the stakeholders was presented by Duke's Provost, Peter Lange. Dr. Lange pointed to the negotiations and the resulting agreement as proof that Duke and Durham are one community with shared aspirations and goals.



Calendar of Events

- March 20** Neighborhood Board Meeting
7:30 p.m. at the home of
Deb Kelly, 1105 Alabama
- April 17** Neighborhood Board Meeting
7:30 p.m. at the home of
Meredith Emmett, 1301 Alabama
- May 15** Neighborhood Board Meeting
7:30 p.m. at the home of
Home of Marilyn Butler, 2110 Englewood
- June 19** Neighborhood Board Meeting
7:30 p.m. at the office of
Home of Anne Fairchild, 1105 Oakland

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.



Heart of the Neighborhood

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Remembering Our Children's Museum and Other Neighborhood Delights

BY DEBORAH KELLY

(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.)

If you were a new mom from Virginia raising five small children in the Watts Hospital-Hillandale neighborhood and were without a lot of friends or family in the area, the Children's Museum, now known as the Museum of Life and Sciences, might have been one of your favorite places. It once was located on Club Blvd near Hillandale Rd, and neighbor Jean Middleton remembers it with great fondness. Jean also served on its board before it moved to Murray Avenue.

Jean has lived near the intersection of Club and Alabama for almost fifty years. She left Richmond in 1956 and shortly thereafter bought a lovely, quintessential foursquare house with a full Craftsman porch. At that time, she recalls, split-level ranches were very chic and much more popular. Like good wine, the beauty of her house has only been enhanced over time and continues to contribute to the unique streetscape of one of the most lovely boulevards in Durham.

Jean easily paints a vivid picture of our neighborhood when it was still possible for a four-year old to ride his tricycle along the sidewalks – all by himself, for families to picnic near the reservoir – without being chased away by security guards, and for moms to send kids to the “Cow” with a few dimes to buy milk and bread or a few pieces of candy. (Many of us remember the beloved “Cow” store at Hillsborough Rd. and Georgia.)

She also remembers that the West Durham Community Center was another big draw for WHH families. Jean recalls taking her children to the center to use its playground equipment, bar-b-que grills and picnic tables and benches on many, many occasions. It was particularly popular to rent the center for birthday parties and other events. The community center was located on Hillsborough Rd near the reservoir. It was taken down when Hillandale Rd. was extended up to Duke Hospital.

Some other places Jean recalls no longer exist or have changed functions, while some of the neighborhood's anchors remain. For example, all of the Middleton children attended E.K. Powe Elementary School, and all but the oldest were born at Watts Hospital. On snowy days when the children were young, families would gather on the large parcel of undeveloped land west of Georgia and north of Club Blvd. to slide down the open field, one time on an abandoned car hood! They would even light campfires to keep warm!

We live in a neighborhood with such a rich history of families, landmarks and great stories. Thank you, Jean, for sharing some of your stories with all of us!