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— 2009 CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION EVENTS —
**SUMMER VIDEO AND AUDIO INSTITUTES
IN WHHN**

DEBBIE KELLY

The Center for Documentary Studies (CDS) at Duke University will conduct its fieldwork for the 2009 Summer Video and Audio Institutes in Watts Hospital-Hillandale in June and July! Twelve teams of two CDS students each will be paired with a CDS instructor and a WHH resident/subject who has volunteered for participation. Each student team will then shoot/record, develop, edit and finally, present, a 5-8 minute documentary about its WHH resident/subject. The Video Institute takes place Saturday, June 20 thru Saturday, June 27; the Audio Institute takes place Sunday, July 19 thru Saturday, July 25.

Please join us for the following events in connection with the CDS 2009 Summer Institutes:

Monday, June 22, 7-9pm, Lecture Hall, NCSSM - Dr. P. Preston Reynolds, author of *Watts Hospital of Durham, North Carolina, 1895-1976: Keeping the Doors Open*, will share photos, documentation, stories and insights about Watts Hospital, and Karen Price, a NC-raised filmmaker and former press aide to a U.S. senator and congressman, will share a recent documentary production. Dr. Reynolds and Ms. Price will speak to and take questions from the audience.

Saturday, June 27, 9:30am-noon, Lecture Hall, NCSSM – twelve teams of two CDS students will each present a 5-8 minute documentary about its WHH resident/subject. Come and see your friends and neighbors on the big screen!

Saturday, June 27, 12:30-3pm, picnic area, corner of Maryland Avenue and West Club Blvd, NCSSM – bring a tasty dish to this potluck and share some good ol' NC & WHH hospitality with the CDS students and staff to celebrate the meaningful work of the Video Institute!

Tuesday, July 21, 7-9pm, Lecture Hall, NCSSM – Jay Allison, independent broadcast journalist and curator/producer of *This I Believe* on National Public Radio, will share stories and insights about creating documentaries, essays and special series for national and international broadcast. Mr. Allison will take questions from the audience.

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FOCUS

**60th Annual Watts Hospital-Hillandale
July 4 Parade!**

Saturday, July 4 at 10:00 a.m. Gather at the corner of Oakland Avenue and Club Boulevard

TOM MILLER

This event is not to be missed. It marks a milestone in an unbroken tradition of stewardship and community. Our neighborhood parade is the oldest Fourth of July celebration in town. Others are bigger and noisier, but ours, with its intimate, quiet dignity, is meaningful and more closely represents the better part of patriotism and America at its best.

It all started on the sticky, unairconditioned Fourth of July, 1950. A handful of kids with little to do were melting in Alice Walker's back yard at 2223 W. Club. She remembered an article about neighborhood parades she'd read in the July issue of *Parents* magazine and urged her husband, Tom, to rally the kids. They decorated their trikes and scooters with red, white, and blue crepe paper, and little American flags. Tom urged them to march a block down the sidewalk and back a couple of times and off they went. Afterwards, back in the Walker's yard, they recited the Pledge of Allegiance and sang "My country 'tis of thee..." and other patriotic songs. Afterward, Alice provided cold soft drinks - a treat, not a staple in those days - and the tradition was born.

The event grew bigger and better each year thereafter. More kids and their families joined in. The Walkers supplied proper flags for the event and as the union added a 49th and a 50th state, new flags were purchased to keep the celebration up-to-date. Soon there were too many kids to march on the sidewalk and Tom persuaded the city to close Club Boulevard and supply a police escort. The recitation of the Pledge and patriotic singing got moved to Oval Park when the Walker's yard proved too small.

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PARADE is the newsletter of the Watts Hospital-Hillandale Neighborhood Association. It is delivered quarterly to the 1,350 households in the neighborhood. The association is a private nonprofit established in 1984 to preserve and enhance the residential character of the area. Membership is open to every adult who owns property or resides in the neighborhood. **Editor:** Wendi Gale. **Art Director:** Candy Webster. **Web Site Host:** Joshua Allen — <http://www.whhna.org>
To subscribe to the neighborhood association listserv, please go to "<http://www.rtpnet.org/mailman/listinfo/whhna-list>."
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If you know a new neighbor or are one yourself, please contact Dean Michaels (286-2601) or Karen Stark (286-9895)???

Brooke and Dan McIntyre, and Zoey the dog, on West Club Blvd, are excited to announce the newest member of their family-- Nolan McIntyre, born March 16th. Already 2 feet tall at 2 months, he will be starting basketball training ASAP. Until then, look for Nolan and Zoey traipsing about the neighborhood and enjoying the spring and summer sunshine.

Sherry Carty moved to 2307 Wilson Street in December 2008. Living in and loving Durham for quite a few years before that, she especially likes the state named streets around Club Boulevard. – “I am very happy to now call it my home! I am a patent agent by day and enjoy having a home that fosters my creative interests, including hand-built pottery and music (I’m currently learning ukulele with our neighbors at High Strung). I love this community full of great neighbors. Thanks for the welcomes! Stop by for tea in my Orange kitchen.”

Calendar of Events

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 9:00 AM-NOON - Durham CAN House Meetings’ Training, 800 Watts Street, Watts Street Baptist Church (see article on page 5)

MONDAY, JUNE 22, 7-9PM - Dr. P. Preston Reynolds & Ms. Karen Price, Lecture Hall, NCSSM - (see article on page 1)

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 9:30AM-NOON - WHH Documentary Videos presented by CDS, Lecture Hall, NCSSM (see article on page 1)

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 12:30-3PM - Video Inst. Potluck Picnic, NCSSM picnic area (corner of Maryland Ave. and West Club Blvd)

SATURDAY, JULY 4, 10:00AM - 60th Annual Watts Hospital-Hillandale July 4 Parade, Oval Park (see article on page 1)

TUESDAY, JULY 21, 7-9PM - Jay Allison, NPR Broadcast Journalist, Lecture Hall, NCSSM

SATURDAY, JULY 25, 9:30AM-NOON - WHH audio stories presented by CDS, Lecture Hall, NCSSM (see article on page 1)

SATURDAY, JULY 25, 12:30-3PM - Audio Inst. Potluck Picnic, NCSSM picnic area (corner of Maryland Avenue and West Club Blvd.)

SATURDAY, OCT. 3, - FestOval in Oval Park

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UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

June 16 Neighborhood Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
 at the home of Larry Chapman
 1400 Alabama Ave.

July 21 Neighborhood Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
 at the home of Meredith Emmet
 1301 Alabama Ave.

Aug. 18 Neighborhood Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
 Duke University Press in Brightleaf Square

Sept. 15 Neighborhood Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
 at the home of Darrell Fruth
 1308 Virginia Ave.

Oct. 20 Annual Meeting of the WHHNA Membership
 Summit Church at the corner of W. Club Blvd.
 and Carolina 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.

Pleas For Trees

JOSHUA ALLEN

The Tree Committee of the WHHNA board of directors hopes that all neighborhood residents have appreciated the recent planting of many new trees in the Oval Park and Broad Street areas. However, the committee assumes that you have also noticed the loss of several trees along the southern side of Club Boulevard in the past recent months. Many of the major street trees in our neighborhood were planted in the 1930s and are reaching, or have already reached the end of their lifespan. To balance the sorrow felt in the loss of these mature trees it is time to assume responsibility to plant new trees.

The Committee urges a WHH goal of new trees being planted this 2009-2010 winter! If you believe you have space for a street tree in front of your house (in the city right of way, typically between the sidewalk and street), you can download a form and mail it to the Durham City to request a newly planted tree. You may choose between a large shade tree, medium shade/ornamental tree, small ornamental tree, or a large ever-

green tree. Today is not too early to submit a request because the queue fills up quickly based upon budgetary restraints. More information, a list of available trees, and the required Street Tree Request Form are available at the website address below: <http://www.durhamnc.gov/departments/general/forestry.cfm>

It is our hope that homeowners on the North side of Club Boulevard PLEASE replant Willow Oak trees to ensure WHHN maintain a tall, mature tree canopy, an historic landmark of the community's landscape integrity. Unfortunately, the power lines on the south side of the street prevent us from re-planting Willow Oaks because they grow too tall. For the south side, we recommend you choose one of the following trees: Chinese Pistache, Chinese Redbud, or Trident Maple. Homeowners on other streets in the neighborhood may choose one of the many trees offered on the Durham City list. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Joshua Allen, WHHNA Tree Committee chairman at allen.joshua@gmail.com

Restoration of Ellerbe Creek between Albany St. and I-85 Begins in Late Summer 2009

In case you haven't heard the good news, the Ellerbe Creek Watershed Association (ECWA) recently received a \$416,000 grant from the NC Clean Water Management Trust Fund to restore the stretch of Ellerbe Creek that runs between Albany Street and Interstate 85. The first half-mile section to be restored flows from Indian Trail Park to Westover Park through ECWA's 17-Acre Wood Preserve, where the current West Ellerbe Creek Trail runs. The remaining section stretches from Guess Road to where the creek flows under Interstate 85.

Project planning for this restoration is now under way, with Baker Engineering chosen as the firm to do the work. Construction is scheduled to begin in August 2009 to be completed by the end of the year. Before the work starts, ECWA and Baker Engineering will host a public information meeting where community members can view the project design, learn more about the project and its benefits, and ask any and all questions. The date of that meeting will be set and provided to WHHN residents as soon as final approval of the construction permits is obtained.

This restoration project will help to stabilize the stream's banks, reduce erosion, and drastically reduce suspended-sediment loads in the creek. The project also includes the removal of invasive flora and replanting with native non-invasive vegetation. These changes will improve water quality and aquatic habitat and help to address the causes of impaired biological integrity in the creek. The high visibility of the site will provide opportunities for the public to learn about the creek and the restoration, help promote improved stewardship of the creek, and maximize the environmental and recreational assets of the site.

The project also ensures the protection of the existing stretch of the West Ellerbe Creek Trail. This trail segment between the two parks has been much used and loved since it was con-

structed in 2001. However, during this time the eroding creek bank has moved ever closer to the greenway and is now within inches of the pavement in several locations. Bank stabilization will protect the greenway from the damage that is otherwise inevitable, and thus preserve this wonderful public resource.

Because of site limitations—including the adjacent greenway and a sewer line on the other side—the creek restoration between the two parks will focus on bank stabilization and improvements to the existing channel structure, rather than on significant relocation and reconfiguration of the channel. Thus, the visible changes in this stretch will not be quite as dramatic as those seen at other recent restoration sites in Durham, such as those at Northgate Park or Forest Hills. On the little-visited stretch of greenway that runs from the other side of Guess Road there is a little more room to play with since there the trail planning will occur in conjunction with the restoration planning. It is expected that this stretch will be much more visited and appreciated once the trail planners find a good way to get trail-users safely across Guess Road.

During the construction and re-vegetation process, and for quite a while thereafter until the new native plants can take hold fully, the site will undoubtedly look downright ugly at times. But please have faith that the surgeons in this case know what they are doing and that, although our poor sick creek may not look so good coming off the operating table, it will emerge far healthier and more beautiful once it has made it through the recovery process.

This project has been in the works for a long time. It had its start in 2002 when ECWA received a grant for a feasibility study and design of a restoration between Albany Street and Guess Road. In 2006 ECWA submitted a second grant to implement the project and add the stretch of creek between Guess

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A Century Ago

TOM MILLER

Watts Hillandale was one of Durham's original streetcar suburbs. The extension of the line down Broad Street in 1907 to serve the new Watts Hospital enhanced the areas attractiveness to real estate developers and homebuyers alike. This was the era before the inexpensive automobile conquered distance for the average citizen. The notion of a home in the country free from factory smokestacks belching soot and cinders was an advertising plus. Describing Club Boulevard properties, ads in the *Durham Morning Herald* included statements like "one of the finest homes out there" and "Do it for the children!" The electric streetcar made it all possible.

By 1912, the line was extended down Club Boulevard. The car came by every 15 minutes or so and the fare was just a nickel for as long as you wanted to ride. Original Virginia Avenue resident **Annie Mae Harrell** once reminisced that at the end of the day she walked to Club to wait for her husband to return home on the trolley from his work downtown. **Ruth Dailey**, who grew up in West Durham, remembered that as a child she and her friends would put pennies on the tracks to be flattened by the trolley as it passed. In the same fashion, crossed straight pins were made into scissors for her dolls. Later, the streetcar carried Ruth and one or another of her beaux to the Carolina, the Center, or the Rialto downtown for a movie and maybe a malted.

Zip Brawley relayed perhaps the best neighborhood trolley story of all. Zip was just a little shaver in 1914 when his parents moved into their new home on the north side of Club near the intersection with Georgia Avenue. The trolley line on Club ended with a wooden bumper at the western end of the street. This was the stop for the country club. As the car ended its westward journey, the motorman would bring it to a halt, dismount, and with a hook on a long pole, reverse the

rod that connected the car to the electric wire overhead. This operation reversed the motor and made what had been the back of the car the front for the eastbound return trip. According to Zip, during the '20s there lived in his part of the neighborhood a group of rowdy boys who would lie in wait for the motorman to complete this reversing ritual. As the trolley struggled back up the little slope at the western end of Club, these ruffians sprang from their hiding places with a whoop and bat the connecting rod away from the electric line with a long bamboo pole. Deprived of power, the car rolled back down the little hill and crashed into the bumper, sending the motorman and the county club swells on board head-over-heels like skittles.

Whenever he told this story, Zip was always careful to explain that he was never among the rowdies that perpetrated this crime. But is it just a coincidence that there is still a healthy stand of bamboo behind the old Brawley place???

Carry a Flag on the Fourth!

Demonstrate the wonderful diversity of your country and you neighborhood by carrying the flag of your home state or nation in the upcoming July 4 parade! If you don't have the flag you want, e-mail Tom Miller, this year's July 4 coordinator, at tom-miller1@nc.rr.com. Chances are good that he'll have it. If he does, it will be ready for you on the morning of the fourth. If it's not in the collection, he'll try to get it for you. But don't wait; send your e-mail message to Tom right away.

Howling Success of the Wattsminster Dog Show

KAY MICHAELS

Over 40 dogs and 100 people participated in the Wattsminster – the WHH first neighborhood dog show held at the NC School of Science and Math (NCSSM) baseball field. I can confidently say that a great time was had by all!

First a big thank you to our lead sponsor, Westside Animal Hospital and to our great

neighbor, The NCSSM, and to all the other sponsors and volunteers listed below that made this event such a great success!

The show started with a pooch parade around the perimeter of the baseball field led by chocolate lab Amigo—in his finest Mexican finery. Amigo went on to take first place in the large dog costume competition.

Then the games began. In the non-competitive and extremely popular event of bobbing for wieners, canines enjoyed snatching bits of wieners from a water-filled tub. More adventurous dogs showcased their diving abilities by submerging their entire head in the container to claim the illusive wiener bite sitting at the bottom of the tub. Oscar and Coco were standouts in the field!

The competitive games consisted of Musical Sit, Doggie Limbo and the Wiener Toss. Guthrie, a mixed breed who took second place in the costume contest with her pin-up girl costume, clenched a nail-biter "sit-off" against Isadora, a standard poodle, to take first place in the Musical Sit competition.

Game participants were awarded medals for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place with 1st place receiving one of many fabulous prizes donated by local businesses. Prizes included gift certificates to **Dains, Blu Seafood** and **Bahns**, a framed Eno River poster from **Arete**, dry cleaning from **Laundrymen**, and dog training lessons from **Pet Behavior Help**. The generosity of local merchants was incredible. See below for a complete list of sponsors and please be certain to thank each for their WHH support when you visit their establishment.

Along with games were other contest categories. Jack, a 5-month old tri-color Australian Shepherd, won the hearts of the judges and the crowd with his tail wagging abilities – all 2 inches of it! Maggie, our youngest volunteer, availed herself to be kissed in the kissing competition with first place going to a sweet, black miniature poodle. Schnabel, a youthful 16 year old,

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took first place in the aged to perfection contest. Fittingly, a brown and white Chihuahua took first place in the under 10 lbs lap dog competition. Scarlett O'Hara and Rhett Butler – a tandem family team took best costume for small dogs.

Dogs also wowed the crowd with tricks – Boomer, a 12 year-old, did a stunning “play dead” pose when his owner commanded “Bang! Bang! Nelson, a mixed breed, took first place in the howling competition with his sing-a-long with owner Marcia.

Throughout the event, dogs and people alike, snacked on treats donated by local businesses and volunteers – pupsicles and cookies for dogs and cupcakes for people. Thanks to **Whole Foods** for the water, **Watts Grocery** for the cupcakes and **Eunice Chang** for the pupsicles and dog treats! **APS of Durham** and **Westside Animal Hospital** shared giveaways and advice at their respective tables -- their contributions and support invaluable.

The event raised \$200 in cash donations and collected large amounts of pet food and toys. Donated pet food was delivered to Durham APS who took it to The Salvation Army where it was distributed to families with pets in need. Toys and gently used dog accessories were donated to the APS. Cash donations were given to Durham APS, Independent Animal Rescue and other groups working to improve the lives of animals and those who care for them.

The 2009 WHHNA Wattsminster Dog Show was such a success that we commit to make it a yearly tradition here in the ‘hood. Watch for details in the upcoming year or contact Kay Michaels if you would like to be a part of next year’s planning committee.

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What do E.K. Powe, Little River, and Glenn Elementary Schools have in common?

With Superintendent Harris’s endorsement, teams of the Watts-Hospital Hillandale residents and other Durham organizations recently assessed all three schools under the umbrella of Durham CAN (Congregations, Associations and Neighborhoods), staffed by Vickie Atkinson, Helen Compton, Susan James, Robin Magee, Lauren Miller, Don Moffitt, Rae Jean Proescholdbell, Nina Sperber, and Tobi Lippin. In fact, Durham CAN assessed the facilities of almost every public school in the Durham district.

In early May, with 300 or so CAN members in attendance, CAN put its action agenda before the majority of school board members who committed to the agenda. Along with addressing urgent items for individual schools, the agenda includes district-wide action areas aimed at improving heating and cooling, facility quality for public school-based early childhood programs, allocation of technology, and learning and development opportunities for exceptional students.

See Calendar of Events for the next CAN meeting aimed to set its annual aims.

The WHHN JULY 4 CELEBRATION NEEDS YOU!!!!

Fly a Flag on the Fourth!

This year we will mark the 60th anniversary of the neighborhood’s July 4 parade and celebration. Help make this landmark event really special by displaying the U.S., North Carolina, or Durham flag or the flag of the state or nation of your choice from your porch on the morning of the fourth. Inexpensive 3’x5’ U. S. flags are available at area hardware stores like Home Depot and Lowes. Flags from every nation are available thru the Internet. Get yours today and display it where it can be seen from the street.

Drummers Needed for the Parade!

Play in the high school marching band? Play in the garage when your spouse is visiting her (or his) parents? We need you to strap on your drum and join the line. If any of you drumming neighbors out there can supply our marchers with a lively cadence, we’ll be grateful. Show up a little early, say 9:40 a.m., to meet your fellow drummers and work out a plan.

Neighborhood T-Shirts a Warm Weather Fashion Must!

Don’t go through another summer with those same old dreary togs you’ve been wearing. With an expenditure of just \$12, you can be hip and with-it. All you need is a genuine, authorized Watts-Hillandale commemorative undergarment. There are many designs to choose from in a rainbow of colors. This year there will be a new design and maybe a reissue of an old favorite. There will be a shirt to fit everyone (from kids’ sizes up to adult XL and there are special cut shirts for the ladies). All shirts are natural, breathable cotton. Watts-Hillandale t-shirts can be acquired for cash or easy terms at the annual July 4 parade or any other time by calling Tom Miller, our man in underwear, 286-3730. Neighbors wearing a WH-H t-shirt to the Fourth of July Parade will be admitted free (all others will be admitted at no charge).

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MRS. ALICE WALKER Rekindles Memories of a WHH 60 Year Old Tradition

DEBRA KELLY

In honor of the 60th Anniversary of the Annual WHH 4th of July Parade, I visited recently with Mrs. Alice Walker in Croasdaile Village to share thoughts about the newspaper articles, letters and proclamations that she has collected over the years about this most cherished neighborhood tradition. Mrs. Walker beams with joy at the mention of the Fourth of July in Watts Hospital-Hillandale neighborhood, a place she called home for many, many years. She and her dear departed husband, Tom, raised their five children on Club Blvd. Today, you can still hear the fondness in her voice as she remembers suggesting the first parade to five neighborhood children and their oldest daughter on July 4, 1950. When everyone insisted they repeat the fun the next year, a tradition was born.

Mrs. Walker, who celebrated her 90th birthday in November 2008, plans to attend the parade again this year. She loves to see the children on bicycles and in red wagons marching along Club Blvd. behind the shining red fire truck. Mrs. Walker thinks her husband would be so touched that things haven't changed much since he celebrated the 40th Anniversary Parade on July 4, 1989. He wrote a magazine article the next year that includes the following excerpt:

The "program" has remained basically unchanged for 40 years: March together, sing together, pledge together, drink colas and socialized together – in that order. We like to keep things simple. No speeches, no political or religious overtones to dilute the patriotic theme. Everyone lingers after the parade for an hour or more, enjoying cold drinks and visiting together. All who live in the neighborhood are welcome . . . Men growing bald and women growing gray now seek out Alice or me to say, "I was in this parade when I was a child. Today I brought my children." It warms the heart.

We couldn't agree more, Mr. and Mrs. Walker. Thank you so much for starting a tradition in WHH that neighbors have celebrated for years and years. It is a lovely tradition and we are honored and so happy that Mrs. Walker and her family will again join WHH neighbors this year to mark and celebrate the very special occasion of the 60th Anniversary of the Annual WHH 4th of July Parade.

Want to be a Block Transformer?

JUDY KINCAID

Three blocks in the WHH neighborhood now have Block Transformers -- volunteers working with Watts Busters and Clean Energy Durham to organize fun energy-saving activities to educate neighbors about how to reduce energy use and the associated costs.

Watts Busters is looking for more volunteers interested in learning from Edie, Cheryl, and Bonnie about how to become



Block Transformers on their blocks. If you are interested, please contact Mig at 416-0922 or Judy at 286-5706.

Membership Success

Thanks to membership committee chair, Marilyn Butler, and the members of her committee, 2008-2009 is another banner year for neighborhood association membership. This year, memberships are closing in on 700, giving Watts-Hillandale one of the largest memberships of voluntary neighborhood organizations in Durham. Since membership is a choice, we affirm the work of the many association volunteers when we join or renew our memberships annually. Membership in the WH-HNA is open to every adult who lives or owns property in the neighborhood. Homeowners and tenants are equally welcome. Thanks and congratulations to every member!

More News About The Coming DURHAM CENTRAL MARKET

PAM CAMPA & ROBIN ARCUS, DURHAM CENTRAL MARKET BOARD MEMBERS

Durham Central Market (DCM) hired WHHN Durham resident, Don Moffitt, as project manager to direct the organization and development phase of the market through to the store opening, projected for 2010. If you are interested in helping Don and others to make Durham Central Market a soon to be reality, learn more at www.durhamcentralmarket.org, become an owner by purchasing a share for \$100, or attend a volunteer orientation held on the first Tuesday of each month, at 5:30 p.m. at 538 Foster Street.

Guess Who's Coming To Lead The Parade?

This year's parade is expected to be a most special occasion as some of the original, first kids to march down West Club Blvd on July 4, 1950, are planning to attend this years celebration and even to lead the crowd! Please join us for the 60th anniversary of this wonderful WHH tradition.

EUCALYPTUS PAPER for WHH PARADE

The Duke-Durham Neighborhood Partnership Contributes to WHH Growth As An Environmentally Responsible Durham Neighborhood

Della B. Adkins, a WHH resident of sixty years, and Sam R. Miglarese of the Duke-Durham Neighborhood Partnership, have made it possible for you to now read PARADE from high quality white paper whose pulp represents environmental, social and economic sustainable benefits. As Della enlightened the WHHNA board of directors, eucalyptus has enormous potential and benefits for removing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, cleaning the air and mitigating climate change. It offers a high pulp quota when compared with other trees of the same and other species, achieves a higher yield for the same wood amount (more pulp and therefore paper), and is an evergreen tree that photosynthesizes even during winter, fixating the CO₂ and obviously growing in this season.

WHHN offers many thanks to the Duke-Durham Neighborhood Partnership for this opportunity and its continued commitment to assist Durham neighborhoods in achieving their goals.

VIDEO AND AUDIO INSTITUTES—continued

Saturday, July 25, 9:30am-noon, Lecture Hall, NCSSM - twelve teams of two CDS students will each present a 5-8 minute audio documentary about their WHH resident/subject. Come and hear some great stories as told by WHH friends and neighbors!

Saturday, July 25, 12:30-3pm, picnic area, corner of Maryland Avenue and West Club Blvd, NCSSM - bring a tasty dish to this potluck and share some good ol' NC & WHH hospitality with the CDS students and staff to celebrate the wonderful efforts of the Audio Institute!

We are thrilled that CDS will host this year's Video and Audio Institutes in WHH. It is a great opportunity to collect precious film and stories of our families, friends and neighbors. The CDS and WHH collaboration honors the WHH Centennial Celebration in a very unique and long-lasting way! We hope you will join us for each and all of the events listed in the Calendar of Events on pg. 2.

WHHNA is sponsoring two WHH residents to attend the CDS Institutes. David Mayer, a rising senior at Riverside High School, will participate in the Video Institute, and Mig Little Hayes, the librarian at Carolina Friends School, will attend the Audio Institute. Each of David and Mig received this honor after submitting an essay telling WHHNA why the scholarships and participation in these projects is meaningful to them, and what makes them each a qualified and good choice as recipient of the scholarship. Congratulations, David and Mig! Have fun!

FOCUS—continued

As the years progressed, decoration of wagons, bikes, and strollers became more elaborate. Some families even built small floats. Tom Walker urged everyone to bring the flag of his home state or country to emphasize the principle of *e pluribus unum*. During the 1980s, Tom Miller and a handful of neighbors decorated the park with the flags his family had acquired to celebrate the bicentennial in 1976. Every year since, Tom added more flags, antique and modern, so that now the park is completely festooned with colorful banners.

It was about that same time that Bill Holmes of Woodrow Street began to supply his famous, secret recipe, Ideal Sundry Lemonade. This rare elixir alone brings out the crowds. Neighbor David Donaldson and his friends in the O.K. Chorale also became an important part of the event. When they strike up the "Star Spangled Banner," the park becomes hushed and not a few tears can be seen as all eyes focus on the singers and the flags around them. The police escort grew and the fire department joined them with a truck and a cool spray of water. In recent years, Amy Tornquist of Watts Grocery on Broad Street treats everyone with delicious cupcakes.

What began with half-a-dozen sweaty kids 60 years ago is now a major WHHNA event attracting as many as 800 participants. The remarkable thing, though, is not how the event has changed, but how it remains essentially the same. It is a parade for families and children. There are many flags symbolizing that from many we are truly one. There are no cars, no brass bands, and no fireworks. Just voices joined in the pledge, in song, and in friendly conversation. The Watts-Hillandale July 4 Parade has imprinted itself

on the hearts of hundreds of current and former residents of the neighborhood and of Durham at large. It is not unusual to see families represented by four generations of participants. There are grown children who do not come home for Christmas who would not think of missing the Fourth of July in Oval Park.

So, mark your calendars. It starts at 10 a.m. and ends by noon. You'll have plenty of time to head to the beach, out to the Eno, have a cookout, or just take a nap. Whatever you do, however, be sure to join your neighbors in Oval Park. Invite your families, your friends, and the folks at the office. There is room for everybody.

Please read articles on pages 4, 5 & 7 for more information about this year's July 4 celebration.

Restoration of Ellerbe Creek —continued

Road and Interstate 85. The grant was approved in 2007, but it was then put on hold until the City of Durham approved matching funds in the form of \$285,000 for the planning and design of the West Ellerbe Creek Trail extension (which will extend the current trail not only to I-85 but all the way past North Pointe Shopping Center and up to the intersection of Broad Street and Stadium Drive). In June 2008—after strong shows of support by ECWA members, WHHNA members, and other local supporters—the City agreed to provide the match by appropriating funds for the planning and design of the trail extension. As a result, the planning and design of the trail extension will finally begin this summer in earnest, more or less in conjunction with the creek restoration; so please keep your eyes and ears open for information about upcoming public meetings on the Ellerbe Creek trail extension, as well on the creek restoration. – Steve Cohn and Diana Tetens, ECWA's Executive Director

The Dedication Of A New WHH Neighborhood Sign

DEBBIE KELLY

In honor of our Centennial Celebration, a beautiful sign designed by our very own Joe Liles will be dedicated on July 4 at Oval Park. Joe's design for the sign is based on the same logo displayed on the Centennial banners hanging along Broad Street, West Club Blvd and Hillandale Road.

JULY 4 PARADE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

As our July Fourth event becomes bigger each year, we need more volunteers to make it run smoothly. We need flag putter-uppers and taker-downers. We need help with traffic cones and barriers. Someone has to dip the lemonade and man the t-shirt booth. We need ladders, tables, and a couple of pickup trucks. All in all, we need about 25 people to pull it all together. There's a job for every talent. Interested? It's fun and it's over in just a couple of hours. Call Tom Miller, 286-3730, or e-mail him at tom-miller1@nc.rr.com. If you prefer, you can just show up at Oval Park at 8:30 a.m. on the Glorious Fourth to work together with your neighbors in preparation of this memorable event!