



# PARADE

*"You take care of you and your family first. Then you go to your neighborhood, and then you spread it on out within the community." — Al Smith (1873-1944)*

*"Believe in yourself, your neighbors, your work, and your ultimate attainment of more complete happiness. It is only the farmer who faithfully plants seeds in the Spring, who reaps a harvest in Autumn." — B. C. Forbes*

## WHHNA ANNUAL MEETING OCTOBER 19TH 7:30 P.M. COME MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS AND SHARE YOUR IDEAS

- JOSHUA ALLEN

Each year, the Watts-Hospital Hillandale Neighborhood Association (WHHNA) members gather in October for an Annual Meeting. This year's Annual Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 19th, 7:30 pm at the Summit Church at the corner of West Club Blvd. and Carolina Ave. The annual meeting offers residents the following opportunities:

- Join current board members and committee chairs for interactive roundtable discussions on such neighborhood topics as traffic, zoning, safety, trees, and parks.
- Share ideas and opinions that may contribute to Watts Hospital-Hillandale neighborhood becoming an even better place to live and play.
- Learn how to become involved in neighborhood festivities such as the FestOval, Fourth of July Celebration & Parade, Night of Lights, and more.
- Share ideas for new events that you may like to see in the neighborhood.
- Elect the 2010-2011 officers and directors of WHHNA Board of Directors.

Neighbors are invited to nominate themselves or others for the board of directors. If you submit your nominations to Joshua Allen, President, before October 1 via phone or email (225-8914 or allen.joshua@gmail.com), the Nominating Committee will have ample time to communicate with you and to answer questions you may have.

Please join your neighbors on October 19 for a fun and interactive Annual Meeting! The Board of Directors provide delicious refreshments and multiple opportunities to win meaningful door prizes.

## WHH NEIGHBORHOOD EIGHTH ANNUAL ARTWALK SUNDAY NOVEMBER 7TH NOON — 6 PM

- GALIA GOODMAN

Mark your calendar for the **Eighth Annual WHHN & Friends Artwalk** to be held on Sunday, November 7th from 12-6pm. The Artwalk offers a chance to truly shop local and support WHHN artisans, be artistically inspired, and to

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## FOCUS

### FestOval Saturday October 9th

*Welcome in Autumn with Play, Dance, Foods, Music & Socialization in Oval Park. This year's highlights include: foods from Palace International, Only Burger, and LocoPops; the Durham Jazz Band and neighborhood ensembles or musicians; and a Food Drive for E.K. Powe Backpack Program*

- WENDI GALE

In the Watts Hospital-Hillandale neighborhood, autumn is welcomed and celebrated in Oval Park with **FestOval**. This year's event is Saturday, October 9th beginning at 2 pm when games and activities including sack and three-legged races, a tug o war, giant bubbles, duck races, a beanbag toss, and more are facilitated for children, young adults and the older folk too. The event continues into the evening when Oval Park is alive with games to play, music to sing, dancing, and picnic meals. Bring your lawn chairs or picnic cloths, relax or play, enjoy the neighbors you know and also meet new friends.

For dinner at this year's FestOval, we are happy to include our neighbors and their delicious foods from Palace International, Only Burger, and LocoPops. To minimize the potential spread of infectious diseases, rather than a dish-to-pass supper, we ask that families bring a picnic supper, that small groups of friends bring a potluck picnic, or plan to purchase meals and treats from our wonderful local vendors named above. We will have some paper goods available.

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If you know a new neighbor or are one yourself, please contact Wendi Gale: [wendigale@gmail.com](mailto:wendigale@gmail.com)

- TERI BECKMAN; IREDELL COMING AND GOING CHRONICLER

**Perry Norris** was born at Watts Hospital April 20, 1945 and died on Iredell St. resting comfortably at his home as he wished on May 17, 2010. Perry lived in the Watts neighborhood since 1998. He is sorely missed by multiple neighbors, many cousins, & numerous students who survive him.

On the other end of Iredell Street **Judah Zev Goldman** was born on April 23, 2010. He is a beautiful son of **Abby and Michael & brother of Ben and Eli Goldman**. As the wheel of change keeps turning we said goodbye to the Goldman's at the end of June when they moved to White Plains, NY where Michael serves as Assoc. Rabbi at Temple Israel Center. Abby works to complete her PhD from Duke from afar, but lucky for us, will have to visit Watts occasionally to get the job done. We wish the **Goldman family** the very best!

## Watts Hospital-Hillandale New Neighbors

- WENDI GALE

**Anna Arceneaux & Christian Harold & Roxie & Shorty** (dogs) recently moved to Maryland Ave. **Anna** is an attorney with the American Civil Liberties Union, Capital Punishment Project, and **Christian** is a pet nurse at Banfield Animal Hospital whilst aspiring to become a Physician's Assistant. Anna & Christian are originally from Louisiana and moved to Durham after Hurricane Katrina by way of New York. They are excited to make Watts their home and are especially enjoying the trails, parks, and friendly neighbors. **Shorty & Roxie** love to meet new friends & greet them from the porch and backyard.

**Blair, John, & Margaret**, and a **black cat, BOO** are second year MBA Duke student roommates on Sunset Avenue. Blair hails from Virginia, John from Maine, and Margaret from Connecticut. When not in school, Margaret enjoys traveling, running, cooking & horseback riding. Blair enjoys long walks on the beach, while John prefers candlelit dinners (which prepares from scratch). All three are excited to be part of WHHN and look forward to getting to know neighbors throughout the next year.

**Nicole Connelly** moved on July 9th and to her lovely new and first home at 1117 Iredell. She moved from NYC where she worked for Quintiles for 10 years and relocated to the Durham area, still with Quintiles. She is a native of Rochester, NY but is not new to Durham as she was a graduate student at Duke from 1993-2000. She is happy to have more space and freedom and to once again enjoy southern hospitality & Durham charm. Nicole is REALLY

pleased to be a part of this vibrant neighborhood and is found rooting in her front yard talking to plants, spiders, & mosquitoes, & commenting on the weather patterns (the heat!), often in quite colorful language. Other times she is wandering around staring at neighbor's houses & yards muttering things like "ooh, that's a good idea...." or trying to talk to your doggies. "Do not be alarmed by either and instead feel free to stop by and say hi to her when over on Iredell!"

**Sally Herndon, Carl Matyac**, and their **German shepherd Zuzu** moved to 1214 Alabama Ave. in August. Sally (formerly Sally Malek), the homeowner, is happy to be back in this house with her partner Carl after renting it out for the last 6 years. Sally heads the Tobacco Prevention & Control Branch at the NC Division of Public Health. **Carl** is Director of Cooperative Extension in Orange County.

**Fletcher & Mary Elizabeth Maynard** met in pre-school in 1981 and just moved from Columbia, SC. to Maryland Ave. on Aug. 13th. In 2009 they wed in Memphis, TN where each was born and raised. They moved here to serve as campus ministers at Duke University.

**Alison Mitchell** spent her first 30 years of life as a global nomad and is delighted to have found a community in Watts to call HOME for years to come. She moved to Durham in 2008 and settled at 2021 Pershing last November. Alison works at RTI in international public health and development and provides technical support to health systems strengthening HIV prevention programs in Asia and Africa. She loves the color red, skiing, kayaking, sharing good food with friends, traveling & learning about diverse cultures around the world. Her roommate, **Mary Peavey**, is from Austin TX and returned to Durham to complete her OBGYN residency at Duke.

**Ellen Pizer** and her **Italian greyhound, Bella**, moved at the end of January to join her now husband, **Matthew Slotkin**. Ellen grew up in Raleigh and is delighted to be a new member of the Watts neighborhood. She obtained her MSW from Smith College and her clinical licensure in NC and DC and facilitates a part-time practice on Broad St. ([www.ellenpizer.net](http://www.ellenpizer.net)) where she works with adolescents and adults to provide individual, couples, and family therapy. Ellen says, "It is great being able to walk to work!" Please stop to say hello if you see Matt & Ellen & Bella taking a walk.

**Kayleigh Somers, Matt & Annabel (cat)**, are extremely excited to have moved to Englewood Ave. **Kayleigh** is a doctoral student at Duke University studying the ecology of urban streams, fitting in yarn crafting and research on Ancestry.com when she can. **Matt** earned an MA in Shakespeare Studies in England and currently works as an optometric technician at Eye Care Assoc. Durham while plotting his inevitable return to academia. Matt & Kayleigh are happy to have ditched the development they used to live in for the leafy, bike-able Watts neighborhood. Annabel feigns indifference but is almost certainly very happy with the move.

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## **J. Todd Roberts was Born At Watts Hospital and Returns to its Grounds Once Again, This Time As Chancellor for NC School of Science and Math**

-WENDI GALE

The oldest public university in the nation, the University of North Carolina encompasses all 16 of North Carolina's public institutions that grant baccalaureate degrees, as well as the NC School of Science and Mathematics (NCSSM), the nation's first public residential high school for gifted students. NCSSM was developed in 1978 as a public, residential, co-educational high school for 11th and 12th grade students across the state with high intellectual ability and commitment to scholarship. NCSSM currently serves 670 students on the Durham campus, another 140 student nonresidential juniors and seniors via online instruction, and hundreds more students across the state through its distance education programs. It is consistently recognized as one of the nation's most elite public high schools, and sits right here Durham's finest neighborhood, Watts Hospital-Hillandale!

Gerald Boarman stepped down from the position of Chancellor of NCSSM on July 31, 2010 to become head of the Bullis School in Potomac, Md.

On August 13, UNC President Erskine Bowles placed J. Todd Roberts' name in nomination during a regular meeting of the UNC Board of Governors that is responsible to elect a new chancellor.

Todd Roberts, who has served as school superintendent in Ann Arbor, Mich., for the last four years, will succeed Gerald Boarman. He earned a bachelor's degree in English from Duke University and master's and doctoral degrees in educational leadership from UNC-Chapel Hill. He began his professional career at Durham's Southern High School, first as a classroom assistant working with cognitively impaired students (1988-89) and then as an English teacher, yearbook advisor, and coach (1989-94). His transition into academic administration began in 1994, when he was named assistant principal of Brogden Middle School. Two years later, he was named principal of Hillandale Elementary School.

In recommending Roberts to the Board of Governors, Bowles said: "...Todd Roberts is going to be a phenomenal leader for NCSSM. He brings to the job a deep-rooted love of education and two decades of experience as a high school teacher, principal, and school superintendent. He is a proven leader who promotes creativity, collaboration and strategic thinking. He has also earned a reputation for great integrity, sound judgment, and an unwavering commitment to academic excellence and student success." Roberts will assume his new role no later than December 1 and says that he will work not only to improve the NCSSM school for students but will also focus on outreach programs, including training more teachers around the state in science and math. Retired Granville County Schools Superintendent Thomas J. Williams will serve as interim chancellor from August 17 until Roberts' arrival.

## **Meet Mark Dessauer -- Durham Can Member, "Active Living" Proponent**

*This is part of an occasional Parade profile of the work of neighbors involved in Durham Congregations, Associations and Neighborhoods (CAN). WHHNA is a CAN member organization.*

**Q:** So, tell us about what this newly formed Durham CAN action team, "Active Living," is all about?

**A:** Remember last 4th of July when our neighborhood CAN team invited us to vote in Oval Park on issues of concern? Bike-ability and walk-ability in Durham was a huge write-in vote getter.

This theme struck a chord across CAN's member organizations. So, CAN formed an action team to work on Active Living issues. We did a lot of research and decided our first big endeavor, in conjunction with Clean Energy Durham and Partnership for a Healthy Durham, would be an open streets event. So, on May 23rd we held the inaugural Bull City Summer Streets, where Durham closed streets to cars and opened them up to walkers, bikers, skaters, and dog walkers – 1,100 people participated! This is a way for Durhamites to connect with each other, have fun, and be physically active. Over time, we have our eye on 2-3 active living endeavors that will require more systems-level changes.

**Q:** How has working with CAN changed any of your own perspectives?

**A:** I better understand the roles that faith-based organizations play in Durham -- their care and ability to advocate for change. Churches are not just for Sunday. Durham is "rich" in caring organizations and people coming together to work on community needs. I also feel better connected with the Latino community now and have a much deeper appreciation of what they're dealing with – things you don't read in the paper.

**Q:** Why spend your precious volunteer time with Durham CAN?

**A:** In the paid work I do across the country on these kinds of issues (for Active Living by Design), I see many communities trying to change policies to make communities healthier. But, honestly, many places lack true community engagement. I'm blown away by CAN -- not just the leaders but also the passion and investment of CAN member organizations. Having an organization that is so effective in representing what people want and so able to connect with Durham's leaders -- I've not experienced that before. Really, CAN's just a great group at getting things done.

**Q:** Why should Watts-Hillandalers get involved in CAN?

**A:** If you want to effect change in Durham, CAN is your best ticket. And on the Active Living team, we will have plenty for neighbors to work on. Folks can do research, build stronger ties to other neighborhoods and groups, work on plans, meet with public officials, or be feet on the ground for community assessments. You name it.

**Q:** And if neighbors want more info. or to get involved...?

**A:** They should contact me at [mark\\_dessauer@unc.edu](mailto:mark_dessauer@unc.edu).

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

## 9th Street North Plan

- JOSHUA ALLEN

Owners of the 9th Street North building are planning an additional building directly across the street. The plan includes both commercial and residential units and will include a parking deck in the center of the completed structure. The structure will be located in the blocks bordered by 9th, Green, and Iredell. The submitted plans do appear to conform the committed elements attached to the rezoning. These committed elements were placed in the rezoning based upon feedback from WHHNA and Old West Durham.

## July 4, Another Great Day In the Neighborhood

- TOM MILLER

After a couple weeks of withering heat and humidity, the weather broke and gave us blessed relief for the neighborhood's 61st annual July 4 parade and celebration. An estimated 500 folks turned out this year to march, pledge allegiance, dance in the water, and sing.

Alice Walker, the founder of the event, was there with her family to cheer the marchers along. Be sure to notice the stone at the foot of the flagpole dedicated to Alice and her husband, Tom, for their lasting legacy to their community. Thanks go to Ron Bartholomew of Durham Marbleworks for making the stone and installing it for us. Mike Woodard, our neighborhood city council person, led us in the Pledge. Then the sweet, clear notes of the Star Spangled Banner rang out from the throats of neighbor David Dodson and his friends in the O.K. Chorale. Folks in the crowd hushed and only slowly did they add their voices, reluctant to mar the beauty of the choir's performance.

Amy Tornquist and her helpers from Watts Grocery served up hundreds of cupcakes with icing so thick it got all over your nose when you took a bite. Amy also provided this year's lemonade, cool and sweet. Welcome gifts from a great neigh-

bor. Thank her when next you visit Watts Grocery on Broad Street.

Thanks also to Durham's police and fire departments who sent officers and firemen to lead the parade and keep us safe. Finally thanks to all the volunteers who set up and took down, who furred, folded, directed traffic and sold t-shirts. Brass bands and fireworks have their place, but to me, this is the way to spend the Fourth of July.

## Clement Funeral Home Seeks to Expand

- JOSHUA ALLEN

Clements Funeral home on Broad Street has applied to the Durham Board of Adjustment for a permit to rebuild the gray, one-story building located just north of the funeral home parking lot. The building once contained four small shops, but in recent years it has been vacant. Clements wants to put a new building on the site to contain business offices, product display area, and meeting space.

The old building is a nonconforming use under the zoning code and cannot be expanded. The code does allow it to be rebuilt on the same footprint, however. If the permit is allowed, Clements can avoid the setbacks and buffers that would be required if a new building were built on the site. The funeral home needs every bit of its current parking and does not have room for buffers and setbacks.

To get the permit, Clements must show that the building is compatible with surrounding properties and that it will not negatively impact nearby homes. The property backs up to neighborhood homes on Iredell Street. Although the current building has a flat roof and is only about 15 ft. tall, the new building planned by Clements would be covered by a peaked roof and would rise to about 33 feet.

At a hearing before the Board of Adjustment in August, Iredell neighbors

and the neighborhood association objected to the height of the building and its lack of screening. The Board of Adjustment withheld its ruling on the permit application to give the neighborhood time to work with Clements to find a compromise. Since the hearing, neighborhood representatives and Iredell neighbors have been meeting with Clements to find ways to reduce the height of the building and screen it from the residences. Negotiations are complicated by the disposition of the public alley that runs behind the funeral home and the parking constraints imposed by the zoning code. Clements also owns a vacant lot and a vacant house on Iredell that neighbors would like to have integrated back into the neighborhood.

At the time of this writing, no solution has been reached. Watch PARADE for more information.

## An Abundance of Neighbors Turn Out Against Billboards

- TOM MILLER

Billboard opponents from neighborhoods all over town packed the city council's August meeting and over thirty spoke against a billboard industry proposal to relax Durham's long-standing ban on the giant ugly signs. For nearly two years, billboard lobbyists tried to persuade elected officials to concentrate billboards along Durham's major traffic arteries and to make 25% of the signs the digital variety that flash a new message every eight seconds. Our neighborhood's long border with I-85 made it a target of the industry request.

Representatives from the InterNeighborhood Council and more than a dozen neighborhoods spoke against the billboard proposal. Watts-Hillandale residents were well represented among them. Association president Josh Allen and board member Eric Strother both made impassioned speeches. Especially persuasive were the pleas of neighbors who live near the interstate. They told the council that they did not want to see

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digital billboards from their windows and patios. Other neighborhood speakers countered the industry's claims that gifts of advertising space to local nonprofits would somehow enhance Durham's image. One speaker noted that during a recent trip along I-85 through Burlington, the billboards that lined the highway informed him where to find cigarette outlets and the strip clubs, but that he never saw an ad for a homeless shelter or an Amber Alert.

When the hearing was concluded after nearly four hours, Mayor Bill Bell turned the floor over to council members to make their comments. One by one, each council member explained why he or she planned to vote against the measure. Council member Mike Woodard made a thoughtful argument. He noted that no issue during his time on the council had united Durham citizens so completely. He stated that council members had received more than 1000 e-mail messages against the billboard proposal and only a handful in favor. He reminded those present that the industry had two years to drum up community support, but that with all their resources, attorneys, and public relations know-how, they had failed.

Woodard then extolled the effectiveness of Durham's existing billboard rules and talked about how they supported Durham's renaissance. He concluded by showing a recent photo of the new pedestrian bridge across the freeway soon to be dedicated to community leader and activist Kelly Bryant. He called it a symbol of the new Durham. Then he revealed that he had "photo-shopped" out the photo a billboard that hovers over the new bridge. It contained not a public service announcement or an ad for a local business. Instead it advertised the Dixie knife and gun show in Raleigh. The council voted 7-0 against the industry measure.

Thanks go to John Schelp and Kelly Jarrett of the Old West Durham

Neighborhood Association who spearheaded opposition to the billboard industry's proposal. John and Kelly published countless articles and opinion pieces in the local press to keep the public informed.

The billboard industry proposal is now before the Durham Board of County Commissioners for a decision on whether billboards, including digital billboards, will be allowed to line Durham's highways in the county. Stunned by the setback the city handed them, billboard industry attorneys asked the county commissioners to delay their consideration of the measure until September. With the extra time, they explained, they hoped to come up with a "compromise" proposal. With the people of Durham so unanimously opposed to any change in Durham's existing billboard rules, one can only ask just who the industry plans to compromise with?

## City Replacing Water Mains

- JOSHUA ALLEN

The City of Durham is beginning construction to replace 2 water mains that run from Williams Water Treatment Plant through Watts Hillandale and Old West Durham to Erwin Square. The existing water mains are over a hundred years old, have lived beyond their useful life, and have had many leaks over recent years. They run through the properties of many homeowners and have become difficult to maintain due to their age.

The City has elected to replace the old water mains with one new water main that will run along the City Right of Way instead of through residential yards. Once the new water main is constructed the old water mains will be decommissioned and the easements reverted to the property owners.

You can learn more about the project on Old West Durham's web site: <http://www.owdna.org/watermtghandout.htm>

## Calendar of Events

**FRIDAY, OCT. 1** - Deadline for early nominations to the Board of Directors (details on page 1)

**SATURDAY, OCT. 9. 2:00 P.M. 'TIL DARK** - FestOval festivities (details on page 1)

**TUESDAY, OCT. 19, 7:30 P.M.** - Annual Meeting at Summit Church (details on page 1)

**SUNDAY, NOV. 7TH, NOON -6 P.M.** - Eighth Annual ARTWALK (details on page 1)

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## THE MAN WHO FOUGHT FOR TRAFFIC-CALMING IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND TWO WONDERFUL WOMEN WHO CREATED & MAINTAIN THE GARDENS IN THE WHH NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC CIRCLES

—WENDI GALE

The neighborhood association struggled with the City for many years in the development of a comprehensive traffic-calming plan for Maryland and Sunset. Led by Traffic Committee Chairman, **Ned Kennington**, many discussions and meetings regarding speed humps, changing the timing of the traffic signal at Broad, Guess, and Sunset so as to discourage traffic from bypassing the evening rush-hour backup on Broad Street by taking Maryland and Sunset, and a promise from the City to make it easy to get speed humps on other neighborhood streets to prevent displacing traffic from Maryland to those streets, were had. In addition, one other element of that plan was the installation of traffic circles at the intersections of Maryland and Sprunt, and at Sunset and Delaware.

Once construction was completed in the summer of 2007, Ned encouraged neighbors to provide some very modest financial support for the efforts of two wonderful women who came forth 2007 to create and maintain the traffic circle gardens.

**Ruth N. Ferguson** began working the circle garden at the intersection of Maryland Avenue and Sprunt Street in the summer of 2007. One only need walk her property to see that she is an avid gardener holding some of the largest specimens of unique shrubs and trees in the neighborhood. She has lived in the neighborhood since 1982--first on Wilson Street and now on Sprunt for the past 10 years. In addition to gardening Ruth likes to read, paint, write, and travel.

Ruth's idea for the traffic circle was to plant each quadrant alike so that those who drive, bicycle or walk past, will see the same thing from each approach; yet when one circles around it, it will just appear like a flow of colorful plantings.

Ruth has worked hard to design a cover for all the seasons. For winter, she planted the evergreen boxwood bushes. For spring there are daffodils, muscari (grape hyacinth), tulips and creeping and moss phlox. For late spring--May—she has included donated bearded iris (which turned out to be inky blue, and salmon in color) and four clumps of Japanese iris. In autumn, she painstakingly plants deep blue pansies that flourish amidst the sea of *Rudbeckia* and blue asters. For summer, Ruth enjoys adding zinnias because they are so cheerful, and people need something cheerful when they are coming home from work! She also included cleome, which re-seeds. Last year, she also ran strings up the signs and planted Grandpa Otts morning glory (deep blue). The morning glories make quite a display during the morning commute! Also, in summer, largely hid-

den by the flowers, is a tomato plant in each quadrant, taking advantage of the sun.

**Susan Trabka**, obviously employed her creative juices as a UNC hospital primary and secondary school teacher to create and curate the traffic circle at Sunset and Delaware. Her own home and yard are a reflection of a love for flora, albeit, mostly shade dwelling plants that includes a wide variety of *Cyclamen* and *Hellebora*. To design the circle presented Susan an opportunity to finally have a sun-loving garden of color. Her goals were to design a year round low maintenance garden that is visible to auto drivers, attractive to butterflies and birds, bearing seeds as gifts to all residents, and that will ultimately block the neon sign beyond (at Broad St. and Guess Rd. intersection) that reads *CHECK CASHING*.

Susan secured most of her plants from the Duke and UNC botanical gardens, donations (Iris) from neighbors, and the Durham Garden Center. The purple flowering Butterfly bush and Black-eyed Susans attract a plethora of gold finch and butterflies. The crepe myrtle with hot pink flowers began as a small seedling and now stands more than four feet tall. The dwarf hollies provide year round green. She loves the new plantings and gardens that other residents of the neighborhood have created in their own yards and hope they will enhance them through the gathering of seeds of the native white *Hibiscus*, & Black-eyed Susans in the traffic circle.

Both Ruth and Susan express gratitude to the many neighbors who donated plants or monetary funds that have made the gardens possible. Although Ruth always hopes for a rainy summer, she has remained faithful to hauling water from her rain barrels to keep the garden moist. In addition, she is especially grateful to Chris Church of Maryland Avenue who allows the use of his hose for watering during the times of drought to keep the garden thriving. Likewise, although Susan planted a garden that should thrive even in drought, she is grateful to Irvin Fulton for the times that watering has been necessary.

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## NEEDS TITLE

- GALIA GOODMAN

Fall is coming! If you heat with wood or enjoy an occasional roaring fire in your fireplace, please consider checking out the EPA Home page for information about how to make your stove or fireplace more ecologically friendly. From now until the 31st of December, the EPA has rebate money to give to folks who will update an old wood stove or who will place an insert in their fireplace chimney to remove the worst of the particulates produced by wood-burning. For more information, visit the EPA website or email our very own Larry Brockman at [brockman.larry@epa.gov](mailto:brockman.larry@epa.gov).

## ARTWALK—continued

enjoy the talents and personal company of creative neighbors. Dozens of artists in homes across the neighborhood will display and sell arts ranging from stained glass, weavings, jewelry, pottery, paintings, wood work, live plants in decorative containers, photographs, and many other locally crafted arts. Watch the neighborhood listserv for more details beginning September 1. Maps will be made available in the neighborhood and also online.

Anyone interested in applying to participate as an artist, please check the neighborhood website after September 1st for an application. Anyone interested in providing a space to an artist please call or email Galia Goodman, [galiag@mindspring.com](mailto:galiag@mindspring.com) or 919-286-4463 during business hours. For additional information about the Artwalk or to volunteer to help with the numerous planning and event tasks, please contact Galia or email Kurt Pivko at [artwalk@dropspindle.com](mailto:artwalk@dropspindle.com).

## FOCUS—continued

**The Durham Jazz Band** will generously provide music again this year. Music will then continue with a jam featuring our musician neighbors. *Plan now to bring your instruments; details will follow.* Also, there may be some opportunities for neighbors' bands to play - send us a note if you might be interested in sharing your music.

And finally, Please bring non-perishable foods for the E. K. Powe Weekend Backpack program to FestOval; instant oatmeal, granola bars, a box of mac and cheese, a jar of peanut butter, a 1 lb bag of rice, a canned veggie, some microwave popcorn, a can of tuna, and some fruit cups or raisins. These backpacks go home with identified students to ensure they will have healthy foods for the weekend. The food you donate will go straight in those backpacks. Thanks for you support!

Also, let us know if you want to volunteer or want to have a mini-food drive on your street or in your office. Contact us at [powefood4families@gmail.com](mailto:powefood4families@gmail.com).

We are looking for volunteers to help facilitate this wonderful community festival. The invaluable expertise of those who have volunteered in the past is especially desired, but we have room and opportunities for people of all ages and skills. We will keep volunteer shifts fairly brief so everyone has plenty of time to mingle and enjoy the event as well as to work. This festival is a true neighborhood event, and we are the ones who make it happen. If you are able to offer help in any way please contact: [nicole.connelly93@gmail.com](mailto:nicole.connelly93@gmail.com) (and put 'FestOval' in email subject).

Looking forward to enjoying our neighborhood together at FestOval on 10/9/10! Please read the plea for food stuffs below.

E.K Powe Weekend Backpack Program

-Helen Compton

## Comings & Goings —continued

**Alan and Helga Simeone** moved to Watts from Vancouver, WA in the summer of 2009. They moved for Alan's fellowship in heart and lung transplants at Duke. Helga is a speech pathologist who is currently looking for local job opportunities. Helga is a NC native and both she and Alan used to live in Winston-Salem during the late 1990s. They love the neighborhood, the people and all the dogs. They have Gibbon, a yellow golden/lab mix and **Dewey**, a black lab/hound mix. Both Gibbon and Dewey find the mailman who has the dog biscuits as their favorite part of the neighborhood.

**A SAD LOSS** - Irvin G. Fulton of Sunset Drive lost his beloved wife of 67 years on July 2, 2010, Doris Bobbitt Fulton. A Durham native, Doris was born on June 23, 1923 and was a graduate of Durham HS and a member of First Baptist Church in Durham. She was a homemaker and mother of two daughters and one son. She worked as a floral designer for Sanders' Florist and served as the senior administrative asst. to the manager at Sears in Northgate Mall when the mall first opened. She was an avid golfer and a longtime member of the Duke Women's Golf Association. Doris was one of the early organizers of the annual Watts Fourth of July Parade, and lived in the Watts neighborhood for over 60 years. **Please read about the family's memories of living and growing up in the WHH neighborhood in the December issue of PARADE.**

### UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

- Sept. 21 Neighborhood Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.**  
At the home of Meredith Emmett  
1301 Alabama Avenue
- Oct. 19 Annual Meeting of the WHHNA Membership at 7:30 p.m.**  
At The Summit Church  
Corner of West Club Blvd.  
& Carolina Avenue
- Nov. 16 Neighborhood Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.**  
**At the home of ???**  
**???**
- Dec. 21 Neighborhood Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.**  
At the home of Marian Place  
1112 Oval Drive

*All meetings are held 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.*

### HOT OFF THE PRESSES!

**The Durham Energy Retrofit Program has been expanded and WHHNA has just learned they have been selected for the program. We don't have the details yet but look for them in the next issue of the Parade and on the neighborhood listserv.**