

GIVE GENEROUSLY

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What can you give? These are the things the Community Kitchen needs most:

Canned Meats: Ham, poultry, spam, and tuna

Canned Vegetables: Navy Beans, green beans, corn, carrots, yams, tomatoes, and tomato sauce

Canned Fruits: Peaches, pears, grapefruit, oranges, and pineapples

Staples and Dry Goods: Rice, sugar, coffee, creamer, cream of mushroom and cream of chicken soup, ketchup, mustard, and mayonnaise

Paper Products: 9" paper plates, napkins, paper towels, dish washing detergent

AND MONEY – perhaps most of all, the Community Kitchen needs money. Money to pay the utility bills, to repair refrigerators and other appliances, and to buy items not covered by in-kind donations. Let's make our gift of money goal this year \$2,500. It's ambitious, but we can do it.

Make Checks to "Community Kitchen."

Drop your gifts of money and canned goods off when you buy your luminaria supplies at Oval Park or drop them off on the porch of Tom Miller, 1110 Virginia Avenue, or Dean Michaels, 2500 Indian Trail. Thanks!

Late lies the wintry sun a-bed,
A frosty, fiery sleepy-head;
Blinks but an hour or two; and then,
A blood-red orange, sets again.

Before the stars have left the skies,
At morning in the dark I rise;
And shivering in my nakedness,
By the cold candle, bathe and dress.

Close by the jolly fire I sit
To warm my frozen bones a bit;
Or with a reindeer-sled, explore
The colder countries round the door.

When to go out, my nurse doth wrap
Me in my comforter and cap;
The cold wind burns my face, and blows
Its frosty pepper up my nose.

Black are my steps on silver sod;
Thick blows my frosty breath abroad;
And tree and house, and hill and lake,
Are frosted like a wedding-cake.

Winter-Time, from A Child's Garden of Verses
by Robert Louis Stevenson

Heart of the Neighborhood

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newsletter and send it in with your dues. You'll make your neighborhood a better place for you to live and ensure that it will serve future generations too. Thanks!

Underwear for Holiday Presents

It's really a great idea as long as the underwear is a Watts-Hospital Hillandale T-shirt! Everybody wants one and why not? The shirts are soft, all-cotton mostly, and of the finest quality. There are lots of different designs to choose from and there is a shirt to fit every neighbor from junior to grandpa. If you roll them tightly and put a bright holiday ribbon around them, they'll fill the toe of every stocking and still leave room for the tangerine and candy on top! Imagine your family's delight! Shirts are just \$12 each. Call Tom Miller, the neighborhood's man in underwear, to arrange for a special showing. Tom's number is 286-3730. Or send an e-mail. The address is tom-miller1@nc.rr.com.

West Club Neighbors Win Award for Historic Rehab

In October, Preservation Durham gave its prestigious George Land Mary Pyne Award for Historic Preservation to Zab Johnson and Shad Todd for their thoughtful rehabilitation of their house at 2513 W. Club Boulevard. Known as the H. U. Byrd House, this substantial brick bungalow has anchored the western end of Club since the early 1920s. Although the house had always been kept in good repair, it had accumulated 80s years' worth of aging problems – plaster cracks, worn floors and finishes, overwhelmed electrical service, and outdated plumbing, heating, and air conditioning. All of this was corrected with a sensitive eye for preservation of the house's original design and function. Sara Lachenman of 4/1 Design was the couple's preservation consultant. Congratulations, Zab and Shad!

Halloween Thanks!

A hearty Thank You! Goes out to all you neighbors who took so much trouble to make Halloween such a happy event for so many children of the Durham community. It is a real tribute to Watts-Hillandale that so many think of our neighborhood as a safe and appropriate place to experience a traditional Halloween of trick or treating. Neighbors on Club reported having more than 1500 little ghosts, zombies, and super heroes, drop by for the annual tribute of a bite-size Butterfinger or Snickers bar. And thanks go to neighborhood president Larry Chapman and the dozen neighbors who organized safety measures for the evening – the barricades and cones along Club Boulevard and the police who guarded the crosswalks. Finally, a special Thank You is reserved for the City of Durham who, at the request of the neighborhood, suspended the major sewer line replacement project on Club Boulevard and reopened the street just for Halloween.





"God gave us memory so that we might have roses in December."—James M. Barrie

*"Thousands of candles can be lit from a single candle, and the life of the candle will not be shortened. Happiness never decreases by being shared."
—The Buddha*

NIGHT OF LIGHTS - WATTS- HILLANDALE LUMINARIA DISPLAY — DECEMBER 16TH - 100% PARTICIPATION NEEDED!

—DEAN MICHAELS

Neighbors please join us for our annual Night of Lights celebration (our 27th) on **December 16th**. If you're new to Watts Hospital-Hillandale, our little neighborhood started an event that many parts of Durham now participate in. The beautiful, glowing luminaries lining our curbs and sidewalks make for an amazing sight and a great addition to anyone's holiday season.

Our neighborhood elves will be setting up shop at the south end of Oval Park where the materials for assembling the luminaries will be for sale. A set of 10 luminaries (bags, candles, and sand) still only costs \$5.00 (50 cents apiece) and the proceeds go toward funding future neighborhood projects. Please bring a bucket for your sand (used to keep the bags from blowing away). If you would like to brighten the holiday for one of your neighbors who may find it difficult to get their own luminaries, please consider purchasing some extras for them.

**Luminary Pick-Up: Saturday 12/15 and Sunday 12/16,
1-4:30pm, Oval Park**

When you come by for your bags, candles, and sand, you can also renew your neighborhood association membership. We will have the little forms ready for you. You will get materials for an extra luminary for each membership at your address! We will also be collecting your donations of non-perishable food items and money (cash or checks made out to "Community Kitchen") at the same time and location as

the luminary sale. We hope that you will participate in this chance to open your heart to others in our community who are less fortunate. This year we hope to make our largest donation ever so we encourage you to make a special note to remember your donation.

***Volunteers needed** to help sell luminary supplies. It's a fun way to meet your neighbors and make this event a success. Email Dean Michaels at dean@southernwinegroup.com or call/text 919-452-1665 to sign up*

GIVE GENEROUSLY TO THE DURHAM COMMUNITY KITCHEN

It's time once again to give money and canned goods to the Community Kitchen at the Durham Urban Ministries Center. For nearly 30 years, the Watts Hospital-Hillandale Neighborhood Association has made this canned food drive the companion of our Night of Lights celebration. Together we have given many tons of food and thousands of dollars to help feed and care for our neediest neighbors. This year, let's redouble our efforts. Give generously.

The Community Kitchen serves thousands of hot meals to Durham's people who are homeless or who have nowhere else to turn. The kitchen is not a food bank, but a real kitchen and dining hall behind St Phillip's Church downtown. It uses the canned goods and bulk items we give to make nutritious meals for people who would otherwise go hungry. There are too many such people, but the Community Kitchen asks no questions. It is a service at the most basic level. It is fitting that we who enjoy warm homes and plenty to eat share our abundance with our neighbors who have so little.

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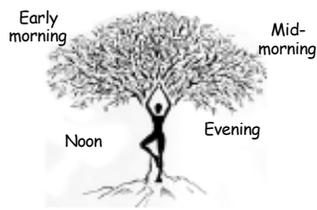
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First Thursdays at Festoval

Our First Thursday series wrapped up with a great September picnic in Oval Park. Special thanks to our neighbor Kevin for organizing some FestOval games—complete with three-legged races and ribbons for the winners! See you again in March 2013 when First Thursdays starts up again... .but you may find some of our local food trucks at Oval Park on some wintery First Thursday evenings too. *First Thursdays needs you! The WHHNA board is looking for a volunteer to head up First Thursdays for 2012-2013. It's a pretty easy job to coordinate the permits and food trucks... or you could think big and add in music, more games, whatever you like! Contact kelly.perin@gmail.com if you're interested*

E.K. Powe

— BY DON MOFFITT

E. K. Powe—our neighborhood elementary school—has a new principal! Michael Somers was appointed by the Board of Education, with input from E. K. Powe's principal selection committee, on Oct. 25 and hit the ground running the following Monday. Until his appointment to E. K. Powe, Michael served as principal of Parkwood Elementary School. Prior to that he served as assistant principal at Brogden Middle School and has worked as an assistant principal in elementary schools, and taught 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade.

Michael is married, with two children (ages 2 and 4); his family is about to move into a house on Dacian Avenue that they've been renovating for the past several months. Michael is excited to be the principal at E. K. Powe for two reasons. Because of his experience at Brogden he has a special fondness for the neighborhoods and students served by Powe. He's also excited because of Powe's strong tradition of parent and community involvement in the education process. According to Michael, "The E.K. Powe community has laid the infrastructure for an innovative and progressive educational program, and I'm looking forward to being part of the school's ongoing growth and progress."

All of us in the E. K. Powe community share his excitement and are glad to welcome him to the family!

On another note, Odyssey of the Mind is about to take off at E. K. Powe! Two years ago there was one team of seven kids. Last year we had five teams (32 or so kids) in

the kindergarten through 2nd grade division. This year we have 72 kids who want to participate, in all grades! We're signing up coaches and need you if you can help! It's an hour and a half once a week through February, and is fun and rewarding. Visit www.odysseyofthemind.com or contact Don Moffitt for more info (919-812-3474).



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7:00 PM

- Dec. 18** **Neighborhood Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.**
At the home of of Jamie Gruener, 2410 W. Club Blvd.
- Jan. 15** **ANNUAL MEETING at 7:00 p.m.**
Location to be announced
- Feb. 19** **Neighborhood Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.**
Location to be announced
- Mar. 19** **Neighborhood Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.**
Location to be announced

*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 happily pick you up and take you back home.*

*Todas las reuniones se celebran el **tercer martes de cada mes**. Llame por favor a miembro del Consejo si usted necesita un paseo asistir a una reunion.*



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

NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS-AT-LARGE 2012/2013

Clare Adkin – 2203 Alabama Ave (919) 286-2055 clareadkin@nc.rr.com Clare (and his wife Sally) may be familiar to many of you. They were very visible working with Deborah Kelly on the Centennial Celebration a few years back and it was Clare that organized the 5K run that was sanctioned an official race for those accumulating races & times. Retired now, he was a high school history teacher and a published author.

Howard Wood – 2400 Tampa Ave (919) 215-8575 howardwood@juno.com Howard has grown up in Durham and his mother still resides in the neighborhood. Howard and his wife Jennifer were married a few years back and were spotlighted in Durham Magazine for their devotion to all things Durham. He runs his own Home Pickup/Delivery Laundry-Dry-Cleaning business called Laundrymen (probably seen the vans with the “bubbly motif” around) and he is a Deacon at Trinity Ave Presbyterian Church.

Chris Rusconi – 1429 Pennsylvania Ave (919) 416-0124 chrusconi@gmail.com Chris has been a valuable asset to the neighborhood for several years. Chris has been his block’s safety captain-spearheading his neighbor’s awareness. As of late he has been carrying the water, so to speak, for WHHNA on the Guess Road rezoning issue. Yes, that one that doesn’t want to go away. With that case he’s acquiring an education of city governance that will serve the association and the board very well!

Leila Keen – 1607 Delaware (919) 416-0573 leilakeen@earthlink.net Leila and her family have lived in WHH for 13 years and she is excited to be participating as a new board member. She is a mother of a 7-year-old and a 3-year-old, is a booster for EK Powe (does fundraising for them), and is a part-time clinical social worker with the Duke Center for Child and Family Health.

Jeffrey Petrou – 404-276-4938 jeffreypetrou@yahoo.com Jeffrey, his wife and 8 year old son were looking for a more community oriented place to live, so about one year ago they relocated to Durham from Atlanta. This is one nominee we didn’t have to go looking for; he found us and wanted to get involved with the Parks Committee and now finds himself being nominated for an at-large seat on the board. Jeffrey keeps busy running his own IT consulting company.

Debbie Hughes – 1431 Pennsylvania Ave (662) 801-4401 deborah.hugheso8@gmail.com Working on her Master’s in Social Work specializing in the Community Management aspect of that degree. WHHNA could really gain from her knowledge in that area. Debbie moved to WHH a little over one year ago from Mississippi and loves our community spirit, especially when it’s on display like during the 4th of July.

Diane Zimmerman – 2201 Pershing (919) 767-1312 dzimm@nc.rr.com Having worked for years around the corner from the neighborhood as a PA at the VA, in 2007 Diane and her husband moved to WHH. Now retired, Diane is looking forward to taking an active role her latest community, a role she’s never been able to participate in before now.

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TRY A BOOK BY A NEIGHBORHOOD AUTHOR

In Watts-Hillandale we are surrounded by creative people, serious scholars, and talented story tellers. Here a few recent books your neighbors have written that should interest you. You can get most of them at the Regulator, but if that fails, try Amazon.

Walter Kempner and the Rice Diet, by Dr. Barbara Newborg is not only by a neighbor, it is about a brilliant and fascinating neighbor, the late Dr. Kempner, whose weight-loss program helped make Duke and Durham famous. Kempner came to Durham during the 1930s as a refugee from Nazi Germany. He was an unconventional and often controversial figure that brought hope and relief to thousands of patients suffering from a host of maladies due to excessive weight. He was also a scholar, collector, and philanthropist who helped others escape the ruin and peril of wartime Europe. His story is fully told here by a colleague. **O. Winston Link: Life Along the Line: A Photographic Portrait of America's Last Great Steam Railroad** by Tony Reeve is a gorgeous book of coffee-table proportions, but scholarly content. Link was a remarkable photographer who documented the last years of steam locomotion on the Norfolk and Western in the late 1950s. The photos reproduced in the book, many taken at night with carefully staged lighting, document not only the giant engines, but the people, times, and places they served. Charles Delmar's **The Essential Cook** is like no cookery book you have ever seen before. Charlie doesn't just give you the recipes, he tells you how to do them – the stuff all the other food writers just assume you know. It's the "how-to" quality of the book that makes it a standout. What other cookbook tells you how to select canned goods and store them or gives you the complete rundown on basic ingredients like lemon juice and vinegar?

27 Views of Durham, The Bull City in Prose & Poetry is an anthology of poems, essays, and stories about Durham by a wide range of Durham people including Clyde Edgerton, Jean Bradley Anderson, Rebecca Newton, Pierce Freelon, and Ariel Dorfman. In it you will find the Durham you know and, perhaps, a Durham or two you never knew existed. Watts-Hillandale's own Steve Schewel wrote the introduction. **Green Gospel** is neighbor Charles Fiore's novel about a woman who is torn between her devotion to her community and her desire to escape her involvement with a radical environmental group. Tense stuff. Another great local novel is Karen Stark's **World on a String**. Based on her father's memoir, this is the story of young Charlie Stark, a Jewish man making his way among the hoods and gangsters of New York in the early 1930s. The story is richly loaded with scoundrels and angels, slums and speakeasies. Charlie, a self-taught set designer, gets caught in the middle when he takes a job decorating a nightclub. Finally, there's Clare Adkin's **Quiet Guilt, the State of Michigan v. Starr**. This, too, is a story of a Depression-era youth who finds himself mixed up with desperate people. The protagonist, Chuck, is a farm-boy turned newspaper reporter assigned to cover the trial of a murder case that doesn't seem quite right. **Imagine hiking 2,200 miles** - in the mountains, no less – and then writing about it. Joe Liles did it. Keeping a long-time promise to himself to hike the entire length of the Appalachian Trail, Joe crossed 14 states in his six-month journey and wrote regular reports on his experiences and the people he met along the way. It's all compiled in Joe's book, **Trail Magic, Reports from Braid** (the name Joe signed to his reports). After reading a few pages, even the most sedentary neighbor might fantasize about a hike of his own along the famous trail.

Lots of great reading for a gray winter afternoon and all from authors who live just around the corner.

How like a winter hath my absence been
From thee, the pleasure of the fleeting year!
What freezings have I felt, what dark days seen!
What old December's bareness every where!
And yet this time removed was summer's time,
The teeming autumn, big with rich increase,
Bearing the wanton burden of the prime,
Like widow'd wombs after their lords' decease:
Yet this abundant issue seem'd to me
But hope of orphans and unfather'd fruit;
For summer and his pleasures wait on thee,
And, thou away, the very birds are mute;
Or, if they sing, 'tis with so dull a cheer
That leaves look pale, dreading the winter's near.

'Sonnet 97, William Shakespeare

The Heart of the

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Development Update

Construction is moving quickly at Circle Ninth Street, the 300+ unit apartment complex occupying the middle third of Erwin Square's grassy field. The interior parking structure is up and work has begun on the apartment buildings that will mask it. When finished, the brick clad building will look something like the historic Erwin Mill buildings that sit on the ridge to the east. Progress is also visible at the site of the new Hilton Garden Inn going up on the southern third of the grassy field. The 200-room hotel will be clad in brick, stucco and glass. Like most hotels at this product level, this Hilton will have no restaurant or significant meeting spaces, but guests will have all of Ninth Street within an easy walk. Both the hotel and the apartments project a third quarter 2013 opening.

The Chartwell people who bought much of the rest of the Erwin Square property have got their **Harris Teeter** project well under way. They have leveled the ground from Ninth Street to the Erwin Square drive and will soon be pouring concrete and raising steel. The grocery store will contain 54,000 sq. ft. and will be brick on the exterior. Unlike other HT stores, this free-standing building will have windows (some real, some "faux") on all four sides, a design concession the developers and HT have made to their neighbors. Chartwell is also remodeling the former George's Garage building to contain a larger mix of restaurants and retail tenants. The building, which originally turned its back to the street, will have new door and window openings facing Hillsborough and Ninth. A tenant list is as yet unknown.

Chartwell has already remodeled the former Specs building on Ninth to accommodate an enlarged **Jimmy John's**. The restaurant may have moved from its east-side Ninth Street location by the time you read this. Remodeling involved changes to the brickwork which necessitated painting the building. The decision to put a raised wood and stucco parapet at the corner was an unfortunate one. The plywood

rear of the structure is visible from Ninth Street making the building look like an old west set from a Hollywood back lot. Remodeling is also underway at the old post office building next door. Rumor has it that at least part of this building will contain a chain variety Mexican restaurant.

At the other end of the neighborhood, construction is well advanced at the much bedeviled re-do of the old **Loehmann's Plaza** shopping center. The never ending Hillandale widening project caused all sorts of land planning and traffic control problems for the property and may have been a factor in Harris Teeter's decision to abandon any ideas it had about opening a store there. With a redesign of both the parking lot and the access points off Hillandale, the project has been given a new start as two buildings. To the south, **Kerr Drugs** will be the anchor tenant. The store is now open. The other major tenant, **Papas Grill**, now closed, promises to reopen when remodeling is finished. To the north, the portion of the former shopping center that once held a Winn Dixie and later a health club is being transformed into medical offices for Duke.

Earn Neighbors' Support

In the last number of PARADE, we told you about a rezoning request to permit the redevelopment of the modest 30-unit Washburn Court apartments at the southwest corner of Swift and Hwy 147 into a super-dense residential project containing 220 units. To achieve this development intensity, the developers asked the city to extend the boundaries of the new Ninth Street design district and its liberal "core" zoning south of the freeway to take in the property. Only under the Ninth Street core designation could such project be developed. The problem with the request, as Ninth Street neighbors were quick to point out, was that under the core zoning regulations the property would not be limited to a residential project, but could be a hotel, offices, or a shopping center. The request

also raised issue about discipline in the planning process. Would extending the Ninth Street district boundaries signal an open season on more restrictively zoned properties around the district periphery in hope of reaping a rezoning bonanza?

These fears were much allayed when the Swift Avenue project's developers invited concerned neighbors to a meeting at which the developers agreed to a development plan for their rezoning which would restrict the property to residential use only even though it would be zoned "core." Neighbors agreed that given the very close proximity of the project to the freeway and to the proposed Ninth Street rail station, high density residential makes sense. Further, examination of the area where the property is located revealed that it is a small pocket of conventionally zoned land surrounded by larger areas of specialty design district and university zones. Expansion of the Ninth Street district here, under the limitations voluntarily accepted by the Swift Avenue developers, would be permissible where expansion elsewhere would not.

At public hearings before the Durham Planning Commission in September and October, neighbors spoke in favor of the Swift Avenue rezoning with the development plan restrictions offered by the developer.

Guess Road Rezoning Still Moving Through the Process

Neighbors on the east side of Watts-Hillandale are worried about Durham landlord Nickolaus Bourbous' seemingly never-ending quest to rezone his properties on Guess Road to allow more intense commercial uses. The case started in the summer of 2011. Mr. Bourbous, the owner of the house at 2125 Guess Road, asked the city to rezone it from office to commercial uses. The case went to the Planning Commission in November that year and the commission voted unanimously against the change. Neighborhood