



PARADE

"Commuters give the city its tidal restlessness; natives give it solidity and continuity; but the settlers give it passion." —E. B. White

2009 CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION EVENTS

Thursday, January 22 @ 7 pm: Please join your neighbors to watch the documentary *Durham: A Self-Portrait* in the Lecture Hall at the North Carolina School of Science and Math (NCSSM). Steve Channing, the film's director, has graciously agreed to show the documentary in support of and as part of the WHH Centennial Celebration. Dr. Channing will be in attendance and available for questions and answers.

Durham: A Self-Portrait is a documentary film and educational media project that focuses on moments of transformation in the history of Durham -- from the birth of the tobacco, textile, and African-American insurance and banking industries that defined the place for a century, through their demise and the long struggle to re-invent a 21st-century city where today many of us feel so fortunate to work and live in. It is a masterpiece that represents a broad span of generations and backgrounds and captures Durham's *vibrant music, culture and bare knuckles politics*. If you haven't seen the film, please don't miss it this time. The showing on January 22nd is free and open to the public!

Sunday, February 8: The North Carolina School of Science and Math is dedicating its *Winter Concert* to "100 Years of Music" in commemoration of the WHH Centennial Celebration! In January, Scott Laird, Music Instructor and Fine Arts Coordinator, NCSSM, will extend an invitation via the listserv to WHH residents with hopes of soliciting residents who like to sing and want to participate in the Winter Concert. Scott Laird can also be reached directly at laird@ncssm.edu or 919.416.2732.

Each year the NCSSM Winter Concert works with community groups such as Blacknall Memorial Church to present an outstanding evening of music and joy! We are grateful to NCSSM for the 2009 dedication and hope you will choose either to participate or to attend this lovely performance, free and open to the public, on February 8th.

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A Neighborhood A-Glow

The WHHNA twenty-fourth annual **Night of Lights** is **Sunday, December 21st**. It is the night when our streets sparkle with thousands of glowing luminaria (or luminaries as we like to call them) marking the age-old tradition that so many countries and cultures have noted for millennia: light in the dark of winter brings hope and joy.

Our Watts Hospital-Hillandale Neighborhood Association joins with other Durham neighborhoods in this annual festive event. The beauty of the luminaria inspires neighbors to stroll in the crisp winter air and parties and open houses to abound.

Mark your calendars now – you won't want to miss any of the joy or fun of this event! Everything you need - bags, candles, and sand - will be on sale at the southern end of Oval Park at the picnic shelter at the following times:

Friday, December 19th,	5 pm - 7:00 pm
Saturday, December 20th,	1 pm - 5:30 pm
Sunday, December 21st,	1 pm - 4:30 pm

The price per light (bag, candle, & sand) has never gone up and is still only 50 cents per light - and WHHNA members receive two free lights. A membership table will also be present for new neighbors, or those who may have forgotten to pay their annual dues for this year.



Per tradition, WHHNA will again use the Night Of Lights sale nights listed above to collect donations of canned food, other non-perishable staples (e.g., paper goods), and checks for the **Durham Community Kitchen**. So dig deep into your hearts and cupboards to generously contribute.

How many luminaria should you get? It's up to you. The goal is to line every street in the neighborhood for this wonderful night. Grab a couple of extra bags for your neighbors who might forget or be unable to purchase their own. If your holiday schedule prevents you from picking up your materials, ask your neighbors to pick them up for you.

When the whole neighborhood is aglow, we guarantee that your heart will be as warm as the glowing candles in front of your property and along every street!



If you know a new neighbor or are one yourself, please contact **Dean Michaels (286-2601)** or **Karen Stark (286-9895)**

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Calendar of Events 2008-2009

including Board Meetings

- Nov.27 _____ Thanksgiving Day Celebration
- Nov. 29 _____ Duke vs. UNC Men's Football
- Dec. 10 _____ CAN Strategy Teams' Monthly Meeting
- Dec. 16 _____ Neighborhood Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Home of Meredith Emmett, 1301 Alabama
- Dec. 16 _____ CAN Potluck Celebration, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Catholic Social Ministries, 902 Broad St.
- Dec.19 to 21 _____ Luminaria sale, etc. (see page 1)
- Dec. 21 _____ Night Of Lights
- Jan. 1 _____ New Years Day Celebration
- Jan. 12 _____ Video & Audio Institute Scholarship, Essay Due Date
- Jan. 20 _____ Neighborhood Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Home of Tom Miller, 1110 Virginia
- Jan. 22 _____ Durham: A Self Portrait at 7:00 p.m.
Lecture Hall, NCSSM (see page 1)
- Feb. 8 _____ "100 Years of Music" Winter Concert
NCSSM (see page 1)
- Feb. 17 _____ Neighborhood Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Home of Darrell Fruth, 1308 Virginia
- Mar. 17 _____ Neighborhood Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Home of Deb Kelly, 1105 Alabama Avenue
- Apr. 18 _____ Save The Date: The Wattminster Dog Show
NCSSM Baseball Field, Maryland Ave, 10:00 a.m.

Oval Park Median Art Project Winning Proposal

The Centennial Celebration Median Art Project Committee received seven proposals to design, produce and install art and/or landscape on the median between Oval Drive and Oakland Avenue on West Club Boulevard. We thank each of the artists who submitted proposals and appreciate your great ideas. We wish we could commission all of you to help with this beautification project!

In early October, Joshua Allen, Alice Thacher and Debbie Kelly met with City staff members including Phil Loziuk, Mark Ahrendsen, Alex Johnson and Rob Joyner to discuss and collect information about the City's thoughts and plans for the median space. These discussions helped the Committee review the proposals from the perspective of meeting the needs of both the City and the WHH neighborhood.

The Median Art Project Committee is proud to announce that Joe Liles has been asked to proceed with his "Sign" proposal. The sign welcomes visitors while celebrating WHH's unique history, architecture and character. Its design is based on the logo Joe created for the Centennial Celebration! The plan is for the sign to be size appropriate for safety and will look very much like the logo that is displayed on the banners currently hanging throughout the neighborhood. The sign may be fabricated from sheet metal and then hand painted. The committee is thrilled about Joe's plans for this sign to commemorate the Centennial Celebration!

In order to comply with City safety requirements, the sign will most likely be placed on the north or south side of West Club Blvd. near Oval Park, but not on the median.

The Median Art Project Committee hopes to work collaboratively with the City in its efforts to plant vegetation on the median itself and on the north and south side of West Club Blvd. near Oval Park.



Durham Central Market – A Cooperative Grocery Reports 300 Owners Achieved !!

Thank you to everyone in Watts-Hospital Hillandale neighborhood who has shown your support through volunteer efforts, cooperative vision, and/or by purchasing a share in Durham's up-and-coming cooperative grocery store, **Durham Central Market (DCM)**. The tally is in! DCM achieved and exceeded its goal of bringing in 300 founding owners by October 31, 2008.

What is Durham Central Market?

Durham Central Market is a new neighborhood cooperative grocery, aiming to locate centrally, close to the current Durham Farmers Market. The market will offer high quality, mostly local food and other products (just as the Durham Food Coop is phasing out its retail operations). DCM will reinvest profits back into the Durham community, practice sustainability, and foster a respectful, professional workplace.

People who purchase shares (owners) have the privilege of participating in decision making and shaping the store's vision. Our goal is 1200 owners by date of store opening, loosely projected as January 2010. To purchase a share, volunteer your time and talents, or to learn more, visit our website www.durhamcentralmarket.org

2008 WHHNA Annual Meeting Summary

About fifty neighbors attended WHHNA's annual meeting on October 21 at St. Luke's Church on Hillandale. It was a great chance to meet neighbors, hear neighborhood news, eat good food (there was way too much!) and for many to win books, t-shirts and more in one of the several prize drawings. Many thanks to **Watts Grocery** for their generous donation of delicious cupcakes and fruit!

Debbie Kelly provided information on the many activities associated with the Centennial celebration and solicited volunteers to help with upcoming events (notably including the first-ever Wattsminster Dog Show!). **Larry Chapman** described safety and other preparations arranged for Halloween. **Mig Little-Hayes** explained the arrangement WattsBusters negotiated with Lowe's Home Improvement for generous savings through a group deal during the Energy Star tax-free weekend in November for continued efforts at energy efficiency. President of the board, **Meredith Emmett**, got people excited about the neighborhood

Art Walk and upcoming Night of Lights.

Marilyn Butler presented a Treasurer's report showing that the WHHNA treasury ended the 2008 fiscal year with \$12,635.29. This is somewhat lower than a year ago, but higher than in the three prior years.

The nominating committee of **Steve Cohn, Joshua Allen, Summer Bicknell, Marilyn Butler** and **Anne Fairchild** proposed, and the membership accepted unanimously, the slate of officers listed above.

After the news and business reports, residents met in small groups to discuss a number of neighborhood topics: Trees and Traffic, Streetlights, Ninth Street Development, Centennial, Halloween, NC School of Science & Math, Durham CAN and Ellerbe Creek. Lots of good information was shared and many strong opinions were voiced. The result was a good education regarding local issues that affect each of us most directly.

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A Century Ago

How to start a Model T

1) Taking your place in the driver's seat, set the brake by pulling back the hand lever.



2) Disengage the clutch. It's the pedal on the far right.

3) Push the spark lever (it's on the left side of the steering column) around to the top. If you forget to do this, the engine will fire and kick back the crank (see 7 below), perhaps spraining your wrist. Ouch!

4) Pull the throttle lever (on the other side of the column) down to the fifth setting.

5) Set the switch (on the dash to your right) to "magneto."

6) Dismount and go to the front of the car. Try not to appear apprehensive. Grasp the crank handle with the four fingers of one hand. Do not position your thumb opposite. Instead lay it atop the handle. This will permit a quick release in case of a kickback (see 3 above).

7) Shove the handle forward, i.e., toward the engine, to engage the ratchet. Then lift the handle up sharply in a clockwise motion. This should start the engine.

8) Then, as if you expected this result, walk briskly to the driver's side of the car. Do not climb in, but reach to the spark lever (see 3 above) and pull it down gently until the engine runs smoothly. Without relocating, reach for the throttle and push it until the engines settles to idle. There should be a steady *chuffa chuffa* sound.

9) Since there is no door on the driver's side, walk around the car (again, adopt an air of business as usual), open the passenger door and climb in. With any luck at all, someone who knows how to drive the thing will come along and take you for a ride.

Ford introduced the T model in 1908. Durhamites bought theirs at Alexander Motors on East Main Street. The building, with its elegant tiled front and large showroom windows, is

still there, diagonally across from First Presbyterian Church. In 1908, the car cost \$850, a lot of money, but way less than a Maxwell or a Stutz. By 1925, the Model T could be had for just \$250.

Centennial Spurs Applications For Historic Plaques

All of the activity associated with the neighborhood's centennial seems to have awakened a heightened interest in neighborhood history and historic preservation. "The success of the house tour last spring made many neighbors see their Watts-Hillandale homes in a new light," says tour chair and Preservation Durham board member Kathy Carter. While the idea of living in an old house has always attracted people to the neighborhood, some now see their homes more as antique furniture and themselves as stewards of living history. This has led to a rush to the library and the register of deeds office to find out who built and lived in these old houses – provenance, they call it on Antiques Road Show. Around twenty neighbors have applied for an historic plaque as the natural culmination of their research efforts.

The plaque program is operated by Preservation Durham. To be eligible, a house or building must be at least 70 years old and mostly intact. Applicants are required to compile the history of their property following specific instructions and helpful guides concerning sources. The work is invariably interesting and rewarding. When researching the history of his 1916 bungalow at 2100 West Club, Kurt Hube discovered that its original owner, Noble Clay, installed gaslights in the house which remained the primary light source until the 1940s. Clay coached

basketball at Duke (Trinity) from 1913 until 1915. He was later U.S. consul at Majorca. Ted and Helen Compton confirmed the rumor that an early owner of their large home at 2215 West Club speculated in real estate during the boom of the 1920s only to lose everything, including the house, in the Great Depression of the 1930s.

One of the most interesting house histories is that of the Paschall-Thomas House at 2009 West Club. The house sat vacant for years until it was lovingly restored by its new owners, Sara and Sasha Berghausen. They discovered that the original owner of the house, Luther Paschall, filled it with woodwork fireplaces and fittings salvaged from Washington Duke's great Victorian mansion, "Fairview." Paschall was a successful plumbing and heating contractor in the early years of the 20th century.

The historic plaques are bronze and bear the name of the house, usually its original owner, and the date of construction. The history of the house is written into an ever-growing booklet published by Preservation Durham. Watch for plaques at these Watts-Hillandale homes: the J. J. Woods House at 2001 West Club; the J.W. Muse House at 1110 Virginia; the John Frizelle House at 2103 Englewood; the Foy Shaw House at 2105 Englewood; the Clay-Lloyd house at 2100 W. Club; the Totten House at 2215 W. Club; the Mitchell-Baker House at 2301 W. Club; the Numa Bitting House at 2105 W.Club; the Massey-Carver House at 1113 Virginia; the Dennis-Stout House at 1111 Iredell; the Grover Glymph House at 2040 Englewood; the Holloway-Reed House at 2203 Englewood, and the Paschall-Thomas House at 2009 W. Club. There is also a plaque on the main building at The NC School of Science and Math commemorating its original function as Watts Hospital.

Interested in a plaque for your historic home? Visit the Preservation Durham website at www.PreservationDurham.org. Worried about doing the research? Don't be. There is a lot of help out there. Call

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Ninth Street Zoning Issues Heat Up

Ninth Street Plan

For two years now, representatives of the Watts-Hillandale neighborhood have joined counterparts from Old West Durham and merchants along Ninth Street to make sure that the proposed Ninth Street Plan balanced the intensification of land uses in the Ninth Street area with measures designed to protect both what is best loved about the commercial district and the stable neighborhoods adjoining the district on every side. In November, however, all of this effort was significantly undercut by clumsy amendments to the plan inserted by the planning department at the last minute.

From the beginning, the neighborhoods asked for two things. First, they wanted a significant step down in the intensity of development in the Ninth Street area as it nears the neighborhoods to the north and east. Next, the neighborhoods wanted the historic Main-to-Markham business district to remain the commercial core of the larger Ninth Street area and for it to retain the mix of architecture and independent businesses that have served it so well for so long. When the draft plan went to the planning commission last summer, it called for a two and possibly three story height limit in the Main-to-Markham "pedestrian business" area. The neighborhoods asked the commission to consider keeping the height limit at just two stories to discourage the demolition of the historic structures there. The Erwin Square developers had a different idea, though. They asked for height limits that would allow buildings as tall as five stories in the historic heart of the district. The planning commission approved the plan unchanged and sent it on to the city council with a favorable recommendation.

In August, the plan went before the city council. Responding to the comments

of both sides at the planning commission, the planning department proposed an amendment which would keep the base height limit in the pedestrian business zone at 35 feet but would allow building to 45 feet if special conditions were satisfied. The neighborhoods supported this compromise, but the Erwin Square folks did not. They asked for, and received, a delay to negotiate with the neighborhoods and interested Ninth Street merchants. Meeting followed meeting for two months. The neighborhoods made several proposals, each offering to relent on height limits, building densities, and parking requirements in return for safeguards such as requiring an equal mix of three and four story buildings on the west (Erwin Square) side of the street, and ground-to-sky breaks between buildings.

Just when it began to look like a compromise was possible, the planning department proposed raising the height limits from 35 to 55 feet by right. Since this was essentially what the developers wanted, they saw no further need for the negotiations they had asked for. Instead, they urged the city council to approve the new version of the plan at its meeting on November 17.

The neighborhoods and merchants protested to the council and asked neighborhood supporters to register their concerns as well. City council members were swamped with e-mails and at the same time, Terry Sanford called all of the interested parties, including the planning department, together one last time. At this meeting, the ice melted and everyone agreed that the maximum building height on the west side of the Main-to-Markham block of Ninth would be 55', no more than half of the buildings could be four stories tall. The rest would have to be three or fewer. Everyone agreed that the plan should call for a parking study and that storm water mitigation areas should be combined with public open space, if possible. The plan, as amended, passed the council unanimously that same night.

Ninth Street North

Since the last issue of PARADE, representatives of the Old West Durham and Watts-Hillandale neighborhoods have met with Ninth Street North developer, Glenn Dickson, and his architects and land planners. Ninth Street North includes all of the property on the west side of Ninth Street from Vin Rouge and Blue to Green Street, and the entire block between Ninth and Iredell north of the Elmo's parking lot. Dickson has filed for rezoning of the entire area to mixed use development.

The version of the plan that was displayed at the meeting in November called for 145 dwelling units, 37,000 sq. ft. of new retail space, and 77,000 sq. ft. of new office space. This represents an increase in intensity from the version of the plan displayed at last year's "neighborhood meeting" (now a required procedure under the UDO). Building heights would go to 75 ft. or five stories on much of the Ninth-to-Iredell block. Under the proposed Ninth Street Plan, this area is designated "Support I" which would allow buildings to go to 60 feet by right and to 75 feet only if special conditions are met. By planning on 75-foot tall buildings, the developer is presuming on the plan, the detailed regulations for which have yet to be written. Parking would be located in an interior deck wrapped by residential and nonresidential space. The project would step down to four stories at its northernmost end. The elevations drawn by the architect envisioned retail and office on one and two levels along Ninth, depending on the slope of the ground. The buildings as shown would be a combination of masonry, glass, and steel, but the drawings were illustrative only and not a binding part of the plan. The issue for the neighborhoods is whether a project this big so close to a residential area made up of modest homes on small lots will stimulate a 'domino' effect of rezonings and redevelopment north of Green Street. If the rezoning

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Thanks to Ninth Street Merchants

Thank you go to our friends and supporters at Vaguely Reminiscent, The Regulator Bookshop, and Zola for the lovely door prizes donated for our annual meeting in October. The t-shirts, gift certificates, and other gifts certainly enlivened our business and served to remind of us that we are part of a very special west Durham Community.

The Gift for the Person Who is Hard to Buy For

Don't know what to give Mom or Dad? Have to have something in case the neighbor next door surprises you with

holiday cookies? Don't buy your way out of trouble! We've got something cheap and easy that is sure to please! That's right. It's a genuine Watts Hospital-Hillandale T-shirt! Think about it; everybody wants one. Admit it; you want one too. Now that you are thinking about it, you're probably going to make cookies to surprise your neighbors just hoping that one of them will run to the spare bedroom closet and come back with a WHHNA Tee saying "and we got this just for you!"

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Community News

Video and Audio Institute Scholarships Center for Documentary Studies and WHH Collaboration

For the past two years, this column was reserved for stories about neighbors who have lived in the neighborhood for 50 years or more. The regular column will continue in March but is dedicated this month to a very exciting collaboration between Watts Hospital-Hillandale Neighborhood and the Center for Documentary Studies (CDS) at Duke University.

In connection with the Centennial Celebration, CDS has selected WHH as the “classroom” for its Summer 2009 Video and Audio Video Institutes. The Video Institute will take place June 20-27 and the Audio Institute will take place July 19-25; CDS and WHHNA will provide two scholarships for each Summer 2009 Institute.

CDS teaches, engages in and presents documentary work that uses photography, film/video, audio and narrative writing to capture and convey contemporary memory, life and culture. The Summer Video and Audio Institutes offer students of all ages, backgrounds and skills the opportunity to learn about video and audio documentary work in morning-till-night immersion programs grounded in collaborative partnerships and extended fieldwork.

Throughout 2009, teams of CDS Summer Institute students, instructors and assistants will conduct fieldwork through the collection of stories and photographs aimed to tell a history of the Watts Hospital-Hillandale neighborhood. This is a unique opportunity for WHH neighbors, past and present, to tell their stories!

If you would like to participate in the 2009 Video or Audio Institute on scholarship, please submit a 300-word essay to April Walton and/or Meredith Emmett via email: awalton@duke.edu and/or Meredith@thirdspacestudio.com or letter (April's address: 2122 Edwin Avenue, 27705-3274; Meredith's address: 1301 Alabama Avenue, 27705-3105) no later than Monday, January 12, 2009. Scholarship recipients will be announced at the screening of “Durham: A Self-Portrait” sponsored by the WHH Centennial Celebration Committee at the NC School of Science & Math Lecture Hall on Thursday, January 22 at 7pm.

If you have lived in the neighborhood for 50 years or more and would like to share your experiences and memories for the March issue of PARADE newsletter, or know someone who might want to share his/her story, please contact Debbie Kelly at debrakelly@hometown.com or 286-3621.



Meet Kathryn Herzog WHHNA Durham CAN Member, Environmentalist

WH Durham CAN (Congregations, Associations and Neighborhoods) member, Kristin Bradley-Bull, catches up with Kathryn as part of an occasional PARADE profile of the work of neighbors involved in Durham CAN. WHHNA is a CAN member organization.

What drew you to CAN? I was intrigued by emails I'd seen on the listserve about what Durham CAN was up to. So I went to an Assembly meeting – a gathering for CAN members and other community folks -- to see what it was all about. I listened to Duke administrators and leaders of local hospitals stand in front of an overflowing crowd and commit to some amazing things: providing health care benefits to contract laborers, raising the minimum wage for hourly Duke employees to a more sustainable level, and working with local hospitals to commit to providing care to the uninsured. A neighbor then invited me to a CAN metro caucus meeting, where more of the progress updating and planning gets done, and I was immediately hooked.

There are so many different volunteer opportunities calling the name of Watts-Hillandalers. Why did you choose CAN? I love being part of an empowered citizens group. I am impressed with how CAN brings citizens together from a wide variety of backgrounds, experiences, and expertise to work together to make change happen. It is a model that works really well.

What's one of your favorite experiences or memories so far in CAN? The Assembly meetings are my favorite part. There is a lot of work done behind the scenes that I enjoy because I get to know people who care a lot about issues, and when it all comes together, it's really moving.

How is our neighborhood's membership in CAN helpful to CAN? We live in a great neighborhood that includes many community-minded folks who care deeply about issues and who work hard for change in a wide variety of ways. In addition, there are tremendous resources in the neighborhood that are invaluable to CAN; teachers, policemen, business-owners, politicians, activists -- people who are essential parts of Durham's social, educational, and economic make-up. We in CAN are delighted to draw upon these resources and get people involved at every level.

You've been most involved with CAN's Environmental Action Team. Give us an example of that team's work. There is a stream near the McDougald Terrace housing community that, unbelievably, for about 20 years episodically emits an odor so strong that classes at Burton Elementary are disrupted, and kids with asthma sometimes forced to stay indoors. No neighborhood should have to endure that! CAN is using its influence and resources to finally resolve this injustice. It is a long road – CAN collaborates with Duke U. on extensive research; educates, engages and empowers McDougald Terrace neighbors; publicizes the issue so the public will pay attention, and brings the responsible polluting company and local and state officials to the table. Now there's traction. People are paying attention – the City Council, the State. Really, it's inspiring.

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Heart of the Neighborhood

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is allowed, a neighborhood protection plan for the Old West Durham neighborhood will have to be a city council priority. The rezoning could go to the planning commission as early as its December meeting. Watts-Hillandale T-shirts are all-cotton and come in a wide variety of designs, colors and sizes. From junior to gramps, there is something for everyone in the family! They're just \$12 each. E-mail your orders to Tom Miller, our man in underwear, at tom-miller1@nc.rr.com.

What A Wonderful 2008 FestOval!

Once again, FestOval was a tremendous success this year with rainy weather holding off until after the last note of the concert. This event could not have happened without the help of so many friends and neighbors, which is what makes it so special. Many thanks to **Watts Busters and The Scrap Exchange** for their meaningful contributions; to **Lindsey Butte** and the **Durham Jazz** for a wonderful concert to which many danced; to **Joe Liles, Katy Fenn** and the **NC Math and Science student volunteers** who painted the faces of a never-ending line of kids; to **John Heffernan, Kevin Young, Ron Grunwald, Tom Miller** and others who made sure everyone had fun with games, turtles, or water balloons!

Thanks to **Summer Bicknell** for coordinating with the **City** to ensure compliance with permits & regulations, and for generously providing Loco Pops! And FestOval would not be FestOval without **Mr. Holmes'** famous frozen lemonade! Thanks too, to **Terri Koch** and her husband for lemonade, and to the many residents who provided tasty items from pies to hot dogs and salads.

Many thanks to **Neil Prose** and **Bill Erwin** for event set up, **Don Moffit** who provided lights for the evening, **Elieen Reynolds, RaeJean** and the many others who volunteered during the day, and **Steve Parker** for helping out at every turn. And a thousand thank yous to **Debbie**



Kelly whose impeccable organizational skills, detailed instructions for volunteers, and endless rounds of moving tables, etc. for the actual event made FestOval flow in a graceful manner. And finally, thank you to all the brave souls who continued to volunteer once the rains began to fall.

Meet Kathryn Herzog—continued

Let's say a neighbor wanted to make a small contribution of effort to the Environmental Team... One of the best ways to get involved is by attending a CAN assembly or metro caucus meeting where you will learn what the current issues are that action teams are working on. You can then talk to team members about how you might contribute and get involved. Sometimes just being there to show your support is a huge contribution in itself!

People give to CAN as much or as little as they are able. For some, this is writing a letter or making a phone call. For others, it's doing research or organizing an event related to a particular issue. Those of us involved are very proud of the membership and support that Watts gives to CAN and are always happy to have more neighbors involved!

If someone wanted more info. on the Environmental Team, how should they get in touch? They could email me at kherzog@redwoodsgroup.com.

THE WATTSMINSTER DOG SHOW

—SAVE THE DATE

WHO: Durham Canines

WHAT: Pooch parade, doggie games and costume contest

WHERE: NC School of Science and Math Baseball Field,
Maryland Avenue

WHEN: April 18, 2009 @10:00am

More details and registration information to come. To volunteer contact Kay Michaels, 919.286.2601 or kdmi-chaels@verizon.net.



And while on the subject of POOCH...

PLEASE PICK UP THE POOP

Englewood Avenue neighbor and former WHHNA board member Rick Hanford has let us know that it's about time for PARADE to run its regular reminder to pick up behind your dog.

Rick figures there might be some new neighbors who need such a reminder, because he has recently noticed quite a number of piles in his part of the neighborhood, including several in his own yard. And he heard loud and clear about one pile that went unnoticed on his neighbor's walk until the neighbor came home after dark and found it the hard way.

Another neighbor has lately noted a lack of adequate poop clean-up on the West Ellerbe Creek Trail, in spite of the Mutt Mitts that are supplied by the Ellerbe Creek Watershed Association. Those bags are supplied by ECWA in part because the poop along the trail is likely to wash right into the creek when it rains, adding to an already-too-high fecal coliform load that has bad effects on the fish and other wildlife in and around the creek.

So **PLEASE** be courteous to your neighbors and kind to the environment by picking up after your dog.