

*Never underestimate the power
of a small group of dedicated
people to change the world.
Indeed, it is the only thing
that has.*

Margaret Meade



Invite a neighbor to join. . .

University Park Homeowners Association

If you are new to our neighborhood or if you've lived here for years, we invite you to join us! As a member of the University Park Homeowners Association you will be kept informed of special events and important neighborhood issues. You will receive our quarterly newsletter, receive email alerts, be invited to attend informative and fun programs as part of the Membership meetings. UPHA works to protect and enhance the quality of life in our neighborhood community. Join us!

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

AREA OF INTEREST _____

Your membership fee supports the cost of newsletters, neighborhood events, programs and much more! Please make your check payable to the University Park Homeowners Association. Mail it to PO Box 5985, University Station, Raleigh NC 27650. Please check the payment schedule you prefer. For more information contact Board Member, Donna Bailey.

\$100 lifetime membership

\$25 quarterly for one year

UPHA NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

As usual, UPHA has been very active the last few months. I hope some of you had a chance to attend one of the many events that UPHA sponsored. There has been a lot of interest with infill in Raleigh and our neighborhood so we held an Infill Forum in November that had a very good attendance. UPHA had two holiday parties. The Children's Party this year was held at Morningside Assisted Living here in the neighborhood. That was a huge success for young and old alike!

In this issue of the UPHA Neighborhood News we have an update on improvements to Cannon park, as well as the Business Improvement District (BID) proposed for Hillsborough Street. The UPHA has been an active participant in each of these proposals, continuing our mission of enhancing and improving the quality of life here in University Park.

Please feel free to contact me or any other board member if you have any questions or concerns.

Have a happy and healthy New Year!

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NEW MEMBERS

By Kay Leager

We welcome the following new members to UPHA:

- Andy & Arati Bechtel – 112 Henderson St.
- Jeff & Paula Hendrickson – 3400 Ruffin St.
- Josh & Pat Johnson – 3205 Merriman Ave.
- Dov Pinder & Bonnie Rochman – 3318 Clark Ave
- Rob & Robin Sealey – 307 Shepherd St.
- Joe & Yvonne Wyche – 100 Henderson St.
- Janice Odom – 3307 Hall Place
- Richard & Jane Stroup – 2507 Mayview Rd.
- Karl & Lise Cooper – 2807 Mayview Rd.
- Milt & Karen Rhodes – 2910 Barmettler St.

Please encourage new neighbors to join UPHA. Any Board member can provide a membership brochure.

UPHA AND INFILL

By Joseph Boisvert

In November, the UPHA hosted an infill forum that was designed to start the discussion into how the neighborhood wanted to tackle the issue of infill. Mitchell Silver – Director of Planning for the City of Raleigh was in attendance as well as City Councilors Russ Stephenson and Thomas Crowder. Many points of view were discussed as well as possible ways to handle this delicate issue. Currently the city is working on their comprehensive plan and the issues of infill and growth are a very important part of this plan. We urge all of our members to become involved in this planning process as this plan will shape our city for decades to come. Please also feel free to post your thoughts on this issue on our discussion board or feel free to email any of the board members with your comments. Thanks for your interest in the neighborhood and in this great city that we call home.

BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT PROPOSED FOR HILLSBOROUGH STREET

By Donna Bailey

The idea for a Business Improvement District (BID) dates back to a presentation made by the Department of City Planning (DCP) at the February 2007 meeting of the Raleigh City Council.

A BID was suggested for the area because it could provide the resources needed to improve the cleanliness and safety, conduct on-going public realm maintenance, and enhance economic development efforts for the area through coordinated marketing and tenant recruitment.

Another potential benefit of a BID would be its ability to “speak for the street” by providing a unified voice for merchants and property owners. Over the past few years, the surrounding community’s focus for Hillsborough Street has been directed towards the transformation into a “great street and public realm,” the enhancement of the street’s retail appeal, and improvements in vehicular and pedestrian safety.

A BID would provide the Hillsborough Street corridor with a capitalized version of the Hillsborough Street Partnership (HSP). Like the HSP, the BID would bring together leaders from the City of Raleigh, NC State University, the business community, and the surrounding neighborhoods to lend their collective vision and hard work to efforts to re-energize the area. These improvements will have a direct impact for the UPHA neighborhood.

The BID formation process is currently managed by Kristopher Larson, a senior planner with the DCP, and facilitated by the consultant team Downtown Professionals Network of Batavia, Illinois. Additionally, a ten-member steering committee has been formed that is comprised of stakeholders from various entities from along the corridor, including the UPHA and the HSP. Ralph Recchie, the Director of Real Estate for NC State University, serves as the Chair of the Steering Committee.

During the month of October, input and ideas provided by Hillsborough Street area stakeholders during a series of public events provided the basis for the development of a preliminary BID “Action Agenda.” This preliminary action agenda outlines ideas and suggestions for potential BID services and projects in five priority areas identified by community leaders, area business persons, and residents. These five priority areas for the BID include: Safety and Security, Maintenance and Management, Marketing & Promotion, Business Development, and Advocacy.

The Steering Committee is currently working towards refining the proposed BID boundaries, honing service priorities, and developing the project mailings that will be sent to each affected property owner. To learn more about the proposed BID, please log on to www.hillsboroughbid.com.

NEWS FROM HILLSBOROUGH STREET

by Paul Blankenship

Red, Hot and Blue has opened in the former Darryl’s restaurant at the corner of Oberlin Road and Hillsborough Street. Although they haven’t updated their website to reflect this new location, you can check out their menu on it: <http://www.redhotandblue.com/>

Improvements for Hillsborough Street continue in the design process. City Council will soon be asked to fund these improvements. Undergrounding of all utilities within the project boundaries are likely to happen. You can get updates at: <http://www.hillsboroughstreet.org/>

Discussions regarding the appropriate improvements for Hillsborough Street at Morgan continue. A roundabout of some design is being considered as well as other designs. Also being discussed is integrating this project with the improvements further west beginning at Oberlin. More on street parking is one of the goals.

Please attend the
UPHA General Membership Meeting
Monday, February 4th
Church of Christ on the corner of Brooks and Resedale
Dinner at 6 p.m. • Meeting at 7 p.m.

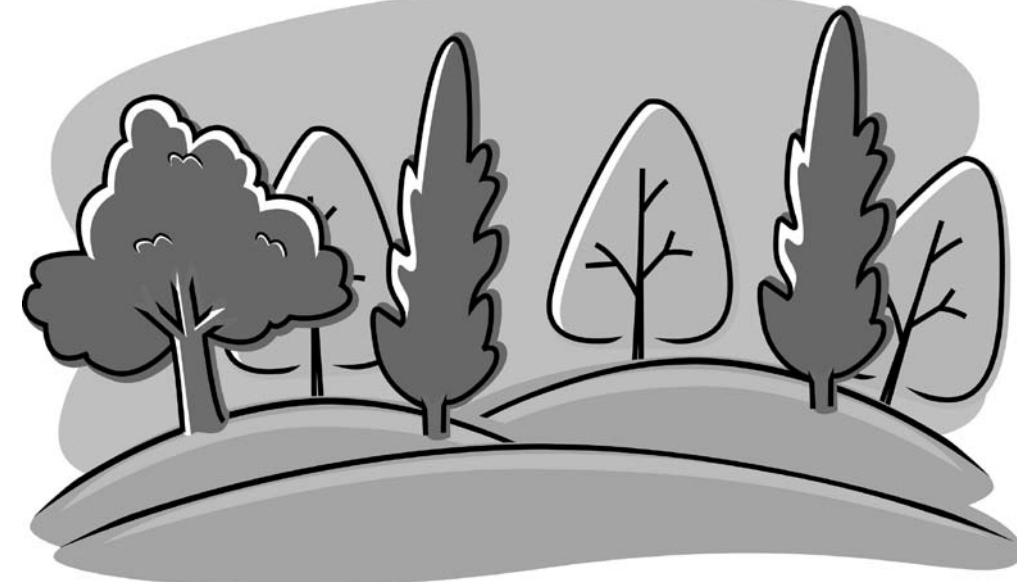
CANNON PARK IMPROVEMENTS

By Jamie Ramsey

One of University Park’s oldest and most loved neighborhood parks, Isabella Cannon Park, will be getting some improvements in the next few years. Isabella Cannon Park, formerly known as Gardner Street Park, is now named after Raleigh’s first woman mayor (and a longtime neighborhood resident) who was actively involved in local politics and City affairs. The park is located at the corner of Gardner Street and Kilgore Ave. Over the years, UPHA has been involved in many improvements to this park, including new playground equipment, a “points of light” mural on the restroom building, landscaping, and more. Cannon Park is the home of many of our neighborhood festivities, including the Halloween Festival.

Thanks to advocacy on the part of UPHA, \$250,000 was approved in the last parks bond for planning and park improvements, and there is currently approximately \$368,000 budgeted. After the bond was approved, a consultant was hired to help develop a plan, public meetings were held to discuss the proposed plan, and recently, the City Council approved a master plan for the park. UPHA has been actively involved from the beginning in tracking the planning process and informing neighborhood residents via our newsletter and the UPHA Yahoo discussion group* about meetings and developments. Stay tuned for future news as the improvement project gets underway.

*If you aren’t already a part of the UPHA Yahoo discussion group, you can join by emailing UPHA board member Sallie Ricks at sricks@nc.rr.com. The discussion group is a great way to link up with your neighbors to learn about UPHA community events (like our Candidates Forum, Spring Blast, Halloween Festival, July 4th parade, Christmas Party, etc.) and get recommendations for contractors or share information about crime-related activity and other concerns. All residents of the neighborhood are encouraged to join the discussion!



HOME OF THE MONTH



By Jamie Ramsey

UPHA’s Home of the Month awards recognize homeowners within our neighborhood who make a special effort to enhance and care for their property. Great property stewardship benefits the entire block and neighborhood in many ways!

Fortunately, we have many residents who do a fantastic job of making the most of their homes. Here are some recent recipients of the home of the month award:

- **8 Daisy Street**, the home of Melissa Griffin
- **114 Horne Street**, the home of Hallie and Maylon Frazier
- **114 Brooks Avenue**, the home of Judy and Frank Harmon
- **2714 Bedford Avenue**, the home of Tom Schoenvogel
- **200 Taylor Street**, the home of Hillary Hebert and Charlie Hart

Thank you to all who contribute to a positive neighborhood image and identity! University Park is a better place to live because of you. If you have someone in mind you’d like to nominate for this award, please call Jamie Ramsey at 821.9059.

