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*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, and 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...

Happy Spring! It is so refreshing to finally get the much needed rain. It's a great time to walk through our great neighborhood and see all the beautiful gardens and trees.

There's a lot of valuable information in this newsletter with items of interest for a variety of people. We are going to be asking neighbors to participate in the Isabella Cannon Park planning to help plan how to upgrade this important park.

In addition, please take a moment to read the Neighbor Spotlight about Steve McCreery who has been the UPHA secretary for the last 3 years. We are losing him to graduate school in Georgia and we will really miss him! Thanks Steve for all your help.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any issues that I can help out with.

Donna Bailey
UPHA President

NEIGHBOR SPOTLIGHT: Steve McCreery – UPHA Secretary

Steve McCreery has been an asset to the community since he moved to University Park in 2002. He has been serving as the UPHA Secretary for the last 3 years, where he does an excellent job keeping all of the board minutes. In addition, Steve was instrumental in getting our neighborhood dog waste dispensers set up throughout various parts of the neighborhood and helps keep them restocked.

Steve is currently completing his undergraduate degree at NC State and has recently been granted an assistantship this fall for his master's degree in telecommunications at The University of Georgia's Grady College, which is the home of the prestigious Peabody Awards. He will be moving to Athens in August and will sell his house on Fairall Drive, "the coolest street in the neighborhood," according to Steve, who also hosts an Americana and roots music radio show on Saturdays from 10 to noon on WKNC 88.1.

We want to wish Steve the best of luck with his continued education and thank him for all of his service while here in University Park!



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NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENTS



The entrance to Forest Hills is marked by two stone gates at the corner of Everett Ave. and Gardner St. near Isabella Cannon Park. The gate on the northeast corner of the intersection has been missing the stone ball on the left-hand side since the 1960s. Recently the UPHA board partnered with local resident John Kufirin to sculpt a new ball (above left) out of local granite and mount it in place. UPHA also received assistance through matching grants from Raleigh Parks and Recreation and the "People for Parks" fund.

HILLSBOROUGH STREET BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (BID) UPDATE

The first of two special project mailings is making its way to the mailboxes of Hillsborough Street area stakeholders. There will be a second mailing going out in May.

The Hillsborough Street BID Formation Study Steering Committee released a map depicting the proposed boundaries for a potential Business Improvement District (BID). The map is the product of extensive research and discussions. To view the boundaries and further information please go to: www.hillsboroughbid.com.

The final plan should be going to the city council for approval by the end of May. The combination of the new formation of the BID and the proposed changes for Hillsborough Street should help revitalize this important street for Raleigh and UPHA. There are some great new places to visit along Hillsborough Street and the merchants really appreciate our support.

HILLSBOROUGH STREET UPDATE

The N&O's Sue Stock reports:

"Here's one for Planet Smoothie fans: Yes, all the stores in this area have closed. But the good news is that it's not permanent. The company said a new franchisee is taking over the Triangle stores. And, while they're in transition, Planet Smoothie decided to update them all to a new design.

That means Planet Smoothie will re-open some of its stores here in two to three months. That includes the three stores at 6325 Falls of Neuse Rd. and 2302 Hillsborough St. in Raleigh, and 966 High House Rd. in Cary."

In other news: "The Locopops company has made a name for itself in Durham and Chapel Hill. Now it hopes to do the same in Raleigh and Hillsborough. Locopops started in Durham 2 1/2 years ago, selling Mexican-style popsicles, called paletas, in creative flavors. Some

popsicles are water-based, and others are cream-based. Regular flavors include mojito, raspberry hibiscus, and cookies and cream. Then there are rotating flavors that currently include rosemary apple cider, lavender cream and Troop 55 thin mint. The stores at 2600 Hillsborough Road in Durham and 431 W. Franklin St. in Chapel Hill are open daily.

Both new locations will open in the spring. The Raleigh store is open at 1908 Hillsborough St. next to the new Red, Hot & Blue restaurant.

Keeping track of the Hillsborough Street Improvements plan is easy as clicking on:

<http://www.hillsboroughstreet.org/> Here you will find the latest updates on the plan as well as the status of the Hillsborough Street Business Improvement District (BID).



CANNON PARK PLANNING TO BEGIN SOON!

Be thinking about what kind of improvements you'd like to see made to Cannon Park! The City will kick off the master planning of this neighborhood park at the corner of Kilgore Avenue and Gardner Street in May with a public meeting to inform neighbors about the process and to get initial input from residents to be considered in the planning process. About \$350,000 is budgeted for park improvements.

A 15 member citizen master planning committee will help develop the master plan for improvements. If you

have an interest in serving on this committee, contact David Shouse, City of Raleigh park planner, at 890-3285 or david.shouse@ci.raleigh.nc.us to request an application. The City would like a diverse committee that represents all ages, genders, ethnic groups, etc. living in the park's service area (1/2 mile radius around the park.)

UPHA encourages neighborhood residents to attend the initial planning meeting May 29th and all future meetings of the master planning committee. Stay tuned to

the UPHA Yahoo discussion group for notices about when and where these public committee meetings will be held. If you aren't currently a member of the discussion group, contact sricks@nc.rr.com to join. Also, check out the City's Cannon Park Planning webpage for updates at <http://www.raleighnc.gov>.

UPHA TO ADD CUSTOM BENCH TO CANNON PARK

UPHA commissioned a bench which, upon completion, will be placed in Cannon Park. Please check out the pictures below and read a bit about the Artist and the creation of the bench.... "In designing a unique bench for UPHA, local resident and artist Joel Haas, wanted to make a 'bench shaped like a neighborhood.' But how to do that? Joel settled on a design of how a child might draw the area in which he or she lives. Schools, dogs, bikes, trees, strolling moms, houses and more figure in the design with UPHA cut into the back of the bench. The steel was purchased before the latest steep rise in prices. The piece was assembled, wired brushed and painted with two coats of metal primer. Once that was dry, the design was created in sign painters' enamels. A coat or two of commercially applied clear powder coat paint will be applied to make it much more weather resistant."



UPHA WELCOMES OUR NEW NEIGHBORS

The following new members have joined UPHA since our last newsletter.

Louise Griffin
604 Dixie Trail

John and Nicole Chase
2808 O'Berry Street

Please encourage any new homeowners on your street to join our group!