

*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

NEIGHBORHOOD PARADE GROWS IN ATTENDANCE

By Milt Rhodes

With attendance near an all-time high, the 6th Annual UPHA July 4th parade was a hit. Staying close to home this holiday meant that more friends and neighbors could gather with each other to celebrate the 4th of July by walking in the annual University Park parade. Red, white and blue balloons helped set the festive atmosphere. District D Council Member Thomas Crowder helped kick off the parade by leading the Pledge of Allegiance on the front lawn of Fred A. Olds Elementary. Then parade gatherers shared their patriotic spirit with the singing of the National Anthem. Special thanks to Don Ellington of Don Ellington Sound Service for providing the music.

With sirens cheering and lights flashing the firemen from the Oberlin Road Fire Station #5 got the parade off to a rousing start. Following an extended route that ran along parts of Bedford Avenue, Kilgore Avenue, and Brooks Avenue and included the traditional

route along Clark Avenue, Shepherd Street and Ruffin Street, parade participants brought the celebration to many parts of University Park. The patriotic array of children, bicyclists, skateboarders, stroller pushers, wagon wheelers, and flag bearers could be seen stretched throughout the neighborhood's blocks and streets. Decorative streamers, ribbons, balloons and banners adorned participants adding to the festive atmosphere. Some carried large American Flags along the entire route. On-lookers cheered from front lawns along the route.

"This is my neighborhood's tradition," one participant cheered as they passed by a waving neighbor.

The weather, characteristically hot and humid, provided a challenge, but the



Baskin-Robbins ice cream that was waiting back at the Olds Elementary provided many an additional incentive to finish what was started. At a dollar a scoop, it was a simple pleasure that went a long way.

Extra thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this special neighborhood celebration happen.

UPHA NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

University Park is such an active and vibrant place to live! One of the things I often hear is how "connected" we are, not only by our streets and our list-serve, but by all the people who live here. It's hard to go for a walk and not run into neighbors you know or meet even more!

We are also lucky to have a voice in the larger community. When UPHA shows up at City Council or any other city agency, they know us and usually listen to our concerns. It's nice to know our voice is being heard! Our councilmen, Thomas Crowder and Russ Stephenson (also a UPHA member!), are ALWAYS there for us!!!

In the past few months, UPHA has co-sponsored two major events relating to the upcoming planning of improvements for Isabella Cannon Park. A citizen master planning committee has begun meeting to plan the renovation of this important park in our neighborhood. UPHA co-sponsored the kick-off meeting and also held a children's "chalk" event at the park. We had a great turn-out at both events and received a lot of input about what neighbors want for the park. Read more about this inside this newsletter.

We really need your help to reach out to other UPHA households to join UPHA. Our activities are supported almost exclusively through memberships and donations. As many of you know, we do so much with what we have and ask very little of our members. If you've attended one of the many events that UPHA is noted for, such as the Halloween Festival, Fourth of July parade, Easter Egg Hunt, Christmas parties, Spring Blast or Candidates Forum, you know there is always a need for more funding to support these and other activities. Please pass on this newsletter to a new neighbor or one who may not belong to UPHA — or contact me (dbailey101@nc.rr.com) and I will send a neighbor a membership brochure and application. More members will make a stronger, more successful and active organization.

Also, if anyone is interested in participating more, either on the board or with small projects, please contact me.

Till next time!!!!

Donna Bailey
UPHA President

E-Newsletters on the Way!

by Kay Leager

UPHA is poised to start posting our quarterly newsletters on our updated web site beginning with our next publication, which will be near the end of the year. We will continue to print and mail the traditional newsletter to members who do not want to receive it electronically, but we can save a lot of money if we print and mail fewer copies. Please consider this option if you are set up to receive it electronically.

There is a postcard inserted in this edition of the newsletter; we are asking all UPHA members to fill it out and return to us to let us know your newsletter preferences. Thanks to everyone in advance for participating in this initiative.

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PLANNING FOR CANNON PARK BEGINS

By Sallie Ricks and Jamie Ramsey

Two meeting dates were set to begin master planning for Isabella Cannon Park. The first meeting dates were Tuesday, August 12th and 19th at 7 p.m. at Jaycee Park Module (the round building) on 2405 Wade Avenue. The first meeting agenda announced by the city included review of the planning process, presentation of the site inventory, and preparation of a draft vision statement. Even if you are not a member of the master plan committee all meetings are advertised and open to the public.

The master plan committee was approved by City Council and they are: Valerie Balestrieri, Jon Buxbaum, Joe Cebina, Carol Holt, Evan Kane, Annie Meadows, Lisa Meeks, Eddie Nickens, Sallie Ricks, Kathleen Rieder, Roland Stephen, Jennifer Venable, and Tom Willis. Shoshanna Serxner, UPHA resident and David Knight of the Parks, Recreation and Greenway Advisory Board will co-chair the committee. With the exception of David Knight, all the members live in the UPHA neighborhood.

Park planners Cassie Schumacher-Georgopoulos (ph 807-5181) and Davis Shouse (ph 890-3283) of the Raleigh Parks & Recreation Department will manage the project. SELLS Design

Studio is the consultant.

The master planning process was initiated after the city budgeted \$250,000 for Cannon Park planning and improvements in the 2003 Parks and Greenways Bond. The city has said there is now a total of approximately \$368,000 budgeted for improvements to this park, not including planning funds.

The City has co-sponsored with UPHA two events to encourage neighborhood awareness and engagement in the master planning process. On May 29, a weekday evening meeting was held at Brooks Ave. Church of Christ to inform neighbors and receive their ideas about park improvements and concerns. On June 7, UPHA organized a family-oriented Saturday morning event called "Color Your Park!" to solicit ideas from kids and other neighbors. UPHA and the City provided sidewalk chalk and other art supplies, cotton candy, and popcorn. Starbucks Coffee in Cameron Village donated coffee, and Bruegger's Bagels donated bagels and cream cheese for this event. Information gained from this "Color Your Park!" has been passed on to the city for the master planning committee's consideration. If you have ideas or input you would like to communicate to the city but weren't able to attend these events, you can send



them to parkplan@ci.raleigh.nc.us with "Cannon Park input" in the subject line.

This neighborhood park, formerly known as Gardner Street Park, was renamed for Isabella Cannon, University Park resident. She exemplified lifetime commitment to leadership and public service and made history in 1977 when, at age 73, she became the first woman elected mayor of Raleigh. A fierce advocate for neighborhoods, she served as president and organizer of the University Park Homeowners Association.

The City's Isabella Cannon Park webpage will have information about this planning process as it continues:

http://www.raleighnc.gov/portal/server.pt/gateway/PTARGS_0_2_306_209_0_43/http%3B/pt03/DIG_Web_Content/category/Leisure/Park_and_Greenway_Planning/Current_Projects/Cat-MCH-20071129-120830-Isabella_Cannon_Park_for.html

HILLSBOROUGH STREET HAPPENINGS

Paul Blankenship



New and recent businesses on Hillsborough Street

There have been a number of new and some familiar businesses come to UPHA's stretch of Hillsborough Street.

Recently opened at 1908 Hillsborough Street in the former Weatherman's Jewelers is LOCOPOPS (<http://www.locopops.org>). It's a frozen treat originating in Mexico that comes in some 22 flavors.

A second scooter store, E Scooter City, has opened at 2010 H'boro St. one door down from Scooterz_Inc at 2020-102. They are located on either side

of the Wing Zone at 2020-101. E Scooter City made the move from its former location in the Royal Bakery building across from Meredith College. They specialize in electric scooters while Scooterz_Inc sells gas models.

Planet Smoothie has returned to H'boro St opening recently at 2302-104 near Bruggers's Bagels.

In the Go Paks Bazaar, a convenience store at 2316-100, is a restaurant called Sultana's Kitchen Wonder, Laziz Biryani Corner. Advertised as food fusion from South Asia, Indian and Pakistani Varieties.

Open for a few months, Mediterranean Bistro at the corner of H'boro and Horne Streets (2430 H'boro St) serves authentic Greek and Lebanese food.

In the Electric Company building at 2526-101 is NC Discount Books, selling new and used textbooks.

Another relocated business opening soon in the former Papa John's pizza site at 2712 H'boro St. is Gumby's Pizza, a move for them from 3017 H'boro St.

CAMERON VILLAGE REDEVELOPMENT

By Donna Bailey

As some of you may have heard, there is a proposed redevelopment project at Cameron Village at the corner of Oberlin Road and Clark Ave. The project is a joint venture by Regency, the owner's of Cameron Village, and Crescent. They are proposing a mixed-use development that would be retail on the ground level and offices and residential above that. There have been numerous public meetings that the developer has held that a fair amount of UPHA residents have been able to attend.

The developer is asking for a proposed streetscape amendment before city council that has been sent to the planning commission. The amendment is to increase the height limit up to 135 feet. UPHA feels there are still a lot of unanswered questions that need to be explored.

We have tried very hard to keep UPHA residents abreast of information about this development so you can have a voice in this issue. In general most neighbors are excited about the redevelopment of this corner and the possibility of it having a positive influence on our neighborhood. We are in favor of increased density of this site as long as it is consistent with adopted city policy including the Wade/Oberlin Small Area Plan, the Urban Design Guidelines and current zoning requirements.

If you have further questions please feel free to call or e-mail me.



NEW INFILL PROJECT

By Ruth Little

For University Park residents who are tired of worrying about the negative effects of infill, an innovative, harmonious infill project is nearing completion in the 1000 block of Brooks Avenue, just before the Wade Avenue intersection. Developer Trevor Spear (also a UPHA member) of Venture Building Group (www.venture-buildinggroup.com) bought 1.2 acres which could have been developed into a maximum of six lots. The company chose to develop the parcel into four lots. When the city of Raleigh opposed the initial plan to put in four separate driveways close to Wade Avenue, Venture and its land planners, J. Davis Architects, solved the problem by arranging the four traditional-style cottages along a semi-circular drive set well back from the street. Each house has a private drive off the shared main driveway. This allows the front area of the original lots, with mature trees and shrubs, to function as a shared greenspace for the four dwellings. David Brown of J. Davis Architects, another resident of University Park, helped to design this alternative to typical lot and driveway layouts. David can be reached at 919.610.7696.

CANDIDATES FORUM October 6th

The University Park Candidates' Forum will be held Monday evening October 6 at the Church of Christ on the corner of Brooks and Rosedale Avenues. This long standing University Park tradition will begin with supper (\$5, no reservation required) and community announcements from 6-7pm and the forum beginning at 7pm. Everyone in the neighborhood is invited so extend the invitation to your neighbors. We will feature local election candidates. Hold the date on your calendars.

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