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Spring 2002

Farmer's Market

The Durham Farmer's Market is open every Saturday from 8am - 12noon April through November at the Historic Durham Athletic Park. The market features locally grown produce (fresh from the fields within 70 miles of Durham), fresh flowers, herbs, honey, local craftspeople, neighbors and music.

Visit the market's website at www.durhamfarmersmarket.com or call 919-483-3084.

Sunday, June 9th Spring Potluck & Meeting

The Spring 2002 MHNA potluck will be held **June 9th** in the **Carriage House**, located in the back of **Morehead Manor**, at 914 Vickers Ave. near Morehead Ave. Street-side parking is available along Vickers and Morehead. The potluck will begin at 5:00 p.m. with the business

portion of the meeting running from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Please bring a covered dish sufficient to feed your family and one other.

The meeting agenda includes updates on Orchard Park and obtaining local historic district status.

Don't miss this opportunity to meet your neighbors, visit the lovely Morehead Manor and voice your ideas and concerns.



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Neighborhood Transitions



Aminda and John Baird, currently of 1110 Shepherd St., along with their children Mathew, Jeffrey and Lizzie and their dog Eyo, are moving to Pennsylvania at the end of June so that John can take the helm of the Westtown Friends School. The Bairds have lived in Morehead Hill for the past three years and in Durham for the past thirteen years. Morehead Hill will miss the Bairds, and wishes them every success with their planned move.



Further south in the neighborhood on Vickers Ave., a new neighbor has arrived. **Steve and Jennifer Ritz**, along with children **Georgia and Evelyn**, welcomed baby **Cordia** on Saturday, April 20th. She weighed in at 7 lbs. 15 oz. Jennifer we know is doing well after several sightings of her walking with all three children during the week after Cordia's birth. Steve, still reeling, has blissfully returned to work and could not be more proud. Congratulations!

New Zoning Notification for Neighborhoods

The recent attempt to put asphalt plants in East Durham neighborhoods called attention to the lack of timely notification to neighborhoods regarding proposed zoning changes. On March 6th, in an attempt to remedy the situation, the Joint City/County Planning Committee approved reforms to the process: Proposed changes would be posted on the planning department's web site, e-mails would be sent to neighborhood associations and other civic groups, post card announcements would be sent to the same organizations, and workshops would be set up to show citizens how the planning process works.

Neighborhoods supported the proposals, as did elected officials including Mayor Bell. There is no legal reason why city and county governments can't add their own requirements to the very minimal notifica-

tion required by the state. There is however an obstacle to the implementation of the committee's proposals—money or actually the lack of it. According to officials in the Planning Department, who would have to do the work of enacting the reforms, even modest changes would require additional funding in a time when resources are limited.

So only the first two proposals will be implemented. According to Frank Duke, the new Planning Director, electronic notification is cheap. Making hard copies, even of post cards, entails printing, postage, and other costs to the tune of \$80,000. Even worse, improved notification would result in increased citizen input. Mr. Duke predicted that there would be lots of phone calls to the department, which does not have the means to hire additional staff members to share the load.

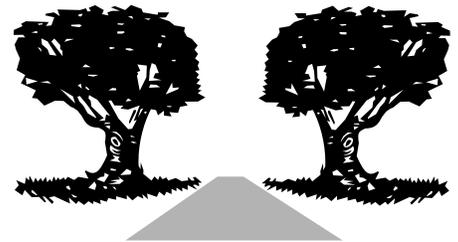


2002 Festival for the Eno

Don't miss the Festival for the Eno! On July 4, 5 and 6 at the City's West Point on the Eno Park, treat yourself and family to crafts, food and music in a lovely setting. Last year a record 37,000 attended the Festival which raises money for the purchase and preservation of land in central North Carolina's Eno River Basin. Visit the website at www.enoriver.org or call 477-4549.

Volunteer for Service

MHNA needs a delegate and alternate to the InterNeighborhood Council (INC). Duties consist of attending one meeting per month and keeping the Morehead Hill Board of Directors up to date on issues before the INC. Anyone interested in getting involved should call **683-2069** prior to the spring potluck.



Orchard Park Update

by Kelli Dugan

On March 9th, a small but determined group of about 20 residents from the Morehead Hill Neighborhood came together to begin the clean-up of Orchard Park. Among other things, the group reclaimed a sidewalk that had been overgrown by ivy, cleared ivy from trees and foundations, trimmed and cleared dead limbs and brush, and removed trash. Our thanks go out to all those who lent their support to make this first "Orchard Park Clean-Up Day" such a success. A special thanks goes to Dominos Pizza located at Main St. and Buchanan, which supported our neighborhood effort by donating fabulous pizza to feed the hungry volunteers at Orchard Park.

The Orchard Park Clean-up Day is just a prelude to great things to come at our Park. William Royston, a Park Planner with the City of Durham Parks and Recreation Department, recently assured members of the Orchard Park Subcommittee of the Morehead Hill Neighborhood Association that the Orchard Park Restoration Plan would be fully funded. Funds earmarked for Orchard Park's restoration had fallen from the original \$250,000 to approximately \$126,000. In mid-April, Mr. Royston again earmarked existing funds back to the Orchard Park project to fully fund the plan as designed. The City of Durham should send the plan out to bid very soon, and Mr. Royston predicted that groundbreaking could begin as early as this summer.

National Historic District Expansion!

As you know, last summer, City Council established Morehead Hill as a Local Historic District. Efforts are now under way to extend the boundaries of the National Historic District to match the newly established Local Historic District. This effort will take time (possibly two or three years) and money (already allocated by the City Council).

City Council has signed a contract with the Historic Preservation Society of Durham to manage the money and work to place more homes in Morehead Hill on the National Historic Register. In fact, the society will be using consultants to submit appli-

cations to the National Historic Register for Lakewood, Trinity Heights and Morehead Hill. \$31,000 has been allocated for this work across the three neighborhoods. A consultant will start this work by submitting an application to be on the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Study List.

If you own a home that is over 50 years old, we would like you to research the history and exact age of the home. In general, a home must be at least 50 years old to be eligible to be placed on the National Register. Local data available on many homes is not complete. Rather than guessing at the age and history of the home,

the consultant doing the submission work or a representative from MHNA will attempt to contact the homeowner to obtain more accurate information.

As you may recall, "contributing homes" within the current National Historic district may already qualify for some tax (state and federal) benefits. See the North Carolina State Historic Preservation web site for information on how to apply **BEFORE** doing restoration work at www.hpo.dcr.state.nc.us/tchome.htm. The action to extend the boundaries of the current National Historic District will make more homes available for benefits.

The Tallest Building in Durham Is Proposed for "Heart of Durham" Hotel Site

A proposal to build a 27 story apartment building and condominium on the Heart of Durham Hotel site has been submitted to Durham City/County Planning Department. Details are sketchy, but the site would have to tie into the proposed rail station at the old Merchant's Tire site on Rigsbee near the corner with Chapel Hill Street. Be on the lookout for more information and public hearings. A zoning change to "Central Business District" will be required before the proposal can be approved. While the site is not within or adjacent to Morehead Hill Neighborhood, the top of the building(s) will certainly be visible from most homes in Morehead Hill.



REMINDER

Don't Get Caught On The Wrong Side of the Law

Homeowners are required to seek approval from City/County Planning (Steve Cruse, 560-4137, x236) for **ALL external changes** to their home **BEFORE** work is done. Almost all homes within Morehead Hill are now in the Local Historic District. Please seek approval **BEFORE** work is done and avoid the possibility of having to reverse the work.



Let's Talk Trash... again.

We'd like to encourage all Morehead Hill neighbors again to wheel their garbage cans out on Wednesday afternoon to the curb for our Thursday morning pick-up. Then place it off of the road and out of view until the following Wednesday. For yard waste, cans should go out Thursday afternoon for Friday morning pick-up, then placed out of view until the following Thursday.

This is a simple act of courtesy and will be appreciated by all. We understand that there are some neighbors who cannot do this due to health or other considerations. If you have an elderly or disabled neighbor, please consider offering your help to keep our streets clear of these large "green and brown elephants."

Here are some upcoming dates that you might find helpful concerning waste removal:

Thursday, July 4th Independence Day

Our trash pick-up will be on Wednesday, **July 3rd**. Yard waste will be on Friday, July 5th, as usual.

Household Hazardous Waste

You may take your household hazardous waste to 1900 E. Club Boulevard on **June 8th** and **June 22** from 9am - 3pm. This includes paint cans, insecticide containers, etc. If you have more questions about what constitutes household hazardous waste, please contact Solid Waste Management at **560-4185**.

Lets all do our part to keep our Morehead Hill tidy!

THANKS !

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Yes, I want to support my neighborhood!

Our household realizes that this small membership fee to the Morehead Hill Neighborhood Association helps pay for: (1) this newsletter, which keeps us informed about the current issues that affect our community, (2) neighborhood meeting essentials (paper plates, utensils, beverages, etc.), and (3) reserve funds for important updates and unforeseen emergencies.

Please check any that apply:

- \$5.00 for individuals \$8.00 for families \$15.00 for institutions
 I/We would like to make a donation to the MHNA:
 \$ _____

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

DAYTIME PHONE _____

NIGHTTIME PHONE _____

DATE _____

Please fill out this coupon and return it with your dues to: **Melanie Eberhart, 807 Shepherd Street, Durham, NC 27701 OR bring it with you to the Spring Potluck** (see front page article for time and place).

Make out your check to: **Morehead Hill Neighborhood Association.**

Parking Downtown

Downtown Durham now has more than 500 on-street parking spaces. The city recently added about 200 new spaces in the central business district in an effort to make downtown more patron-friendly to folks conducting business, shopping or attending performances and special events. The new parking spaces are free of charge. Most spaces have two hour limits.

The new spaces can be found from the Main Library to Brightleaf Square. More than half of the new spaces are on the Downtown Loop and the remaining are located on Morgan, Main and Mangum Streets.

Some of the travel lanes in downtown Durham have been reduced from four lanes to two. Mangum Street has been reduced from three lanes to two; and Eastbound Main Street east of Morgan will be reduced from two lanes to one.

Keep your eyes open and stay alert on these new road changes!

Pay your dues!

Time to pay your annual MHNA dues! We purposefully chose a small fee (\$5 for individuals, \$8 for families, and \$15 for institutions or businesses) so that it would not be a hardship for any of our neighbors. **We need these funds primarily to print our newsletter** (all production, editing and delivery is donated by neighbors) **and pay for supplies at our Potluck meetings.** We are very conscientious about keeping all spending to a minimum and getting the best prices possible.

Please take a moment to fill this out!