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President's Letter

By Dan Read - Spring 2016

I came home one day and turned the corner into Acadia Street. I did not notice anything unusual. A little while later the phone rang. An ambulance had come because my friend and yours Bill Anderson had died. Just like that. What a loss for his family and our neighborhood.

Unfortunately I had already planned to be in Massachusetts on April 1 for my aunt's funeral and had to miss the service at the Park. That is a grief. So many of you have told me how powerful and moving it was; a number of people had to leave because they just could not handle the sadness.

How many times have I rounded that corner and seen Bill out in front of his house, smoking a cigarette and walking his dogs. Bill had always been there, it seemed, and always would be. It is still hard to fathom that he is gone.

Bill was a fixture at just about every meeting having to do with the neighborhood and its activities. PAC-2 meetings, he was there. Interneighborhood Council, he was there. Neighborhood Association, he was there. He always had something to say and a new idea to pose. When he wasn't involved in neighborhood groups he was promoting local businesses, keeping an eye on bad guys, talking up local history, and schmoozing with the police. If anyone in the neighborhood would have Brodie Duke's cane it would be Bill (he did). How he got it is murky. It was Bill. Don't ask. The question now is not who will replace him, but how many people it will take to even try to replace him.

Bill set a powerful example for us. It's about always being willing to volunteer. It's about taking some time to be part of the neighborhood. It's about keeping an eye on your area to make sure things are safe. It's about being willing to have some fun. If 20% of the people in the neighborhood do 20% of what he did we will get a lot done around here and have some fun doing it. (Speaking of fun, we include in this issue an article he wrote which did not get included in the last issue!) I miss him. Hopefully you do, too.

Primary Election is June 7-Voting Changes

There will be a primary election June 7. Originally this was set because North Carolina Congressional districts had to be tentatively redrawn following a court decision that the original map violated the Voting Rights Act. There will a Congressional primary on June 7. Duke Park will remain in the 1st District, where all candidates are unopposed. The only race on the ballot for us will be for the Supreme Court of North Carolina. For information about the race go to https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/North_Carolina_judicial_elections,_2016. Early voting will be limited to the downtown Board of Elections office at 201 N. Roxboro only, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., starting Thursday and Friday, May 26 and 27, then Tuesday through Friday, May 31 through June 3, and Saturday, June 4 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. On Election Day, June 7, Precinct 20 (Ag Building) will not vote there (the building was already reserved that day) but at the downtown BOE office. Precinct 19 (Legion Hall) will vote at the usual location.

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Intersection Update--Roxboro/Mangum/Markham –

By Cameo Edwards

The intersection plan for Roxboro/Mangum/E Markham and Mangum/W Markham that we shared on our website in February has been in the works for 13+ years. As many of us know, Roxboro and Mangum streets have gotten much busier in just the past few years. The construction is scheduled for 2017. While we don't want to hold up the project and are looking forward to the traffic slowing techniques that will be installed, our main concern is pedestrians crossing east and west within our neighborhood. This safety is especially important for families and dog owners trying to cross Roxboro or Mangum to Duke Park without getting hit. If it's taken this long to complete this project, we want to make sure it's done as safely as possible. While traffic will go slower as a result of the traffic islands and reduced curb radius, there is not currently a plan to include crosswalk lights or signage. We are working on improving those elements and have been in conversations with NCDOT and well as Durham Public Works. They are now conducting another traffic study of those intersections. We believe there will also be another public hearing where we can voice our concerns as a neighborhood about needing a safe pedestrian walkway while also recognizing that Roxboro is technically a state road and we want traffic to keep flowing freely in and out of town.

Dog Park Update

by Cameo Edwards

Durham Parks and Rec is continuing to move forward with the dog park adjacent to the new Bike Co-op location. We are getting help from Matt Yearout of Bike Co-op to add pollinator gardens within the dog park as they are including them on their property. DPR had the idea to incorporate recycled items like tires and pieces of retired playground sets to create mini obstacle courses for the dogs. DPR is currently getting quotes to complete the fence work of the dog park and we hope to get rolling on the build this summer.

City walking and biking path plan survey available! please go to: <http://www.durhambikewalkplan.com/>

Tree Bands-They Work!

By Dan Read

This picture was taken in the first week of April. All those little oblong (green) things are inchworms which never made it to the upper story of the tree to eat the leaves that were budding out. When I took the picture there were a bunch of other worms on the trunk of tree below the band but none up above it. It took me about 15 minutes to put this band up in the fall. It probably only cost about \$2 or \$3. Some of you will recall that local merchants ran out of the gooey stuff, Tanglefoot, in the fall. Hopefully that will not be a problem this fall.

Again, the little green inchworms really love to eat the leaves of the willow oak trees which are the most common street trees in old town Durham. The trees are mostly pushing 80 years old, the approximate half way point of their lives in good soil and conditions. Many of trees are under stress, they have been trimmed aggressively or have lots of concrete around their roots. So protecting them from these pests is important. Please band your oak trees (especially) and other deciduous trees in the fall. And take the bands off now to avoid rot or pest colonies under them. The trees will appreciate it and so will you!



July 4 picnic & parade at Park shelter

10:00 - 2:00

Parade around noon - DPNA supplies paper goods, drinks, hot dogs, bring a dish to share!

Party like it was 1999! –

by **Bill Anderson (The Ocean roars again!)**

Duke Park is full of well documented history beginning with Brodie Duke's donation of the land on which our namesake park rests.

But there's another form of history that could be lost, which has inspired me to pick up a pen (keyboard).

Moved by our President, Dan Read's plea to come get the left over beer from our last Christmas party, and our decades old neighborhood motto of "Building Community one cocktail at a time!". Even with the help of our beloved sister neighborhood, Old North Durham, we couldn't drain that keg, which might leave some of our newer neighbors wondering about that motto.

The motto originated from parties broadcast across the neighborhood listserv, in a "My house, 5:30pm Friday, BYOB" fashion. There were only 125 folks on the listserv in those days, compared with 900 or so today. They attracted enough of a percentage, that in today's numbers we'd need a gymnasium to hold us all. I recall more than once stepping off my porch, cocktail in hand, and walking with other party attendees on our way to the designated back yard, where that motto was born.

Incidentally, drinking alcohol on the sidewalk was as illegal then as it is today, but, well, it was Duke Park!

You'd arrive to mostly beer and an occasional bottle of wine, or hard liqueur. Food consisted of a bag or two of pretzels or potato chips, but we'd run out of libations sometimes more than once before the parties ended. These were great parties, but they got even better over the years.

The venue moved to the spacious home of the Bents on East Markham, and the supply of food grew to outrageous proportions. If you brought a dessert, you might place it on one of the few flat surfaces that remained next to a half dozen cakes, and the booze increased at the same pace. Multiple choices of wines and spirits, along with the usual keg, drew crowds of neighbors who wove the tight knit neighborhood we call home.

After many generous years of hosting, the Bents turned that honor over to the Hubbells on Acadia, who were rumored to have up-fit their huge kitchen for the purpose. There the tradition continued in supreme style, with an over abundance of great food, drink, and party minded participants! This continued for years, just as the party they still host across the street from the Beaver Queen Pageant does presently, until it was time to pass the torch themselves.

This brings us up to last year's Christmas Party, which was fun indeed, but it was miles short of the parties past. There wasn't enough food to feed a small army, nor booze enough to get them all drunk, too, but it was festive with a small band and dancing. It left this old timer regretful that our newer neighbors couldn't experience the all inclusive gatherings of years ago.

Perhaps what's needed is another DP or OND host! Any takers?

Big news from the Durham Bike Co-op the move to Duke Park is happening NOW!

by **Alison Carpenter**

The Co-op officially ended its open shop sessions at the Washington Street space on Sunday, May 8th and will be taking the remainder of the month to relocate its operations to 1612 Acadia Street. The new shop location will open its doors in early June (exact date TBA).

It's been amazing to watch this whole project come together. The old Parks & Rec maintenance facility has been transformed to a lively pavilion with an open-air workshop and updated office into which the all-volunteer community bike workshop can grow. A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who contributed to the 2015 Capital Campaign and helped to bring the project to fruition. The Co-op raised \$50,000 in 2015 to renovate the Duke Park space, thanks to the kindness and generosity of many neighborhood residents, the DPNA Board, and supporters throughout the Durham community.

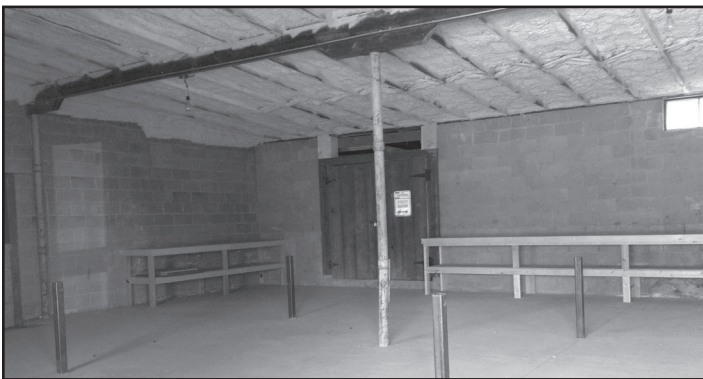
I encourage you to check out photos of the transition on the Co-op's Facebook page, where the project was documented from start to finish: <https://www.facebook.com/durhambikecoop>. You can also "like" the page for updates on the grand opening and other community events hosted by the Co-op this summer.

For those who are interested in volunteering for the Co-op during the upcoming move or otherwise, please feel free to reach out to me - your fellow Duke Park neighbor and DBC Board Member - Alison Carpenter, at alisoncarpenter@nc.rr.com.

The Co-op's 2016 Capital Campaign goal is to raise \$20,000 to cover HVAC and a few finishing touches. Read more and/or contribute to the campaign at <https://www.razoo.com/us/story/2016-Capital-Campaign>. Learn more about the Co-op's programming at www.durhambikecoop.org.

Construction Progress in Photos

DBC volunteer and contractor, Robert Walpole, has transformed an open-front maintenance bay into a spacious enclosed bicycle workshop with a large covered outdoor work area. We are looking forward to working in this well designed space! Gone are the cramped working conditions - the new shop offers ample space to work and store tools, bikes, parts, and donations! Rob also renovated the office building with a wheelchair-accessible restroom. Not only is the remodeling complete, Co-op Board member and beekeeper Matt Yearout and volunteers have started to create a pollinator-friendly landscape that will bring beauty and educational opportunities for Co-op members and our Duke Park neighbors. This project was funded by a generous grant from Burt's Bees.



Construction progress at the Co-op!

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Happy birthday Kiah SG! love you-dad

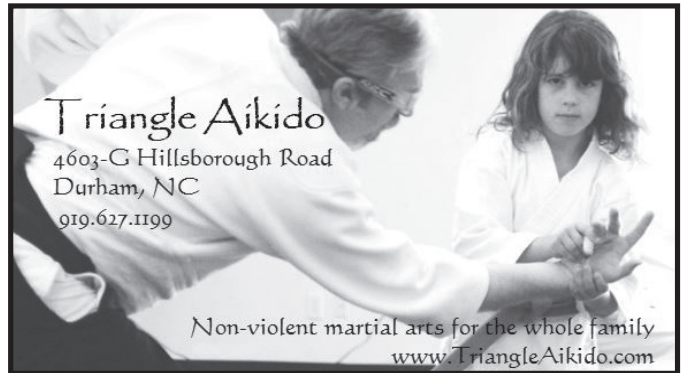


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Historic Geer Cemetery Clean-up

by Jessica Dormady

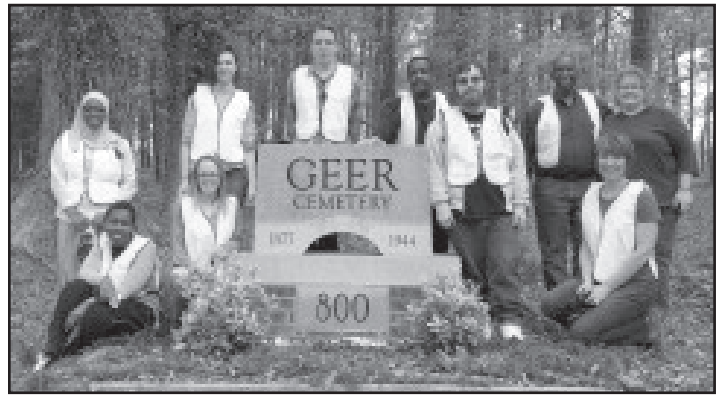
On April 8 Durham Tech's (DTCC) volunteer program partnered with Keep Durham Beautiful (KDB) and held a clean-up event at historic Geer Cemetery. A group of DTCC students, faculty, and staff spent two hours of their Friday afternoon at the cemetery clearing branches, litter, and vines. Geer Cemetery was the first African-American cemetery in Durham, operating from 1886-1939. Although no one has been buried there for almost 8 decades, the cemetery is the final resting place of community leaders such as Rev. Dr. Augustus Shepard of White Rock Baptist Church and Edian Markham, the founder of Saint Joseph's African Methodist Episcopal Church.

DTCC's own Jessica Eustice is the Executive Director of Friends of Geer Cemetery (FGC), a group of citizens interested in the preservation and history of the cemetery. Ms. Eustice met with students at the beginning of the volunteer shift to explain the historical significance of the. Tania Dautlick, from KDB, provided all of the clean-up items including the vests, trash collectors, and vine cutters.

It was a beautiful day for a clean-up and volunteers enjoyed stopping their work every now and then to read some of the old gravestones. The street sign states that over 1,500 persons are buried at Geer, but Ms. Dautlick says that the number may be closer to 3,000. Volunteers cleared large fallen branches, vine growth on trees, and litter, which unfortunately included drug paraphernalia and beer bottles.

In an e-mail sent out to the volunteers, Councilman Eddie Davis, who participated, wrote, "It was great to meet so many of the service-learning students from Durham Tech. Your volunteer work helped us to continue the quest to clear away all of the overgrowth and all of the debris at the final resting place for so many African-Americans who lived before and after the Civil War."

Source <http://www.durhamtech.edu/volunteerblog/>. You can follow FGC on facebook.



DTCC volunteers at Geer Cemetery

Beaver Queen Pageant - June 4

Come on out to Duke Park (corner of Acadia at Knox St) for the 12th Annual Beaver Queen Pageant, "**Dam! It's the 80s!**" on **Saturday, June 4th**. Pre-pageant activities begin at 4pm, the pageant will start at 5pm. Hit the food trucks, make yourself a tail, and bribe the judges to make sure that your favorite contestant wins.

Emceed by WUNC's Frank Stasio, this is a truly weird and delightful Durham experience!

The Beaver Queen Pageant Board of Corruption is now open to accept your votes and bribes for the 2016 Beaver Queen Pageant. No voter registration or government-issued ID is necessary to cast your votes. To get started simply press the Beaver Queen Pageant button to the right to see the current slate of queen candidates and judges. This fundraising initiative of the Ellerbe Creek Watershed Association permits early voting and multiple votes are not only accepted but encouraged. So vote early and often. And we thank you for your support.

This year's lovely and talented Beaver Queen Pageant Contestants: Beaver Juice, Purdy Holsom Beaver, Miss Muffy Beavereau, Twiggy Sawdust and Carry Beaverwood

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