



Eye on the View

Your Fairview Community Newsletter

FAIRVIEW PARK: THE HISTORY

Fairview, a Hillsborough community of about 450 residences, has dreamed of, needed, worked for, and waited for a park in their area for over 25 years. Here is a chronicle of that work – and the wait!



- The Town of Hillsborough once owned the site of the proposed Park, 67 acres in northern Orange County, and used a portion of the site as a town-landfill.
- 1983 - Orange County purchased 42 of the 67 acres from Hillsborough, including most of the landfill. Fairview was designated a Park site as part of a Community Revitalization effort funded through Community Development Block Grants.
- 1989-90 – The County built a playground and parking area on the site; however, most of land was used for storm debris.
- 1996-2000 – Frustrated with lack of action on a park James Stewart, a Fairview resident, raised money and, joined by volunteers, built a ball field known as the “Field of Dreams.” Local teams of kids played there for several years until debris surfacing from the former landfill made it unsafe for use.
- 2001 – A Park and Open Space Bond passed which included \$850,000 for planning and construction of Fairview Park.
- November 8, 2004 – A Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Hillsborough and Orange County defined a process for planning and design of Fairview Park. The group responsible for Fairview Park is called the Master Planning Committee.
- December 11, 2006 – The County Commissioners approved the Fairview Park Site Plan with modification, as proposed the Master Planning Committee.
- During the winter, 2007 - County and Town agreed to a land swap to facilitate Park construction and the County requested firms to submit proposals for an engineering and design contract.
- January 2008 – The County Parks and Recreation Department submitted a proposal for \$500,000 to the North Carolina State Parks and Recreation Trust Fund on behalf of Fairview Park. [Reason: as of the fall 2008, \$715,000 of the original (2001) \$850,000 bond issue remained. Meanwhile the costs for construction had nearly doubled: the estimated cost of Phase 1 of Fairview Park is now \$1.05-1.25 million.]
- May 2008 – The \$500,000 proposal to the State Parks and Recreation Trust Fund was denied. Without additional funds only a ball field, 2 basketball courts and a volleyball court can be built. The planned Picnic shelter, playground, bathrooms, and lighting for basketball courts and ball field cannot be built with existing funds.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN HILLSBOROUGH

HEALTH CLINIC

The UNC Family Medicine health clinic is now open in Hillsborough. The address is 2201 Old NC Highway 86; the hours 8a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday; and the telephone is 732-2909. The clinic is staffed by two medical doctors. Dr. Lauren Lingley and Dr. Kia Williams, and one nurse practitioner, Paul Dunn. Charity care can be arranged through the UNC Hospital system in Chapel Hill.

FREE ESL CLASSES

Classes will begin early 2009 and will be held Monday and Wednesday, 9:30-11am, 1-2:30pm, and 6-7:30pm. For more information call (919) 732-0868 or visit 118 N. Churton St. Monday-Thursday 9:00am-7:30pm and Fridays 9am-5pm. Also check out their website at www.orangeliteracy.org.

ORANGE COUNTY SENIOR CENTER

The new Senior Center, adjacent to the Sportsplex, will open on January 5th. The GRAND OPENING celebration is January 29th. The new center will host various exercise programs, strength training, and ballet, tap and ballroom dancing classes. There will be a pottery room for clay work painting, china decorating, jewelry making. In addition the center will have a pool table, table tennis table, and games. The center has a stage for productions, lectures and celebrations.

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The Senior Center needs volunteers. The telephone Number is 245-2016.

CORNELIUS STREET/HIGHWAY 70 CORRIDOR

The plan for a revitalized business corridor received honorable mention by the NC Chapter of the American Planning Association. Implementation of this plan is in the future.

RECENT OPENINGS

On Churton Street: New Parking Garage and Weaver Street Market
Cornelius Street: Hometowne Café and Highway 70 Barbeque

DURHAM TECHNICAL COLLEGE IN HILLSBOROUGH

For information on classes, schedules and other information call (919) 536-7236 or visit www.durhamtech.edu.

FAIRVIEW CHILD AND FAMILY CENTER



There's a little place on the edge of Fairview that may be one of the community's busiest and happiest places on any given day, but is unknown to most of its neighbors. That place, Fairview Child and Family Center (FCFC), bustles with the activity of 36 young children from all over northern Orange County, including some who live right here in Fairview.

FCFC is a program of Orange County Head Start/Early Head Start (OCHS/EHS), primarily serving children from low-income families. It is a 5-star child care center,

providing the highest quality education and care available to infants, toddlers and pre-schoolers at no or low-cost to eligible families. OCHS/EHS also has Head Start pre-K in the public schools, a home-based program for Latino families with 0-3 year olds, and high quality child care partnerships in the Chapel Hill area.

OCHS/EHS would love to serve more children from the Fairview community. Applications for infants (even those not yet born) through five years old (not yet in kindergarten) are accepted year-round. The program currently has short waiting lists for some age groups, particularly for the pre-K classrooms (4 year olds.) Applications can be picked up and dropped off at FCFC (125 Lawndale Ave.) between 7:30 and 5:30 Monday through Friday.

Interested in getting more information or visiting the center? Call Fairview Child and Family Center at 919-643-4000 x21, or the Orange County Head Start/Early Head Start main office at 919-490-5577, x248. Spanish-speaking staff are available at both locations.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY—UPDATES



New Fairview Homeowners:

What an exciting couple of months ahead! By the end of January 2009 seven more families will move into their new homes on Locust Road. Five homes will be built starting Spring 2009; one on Homemont Ave., one on Harper Rd., one on Riddle Ave., and two on Terrell Rd.

Partnering with Habitat: As you may already be aware, UNC-Chapel Hill's Habitat Club offers free tutoring Mondays and Tuesdays from 4:30-6:00 at the policing substation and will continue this in the spring.

Kids of all ages are welcome. Lee Rafalow, a long-time volunteer and current board member for Habitat for Humanity, is working with Habitat homeowners to start a community garden in the Highland Woods area of Fairview. All Fairview residents are welcome to help in this process. Contact Matthew Carpenter at mcarpenter@orangehabitat.org or call 919-932-7077 ext. 220 for more information about these and other ways Habitat is working with Fairview.

Fairview Community Updates: The NC Department of Transportation installed new limit signs in Fairview. Concerns with safety and speeding issues Fairview were also addressed at the October Hillsbor-

ough Town Board meeting.

New Faces: A new Carpenter is working for Habitat! Matt Carpenter, that is! You may have seen Matt around Fairview at Community Watch meetings. Matt is the newest Fairview Community Coordinator working for Habitat and for YOU!



FAIRVIEW PARK: THE HISTORY (continued)

- Fall of 2008 – A decision was made to resubmit the \$500,000 grant to the State in January 2009. The State's decision concerning the grant will be made in May, 2009
- November 2008 – Plans for sedimentation and erosion control were submitted to the State. A Condition Use Permit is anticipated in December 2008 or January 2009. Engineering drawings and permits already have been paid for with monies from the 2001 grant.
- November 3, 2008: Public Hearing by County Parks and Recreation Department held at Community Policing Station in Fairview. Detailed drawings completed by engineering contractor were presented. At the Hearing:
 - 1) The public expressed frustration at the delay of more than 25 years in the building of Fairview Park, especially since significant funding has been in place since 2001.
 - 2) The public urged Orange County and Town of Hillsborough elected officials and staff to make every effort to get the Park built as soon as possible.
 - 3) The public requested the County to begin now to explore contingency funding for the Park in the event of another grant denial.

Looking for Affordable apartments in Hillsborough? Here's some suggestions.



Gateway Village
400 Lakeside Dr.
732-6701
Based on income

Coachwood Apartments
200 Cheshire Dr.
732-9844

Whitted Forrest
115 Holiday Park Rd.
732-3744

Gates Management and Realty
109 W. King St.
732-5858
Some Section 8 properties

WORDS OF WISDOM

By J. Harding Fuller "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure"



ADVISORY BANQUET "Fairview Is Special" (FIS/CBY)

The Fairview is Special: Community Backyard (FIS-CBY) held an end of the year advisory banquet on September 19, 2008 at Kelsey's Occoneechee Steak House in Hillsborough. Parents, volunteers, and youth from the Fairview community attended. Mr. Brain Lowen, Hillsborough Town Commissioner and Chairman of the Fairview Community Initiative, was the guest speaker. Dr Millicent C. Rainey, Project Coordination for FIS-CBY, introduced the advisory members: Ms. Fannie Milles, Ms. Margaret Clark, Ms. Dorothy Shanklin and Ms. Rosetta Glover.



At the meeting, FIS-CBY members reviewed the organization's goals and the activities implemented in the past year. 2008 activities in the Fairview area included a "Back to School Give-a-Way", a youth seminar, a spring fest, and participation in Fairview Live among others. Commissioner Lowen spoke on the topic "Youth Today: Past, Present, and Future". He emphasized the need for adults to get involved, serve as role models, be supportive, and encourage youth to excel.

Dr. Rainey presented certificates of appreciation for the positive work done in Fairview by the Fairview Community Watch, The Northern Orange NAACP, the Psi Gamma Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, and Habitat for Humanity of Orange County. Advisory members were also presented certificates.

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FIVE WINTER-TIME ENERGY-SAVING STEPS

Winter

- 1) Turn down your thermostat. For every degree you lower your heat in the 60-degree to 70-degree range, you'll save up to 5 percent on heating costs.
- 2) Replace or clean furnace filters once a month. Dirty filters restrict airflow and increase energy use. Now is also the time for a furnace "tune-up." Keeping your furnace clean, lubricate and properly adjusted will reduce energy use, saving up to 5 percent of heating costs.
- 3) Reduce hot water temperature. Set your water heater to the "normal" setting or 120-degrees Fahrenheit, unless the owner's manual for your dishwasher requires a higher setting. Savings are 7-11 percent of water heating costs. Insulate the first 5 feet of pipe coming out of the top of your water heater or the whole length until the pipe goes into the wall if that is less than five feet. Pipe insulation is available from your hardware store.
- 4) Replace incandescent light bulbs with ENERGY STAR compact fluorescent light bulbs, especially in high-use light fixtures. Compact fluorescent lights use 75 percent less energy than incandescent lights.
- 5) Plug your home's leaks. Install weather-stripping or caulk leaky doors and windows and install gaskets behind outlet covers. Savings up to 10 percent on energy costs.