

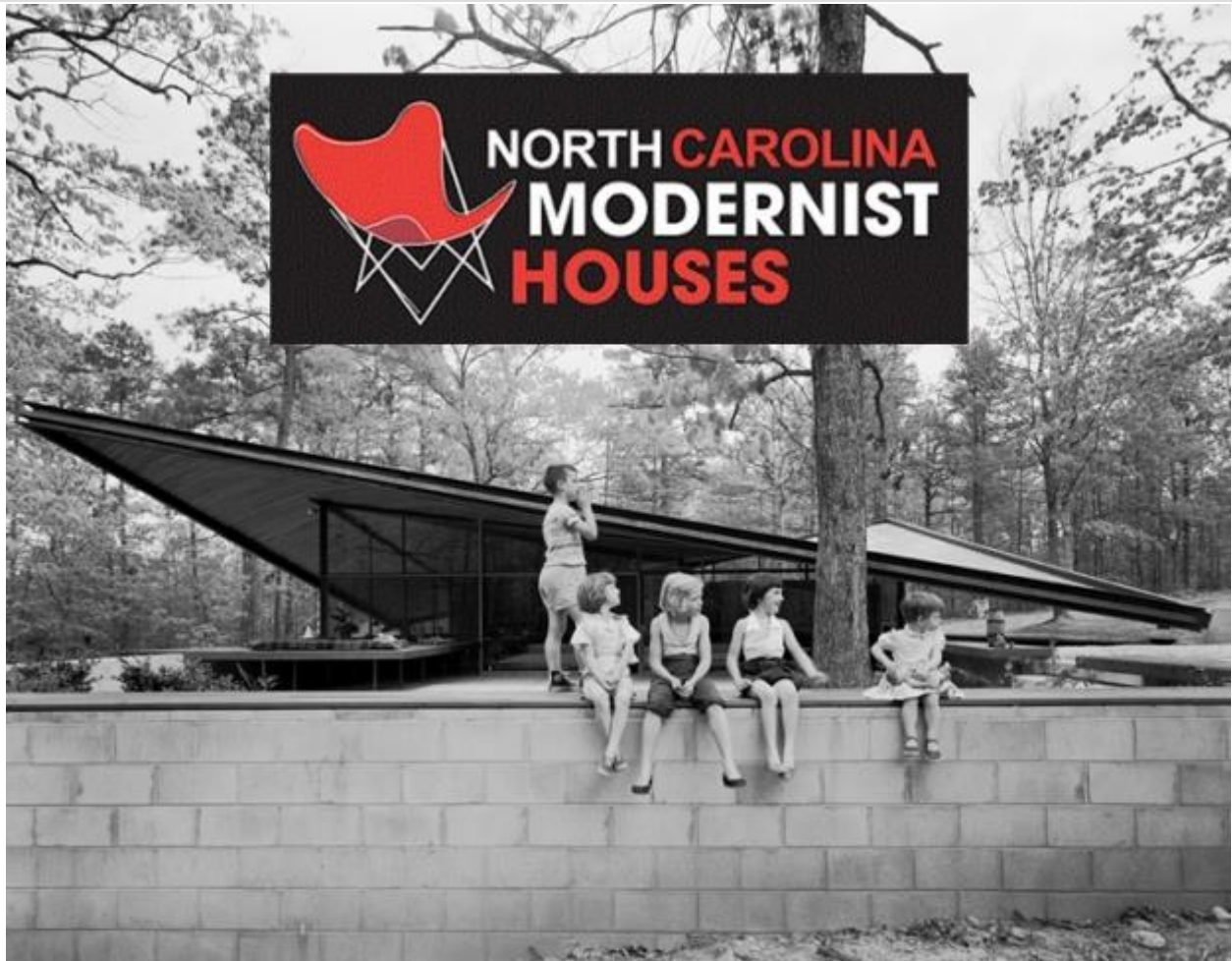
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THE NCMH LEGAL DEFENSE FUND

New to the Cherry/Gordon story? Get the [complete timeline here.](#)

This just in: Dave Weisner, husband of Cherry/Gordon house opponent **Gail Wiesner**, invited Oakwood neighbors to a backyard BBQ fundraiser this coming Saturday to fund attorney **Andy Petesch's** continued assault on their behalf against the Cherry/Gordon house. Weisner calls on those who "understand how important this battle is and don't want the Cherry house to become the precedent that opens the floodgates to builders, developers and realtors whose only goal is notoriety or financial; and have no concern for the unique fabric and character that is Historic Oakwood."

Weisner goes on to compare Raleigh's Oakwood to Charlotte's Dilworth, calling that "former historic neighborhood" a "tragedy" -- and emotionally pitches invitees to keep Oakwood from becoming "another tragedy." Want to see how terrible living in Dilworth is? The incredible suffering? The slippery slope to "former historic neighborhood?" Click [here](#) and [here](#).

Clearly, Dilworth is just fine. The hating on Dilworth by the [website supporting the Weisners](#) appears to arise from a recently-approved development (with neighborhood-friendly underground parking) which has been **discussed and negotiated with the neighborhood and the City for years**. Led by architect **David Furman**, it will provide reasonably-priced housing (for Charlotte) and integrates well into the social and historic fabric of Dilworth.

Neighborhoods evolve, and both Charlotte and Raleigh already have



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well-established agencies and procedures (such as the **RHDC, the Raleigh Historic Development Commission**) to balance evolution with history.

Looking for true tragedy? The Weisner's actions have ultimately stopped construction of the Cherry/Gordon house, a modest Modernist home **fully approved and given building permits** by the City, and forced the owners to join with the City to sue the Board of Adjustment. You can even [watch the BOA](#) - on video - getting specific instructions about what they can and cannot decide from Chair **Thomas Coble**. Then the group proceeds to ignore him. This has cost homeowners **Louis Cherry and Marsha Gordon**, between legal fees and construction delays, **tens of thousands of dollars**. This will cost Raleigh taxpayers **tens of thousands of dollars** as the case goes to trial. Do you think it's fair that a fully-approved-and-building-permitted house **can be stopped by a neighbor's whim**? You can support the **integrity of due process** and help Louis and Marsha through contributing to the [NCMH Legal Defense Fund](#). **We've got their back**, and we invite you to join with them through the Legal Defense Fund to protect due process for all law-abiding homeowners.

The Cherry/Gordon house is at 516 Euclid in downtown Raleigh. The Weisners live across the road at 515 Euclid Street. Drive by and see for yourself whether this is a) the beginning of the end of civilization in Oakwood or b) an unnecessary and expensive battle brought on by neighbors who don't like the new kid on the block.



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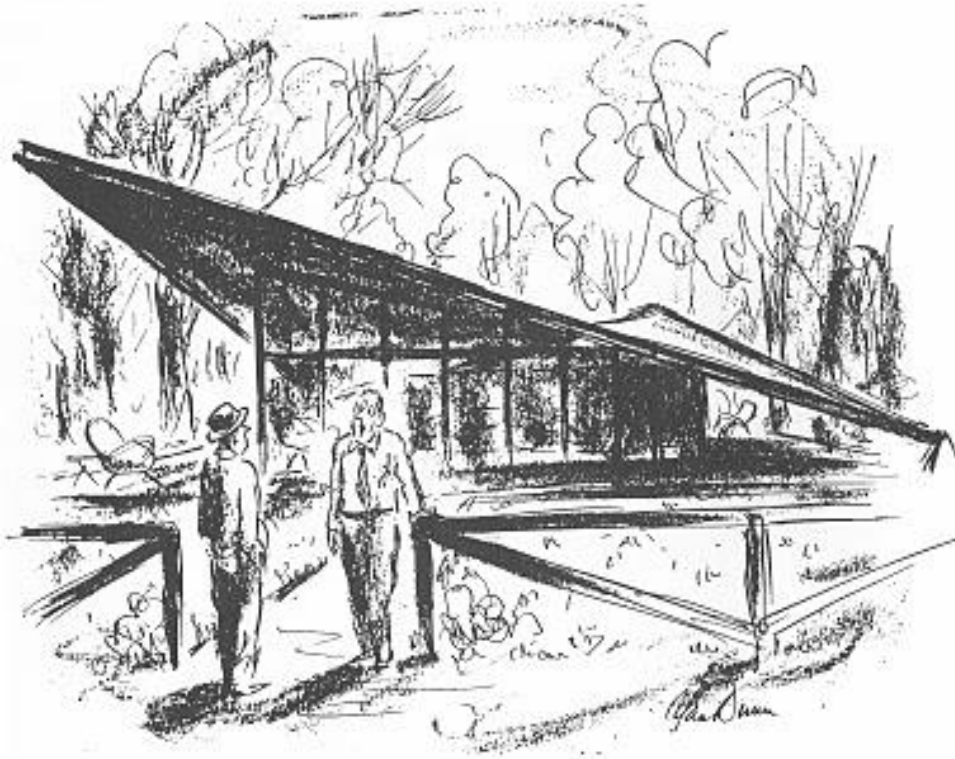
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PROJECT BAUHOW

A generous anonymous donor has pledged \$5,000 in a challenge grant for Project BauHow, NCMH's architecture education initiative for North Carolina 9th and 10th graders. **That means if NCMH raises \$5,000 by July 15, the donor will double it! Contribute [here](#) at the bottom of the page.**

Read more here:

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Nearly 900 people have voted so far in the 2014 George Matsumoto Prize, a unique design competition for North Carolina Modernist houses which features \$6,000 in awards, a blue-ribbon jury of internationally-known residential architects, and an online **People's Choice vote** - that's you! [Vote now from 12 amazing houses from Asheville to Wilmington](#) -- the top three receive special recognition at the Thirst4Architecture / Matsumoto Prize Awards July 17 at the Contemporary Art Museum in Raleigh (see details below). [Voting](#) ends at 5pm EST, Sunday, July 13.



Is **Frank Lloyd Wright's** Fallingwater on your bucket list? NCMH is making its annual pilgrimage [September 13-14](#).

The weekend pilgrimage also includes Kentuck Knob (another smaller FLW house near Fallingwater), a house by Robert Venturi, a house by [Richard Meier](#), a guided architectural river cruise of downtown Pittsburgh, flights, hotel, meals, and more!

Sign up now - there are only 9 seats left; [details](#).



The countdown clock for [3515 Glenwood](#), Raleigh's "Mad Men" office building designed by [Milton Small](#), has only about a month left to find a suitable tenant -- or [plans will proceed for the building's demolition and replacement](#). We're getting really worried. Are you?

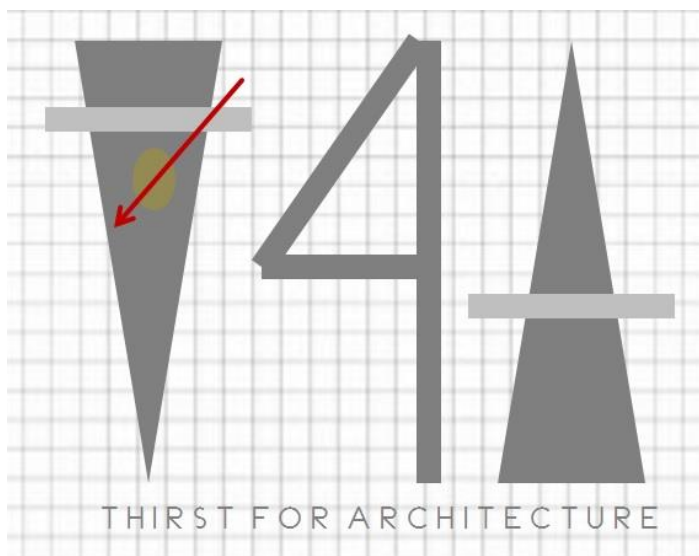
New NCMH architect profiles: **Fred Butner** and **Michael Newman** of Winston-Salem NC.

VOLUNTEER!



Want to research mid-century Modernist houses? NCMH field volunteers are needed now for: **Los Angeles CA, Asheville NC, and Hickory NC.** Read the rules [here](#), then [email](#) to apply. The minimum commitment is 2 hours a week, or 4 hours every other week, mostly from the comfort of your laptop. *Warning: habit-forming.*

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Thirst4Architecture + The George Matsumoto Prize Award

Ceremony, Thursday, July 17, 6-8pm, Contemporary Art Museum, Raleigh. Enjoy refreshments from **Foundation**, including their huge Modernist bar. Play or watch the return of Modernist Musical Chairs, sponsored by **Ivy Simon** of **Palette and Parlor** of Chapel Hill. Music by **Kurt Melges** and **Rebecca Newton** of Rebecca and the Hi-Tones. Free! Door prizes. [Details](#).

HOUSE ALERTS

There are five NC houses on the [Endangered List](#).



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