

The Hampton-Pinckney Gazette

Preserving Our Neighborhoods

Fall 2006

Neighborhood Meeting slated for Tuesday, November 14

Our next neighborhood meeting will take place on **Tuesday, November 14 at 6:30 pm** at the **Hughes Library**. We have 2 rooms reserved – one for our meeting and one as a play area for the smaller children in the neighborhood. With the increasing number of families with small children moving into our neighborhood, we hope this new feature will allow more families to attend the meetings. We would like to have a couple of volunteers to help supervise the children. (Teenage children would be great!)

Our meeting agenda will include:

- I. Welcome
- II. Old Business
- III. New Business
- IV. Treasurer's Report
- V. Introduction of Committees/Committee reports
 - A. Activities
 - B. Beautification
 - C. Communications
 - D. Community Safety
 - E. Directory
 - F. Legal/Governmental Liaison
 - G. Traffic Management
 - H. Welcoming
- VI. Other as needed
- VII. Adjourn

Contact Cathy Phelps if you have additional items to be addressed at our meeting and/or know of someone who would volunteer in the children's

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Hampton-Pinckney Historic Preservation Neighborhood Association Committees 2006-07

Our neighborhood officers, committees and co-chairs are listed below. Please feel free to contact any of them if you would like to volunteer for service on a committee or have ideas/issues that you would like to see the committees address.

Chairman	Cathy Phelps
Secretary	Judy Benedict
Treasurer	Brad Wyche

Activities Committee

Chairs: Sara Dellinger
& Kathryn Johnson

Functions: Organizing neighborhood social functions

Beautification Committee

Chairs: Brice Hipp & Mary Hipp

Functions: Planning/organizing projects to enhance the appearance of the neighborhood

Communications Committee

Chairs: Judy Benedict & Cathy Phelps

Functions: Writing/designing/distributing neighborhood newsletter; updating website.

Community Safety Committee

Chairs: Larry Boyd & David Carter

Functions: Identifying/compiling/reporting on matters involving the prevention of criminal activities & unsafe acts, actual crimes/incidents committed in/

around the neighborhood, and procedures for the membership to follow in the event of various emergency situations. Coordinating with City Community Patrol officer.

Directory Committee

Chairs: Kathleen Crispin
 Functions: Collecting/compiling/
 distributing neighbor data

Legal/Governmental Liaison

Chairs: Jeff Brown & Bob Lloyd
 Functions: Acting as liaison between the association and governmental and other groups on legal, political & zoning issues affecting the neighborhood, our historic designation, and our organizational structure.

Traffic Management Committee

Chairs: Crimora Carter & Nancy Smith
 Functions: Identifying & coordinating traffic problems & solutions; acting as liaison between the neighborhood, the City, and any adjacently located businesses on traffic issues; informing neighborhood residents on issues affecting access/egress to their homes

Welcoming Committee

Chairs: Karen Nield & Kathy Lloyd
 Functions: Identifying/welcoming/orienting new neighbors to the functions, activities and guidelines of the neighborhood.

314 Lloyd Street Update

On Thursday, October 19, 314 Lloyd Street received the very crucial approval by the Board of Zoning Appeals of a Special Exception to allow Professional Offices under its newly rezoned designation of RM2, multifamily residential. As you are aware, Scott Johnston & Pat Dilger, the proposed owners/developers of this property, plan to incorporate residential and commercial office space and utilize a large portion of the office space to house their own professional architectural and design businesses.

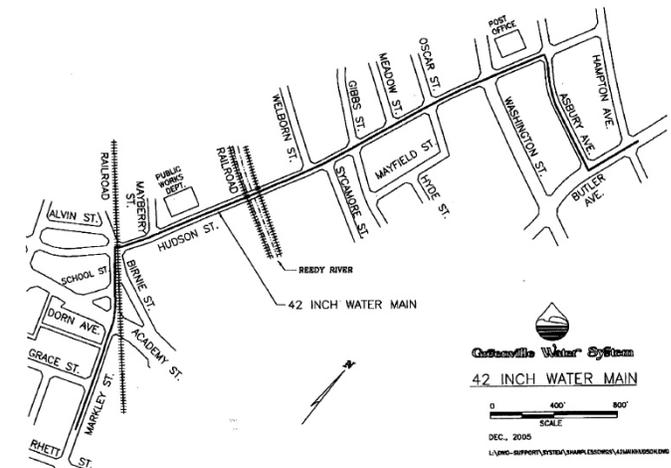
There are several steps, including approval by the Design & Preservation Commission and City Council and obtaining various permits and easements, which must precede the occupancy of the building. However, Johnston and Dilger are very optimistic about their pending move to our neighborhood. They hope to receive a temporary occupancy permit in order to begin operations at 314 Lloyd Street by January 1, 2007.

Butler Avenue Traffic Calming Update

Contributed by Crimora Carter



The SC Department of Transportation approved our permit for the construction of two median islands on Butler Avenue, plus a limited number of parking spaces in front of the townhouses, as voted by the neighborhood last winter. However, the islands cannot be constructed until the replacement of a Greenville Water System water line is completed (see map for details of water line project). The 42-inch water main goes from the intersection of Butler and Hampton, along Butler to Asbury, along Asbury to Hudson, along Hudson to Markley, and then along Markley to Rhett.



(For a larger view, visit <http://www.hampton-pinckney.org/gws42inchlinemap.pdf>)

According to Mike Sharpless, the manager for this project, the schedule calls for water line construction beginning in May 2007 and completing in March 2008. As part of the project, Butler Avenue will close to through traffic for several months. The neighborhood will receive more information after the bidding process begins in the spring.

Hats Off!!

... to the City of Greenville Public Works Department for repairing approximately 900 feet of sidewalks on Butler Avenue. According to Tim Guerin, Streets & Sidewalks Supervisor, his crews have also installed 5 handicap accessible ramps and repaired 7 driveway aprons. The City has identified several smaller side-

walk repair jobs they will complete after January 1, 2007. A big "thanks" from those of us with strollers, small toddling feet, tricycles and just those of us who can't pick our feet up as high as we used to!!

Community Safety

David Carter and Larry Boyd are co-chairing our Community Safety Committee. They will work on reinstating the "Crime Watch", as well as working on an emergency plan, coordinating our efforts with the City Community Patrol Officer, and helping to identify unsafe acts/conditions within our neighborhood. As we all know, **prevention** is the best way to minimize accidents, criminal acts, and the impact of unforeseen events.

Your help is needed to help plan these projects. Please contact David or Larry and volunteer today.

HP 2006 Directory has been Published

Kathleen Crispin has compiled and distributed the 2006 neighborhood directory. If you did not receive your copy and/or as you have updates to your information, please contact Kathleen. Many thanks to Kathleen for the great job she did on our directory!

Mulberry Street Project Update

Contributed by Diane Smock

Item #1 Mulberry Street streetscape, etc. Paving is complete. Project finish date is 10/18/06. Appears that only item that won't be complete is the final thermoplastic striping.

Item #2 Housing at Mulberry at Pinckney Construction is underway on the first three homes. Anticipated completion is mid-January. Raby Construction is building the homes and they are being marketed by Lil Glenn. The City is providing down payment assistance to income eligible buyers. If you are aware of anyone interested in purchasing one of the new homes, they can contact Community Development at 467-4568 or Lil Glenn at 242-0088.

Potential New Home to be added to HP Neighborhood

An application to move and renovate the historic house currently located at 427 Rutherford (between the Salvation Army and WYFF) to 310 Lloyd



St. (between the Dowdy's and the Tomlin's homes) is on the agenda for the Design & Preservation Commission's meeting on Thursday, November 2, 2006 at 4 pm.

Our Beautification Committee

Brice & Mary Hipp, co-chairs of our Beautification Committee, have reported that in the near future, they will be checking into new/additional signs to post in our neighborhood to help emphasize our historical designation. Anyone wishing to help with this effort, or any effort for the beautification committee, please contact Brice or Mary.

The Why, When, & How of Pruning



Why prune trees?

- Enhance/encourage new growth or natural shape
- Remove dead, damaged, or diseased branches
- Encourage blooming or setting fruit
- Reduce size
- Train to a certain size or shape or growth habit
- Remove branches that grow inward, downward, or rub together
- Remove suckers and watersprouts
- Remove limbs with narrow angles as they may form a weak crotch
- Select the best-spaced branches as permanent ones (spaced 6-24" apart); use thinning cuts on others

When to prune?

Spring-flowering plants (flower before June 1) set flower buds in fall and bloom on previous year's growth. Prune within one month of blooming (e.g., dogwood).

Summer-flowering plants (flower after June 1) set flower buds in spring and bloom on new year's growth. Prune just before spring growth begins (e.g., crapemyrtle- However, **do not commit "crepe murder,"** the excessive pruning of crepe myrtle trees. Note that the crepe myrtles planted between the sidewalks and the street are City trees and should be left to the care of the City to ensure uniform canopies and the continued beautification of our neighborhood.)

Non-flowering ornamentals can be pruned in late winter, spring or summer. If they are pruned in fall or early winter, new growth will be encouraged, making them susceptible to cold damage because they did not have time to harden off.

Trees that bleed (in other words, sap runs from pruning wounds in late spring) should be pruned after leaves mature or fall to reduce bleeding, ideally in No-

vember or December (e.g., birch, maple, walnut, elm). Sap excretion is not harmful but may be unsightly; wash off the sap with a strong stream of water.

What are the various techniques?

The science: Terminal bud produces **auxin**, a hormone that directs growth of lateral buds. When a terminal bud is cut off, auxin is released and lateral buds/shoots below the cut grow vigorously.

1. Heading back is indiscriminately cutting off the ends of twigs. Avoid this practice because it encourages thick, dense growth at the canopy, which means the foliage within becomes sparse and the plant top heavy.

2. Drop crotching is pruning back to a fork where there is a branch at least half of the diameter of the limb being removed, making the angle of the crotch wider.

3. Hat racking is cutting all branches to an arbitrary length. *Avoid this practice.*

4. Thinning is cutting select branches back to a lateral branch or main trunk. It is the best method of pruning because it encourages new growth in the interior, reduces size, and provides a fuller plant. Thin to remove suckers and limbs that are rubbing, crossed, diseased, or dead. Also thin to take select branches (such as long or old ones) back to another lateral branch or main trunk (a higher concentration of hormones at the lateral branch/trunk causes a wound to heal more rapidly).

Notes: When *pruning back to a bud*, cut at a slight angle 1/2" just above a bud located to the outside of the plant. (A sharp angle produces a larger wound, whereas a flat cut does not allow water to drain.)

When removing large tree branches:

Cut the underside of the branch 15" out from the trunk and up until just before the saw binds.

Cut downward from the top 18" out from the trunk, causing the limb to split cleanly.

Begin the final cut just outside of the **bark ridge** (the rough, dark ridge on top of the branch at the trunk) and at an angle out, ending just outside of the **bark collar** (the swollen area at base of branch). The ridge/collar act as a natural barrier to decay-causing organisms. (Wound dressings do not prevent decay.)

What is skirting? Answer: Lifting the canopy by removing low-growing branches. It is best to do in late winter, before spring growth emerges. Remove lateral branches < 4 feet from ground and inward-growing, crossing branches. For a one-year-old plant, select one to three vigorous branches, and prune the others to the ground.

Do all trees need to be pruned? No. *Broad-*

leaf evergreen trees need very little pruning as they are naturally symmetrical (e.g., magnolia, hollies). *Conifers* also require little pruning. Avoid cutting hardened older wood as it will not grow back (e.g., pine, spruce).

Service Providers Needed!

Our Welcoming Committee co-chairs need your help! Karen Nield & Kathy Lloyd are in the process of compiling a "preferred" list of good service providers that we can share with our new neighbors (and with those of us who have had problems identifying reputable companies!)



Please send to Karen & Kathy names/contact information on the "tried and true" service providers you have used. They need this information for carpenters, plumbers, roofers, arborists, landscapers, child care, medical providers, hair stylists, specialty stores, restaurants, and any others you would like to share.

Congratulations!

To **Brad Wyche**, for receiving an honorary doctorate from Furman University for his environmental initiatives at the University's Opening Convocation this Fall. Furman has deemed 2006-07 as "Year of the Environment."

To **Angie & Andrew Honohan** on the birth of their son, **Aedan James**, who arrived October 20, weighing in at 9 pounds 13 ounces. Mom, Dad and baby Aedan are doing great!

As you become aware of awards, recognitions and other good news involving our neighbors, please drop Judy Benedict or Cathy Phelps a note so we can share the good news with other neighbors.

Welcome to our New Neighbors!!

Sean & Catherine Scuras, 36 Pinckney Street. Catherine is an English Professor at Clemson. Sean is an environmental engineer in Greenville.

Chad and Brandon Cabaniss, 23 Pinckney Street.

Zack & Stephanie Southerland, 22 Pinckney Street. Zack & Stephanie are in the midst of a major remodeling job and hope to move in later in 2007. They have 2 small children.

Libby & Buzz Burwell at 202 Hampton Avenue. Libby has opened the "Zen Pilates" studio across from the library.

As you meet new neighbors, please drop Judy Benedict or Cathy Phelps a note so that we can officially welcome them to the neighborhood!

Happy Birthday!

Jessica Wyche, 20, on December 8
Siobhan Dellinger, 3, on October 8
Erik Rolfe, 8, on October 6
Chad Crawford, 22, on December 15
Lexanne Crawford, 18, on December 24
Caitlyn Drake, 11, on October 23
Brittany Southerland, 26, on December 26
Benjamin Duvall, 10, on November 28
Alexis Benedict, 13, on December 13
Elizabeth Johnson, on October 20
Emily Slater, 22, December 1



This list includes our children's birthdays for October – December. If you would like to include other birthdays, anniversaries or other special days, please contact Judy Benedict or Cathy Phelps.

Speaking of Birthdays...

Baby Boomers who live in the Hampton-Pinckney neighborhood and were born in 1946 are invited to a party at the Nield's house on December 21, 2006 at 7pm. Champagne and Appetizers will be served. For more information e-mail Barry at bk4146@charter.net or Karen at kdn29601@charter.net.

Hampton-Pinckney Calendar of Events

DATE	TIME	EVENT & LOCATION
Tues, Nov 14, 2006	6:30 pm	Association Meeting
Sun, Dec 3, 2006	TBD	Walkabout
Tue, Jan 9, 2007	6:30 pm	Association Meeting
Tue, Mar 13, 2007	6:30 pm	Association Meeting
Sun, Mar 25, 2007	TBD	Easter Egg Hunt
Tue, May 8, 2007	6:30 pm	Association Meeting
Wed, Jul 4, 2007	TBD	Neighborhood July 4 Celebration

Pumpkin Carving/BBQ on Oct 29 a Great Success!

The HP neighborhood Halloween Pumpkin Carving on Sunday afternoon, October 29 was held on the lawn at George & Betti Bell's. BBQ & the

trimmings from Henry's were served. The neighborhood turnout was fantastic as people and children were carving away on their pumpkins. You can see more pictures at:

<http://www.hampton-pinckney.org/2006-pumpkin-carving/index.html>.



Got something for the newsletter? Please e-mail us:

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