



The Hampton-Pinckney Gazette

Preserving Our Neighborhoods

April '99

Local Historian to Speak at April Meeting

The next meeting of the Hampton-Pinckney Historic District will take place on Tuesday, April 6th at 7 p.m. at Central Baptist Church (activities room - Lloyd Street entrance). Local historian, Dr. Judith Bainbridge, will speak to our group. We will also vote on the by-laws.

The March meeting topics discussed were Crime Watch, the Easter Egg Hunt, dates for the July 4th celebration, traffic calming results, the by-laws and having a guest speaker from Hughes Development at the next meeting. Since July 4th is on a Sunday this year, the committee would like to get input from the neighbors whether to have the gathering on Saturday, July 3rd or Sunday, July 4th. If you have a preference for one day or the other contact Beth Burris. Donna Kivett presented the by-laws and gave a brief summary of its contents. If you did not get a copy at the meeting or in your mailbox with your newsletter contact Judy Benedict. Finally, Deborah Rodgers brought the results of the ballots for traffic calming solutions and updated us on where we are in the process of the project. We would like to thank Kathleen Crispin for heading the meeting this month. She graciously filled in on short notice for our chairperson.

Thank you for attending the March meeting: Betti Wright, Beth Burris, Deborah and Keith Rodgers, Emma Catherine and Kristen Duvall, Donna Kivett, Margie Montgomery, Anne and Jacob Meyer, Bobbie Parks, Billie Rutherford, Mary Beth and Erik Rolfe, Janie Singletary, Lisa Hartnett, Rev. Simpson, and Eric Lewis.-kd

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Hampton-Pinckney Grant Application Being Considered

The "Hampton-Pinckney Welcome Project" grant application is in the process of being considered by the City of Greenville's Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee. That appointed group is responsible for recommending to Greenville City Council how to spend the City's share of the state accommodations tax that is levied on hotel and motel room stays. Funded projects must be tourism-related.

The "Welcome Project" seeks \$7,700 to refurbish and upgrade existing historic district signs in our neighborhood. It would also add several new signs and some plantings that would be at locations that reflect expansion of the district since the original signs were installed in the late 1970's. They would also take account of changes in traffic patterns (like widening of Whitner Street and prohibition of left turns from Buncombe onto Butler). Since the neighborhood is prominently featured in current upstate tourist/visitor publications and on downtown signs guiding people to local attractions, the project fits with the purposes of the grant competition. Neighbors serving on the steering group for the project are Robert Benedict, Jamey King, Jay Kirkman, Donna Kivett, Bob Lloyd, and Janie Singletary.

The application was submitted on March 5 and is competing with seventeen other projects that were submitted by a variety of civic, cultural and arts organizations. Taken together the projects are requesting more than \$800,000 in funding from a pot of money that will be about \$430,000. Obviously, not all projects will be funded and those that do receive approval are likely to not receive all that they requested. The Hampton-Pinck-

ney project, one of the smaller requests, is for one-time funding only and involves some cost sharing--all features which are probably to our advantage. However, there are a lot of high visibility projects with considerable local muscle behind them.

The Advisory Committee received oral presentations from each applicant organization on March 26. Robert Benedict, Bob Lloyd, and George Bell presented the neighborhood's case. According to a staff member from the City's Finance Department, the Advisory Committee will meet on Tuesday, April 6 to rank the projects for its recommendation to the City Council. We will receive notification of the ranking after that meeting. City Council can accept the rankings or modify them as they see fit. They will probably receive that information at their Monday, April 12 meeting. -bl



Traffic Calming Update

The vote is in..all recommendations of the Traffic Calming Committee passed. However, several neighbors have been discouraged about the length of time it is taking to implement traffic calming measures. The easiest, a speed hump on Lloyd, has already been in place for several weeks. Our neighborhood presents certain challenges that other neighborhoods have not had to face...the surrounding major traffic arteries and the state maintained roads (Hampton and Hudson).

Roger Dyar, City Engineer, has sent a letter to the State DOT requesting the speed humps on Hampton Avenue and turning over Hudson Street to the City. Other recommendations include installing an island at Hampton and Academy streets and making Lloyd one way from Hampton to Washington and Pinckney to Buncombe.

Should the DOT grant our request concerning Hudson, the issue must be brought to City Council to vote on accepting maintenance of Hudson from Hampton to Washington. A separate vote by City Council will determine if the street can be closed.

Mr. Dyar also recommended an additional study by Sprague and Sprague to assess the impact of our traffic calming on the Washington Street Corridor prior to implementing any more changes to the traffic flow.-jb

Never Too Early to Plan 4th of July

The 4th of July this summer offers an opportunity to celebrate our annual celebration on day. Please let



July falls on a Sunday which presents an opportunity to schedule our annual celebration on Saturday or Sunday. Beth Burris know

your preference on the date so she can start organizing (such as booking a band). A vote will be taken at the meeting Tuesday night. -jb



The History Corner

Want to research the history of your house? One of the best sources of information to learn about the previous occupants is the city directory. The South Carolina Room in the main library has Greenville city directories dating back to the 1890's. The residents are listed by address with their occupation. The pages below are from the 1899-1900 Greenville City Directory. This month's list is Hampton Ave (formerly known at Highland Ave.). Next month we will list the rest of the neighborhood. -rb

Current Address

St. Mary s
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 BB&T Lot
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 St. Mary s
 231 Hampton
 110 Butler
 BB&T Lot
 Vacant Singletary Lot
 308 Hampton

 Corner Hampton/Butler
 309 Hampton
 313 Hampton
 Vacant Meyer/Dellinger Lot

 317 Hampton
 314 Hampton
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 411 Hampton
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 413 Hampton

1899-1900 City Directory

A. Blythe, Atty. - 207 Highland Ave.
 Mrs. A.B. Sinkler - 215 Highland
 T.L. Woodside, planter - 221 Highland
 A.T. Houston, carpenter - 227 Highland
 J.C. Hill, carpenter - 212 Highland
 C.E. McCullough - So. Ex.
 Dr. G.T. Swandale - 227 Highland
 G.H. Mahon, merchant - 303 Highland
 J.T. Bramlett, planter - 304 Highland
 J.A. McCullough, atty - 311 Highland
 J.F. Richardson - 317 Highland
 Dr. J.H. Maxwell - 320 Highland
 Vacant
 (Gallivan House)Vacant (Gallivan built home in 1905)
 W.A. Walden, mech - 411 Highland
 J.M. Geer, cotton - 415 Highland
 J.W. Lipscomb, mer - 421 Highland
 J.D. Woodside, mer
 W.B. Carpenter, mer
 B.A. Morgan - atty, 435 Highland
 C.M. Landrum - 436 Highland
 C.L. Foster, mer - 445 Highland
 Mrs. E.A. Nesbit - 451 Highland
 Rev. Jas Balfour - 502 Highland
1899-1900 City Directory
 J.G. Hawthorne, U.S. Com - 503 Highland
 J.L. Black, elk - 511 Highland
 J.M. Monts, condr - 518 Highland
 Rev. T.M. Bailey, 519 Highland
 Jas M. Hutchison, engr. - 524 Highland
 Matoon School & Church - 529 Highland

Current Address

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 411 Hampton
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This picture appeared in The Greenville News 20 years ago. Can you guess who it is?



Trash, Trash, Trash!

The following editorial was printed in *The Greenville News*, Thursday April 1:

Littering Would End If Punishment Was Assured

The recent flurry of state and local government activity concerning litter in South Carolina reminds me of my first trip to the state 30 years ago to the United States Army Receiving Station, Fort Jackson.

There I met up with Platoon Sergeant Charles J. Mack, my drill instructor. He could have been the model for actor Lewis Gossett, Jr. in the movie "An Officer and A Gentlemen." A two-tour veteran of Vietnam, he could outrun and out push-up every one of us young recruits. He loudly warned us early in basic training, "You better not litter my company area unless you want to eat what you throw on the ground."

We thought he was yelling that because he just liked to yell. But we changed our minds when a careless fellow trainee got to chew and digest a tasty combination of cigarette butt and candy wrapper. The company area sparkled during the remainder of that recruit cycle.

The litter problem in South Carolina probably won't progress toward solution until those who litter have to answer three questions in ways that alter their behavior:

C What's my incentive not to litter?
C What's the likelihood that I'll get caught?

C Will it hurt if I do get caught?

Little kids should be taught the answers at home and in school, and those

bigger ones who never learned should be confronted with the civilian equivalent of Sergeant Mack.

Robert M. Lloyd
Greenville

New Reedy River Park Planned



A new Reedy River Corridor Vision Plan is in the beginning stages. The Leadership Greenville Class XXIV developed the plan during the summer and fall of 1998 to improve the banks of

the Reedy River which encompasses 250 acres in the downtown Greenville area and stretches from southern Greenville County at Conestee Lake all the way to northern Greenville County at Paris Mountain State Park and Travelers Rest.

A non-profit organization, the Reedy River Development Corporation (RRDC) will take responsibility for the implementation of the plan. A system of cycling, jogging and walking trails, benches and bridges are part of the plan along the banks of the river which should rival Atlanta's Chatahoochee trails. Five major destinations will be improved to take advantage of the river's natural resources: Cleveland Park West, Riverplace, Falls Historic Park, Woodland Park, and Cleveland Park East.

The Reedy River is within walking distance of the Hampton-Pinckney Historic District and would greatly enhance the area and available amenities. -jb

Of Personal Interest

Please welcome Lynda Morrison to the neighborhood. She is moving from New Jersey into the newly-renovated 36 Pinckney Street. Lynda has a 28 year-old son living in Texas. -jb

Important Reminders

- ◆ The next neighborhood meeting will be held Tuesday, May 4th, at 7 p.m. at Central Baptist Church.
- ◆ Important phone numbers - Eric Lewis, Community Police Officer. Pager: 217-3188; Work 271-5333; Mobile: 616-2275.
- ◆ FYI: A new City of Greenville Neighborhood Services Coordinator has not yet been hired.

- ◆ Neighborhood meetings are conducted the first Tuesday of each month.

Letter From the Editor

Last weekend I was in Charleston and read yet another letter concerning the trashing of South Carolina. Not wanting to impound upon the subject too much more, I still feel compelled to comment. This place is filthy! Robert and I have been trying to figure out where all the trash is coming from...motorists?...garbage trucks? The sheer amount of it is overwhelming and quite disturbing. But this is the most visible sign of deterioration. Think about what is probably happening to our waterways and water supply, the ground on which our local food is cultivated, and the very air we breath. Our beautiful upstate is becoming polluted before our very eyes, yet most of us are too busy to see it and are unwittingly contributing to it. Let's all strive to reduce, recycle, reuse and conserve. Every little bit counts.

"Americans are a restless and wasteful people by comparison to the rest of the world. We make a dirty mess in one place and move on to despoil another. When there were fewer of us, it was easier to ignore this national bad habit." -Walter Muir Whitehill, Foreword, *Presence of the Past*, 1965



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