



The Hampton-Pinckney Gazette

Preserving Our Neighborhoods

August 2002

Neighborhood Meeting at Pentecostal Move of God Church

The sultry air remains-but people younger than 18 are now being seen on neighborhood streets before 11 in the morning. That can only mean that it must be time to resume regular neighborhood meetings. There are several reasons for us to gather on **Tuesday, August 20 at Pentecostal Move of God Church, 325 Hampton Avenue at 7:00 PM.** They are:

- ◆ The new owners of the Pentecostal Move church building have plans to redevelop the facility into condominiums. They have asked for the opportunity to meet with the neighborhood to share their ideas and to discuss their pending request for rezoning of the parcel from single family residential (R-6) to multifamily residential (RM-2). Undoubtedly, you have noticed the official looking signs related to the rezoning request. The hearing on the matter is scheduled for August 27 so this will be a chance to preview what will be discussed there.
- ◆ For some time, the City government and the Greenville County School District have been negotiating the purchase of property across from the main post office which would be the site of a new elementary school. Last January, at the behest of those attending an earlier neighborhood meeting, an Association letter was sent in support of the effort. Our two resident city councilmembers, Diane Smock and Lillian Brock Flemming, are among the community leaders who are spearheading the effort. For a

variety of reasons, final approval of the contract for land sale has not been approved and some additional impediments apparently remain. If you haven't been involved before on the subject, this will be an opportunity to receive updated information and to discuss what should happen next.

- ◆ At my request, Robert Benedict convened a gathering of past neighborhood presidents/crime watch chairs in July to identify and contact a slate of nominees to take over the reins of the Association in an orderly fashion this fall. Those names will be presented at the meeting and arrangements for voting and transition will be made.

Thanks for attending the last meeting: Billie Rutherford, Bobbie Parks, Wade Cleveland, Travis Seward, Paul Bateman, Kathleen Crispin, George Bell, Susan Reynolds, Anne Meyer, Judy Benedict, Bob Lloyd, and Michael and Carol Anne Hoffman. - jb & bl

Election of New Officers To Be Held At Meeting



New officers will be elected for the Homeowners Association at the Tuesday (8/20) meeting. A nominating committee comprised of former presidents of the homeowners association was appointed at the last meeting. The committee was appointed in an effort to seek out those individuals that might be interested in serving as an officer or if a property owner wanted to nominate someone before the upcoming meeting. The individuals below have been nominated:

Homeowners Association President - Wade Cleveland
Vice President - Jeff Tiddy
Secretary - Open.

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Treasurer - Brad Wyche
Traffic Calming Committee Chairman - George Bell
Crime Watch Committee Members - Patrick Duvall,
Larry Boyd, Billie Rutherford, Bobbie Parks
Newsletter - Open

Additional nominations will be accepted at the meeting. We also need individuals to volunteer as coordinator for the Christmas "Walk-About", the Easter Egg Hunt and the 2003 4th of July picnic. A special thanks is due Bob Lloyd who is "retiring" as the association president. Bob has provided strong leadership and an articulate voice for the neighborhood over the past 2 years. His well-respected leadership has helped the neighborhood be heard on issues such as the Western Corridor, traffic calming, temporary labor agencies and many others. Thanks Bob for the many hours and hard work you've devoted to our special neighborhood! - rb

Car 54, Where Are You?

Long time neighborhood residents will affirm that this time of year (late August and September) always seems to be one when we experience a spike in things like vandalism, breaking and entering cars and houses (particularly ones that are unlocked) and even an occasional more serious incident. Please remind yourself of the common sense steps that your need to take to avoid being a victim of one of these incidents. Every year, it seems, we end up having a "crime reaction" meeting. That's where a guy from the Police Department has to stand up and provide obvious advice to otherwise intelligent people about how to protect themselves and their property. The meeting on the 20th won't involve such a presentation and it would be a real achievement if we can avoid having to have another this year. - bl



Hampton-Pinckney 4th of July Picnic - 10 Straight Years!

The Hampton-Pinckney 4th of July was once again an afternoon that provided a lot of fun and great food for all of the attendees. For 10 consecutive years, this annual tradition has been a great way to celebrate our nation's birthday and this year was no exception. Following the invocation by Diane Smock and the Pledge of Allegiance, the dog parade started the festivities with standout canines like Holly winning the Miss Firecracker award, Corky - Ms. 4th of July, Misty - Ms. Patriotic and



The first 4th of July party in summer of 1993.

Bogey - Mr. Patriotic. The children's parade featured such winners as: Sarah Tiddy - Miss Dolly Madison Award, Elizabeth Johnston - Miss Martha Washington, Hayley



The first 4th of July party with a very pregnant Beth Burris standing by the tree.



George Bell as Uncle Sam, circa 1997.



Fireman to the rescue, Benjamin Duvall, at the 1999 picnic and Bob Lloyd checking out the food table.

Benedict - Miss Betsy Ross, Katie Helvey - Miss Independence, Alexis Benedict - Miss Liberty, and Sam Boyd - George Washington Award. The spread of food was outstanding and the children's games were especially entertaining. Special thanks to Kathleen Crispin, Paul Bateman, Becky and Larry Boyd, Diane Smock and Sara Dellinger for all of their help pulling everything together. These photos are from some of the Hampton Pinckney

4th of July picnics held over the past 10 years. - rb

Artists Paint our Neighborhood

The Plein Air Artists Society wants to paint our neighborhood. Travis Seward is working with the group to organize this event. While the artists can paint from the street, we would like to provide the group with a list of properties that are willing to have them paint in their yards and gardens.

The group meets every Thursday, weather permitting. There are 22 members in the group - usually 10 to 12 artists paint on any given day.

Please contact Travis at 242-5836 or Travis@10best.com to have your property added to the list and to answer your questions. - ts

Join the National Trust for Historic Preservation

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For \$20 for an individual membership, or \$24 for a family membership you can join the National Trust. Some of the benefits include a subscription to **Preservation** magazine and free entrance to National Trust properties. For more information go to <http://www.nationaltrust.org>. - jb

Important Reminders

- ◆ Any corrections or additions to our neighborhood directory? Please e-mail them to Kathleen Crispin at Davileen@aol.com, or bring them to the meeting on Tuesday.
- ◆ Please try to remember to send me your email address. Just drop an e-mail to judy@giraffeweb.net. -jb

Of Personal Interest

- ◆ Mary Cage Carter, born August 1, to parents David and Crimora. All are reported to be doing well and adjusting to the new hours at 213 Butler Avenue.
- ◆ A colleague of George Bell's has purchased the Falukner home at 18 Pinckney Street and hopefully will be moving in soon! - bl
- ◆ A huge welcome to the neighborhood: Ron Johnson, Julie Bolt and Mr. And Mrs. Jeffrey Brown of the Commons at Hampton Pinckney. - rb

Letter From the Editor

No news is good news, right? I don't tend to agree. Without having our regular neighborhood meetings and newsletters, I feel a bit disconnected from everyone. I must admit that with the children in school, it makes it much harder to try to cram going to a neighborhood meeting into the week, but without our meetings, we don't know what is going on and decisions can be made, without our knowledge, that can affect our neighborhood greatly. The Southernside Neighborhood in Action , headed by Mary Duckett, and Al Chiles of Within Reach, are trying to get a comprehensive idea of what exactly is happening surrounding the Southernside area and what is planned in the future. With all the road construction, the planned West Washington revitalization program and the proposed elementary school, it would be nice to get an overall picture of a "master plan" so to speak, for the area. If you are invited to a meeting in the future to discuss any of this, please try to attend.

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