



The Hampton-Pinckney Gazette

Preserving Our Neighborhoods

August '98

St. Mary's Speakers at August Meeting

The next meeting of the Hampton-Pinckney Historic District will commence at 7pm on Tuesday, August 11 at Central Baptist Church. Our keynote speakers will include representatives from St. Mary's Catholic Church. They will inform us of the recent developments taking place adjacent to our neighborhood. Come to the meeting to stay informed. - jb

UHooray for Committee Chairpersons

Within the last few years our neighborhood has become a much more cohesive group, planning events that our families can enjoy. In the 70's, the Hampton-Pinckney Corporation was formed to provide a legal entity which eventually led to the creation of the Hampton-Pinckney Historic District's placement on the National Register of Historic Places. Several years ago a Crime Watch Association was created and now has evolved into a neighborhood association. Resident attorney, Donna Kivett, is currently working on the creation and filing of by-laws and several people have requested that committees be established to spread the workload. The Hampton-Pinckney Historic District is now pleased to announce the following committees and committee heads:

1. Welcoming Committee/Crime Watch/Run Meetings - Patrick Duvall
2. Government Liason - Bob Lloyd
3. Traffic Committee - Mary Duckett, Camille

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6. Christmas Walk-About - Kathy Anderson
7. Easter Egg Hunt - Becky Boyd
8. Fourth of July - Beth Burris
9. Newsletter - Kristen Duvall & Judy Benedict

A complete description of the duties assigned to each committee will be distributed at a later date. Please volunteer to work on a committee! - jb

* Won't You Be My Neighbor?+

+ Kristen Duvall and Judy Benedict are currently* working on a welcoming packet to give to people moving into the neighborhood. The packet will contain, at a minimum, the neighborhood directory, local numbers to call for information or in an emergency, and a brief description of the historic district. If anyone has any suggestions for additional information to include, please let Kristen or Judy know. -jb

Increase your Business!

The Hampton-Pinckney Gazette and the Neighborhood Directory are looking for sponsors! Simply donate paper and/or the use of a copy machine and we will place an ad for your business in the newsletter. - jb

HTraffic Problems to be Solved?

Neighbors from Hampton-Pinckney and Mary Duckett from Southernside Community Center met in

July with Roger Dyar to discuss the traffic concerns of the Hampton-Pinckney and Mulberry/Echols street areas. Mr. Dyar took us through the process to initiate traffic calming and helped compile a list of the top concerns addressed at the meeting. The list included:

1. Speed/Volume of Traffic
2. Commercial Traffic
3. Developments in the area
4. Studies done in the area
5. Function/purpose of streets

Camille Sharpton, George Bell, Deborah Rodgers and Bob Lloyd along with Mary Duckett volunteered to be on the traffic team that will meet and work with the city on this project. Solutions that may be used to calm traffic were mentioned, such as speed humps, traffic circles, stop signs, street closures, etc.



If you were unable to attend the meeting, copies of the agenda and pamphlets on Neighborhood Traffic Management can be obtained by contacting Kristen or Patrick Duvall, 271-1236 or pkduvall@mindspring.com. -kd

ONew Neighborhood Directory in the Works

Kristen Duvall and Judy Benedict are currently working on a new neighborhood directory. Please fill out the attached form and return it to either Kristen or Judy by August 31. -jb

j Neighborhood Police Officer Appointed

We are pleased to announce that a new Community Police Officer, Eric Lewis, has been appointed for Hampton-Pinckney. Although we are very sad to see Officer Jay Grubbs leave our neighborhood, we are happy to see a continued commitment to law enforcement in our neighborhood. Eric can be reached at Beeper #217-3188. -jb

Neighborhood Crime Watch Report

The September issue of The Hampton-Pinckney Gazette will include the Crime Watch Report for July and August. Please inform Patrick Duvall of any crimes committed within the area and report all crimes to the Police Department. -jb

- The History Corner

What does it mean to live in an Historic District? Every month we will try to include a few items to inform you of the history surrounding our neighborhood:

The J.M. Greer/Heyward Mahon House (309 Hampton Ave. - 1894) and the Briggs House (326 Hampton Ave. - ca. 1905) were the residences of mayors of Greenville. The Briggs house often was the center of meetings of community and political interest and William Jennings Bryan, a candidate for President and famous trial lawyer (Scopes trial) visited Mayor Henry Briggs at his house.

Matoon Presbyterian Church (415 Hampton Ave.) is the oldest surviving black church in Greenville. It was built in 1888.

The oldest structure in the neighborhood is the W.P. McBee House (21 Pinckney Street). It was constructed in 1835 by W.P. McBee, son of Vardry McBee, Sr. - the **AFather of Greenville@** Other descendants of McBee in the neighborhood included L.M. McBee at 300 Hampton Ave.: Melinda P. McBee Landrum at 314, Loula McBee Briggs at 326 and Frank McBee at 402 Hampton Ave.

The L.B. Houston House (213 Butler Ave.) was built in 1904 by Louis Burdell Houston to resemble a house in Brevard that his bride, Maye McMinn, liked. After Louis Burdell's death in 1947, Mrs. Maye Houston married Dr. James Anderson who moved to her house from his residence on Pinckney Street.

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The Landrum House (314 Hampton Ave.) was constructed circa 1874 by Chevis Montgomery Landrum and Melinda Penelope McBee who first lived in their **Ahoneymoon cottage@** in the backyard while the **Agrand house@** was being constructed. -rb

Of Personal Interest

- (: Happy 105th birthday to Helen Ragsdale - Miss Ragsdale lives at 321 Hampton Avenue which was purchased by her father from South Carolina State Senator T.Q. Donaldson in 1907.
-): Goodbye to neighbors Bruce Whitehead and Kathy Myers who are moving to Cleveland.
- (: Welcome to the neighborhood - Jeffrey and Camille Sharpton at 38 Pinckney. The Sharpsons moved here from Savannah where they

owned a home in Savannah's historic district.
(: Julie Morrow has moved into 307 Lloyd Street. Julie works for Datastream. -rb

Important Reminders

: Next Neighborhood Meeting to be held Tuesday, September 15, 1998, 7pm at Central Baptist Church
; Curb your Dog!
< This is your neighborhood..Take Action

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