



# The Hampton-Pinckney Gazette

Preserving Our Neighborhoods

December '98

## S.C. State Historic Preservation Office Liaison to Speak at December Meeting

Brad Sauls of the South Carolina Department of Archives and History will speak at the December 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Hampton-Pinckney Historic District. Other visitors will include Bryan Wood and Julie Franklin of The City of Greenville's Zoning Administration office. Julie will have plans displayed for the West Washington beautification. At this meeting we will also vote on our slate of officers.

At the November 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting we discussed:

- C The neighborhood cleanup scheduled for Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>.
- C Beautifying of the corner of Hampton and Hudson on the vacant lot next to 405 Hampton, the corner of Hampton and Butler at Bramlett Insurance and the corner of Pinckney and Butler beside Landrith Surveying.
- C Eric Lewis presented the crime report for the entire Hampton-Pinckney area. He reminded us to alert him to any problems and he will be happy to respond promptly.
- C Kathy Anderson agreed to head up Pinckney/Butler and Lloyd Wreath project.

Thank you for attending the November Meeting: Rev. Simpson, Patrick and Kristen Duvall,

Bob Lloyd, Jo Jorgensen, Eric Lewis, Billie Rutherford, Alice White, Judy and Alexis Benedict, Becky Boyd, Deborah, Keith, Austin, Jessica and Caitlin Rodgers, Lexanne Crawford, Betti Wright and George Bell, Scot and Janie Singletary, Joe Simpson, Kathy Anderson, Jim and Lisa Hartnett, Eric and Sara Dellinger, Claudia Price, Reid Taylor, Eric Englehardt and Beth Burris, Kathleen Crispin, Jennie Garrett and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Kennedy (603 Hampton Ave.)

Visitors are always welcome. -jb

### Vote For Officers at Meeting

At the meeting we will be voting for our slate of officers and committee chairs for the Hampton-Pinckney, Inc, a non-profit corporation. After the election takes place we can send in our contact to the state office and begin work on our bylaws to also file with the records office. Our neighborhood is classified by the IRS as a 501(c)4. Any contributions are not an eligible deduction as a charitable contribution for federal income tax purposes. Lot owners present at the meeting will constitute a quorum.

### 1999 Slate of Officers and Committee Chairs

- Chair/Welcoming Committee: Robert Benedict
- Treasurer/Secretary: Kristen Duvall
- Newsletter: Judy Benedict
- Government Liaison: Bob Lloyd
- Crime Watch: Patrick Duvall
- Traffic Calming: George Bell

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 at the meeting. -jb

## Road Construction Plans Surround Neighborhood

Several road construction or improvement projects are in the works for areas around and through the Hampton-Pinckney neighborhood. They include the Stone Avenue Extension and the Western Corridor, both of which are being undertaken by the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) with participation from the Greenville City Engineer's Office.

The Stone Avenue Extension is the first in line. Its plan calls for extending Stone Avenue across Rutherford Road through part of the Chandler Insurance property, down Goodwin Street and across Buncombe to connect to Mulberry Street. Some activity has apparently already begun on this project. One residence on Goodwin at Buncombe has been demolished and the SCDOT has solicited bids for clean up of the underground storage tanks at the old Amoco (Spinx) station at the same intersection. This should be a positive development for the people in the James Street Historic Preservation Area because it will eliminate a lot of the "cut-through" traffic that currently turns right onto Rutherford off of Stone, then left onto James, delaying northbound traffic on Rutherford.

The Western Corridor project includes three phases of widening 2.5 miles of S.C. 183 (College Street, Buncombe Street and Cedar Lane Road) from Academy Street to S.C. 253 (Blue Ridge Highway). The road would increase from the current four lanes to seven (three in each direction with a center turning lane). The current plans with the most impact on our neighborhood are part of the second phase of the project, beginning about mid-2000. They include (1) a re-routing of the intersection of Butler Avenue, College Avenue and Atwood Street so that the current "dog leg" into Atwood is eliminated and (2) a widening of the intersection of Lloyd Street and Buncombe to create a turn lane to go left on

Buncombe and with the existing lane reserved for traffic going straight across to Rutherford or turning right onto Buncombe. The combination of widening and changing the lane configuration means that the "triangle" building at the corner of Buncombe and Rutherford will be purchased for the right of way and torn down. Major construction activity in the project's first phase will involve acquisition of right of way on the left of Buncombe starting at about Frank Street and continuing through the industrial area west of the City limits. A raised highway (bridge) will carry traffic over the railway lines near Poe Mill and eliminate the congestion caused at the Poe Mill Bridge where traffic is reduced to a single lane on each side of the road.

City redevelopment plans affecting West Washington Street could also involve some road work. (See related article concerning December 8 public meeting on this activity.)

Obviously, all of the activity associated with these projects needs to be closely monitored to assure that there is minimum adverse impact on the neighborhood. In our initial "traffic calming" meeting with the City Traffic Engineer in July, these plans, their coordination, and impact were identified as one of our neighborhood's major concerns. -bl

## West Washington Meeting Dec. 8

Julie Franklin of the City Zoning office is conducting a meeting about the West Washington beautification project. The plans include extensive landscaping starting at the intersection of Butler and Washington all the way to Mulberry Street at the Railway Depot, the rehabilitation of existing buildings, and strategically placed artwork along the route, leading drivers toward the Greenville County Fine Arts Center.

Everyone is invited to the meeting scheduled to take place at 3 p.m. at the Webb Funeral Home.-jb

## Voice Your Truck Complaints to the Source

Illegal truck traffic through the Hampton-Pinckney neighborhood continues to be a major irritant and safety hazard, despite the fact that the City upgraded the signs that prohibit it. The neighborhood Traffic Calming Committee is currently working with the City Traffic Engineer's Office to come up with better solutions. In the meantime, however, there is something that you can do--contact the offending organization. This is particularly important when it is another governmental agency that is aware of the legality of driving through the neighborhood. If we keep raising concerns, the fleet managers cannot say, "This is the first that we've heard of the problem," when more drastic measures are suggested.

Listed below are the ways to contact those in charge of various vehicle fleets to get the problem noted and addressed:

- \* City of Greenville Public Works Dept. 467-8000
- \* Greenville Water System 241-6155
- \* Greenville County Public Works Dept. 467-7016
- \* King Express 1-800-2ADVISE

When you call, be prepared to relay the facts of the offense, including the truck number of the vehicle involved. The City of Greenville Public Works Department and King Express (identified by a five character vehicle number (V-####)) are two of the worst offenders because of their proximity to the neighborhood. A recent incident involving a City vehicle is instructive: When a large truck pulling a chipper drove from Lloyd, down Hampton onto Hudson, an immediate call to Dan Durig, the City's Public Works Director, received a prompt, polite and effective response because Durig was able to quiz the driver who had just parked outside Durig's office. Persistent phone calls should help curb the truck traffic. -bl

## HTraffic Calming Committee

The Traffic Calming Committee met with City Officials again on November 23<sup>rd</sup> after additional data was requested by our committee. After reviewing the data, the committee will request a special meeting with the Hampton-Pinckney neighborhoods to discuss the results and offer possible solutions, which

will then be presented to the city. Please be on the lookout for a flyer reminding you of this very important meeting. -jb

## Crime Report

For the month of October, the Hampton-Pinckney Historic District had only two reports of crime. One offense was at 416 Hampton, an auto breaking of an unlocked vehicle in which a radio and cell phone were taken. The other report was from 402 Hampton in which an antique swan planter was stolen from the porch of the house. In the area surrounding the historic district (from Lloyd to Mulberry and Buncombe to Washington) there were 20 other reports.

On a more positive side, one vehicle was recovered, an uninsured motorist was arrested and five trespassing notices were served. The complete October report is available by contacting Patrick Duvall at 409 Hampton Ave. A complete report for November will be presented and available at the December 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. -pd

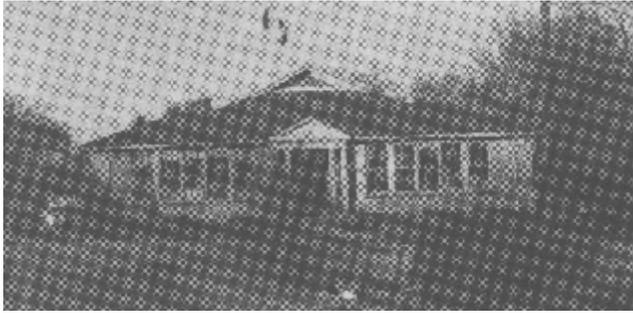
## Neighborhood Clean Up News

Thank you to Reid Taylor, Kathleen Crispin, Eric and Sara Dellinger, Rev. Simpson, Karen Neild and her daughter Heather, Bob Lloyd, Judy and Robert Benedict, Anne and Jacob Meyer, and Janie Singletary for helping with the neighborhood clean up on Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>. A special thanks goes to Anne Meyer and Janie Singletary for organizing the clean up, Jim Meyer for the donuts, Janie for the coffee and donating plants to area businesses, and Landrith Surveying for the fruit basket and orange juice. In honor of our event, Landrith planted pansies and cleaned up the area surrounding their building. Look forward to another clean up in the spring! -jb



## The History Corner

Hampton-Pinckney became Greenville's first National Register Historic District when it was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1977. The district also became Greenville's first locally



designated Historic District in 1979 under the city's Historic-Architectural Overlay Zoning Ordinance. The district was eligible for both designations because of its role in local history and its extensive architectural significance.

### Historic Resources of Hampton Pinckney Demolished in the 1980's



This English Tudor house was on Butler Ave. (part of the BB&T block) and was razed in 1984.

This school house was located on Asbury Street and was demolished in the early 1980's. Both sites are now vacant.

### What is the difference between a National Register District and a Local Historic District?

A National Register Historic District is one listed by the U.S. Department of the Interior in the National Register of Historic Places. Although various tax benefits may be available to owners of properties in a National Register District and the buildings may be protected from the adverse effects of federally funded projects, inclusion in the National Register provides no controls against private demolition or unsuitable

alterations. It is the local historic district designation that provides these controls!

A local historic district is created by a local ordinance under local zoning. Under Greenville's zoning ordinance, the Design and Preservation Commission (formerly the Board of Architectural Review) requires a review of exterior alterations, demolition, new construction, signs, fences, etc. prior to construction. If the application is deemed acceptable, a Certificate of Appropriateness is issued allowing a building permit or approval of the proposed alteration. It is the local historic district designation that gives us the needed protection to preserve the historic character of our neighborhood. Copies of the Design Guidelines will be handed out at the December meeting. -rb

## Holiday Wreaths Galore !!

Kathy Anderson and Jennie Garrett purchased forty-two wreaths to be hung surrounding the Hampton-Pinckney Historic District during the holidays. Kathy has 27 wreaths and bows for Pinckney, Butler and Lloyd and Jennie has 15 for Hampton. It is not too late to sponsor a wreath (or two or three) and they are looking for help to hang and take down the wreaths. Please read the flyer that Keith Lloyd so graciously passed out to every household. Sponsors will be listed in the January issue of *The Hampton-Pinckney Gazette*. -jb

## City-Wide Neighborhood Network

A city-wide neighborhood network is in the process of being established by the DRN in conjunction with the "Neighborhoods First" campaign. The purpose of the network is to "preserve livable and healthy neighborhoods." Who to contact? Jim Townsend, Thea Furman or Tom Faulkner. -jb

## Important Reminders

C The next neighborhood meeting will be held Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at Central Baptist Church. Our speaker will be Ed Ritts, Executive Director of the Historic Greenville Foundation. He will present plans for the proposed Greenville's History Museum at

Atwood and College Streets (adjacent to the former Coca Cola facility). -rb

C Important phone numbers - Eric Lewis, Community Police Officer. Pager: 217-3188; Work 271-5333; Mobile: 616-2275 -jb

C Please don't forget to order your luminaries. Anne Meyer has all the supplies ready at her house for Saturday Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> pickup. -jb

C Please contact Patrick Duvall or Judy Benedict five days prior to the next meeting for any ideas, concerns or future projects for the neighborhood. To keep the meetings a reasonable length, we will limit discussions to items on the agenda. -kd

## Letter From the Editors

When Robert and I lived at 38 Pinckney Street, we heard stories about how our house was built on Butler Street and the owners and their neighbor got into a conflict. The neighbor moved the house (rolling it on logs) to its present location on Pinckney Street to get rid of them. Now, I have heard of neighbors quarreling continuously over several decades or moving out of the neighborhood, but not moving their neighbors by moving their house! Obviously, some people (the Benedicts and the Englebarbts) enjoy living in this neighborhood. So, when we needed to move we stayed in the neighborhood. What does it take to have a great neighborhood? Getting to know your neighbors, working together on various projects and respecting others' differences and opinions (and I am sure you can come up with many other ways). Since we have almost run out of vacant lots around here why don't we try to get to know our neighbors by hanging wreaths, attending the Holiday Walk-About and lighting the luminaries. See you on the 12th.



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