



The Hampton-Pinckney Gazette

Preserving Our Neighborhoods

Fall 2001

Neighborhood Meeting at Pentecostal Move of God Church

Heeding the calls for a return to normalcy (whatever that means), the neighborhood association will meet on **October 30 with Bishop Alfred Simpson and Pentecostal Move of God Church** as our hosts. We've skipped a couple of months for obvious reasons. Some topics that have consumed attention at past gatherings look a bit trivial in retrospect. As anyone who has stood in an airport line recently can attest, minor complaints aren't as welcome as they used to be. Still, there are some things going on where we live that deserve attention and support:

- ◆ We've got Halloween coming up and the desire that our neighborhood's little kids who want to get to enjoy it. The accompanying article contains some recommendations received from the Greenville Police Department about costumes and trick or treat. We'll also have Corporal Gilliard, our Community Patrol Officer, present to answer any questions and update us on any crime watch information.
- ◆ Thanks in no small way to Anne Meyer, Sara Dellinger, Travis Seward and artist Lynn Greer, with a supporting cast of others, the Hampton - Pinckney Calendar project has come to fruition in a spectacular way. The kick-off events on the weekend of October 12-14 went well but there are a lot of calendars to be sold in order to recoup the costs. Plans for doing so and solicitations for help and suggestions will be shared.
- ◆ As you've probably seen in the local news, the Olympic Torch Relay is coming to Greenville on

December 4. What wasn't specifically publicized is that it'll be coming through our neighborhood between 9 and 10 PM that evening. The route includes a stretch of Hampton Avenue. Torch Relay organizers are urging neighborhoods to turn out as spectators in support of the effort. Further details about the event will be available.



- ◆ Plans for the annual Holiday Walk-about--date, times, arrangements--will kick off at this meeting. Volunteers who are willing to open their homes and host the event will be particularly warmly welcomed.
- ◆ PLEASE ATTEND - This may be the last formal meeting this year!

PLACE:

**PENECOSTAL MOVE OF GOD CHURCH
325 HAMPTON AVENUE
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 7 PM**

May meeting news: In May we met at the Center for Developmental Services to hear a presentation by the architectural firm that designed the new library being built adjacent to the Coca Cola Building on College Avenue. Also present were several engineers and City and County of Greenville employees who are involved with the project. Expected project completion is November, 2002.

Thanks for attending the May meeting: Travis Seward, Wade Cleveland, Betti Wright, George Bell, Alfred Simpson, Margie Montgomery, Diane Smock, Bob Lloyd, Judy Benedict, Barry and Karen Nield, Kathleen Crispin, Beth Burris, Jeff and Sara Tiddy, Joyce Murphy, Courtney Shives, Beverly James (Greenville County Library System), Rick Brookey (Greenville County) Lonnie Dutton (Dutton

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Calendars On Sale!

The Hampton-Pinckney calendars are completed and on sale. Each calendar features 13 watercolors by Lynn Greer. They are fantastic. Please get your s today from Anne Meyer for \$20 each. These make great gifts too. -am



Car 54, Where Are You?

The Greenville Police Department has issued the following Halloween Safety Recommendations:



- ◆ Use make-up or face paint rather than masks;
- ◆ Add reflective tape or reflectors to dark-colored costumes;
- ◆ Props such as magic wands or swords should be made from cardboard rather than wood or metal;
- ◆ Have children stay in the neighborhood; visit only homes you know;
- ◆ Accompany small and elementary school age children when they trick or treat and send older children in groups;
- ◆ If possible, start during daylight, and carry a flashlight in case of delay;
- ◆ Give and accept only wrapped or packaged treats;
- ◆ Have children bring treats home for adult inspection before they are eaten.

The Police Department also shared the text of a state law on wearing masks and other concealment which probably has ripe history. It states: "No person over sixteen years of age shall appear or enter upon any lane, walk, alley, street, road, public way or highway of this State or upon public property of the State or any municipality or county in this State while wearing a mask or other device which conceals his identity." There's an exception for any person wearing "traditional holiday costume" although no explanation of what that is. -rb

Don't Forget Election Day!



Election Day for Greenville City Council is **Tuesday, November 6**. The polls are open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Despite a long tradition of

INTENSE interest in the affairs of City government, the Gazette makes no editorial endorsements. Our "reporters" have, however, spotted an apparent trend within the neighborhood concerning the "at-large" seat that is up for grabs because of the retirement of Councilman Fred Carpenter. As advocates for **RESPONSIVE** municipal government, we confine our recommendations to the words of Richard J. Daley Sr., the late mayor of Chicago, who, on more than one occasion, was heard to urge citizens to "vote early...and often." If you have to be out of town on the 6th, **absentee voting** is currently taking place at Room 1900 at County Square. They're open from 8:30-5:00 Monday through Friday and on Saturday from 9-1. On Thursday, November 1, they'll also stay open until 7:00 PM.

West Washington Revitalization Plan Now Available

Norm Gollub, Economic Development Planner with the City of Greenville, has released the results of the West Washington revitalization study. The study proposes several alternatives for making West Washington Street a pedestrian friendly corridor. This includes diagonal parking, a landscaped median and a narrowing of the travel lanes. Additionally, an economic market study to identify businesses and other uses was recently completed. For a complete look at the study, please visit the City's website at http://www.greatergreenville.com/development/comm_corridors.htm or call the City of Greenville.

The History Corner



Willie R. Ward was one of the leading architects of Greenville and South Carolina during the first half of the Twentieth Century. Best known for his Colonial Revival and Georgia Revival residences in Greenville, he was responsible for dozens of homes built in the Augusta Road and North Main Street area. He designed approximately 133 residences statewide and also designed the 1929 Laurens City Hall, the 1926 Tyler Hospital, schools and the 1950 Elks Club in downtown Greenville. Willie Ward retired in 1957 and moved to his home state of Alabama before passing away in 1984 at the age of 94. He left his mark on the Hampton-Pinckney neighborhood with the two Tudor style homes shown below. Unfortunately, like many historic resources of the neighborhood, these two

architecturally significant homes on Butler Avenue were demolished during the 1970's. Both homes were built by contractor L.P. Slattery for his family and mother at 204 and 206 Butler Avenue. Constructed between 1919 and 1921, they were on narrow lots with the entrances facing each other. Unfortunately, like many of our historic resources, these architecturally significant homes were demolished during the 1970's. (Many thanks to Jack Slattery and Charles Wyatt for supplying this information.) -rb



(Photo – The Greenville News 7/22/1962)

Important Reminders

- ◆ Don't forget to call 467-ROAD for updates on construction surrounding the neighborhood! -jb

Of Personal Interest

- ◆ Welcome to the neighborhood Eric Vinson at 307 Lloyd, Brian Smith at 226 Butler Avenue and Susan Reynolds of 212 Butler Avenue. Moving in next month will be Phyllis Jones at 216 Butler Avenue, Robert Creech at 224 Butler Avenue and Dr. Jim Oliver at 210 Butler Avenue.
- ◆ Congratulations to Kristen Duvall who received the honor of Teacher of the Year.

Letter From the Editor

The first week of September we had some unexpected visitors from Lithuania, a mother and her son. They had been visiting family in Atlanta and had traveled to Greenville to visit their cousin, who happened to have to stop by our house to pick up something. The mother did not speak any English and the son had to translate for her, but I asked if they would like to come into our house to have a look around. As I walked around the house talking and the son translating to the mother, I

pointed out some items about the house itself that I thought they might find interesting, all the while thinking that they have much older homes where they live, so this must not be anything too special. After we finished the tour, we stopped at the front door, the mother speaking to the son. She reached into her handbag and pulled out a Sostines Kartusis Sokoladas. Don't ask me what that means except that it looked and tasted like a HUGE bar of chocolate from Lithuania. Never have I been paid so well for doing so little. As I thanked them for the chocolate the son turned to me and said, "Thank you so much. This has definitely been the highlight of our trip to the United States." Imagine that, and I still have a few pieces of that chocolate bar hidden away in the refrigerator.

Judy

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