



The Hampton-Pinckney Gazette

Preserving Our Neighborhoods

January '99

Historic Greenville Foundation Executive Director to Speak at January Meeting

Ed Ritts, Executive Director of the Historic Greenville Foundation, will discuss preliminary plans for the Greenville History Center at the January meeting of the Hampton-Pinckney Historic District to be held at 7 p.m. at Central Baptist Church. The Center is to be located at the corner of Atwood and College. Please plan to attend to show Ed our support for the "long-awaited" History Center and how pleased we are that it will be adjacent to our neighborhood.

At the December meeting Brad Sauls of the South Carolina Department of Archives and History was the featured speaker. Brad is the upstate representative for the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and is Greenville's liaison on preservation issues with the state office. It is the SHPO that conducts cultural resource surveys, reviews National Register nominations on behalf of the Department of the Interior, administers grants for historic preservation and reviews federal undertakings for effects on historic properties. Brad, a graduate of Furman and USC, is actively involved in a number of related preservation issues affecting Greenville and the Hampton-Pinckney National Register District. His informative presentation and slide show gave us insight on the value and available services as well as

the many types of properties which involve the SHPO. The agency exists for our benefit and Brad reminded us in a thank you note to call him for assistance. He was most complimentary of our neighborhood and the active role that we have taken in preserving its character. Brad can be reached at (803) 896-6172 or e-mail him at SAULS@scdah.state.sc.us.

Thank you for attending the December Meeting: Julie Franklin, Brad Sauls, Robert, Judy and Hayley Benedict, Bryan Wood, Eric Lewis, Eric Englebardt and Beth Burris, Jim and Lisa Hartnett, Steve and Kathy Anderson, Alice White, Bobbie Parks, Billie Rutherford, Keith, Deborah and Abby Rodgers, Anne and Jacob Meyer, Kathleen Crispin, Janie Singletary, Claudia Price, Betti Wright and George Bell, Reid Taylor, Patrick Duvall, Joe Simpson, Pete McCauley, Eric and Sara Dellinger, Margie Montgomery, Karen and Barry Neild, and Mary Duckett

Visitors are always welcome. -jb & rb

Officers Elected at Meeting

The following slate of Officers was elected at the December meeting:

1999 Officers and Committee Chairs

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

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Mindy Kirkman and our resident Santa (Ron Whitworth) enjoying the Holiday Walk-About

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!!

The city will pick up Christmas Trees placed on the side of the street until January 10th. They will be made into mulch that can be picked up at the Enoree landfill after January 10th between the hours of 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.



But what else can we recycle? Use your recycle bins for cardboard, flattened boxes, aluminum and steel cans, newspapers, glass drink and food containers and plastic milk and soda bottles. When possible, try to purchase items with as little excess wrapping as possible and that can either be reused or recycled. For any questions about recycling wrapping paper or other items call 467-4385. -jb

West Washington Traffic Study Community Meeting held Dec. 8

A meeting was held December 8th at the Webb Funeral Home to discuss traffic within and surrounding the West Washington project. In brief,

four projects were discussed: the Stone Avenue extension, the Western Corridor, the Washington/Hampton bridges, and the Kash and Karry Site.

The Stone Avenue project includes extension of Stone Avenue from Rutherford Road to Buncombe Street. Construction drawings are complete and right-of-way acquisition will begin in Oct. 1999. Construction should begin by mid-2001 to be completed within 12 months. Any questions can be addressed to Don Fogle (476-4400) with the City of Greenville Engineering Department.

The Western Corridor is a three-phase project starting at College Street and ending at Blue Ridge Highway. It is funded by the South Carolina Dept. of Transportation (SCDOT) and administered by the City of Greenville. The construction drawings are 50% complete and acquisition and right-of-way is in process. Construction of a new bridge north of the old Hampton Street Bridge is to begin late in 1999. Any questions can be addressed to Don Fogle (476-4400) with the City of Greenville Engineering Department.

The bridges on West Washington between Bramlette and the Reedy River and on Hampton at Montgomery Avenue will now be maintained by the SCDOT beginning on Feb. 1 1999. The West Washington Bridge has tentative plans to be replaced starting in late 2001 and the plans for the Hampton Ave. Bridge have not been completed. Question should be addressed to Cliff Moore (803-737-9928) of the SCDOT.

The city owns the Kash and Karry site which consists of two parcels: Kash and Karry at the corner of Buncombe and Echols and an empty lot at the corner of Pinckney and Echols. A mixed-used development plan has been discussed which could include commercial frontage on Buncombe with a City-wide recreational facility on the backside. Contact Julie Franklin (467-4495) with the City of Greenville Economic Development Office. (Thanks to Bob Lloyd for the info.) -jb



The History Corner

At the turn of the century, Greenville was following the national trend of the "City Beautiful" movement. In 1905, the prominent Boston landscape architects Kelsy and Guild had been hired to beautify and improve the streetscapes

of the city. Hampton-Pinckney incorporated some of these features with the planting of oak trees lining the streets and crepe myrtles and dogwoods as ornamental trees within the yards. As this also was the height of popularity for the Queen Anne style of architecture, many of the landscape elements were added to the yards during this time. The landscaping tended to match the detail and variety of the architectural style of the house. The landscape material was positioned around the house so as not to take away from its importance but add to its prominence. Sundials, trellises, arbors, fountains, urns, gazebos and even statues were some of the accent features added to the landscapes. Cast iron had become a popular material for fences and trellises by the late Victorian phase. The variety and availability of plant material was on the rise and exotic plants were brought to this country and extensively used in Queen Anne gardens. Trees were planted as focal points of the gardens and carpet bedding was used for the first time as a technique of promoting annuals and perennials. Vines also were used effectively as a means to provide a link between the house and the garden with arbors and trellises. Walkways tied the various landscape elements together and were generally curved and leading to the focal points of the garden. Many of these landscaping features survive in our neighborhood and modifications should be carefully considered so that the historic character is not adversely altered. -rb.



The Rickman House, 17 Pinckney Street, is one example of the type of landscaping described above. (Michael Hoffman's Residence)

"The basic purpose of preservation is not to arrest time but to mediate sensitively with the forces of change. It is to understand the present as a product of the past and a modifier of the future." - John W. Lawrence, 1970

HTraffic Calming Committee

The Hampton-Pinckney Traffic Calming Committee is planning a meeting with the neighborhood to discuss the results of the traffic surveys and determine solutions to our traffic concerns. Be on the lookout for a flyer concerning this very important meeting. -jb

Holiday Wreaths



Jennie Garrett and Kathy Anderson want to extend a personal thank you to all who contributed their time and/or money to make the holiday wreaths a reality:

Hampton Ave. Contributors:

Pete Mostoller, Patrick and Kristen Duvall, Sharon B. Wells, Eric and Sara Dellinger, Becky and Larry Boyd, Beth and David Novack, Janie and Scot Singletary, Robert and Alexis Benedict, Beth Burris and Eric Englehardt., Margie Montgomery, Debbie and Mike Morse, Rev. Al Simpson

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Anderson, Barry and Karen Neild, Bill Taylor

A special thank you goes to Bill Taylor (Kathy
Anderson's father) for also making the hangers for
the wreaths on Butler and Lloyd. Now, let's help take
all of them down! -jb

Of Personal Interest

- C Thanks to Joe Simpson for helping out with
the Neighborhood Clean-up. Joe was
inadvertently left out off the list last month.
- C Many thanks to our Holiday Walk-About
committee for organizing the Walk-About and
the invitations sent to each house and City
Hall.
- C Archie of Don't Miss It Car Wash wants to
thank the Hampton-Pinckney neighborhood
for helping to support his business. -jb

Important Reminders

- C The next neighborhood meeting will be held
Tuesday, February 2nd at 7 p.m. at Central
Baptist Church. Kathleen Crispin will give us
an interesting presentation on the potential
problems with Y2K and sources to use for
determining how it can affect us.
- C Important phone numbers - Eric Lewis,
Community Police Officer. Pager: 217-3188;
Work 271-5333; Mobile: 616-2275
- C Copies of the Design Guidelines will be
available at the meeting. -jb

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Letter From the Editor

The other day I received an e-mail from the
Greenville County Library asking how to subscribe to
the *The Hampton-Pinckney Gazette*. They would like
to place it in the South Carolina Room at the
Greenville County Library, receive it on a regular
basis, catalogue it for their collection and make it
available to patrons. I never dreamed that something
I started to work on in the middle of the night when
the baby woke me up would be so well received.
Thank you for supporting me in this endeavor and I
hope that you continue to enjoy reading this
newsletter as much as I enjoy putting it together.



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