

The Hampton-Pinckney Gazette

Preserving Our Neighborhoods

May 2000

Center for Developmental Services Hosts Meeting

One of the newest neighbors to the Hampton-Pinckney Historic Preservation Area is the Center for Developmental Services. The Center brings together, under one roof, seven public and private non-profit child development service providers that had previously been scattered around Greenville. The collocation of the providers is a welcome innovation for local families whose children have speech, hearing, vision, learning or physical disabilities. And the roof that they are under is that of the nicely refurbished Textile Hall Annex at the corner of Hampton Avenue and Academy Street. The Center is opening this month and its staff has already been on site for some time preparing. In order to give H-P neighbors an advance opportunity to visit the new facility and to hear about the important work that will be done there, the Center has agreed to host the May 2 neighborhood meeting. Lesa Kastler, who chairs the CDS Board of Directors, Katy Smith, the Executive Director, and Jenny Sharpe, the Associate Director will be our "tour guides."

The April meeting was one of the best attended in recent months. There were a lot of important agenda items but the meeting ran longer than is desirable. Some people had to arrive late and others had to leave before everything was finished. So...in order to try to keep things moving this month but still deal with everything that needs coverage, here's the agenda:

- 7:00 p.m. *Welcome, announcements and reminders
 * Preservation District Design Guidelines

- 7:10 p.m. Old Business
 * Workshop (May 4)
 * City government sponsored Cable TV Franchise Focus Group
 * Next regular meeting (May 30)
 * 4th of July Celebration
 * Visual aids from last month's briefings on (1)Leadership Greenville's proposal for pedestrian enhancements along College Avenue from Main Street to Heritage Green and (2) Butler Ave. LLC plans for townhouse development on Butler Avenue.
 * Crime Watch Report
 * Western Corridor Update
 * Traffic Calming Implementation Update
- 7:30 p.m. New Business
 * Reports on Additional Development-Related Activity in the Neighborhood
 * Vacant Open Space Property Between 300 block of Hampton Avenue and Asbury
 * Vacant City-Owned Building at 15 Lloyd Street
 * Other
- 7:45 p.m. The Center for Developmental Services--Its Mission and Facility. A presentation by board and staff representatives followed by a tour of the renovated and refurbished facility.
- 8:15 p.m. Adjourn

Thanks to those who attended the April meeting: Keith and Deborah Rodgers, Claudia Price, Eric Lewis, Robert and Judy Benedict, Lisa Lanni, Anne, Jim , Jacob and Ella Claire Meyer, Donna Kivett, Beth Padgett, Bill Fox, Brad Wyche, Larry Boyd, Lisa Hartnett, Kathy Anderson, Amy King, Beth Burris, Margie Montgomery, Patrick Duvall, Bob Lloyd, Billie Rutherford, Bobbie Parks, George Bell, Bishop Simpson, Eric and Sara Dellinger, and Kathleen Crispin. - bl & jb

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Public Workshop On May 4th for Historic District Residents

Property owners within Greenville's historic districts are urged to attend an important workshop on May 4th at 7:00 p.m. at the Sears Shelter in McPherson Park on East Park Avenue. The workshop is being conducted by Winter and Company, a preservation planning firm based in Boulder, Colorado. The workshop is sponsored by the Design and Preservation Commission to solicit public input for Winter and Company for revised Architectural Design Guidelines to be compiled by Winter and Company. The City of Greenville obtained a grant from the South Carolina Department of Archives and History to hire a preservation consultant to compile new design guidelines. Winter and Company was selected from several prominent preservation firms across the country that submitted proposals. Nore' Winter is one of the country's leading consultants in the area of historic preservation design guidelines. His firm has authored new design guidelines for such cities as Atlanta, Denver, Memphis and Beaufort and Walterboro in South Carolina. Over the past several years, I have heard many comments about the current set of design guidelines stating they are outdated, inadequate, etc. This workshop will involve extensive public participation on a range of design topics. Everyone should attend as it will be informative and will help plan the future of Greenville's historic districts. The City has requested that you call the Design Workshop Information Line at 467-5751 to register in advance. Leave a message with your phone number and district.—rb

You Are Invited!

The Governor's Task Force on Historic Preservation and Heritage Tourism is conducting a series of regional forums to hear from interested citizens on the important issues facing historic preservation in South Carolina. The Upstate forum will be held Thursday, May 18th at 7:00 p.m. at Greenville County Council Chambers (301 University Ridge). Everyone is urged to attend and offer input to help the Task Force encourage historic preservation and heritage tourism. Refreshments will be served one-half hour before each meeting and this also offers an opportunity to talk individually with the Task Force staff. Mark your calendar to attend.—rb

4th of July Plans Shaping Up

Our annual 4th of July celebration will start at 2 p.m. on July 4th. We typically have two parades—our children dressed up in patriotic costumes and our dogs dressed in patriotic costumes. This year, instead of a fire truck, we will have a visit from the Hunley mobile exhibit on display.



Please remember to invite your friends, family and their dogs! Below is the list of people who have so far volunteered to help with the party. Please note where we need volunteers and call Amy King at 298-0346 to help.—jb

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| Chair | Amy King |
| Fried Chicken | Need volunteers |
| Children's Games | Need volunteer |
| Permit | Bob Lloyd |
| Tables | Jay Kirkman (?) |
| Table Decorations | Kathy Anderson |
| Music (microphone) | Need Volunteer |
| Paper Products | George Bell |
| Awards | Need Volunteers |
| Dog Parade | Kathleen Crispin |
| Children's Parade | Need Volunteer |



The History Corner

A number of Hampton-Pinckney's earliest and most prominent residents are buried nearby in Springwood Cemetery. This beautiful, historic cemetery is located on North Main street adjacent to Elford Street. Dating back to 1829, the cemetery was originally the garden of Chancellor Waddy Thompson, Sr. who had a distinctive home (see next page) designed in the Second Empire style. It was later known as the Coxe Mansion and was home of the Poinsett Club from 1913 to 1929. The house was located approximately at the present site of a parking lot next to the Ogletree Building on North Main Street. Incidentally, Waddy Thompson's mother-in-law was Mrs. Williams, who was the widow of a Revolutionary War soldier from Georgia and spent her later years with her daughter and Waddy Thompson. She died in 1812 and is buried in the garden becoming the



Waddy Thompson's home—The Coxe Mansion, circa 1905

first grave in what became Springwood Cemetery.



Springwood Cemetery

Waddy Thompson sold the property in 1817 to F.H. McLeod who sold, in 1829, a portion of land measuring 247.5' x 62' x 231' x 148.5' to the Commissioners of Streets and Markets of the City for a public cemetery. In 1863, a large plot of 84 grave spaces was sold to Furman University. In 1876, a formal design of the cemetery was prepared by G.L. Norman with streets and plots. Mr. Norman likely designed the cemetery's prominent entrance and a beautiful two- or three-tiered fountain that was removed probably with the widening of Elford Street. The cemetery contains the graves of 80 Confederate soldiers (many are unknown) who died in Greenville during the war. They may have been patients at a Confederate hospital that was located at Heritage Green (Greenville Female College). There also are 18 soldiers from the Camp Sevier (World War I) that died during the flu epidemic of 1918. Since 1871, seven additions have been made to the cemetery including the most recent in 1943 for the site of Allen School, a black school during the days of segregation.

Of particular interest are the gravesites of several prominent Hampton-Pinckney families. Their headstones give us insightful clues about events in their lives. Therefore, I have listed below several of the headstone descriptions from families that resided in Hampton-Pinckney.

Henry Briggs, Oct. 12, 1851—Apr. 20, 1940 and Loula McBee, wife of Henry Briggs, Jan. 2, 1856—June 28, 1937. The Briggs resided at 326 Hampton Avenue and Henry was the Mayor of Greenville. Loula was the daughter of Vardry McBee. Henry and Loula lost an infant son who is buried beside them: Henry, Oct 16, 1899—Nov. 6, 1899.

Another son, William, also is buried beside them: William A. Briggs, Dec. 25, 1887—Nov. 12, 1954.

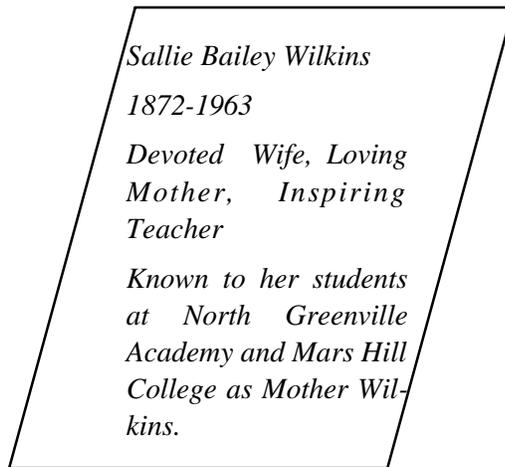
Interestingly, Frank Butler McBee (a relative of Loula's) and a former resident of the F.B. McBee house at 402 Hampton Avenue, is buried next to Loula and Henry Briggs. His headstone description reads:

Frank Butler McBee
Jan. 10, 1877
Nov. 2, 1945
Troubadour

Another headstone of the resident of 411 Hampton Avenue:

Reverend T.M. Bailey, D.D.,
1829—1923.
Missionary to the island of St.
Thomas 1852-1855. Founder of
Baptist State Missions in Ala-
bama and Secretary 1875-1886.
Secretary of Baptist Missions in
South Carolina 1886-1911. Sec-
retary Emeritus 1911-1923. A
man devoted to all nature, to his
family, his fellowmen, his church,
his Bible, his God. Like his mas-
ter, he went about doing good.

Reverend Bailey and his wife, Sue McMillian Bailey, have their daughter buried with them including:



There are a number of former residents of Hampton-Pinckney also buried in Springwood including: MaLinda P. McBee, the wife of C.M. Landrum who is not buried with her (Landrum House—314 Hampton Avenue); Thomas S. Carpenter, Sr. and his wife Annie Wier Carpenter (Hampton Avenue) and many others. Springwood Cemetery has many stories that make it a worthwhile stroll to learn more about the history of Greenville and our neighborhood. Sources: A special thanks to Anne McCuen for her information on Springwood. —rb

Car 54, Where Are You?



No crimes were reported for our neighborhood for the month of April. Eric Lewis will be present at the meeting May 2 to answer any of your questions. April's Car 54 Tip: Keeping the neighborhood clear of debris says "NO!" to crime. —am

Neighborhood Sidewalk Program Reviewed

Representatives from neighborhoods across the City of Greenville were invited to sit in on a Greenville City Council work session April 17 where Public Works Department staff briefed those attending on the City's program for construction of new sidewalks and repair of old ones. The construction program, dubbed "N-STEP" (for Neighborhood Sidewalk Targeted Expansion Program), was developed in response to the feedback obtained from the public hearings held in

1997 and 1998 as part of revision to the City's comprehensive plan. The rehabilitation program is part of an ongoing effort to identify sidewalk segments in need of repair and to address them as expeditiously as possible.

The construction program involved assessment of over 25 miles of new requests broken up into more than 140 segments city-wide. An advisory group comprised of several citizens from diverse neighborhoods and staffed by Public Works Department employees used a rating system involving ten weighted criteria to make recommendations concerning priorities for projects that are to be included in the first two rounds of construction. These will involve expenditures of approximately \$1 million that was specifically set aside by City Council for sidewalks. The projects selected appear to be very defensible on an objective basis but there are obviously many more requests than there is money.

The rehabilitation program is essentially a demand-response system. For example, a rehabilitation project is slated for a stretch along Butler Avenue that is currently marked by a city barrier and sign. It is intended to address trip hazards and other deterioration reported by neighborhood residents. Also, a formal request for upgrading of the shoddy asphalt repair that was done a couple of years ago over tree roots in the 300 block of Hampton Avenue has been turned in to the Public Works Department as a result of the April 17 meeting. Staff there have indicated that one of the on-going repair objectives is to address the problem of incompatible materials as were used there.

Requests for sidewalk construction or rehabilitation can be submitted by any citizen. A written request with as accurate a description of the problem area should be sent to "N-STEP", 360 S. Hudson Street, Greenville, S.C. 29601. The site will be evaluated and entered into the process. —bl

Of Personal Interest

- ◆ Please welcome our friend Bishop Alfred Simpson who has moved back into the Parsonage for the Pentecostal Move of God Church. We are so happy to see him living back here!
- ◆ Janie Singletary has moved to the Augusta Road Area. We are sorry to see he leave the neighborhood. Good luck, Janie! —jb

Important Reminders

- ◆ The next neighborhood meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 30, 2000 at 7 p.m. at Central Baptist Church.
- ◆ Important phone numbers – Eric Lewis, Com-

munity Police Officer: Pager: 217-3188, Work: 271-5333, Mobile: 616-2275.

- ◆ The annual 4th of July Party will be held July 4th starting at 2 p.m.
- ◆ Don't forget that on April 29 Lloyd street became one way from Pinckney Street to Buncombe Road, heading out of our neighborhood.

Letter From the Editor

I must comment on two very important workshops taking place within the next few weeks. One workshop, which takes place on Thursday, May 4th, will enable all of you to help to update our Design Guidelines. When Larry and Becky Boyd moved into our neighborhood, they asked their attorney to check into any special restrictions to what they could do to their house and property. Their attorney said he looked it up (where I don't know) and that there were NO guidelines. Imagine their surprise when they attended a neighborhood meeting with Bryan Wood, the City of Greenville's Zoning Administrator, in attendance and we were handing out Design Guidelines to everyone at the meeting who did not have them already. Moving into a historic district is not really much different from moving into a subdivision with restrictions and covenants, except that our restrictions are the Design Guidelines that fall under the jurisdiction of the City of Greenville's Zoning office and the Design and Preservation Board. With approximately one thousand households within the City's historic districts, each one will directly benefit from attending this design guideline workshop, not to mention, being much more informed.

The second meeting is the Governor's Task Force on Historic Preservation and Tourism. Want to have our neighborhood receive funding to improve our neighborhood? Attend this meeting and voice your opinion for preserving our heritage!

Judy

Thanks to Our Sponsor

This month's sponsor is Kathleen Crispin. I would also like to recognize several individuals who have helped me over the past year-and-a-half to hand out newsletters during rain, snow and sunshine: Robert Benedict, Keith Lloyd, Patrick and Kristen Duvall, Joe Simpson, Pete McCauley, and Jessica and Caitlin Rodgers. I would also like to thank Anne and Jim Meyer for helping me deliver this newsletter. —jb



Hampton-Pinckney Egg Hunt 2000 participants
Thanks to Becky and Larry Boyd for sponsoring this event!



Beautiful hand-painted plates of your house can be commissioned by calling Kathleen Crispin at 232-1008. Regular price is \$75 but we receive \$10 off if you mention you saw this in ***The Hampton-Pinckney Gazette***.

Sharp-N-Go will come to our neighborhood and sharpen our garden tools on the spot. Call 483-6307 for on-the-spot sharpening or 419-1280 for pick-up and delivery..—kc

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