



The Hampton-Pinckney Gazette

Preserving Our Neighborhoods

November '98

Neighborhood Clean-up Scheduled for Nov. 7th

This Saturday, November 7th, join your neighbors to help beautify the Hampton-Pinckney area. We will meet in front of Janie and Scot Singletary's house at 308 Hampton Ave. at 9 a.m. for coffee and donuts. Bring rakes and/or shovels. Rubber gloves and garbage bags will be provided. Our focus will be the entrances to the Hampton-Pinckney neighborhood - areas such as Washington and Butler, Lloyd and Buncombe, Hudson and Hampton. Please call Anne Meyer at 232-2154 with any questions. -am

Voting for Officers to be Discussed at Meeting

The November 3rd (7:15 p.m.) meeting of the Hampton-Pinckney Historic District will include discussion of the neighborhood by-laws and the timing of an official vote for our neighborhood association officers. The slate of officers will be expected to take office starting in January. If you or anyone you know is interested in serving our great neighborhood, please let us know at the meeting. A lot of things are happening surrounding our neighborhood which necessitates a governing body to show a united front to city and state officials.

Other business will include the Holiday Walk-About, the neighborhood clean-up and updates on the

Traffic Calming. -jb

October Meeting Produces Active Discussion

The October Meeting produced a lively discussion of various topics as follows:

- C Placing wreaths along the streets for the holidays.
- C Limiting the number of homes for the Holiday Walk-About to four homes.
- C Selling luminaires, 20 to a package. The package will include brown bags, sand and 3-hour candles. Anne Meyer will be taking orders soon.
- C Neighborhood clean-up - We discussed notifying the surrounding businesses of our plans and inviting them to join us by contributing a pot of mums to each business.
- C Traffic Calming Committee - Kathleen Crispin replaced Camelle Sharpton on the committee. Thank you Camelle for your help!
- C Traffic Calming Meeting - The next meeting of the Traffic Calming Committee with city officials is scheduled for November 2nd. At this meeting the city will present the results of the traffic study to our committee, then it will be up to the neighborhood to present our preferences for solutions to the city. George Bell, committee chair, wants these placed before city council before year end to be included in the 1999 city budget. He also indicated that we will need to have a meeting

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of the Hampton and Pinckney neighborhoods within the next few weeks to discuss our proposed solutions.

Thank you for attending the October Meeting: Patrick Duvall, George Bell, Betti Wright, Anne and Jacob Meyer, Judy and Robert Benedict, Kathleen Crispin, Deborah Rodgers, Billie Rutherford, Bobbie Parks, Jennie Garrett, Margie Montgomery, Eric and Sara Dellinger, Pastor Al Simpson, Janie Singletary, Joe Simpson, Barry and Karen Neilds, and Reid Taylor.

Visitors are always welcome. -jb

Never Fear, Neighborhood Services Coordinator is Here!

Hartley Watson, the new Neighborhood Services Coordinator, spoke at the October Meeting of the Hampton-Pinckney Historic District. This was one of the most informative meetings yet for our neighborhood. Hartley described her position as that of a troubleshooter who will help us maneuver through city hall and organize the neighborhood association. Several problem areas were discussed:

- C Our sidewalks - The City of Greenville and the State of South Carolina scheduled a meeting in the near future between the city's department of public works and the state DOT. A bond referendum has been discussed as a means to fix and maintain all of the city's sidewalks.
- C Traffic Calming - Hartley is actively involved in our pursuit of traffic calming and determining how the Western Corridor will affect our neighborhood.
- C Landscaping - We asked how we could receive landscaping surrounding our neighborhood entrances, in particular at the intersection of Washington and Butler. Hartley indicated that the city did not have funds allocated for this type of project, and that it is quite involved to receive the proper permits to be allowed to do this. She indicated that the city's plans for Butler and

Washington are located on the 6th floor of City Hall for our viewing.

- C Trash - We asked how we could get trash cans or how we can reduce the amount of trash on the streets. Hartley suggested speaking with the local soup kitchens and restaurants to get them to work with us on this problem.
- C Organize and prioritize - Our neighborhood needs to re-establish the legal entities (incorporation and by-laws) and make a list of projects we wish to accomplish. We plan for the January meeting to be an open discussion to list all problems and concerns in the neighborhood so that all needs can be addressed. Hartley will then work with us on possible solutions.

We sincerely thank Hartley for joining us for the meeting.

Sponsor a Wreath for Holiday Decor

Businesses and individuals --- Sponsor a wreath to be hung on the light poles along Hampton and Pinckney Streets and we will list your business in *The Hampton-Pinckney Gazette!* The wreaths, ribbons and wire are approximately \$15.00 each. Jennie Garrett has volunteered to coordinate the wreaths for Hampton and we need a volunteer for Pinckney. This would involve purchasing the wreaths, collecting the money from the sponsors and organizing the hanging and taking down of the wreaths. Hampton will need 15 wreaths and Pinckney will need 12. We need volunteers for both streets for the hanging and taking down of the wreaths. Anyone interested in helping please call Jennie Garrett or come to the meeting on Tuesday. -jb

Beautification of Pinckney/Butler Underway

A new project to beautify the corner of Pinckney and Butler on Pinckney Street beside Landrith Surveying has begun. Project coordinator,

Reid Taylor, has obtained permission for an easement along the Pinckney street side of the business for placing a fence and landscaping. He also met with the Greenville Tree Foundation to have trees planted at around \$120 per tree donation. He is looking for donations for building materials, the trees, and plant material. Reid is also asking for help with the manual labor of constructing the fence and planting. He will have more details at the meeting Tuesday night. - jb



The History Corner

Part of Hampton-Pinckney's architectural significance is derived from its concentration of Queen Anne style of architecture. It is a style that used features from several historic periods especially the Gothic and

Greek Revival styles. The Queen Anne style originated in England and emphasized picturesque effects in asymmetrical designs with complex roof and wall designs. During the 1890's and 1900's balloon frame construction



made it possible to create bay projections, turrets and irregular-shaped rooms that characterized this architectural style.

Exterior ornamentation often features patterned shingles, porch detailing with spindlework or brackets and classically inspired detailing such as porch columns, Palladian windows and cornices with



dentils. Hampton Pinckney has a number of remarkable Queen Anne homes from the height of the late Victorian phase (1880's - 1900's) such as:

The Rickman House at 17 Pinckney Street was built in 1905 by J.P. Rickman and is a striking example of the exuberance of the Queen Anne style. The Rickman house features a Dutch gambrel roof, wrap-around porch, gazebo, roof cresting, corbeled brickwork chimneys, and a porte cochere. It was

built to resemble the same design as Rickman's previous house in Hendersonville. It has nine fireplaces, inlaid oak floors, bevelled leaded glass windows and pocket doors. The third floor was the Victorian "male retreat" area and Mr. Rickman enjoyed his billiards on a massive pool table on this floor.

The J.M. Geer/Mahon House at 309 Hampton Avenue was constructed in 1894 by J.M. Geer and sold in 1898 to G. Heyward Mahon, a former mayor of Greenville. The turret, wrap-around porch and second floor balcony are distinctive characteristics of the Queen Anne style. It is interesting to note that the house was covered with asbestos shingles and the porch had wood columns prior to its rehabilitation in the late 1970's.

"History is not was, it is." - William Faulkner -rb

New Design Review Board

The City of Greenville disbanded the Board of Architectural Review (BAR) and replaced it with the Design and Preservation Commission (DPC). This new board is comprised of nine members and oversees exterior modifications, new construction design review for the downtown Central Business District (CBD), and local historic districts. Like the BAR, there are design guidelines which require approval by either the zoning administrator or DPC for exterior changes including but not limited to: paint color schemes, additions, alterations, and new construction (garages, fences, gates, signage, etc.). A new set of design guidelines will eventually be compiled after a grant is obtained from the State Department of Archives and History. Meanwhile, the existing guidelines remain in effect. Bryan Wood, Zoning Administrator (phone: 467-4476), should be contacted regarding questions and application procedures. -rb

Crime Watch

Patrick Duvall will present the Crime Watch report at the meeting Tuesday night. Please call Patrick with any information for him prior to the meeting. -jb

Of Personal Interest

(Welcome to the neighborhood, Jim and Lisa Hartnett, 29 Pinckney Street. The Hartnetts moved here from Virginia and previously lived in North Carolina where they were neighbors of Beth Burris' brother! -jb

Important Reminders

- C The next neighborhood meeting will be held Tuesday, December 1st, 7:00 p.m. at Central Baptist Church.
- C Holiday Walk-About, Saturday December 12, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- C Please try to pick up the trash that is thrown on the streets surrounding your property.
- C Join the DRN! Thank you Jim Townsend for your continued support with the Downtown Residential Neighborhood (DRN)!! Remember the DRN is the eyes and ears for all of the Greenville downtown residents. Support it and participate to help preserve our neighborhoods ! -rb

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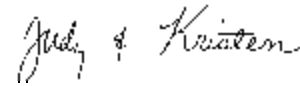
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Letter From the Editors

The holiday season is upon us and we are coming upon our busiest time of the year. Since we started this newsletter, we have since seen an increase in participation in not only the monthly meetings, but accomplishing projects within the neighborhood. Our intent in producing the *The Hampton-Pinckney Gazette* is to help increase awareness within our community and keep us informed about what we can do to improve our neighborhood. As you can read here on these pages, several projects are underway which will require financial and personal participation. If you don't have the money, please try to donate some of your time to help. We all know time is more valuable than money. So during this

busy time of year let's try to help our neighbors accomplish our projects so we can begin the new year with a fresh start.

Thanks in advance for your participation!



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