

# The Hampton-Pinckney Gazette

Preserving Our Neighborhoods

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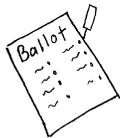
## Pentecostal Move of God Church to Host Nov. Meeting

The next meeting of the Hampton-Pinckney Historic District will take place on Tuesday, November 9th at 7 p.m. at the Pentecostal Move of God Church located at 325 Hampton Avenue. Bishop Alfred Simpson will host the meeting which will culminate in a tree planting dedicated to the late T. Charles Garrett. Afterwards there will be refreshments.

The October meeting was replaced by the Candidate Forum at Greenville High School.

Thanks to the following Hampton-Pinckney residents who attended the Candidate Forum: George Bell and Betti Wright, Judy Benedict, Deborah and Keith Rodgers and Tom Faulkner, who moderated the Forum. -jb

## Time For Change of the Guard



Change is good!?! Now is that time once again to determine a slate of officers and committee chairs for our neighborhood. We will be taking nominations at the November Meeting and voting upon the slate at the December Meeting. Let me tell you that the most time consuming job is Editor of *The Hampton-Pinckney Gazette* (and I am not complaining and plan to keep doing it) and Traffic Calming which is only a temporary position (hah!).

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So, look at the below list. If someone has expressed an interest in anything I have their name listed beside the office.-jb

### 2000 Slate of Officers and Committee Chairs

Chair/Welcoming Committee:

Treasurer/Secretary:

Newsletter: Judy Benedict

Government Liaison: Bob Lloyd

Crime Watch: Anne Meyer

Traffic Calming: George Bell

Neighborhood Clean-Up:

Easter Egg Hunt: Becky Boyd

4th of July:

Holiday Walk-About:

Neighborhood Directory: Donna Kivett

If you have any questions, please call any of the present Officers or Committee Chairs.

### 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

Traffic Calming: George Bell

Neighborhood Clean-Up: Anne Meyer

Easter Egg Hunt: Becky Boyd

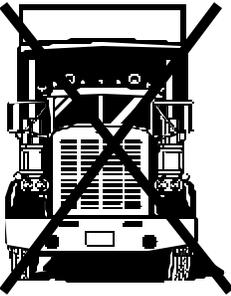
4th of July: Beth Burris

Holiday Walk-About: Betti Wright

## Traffic Calming Update

Traffic Calming for the Hampton Avenue and Pinckney Street area is not a dead issue! The City Traffic Engineering Department assigned an area of coverage to the Traffic Calming Committee that spanned from Butler to Asbury to Mulberry to Buncombe. In July 1998, the City invited residents within these boundaries to our first meeting to discuss traffic issues. Representatives from the Historic District and the portion of South-ernside community that falls within the assigned district volunteered to serve on the Committee. A misconception has occurred in that some members of the City believe that the residents within these boundaries do not really want the traffic calming measures voted upon (and virtually unanimously approved) in January of this year.

Ms. Rosa Lee Dawkins of 700 Hampton Avenue expressed dismay that the City has not done anything to "Calm" traffic on Hampton Avenue and stated that she has repeatedly called the City asking for speed humps. She says that she and her neighbors dislike the trucks that continually drive through the neighborhood despite the "No Trucks" signs. They also pray that no one gets hit from the speeding drivers.



The City budgets \$50,000 per year just for Traffic Calming measures for our City neighborhoods. According to Roger Dyar, a former Greenville City Department of Public Works Engineer, the cost to complete our Traffic Calming was to total approximately \$4,000. The City did not fully assess the success and popularity of the Traffic Calming program and has at present placed all new applications on hold. Since the departure of Roger Dyar, the Traffic Engineering department is now two Engineers short, placing even more stress on the remaining employees to administer and complete the Traffic Calming projects now in progress.

Over the last several months letters which delineate the frustration we are feeling due to the non-performance of completion of our Traffic Calming have been written to our Mayor, Knox White, and to others within the Department of Public Works.

In September a meeting took place between George Bell, Robert Benedict, Bob Lloyd, Roger Dyar and Norm Gollub of the City's Economic Development

Department, who is the liaison between the City and the SCDOT for the Western Corridor. The purpose of the meeting was only to discuss the intersection of Lloyd and Buncombe and the routing of traffic through the Historic District. At present this intersection is supposed to be changed to "one-way" with traffic flowing out of the neighborhood. It was agreed that the "one-way" routing of traffic was the best alternative.

As we approach the end of the year, hopefully we will be able to dance on the streets in January to celebrate the anniversary of voting for Traffic Calming and the completion of our project. -jb

## Greenville Receives Grant

The City of Greenville has been awarded a grant of \$22,500 by the South Carolina Department of Archives and History (State Historic Preservation office) to conduct a historic resources survey and compile new design guidelines for its historic districts and the Central Business District. The grant will be matched by the City, making \$45,000 available to hire a consultant for these services. Requests for Proposal have been forwarded to a number of historic preservation firms and ads have been run seeking bids. The survey will be completed by spring 2000 with the new design guidelines later next year. Hampton-Pinckney and adjacent areas will be included in the survey.



## Holiday Walk-About 1999



Plan to join us for our neighborhood Holiday Walk-About scheduled to take place Saturday, December 11th. Two homes on Hampton Avenue have already announced that they will participate and we are still looking for other homes in the neighborhood. We plan to open all the homes at once this year but will arrange it so the hosts can visit the other homes that are open.

If you have an interest in participating or have a question about this event, please call Betti Wright at 242-9229. -bw

## Holiday Wreaths

Once again we plan to hang our holiday wreaths throughout the neighborhood. We will need volunteers to help hang the wreaths and take them down. Discussion will take place at the November Meeting to determine a date and time for hanging the wreaths. We should have enough to hang them on Lloyd, Butler, Hampton and Pinckney. -jb



## Luminaries Will Burn Once Again

Luminaries are on the agenda again for the night of our Holiday Walk-About. Jim Meyer has volunteered to light them for those that are opening their homes or out of town. The cost this year will be less since there were several candles left over from last year. Anne will be distributing a flyer within the next week with all the details. If anyone has any questions or comments, please call 232-2154 by Monday, November 8, so she can address them in her flyer.-am



## The History Corner

The History Corner this month features two distinctive homes known for their architecture and their previous owners.

**WOODSIDE - BOYD HOUSE (313 Hampton Avenue):**



You may have noticed this two-story Queen

Anne undergoing a transformation that is bringing back so much of its character that was hidden. It is unique not only for its architectural detailing but also for its previous uses - including a dentist office, antique shop, boarding house and a single-family residence. Perhaps it is fate that it is owned today by a dentist, Dr. Jim Meyer, and his wife, Anne. For years it was known as Dr. Waddell's home and his dental office. Originally built in 1897 by J.T. Woodside, a prominent Greenville merchant, the home was subsequently owned by a U.S. Congressman, John J. McSwain and then C.P. Simmons. Mr. Simmons' daughter, Lucille, lived nearly 60 years in the house. After the death of her first husband, Lucille Boyd married Dr. T.H. Waddell, who established his dentist office within the house. The Meyers have carefully rehabilitated their house by replacing the brick pillars (not original) on the front porch with Doric columns and removing the aluminum siding to reveal once again the original wood siding. This handsome Queen Anne also features a beautiful interior with oak flooring, three sets of double doors and a sleeping porch. A "before" photograph from the newspaper in the late 1970's is above.

**LIPSCOMB HOUSE (31 Pinckney Street):**



Currently owned by Steve and Kathy Anderson, the Lipscomb house was built around 1905 but looked completely different from what you see today. Originally constructed in a Queen Anne style with wood siding, Dr. Lipscomb and his wife decided to move in 1925 to the "burbs" of North Main Street and constructed a lovely brick house on Hillcrest Drive. After a short while, Mrs. Lipscomb bemoaned the great distance of her new house from convenient shopping and schools. She also noticed the friends visited less frequently and it was harder to entice hired help to travel so far out to Hillcrest Drive. The Lipscombs decided to move back to their former residence on Pinckney Street. However they loved the design of their recently vacated Hillcrest Drive home and decided to replicate it at 31 Pinckney

Street. The clapboard siding was covered with brick and the outdated Queen Anne design was given a more fashionable Colonial Revival look with classical detailing such as the fanlights - it became exactly the same house as they had on Hillcrest Drive. The two homes are "sister" dwellings that shared the Lipscombs as their owners. Mrs. Lipscomb also was known for her exuberance on the piano when she lived on Pinckney Street. Neighbors noticed that her playing and singing became louder and louder the more time she spent on the piano. After she passed away, it was discovered that a number of empty wine bottles were hidden within the piano. This beautiful home truly reflected the persona of the Lipscombs and it is an excellent example of how a previous rehabilitation can become historic. -rb

## Important Reminders

- ◆ The December neighborhood meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 7, 1999 at Central Baptist Church.
- ◆ Important phone numbers – Eric Lewis, Community Police Officer: Pager: 217-3188, Work: 271-5333, Mobile: 616-2275.

## Letter From the Editor

So much has been written in the newspapers concerning the Confederate Flag flying over the statehouse and the NAACP boycott that I thought I would share with you a poem that a friend of mine living in Australia e-mailed to me.

*Judy*

### The Cold Within

Six humans trapped by happenstance  
In black and bitter cold  
Each one possessed a stick of wood,  
Or so the story's told.

Their dying fire in need of logs,  
The first a woman held hers back   
For the faces around the fire  
She noticed one of them was black.

The next a man looking cross the way  
Saw one not of his church,  
And couldn't bring himself to give  
The first his stick of birch. 

The third one sat in tattered clothes  
He gave his coat a hitch.  
Why should his log be put to use  
To warm the idle rich?

The rich man just sat back and thought  
Of wealth he had in store  
And how to keep what he had earned  
From the lazy, shiftless poor. 

The black man's face bespoke re-  
venge  
As the fire passed from his sight,  
For all he saw in his stick of wood  
Was a chance to spite the white.

And the last man of this forlorn group  
Did naught except for gain  
Giving only to those who gave  
Was how he played the game.

The logs held tight in death's still hands  
Was proof of human sin.  
They didn't die from the cold without  
They died from the cold within.

-anonymus

## Thanks to Our Sponsor

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