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Preserving Our Neighborhoods

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Neighborhood Structures Get New Lives

Central Baptist Church Rezoning



Central Baptist Church

PHC Communities filed an application to rezone Central Baptist Church and the vacant lot fronting Lloyd Street between Hampton Avenue and Pinckney Street. The requested rezoning designation is PD-R, Planned Development Residential (current zoning is R-6, Single Family Residential).

The PD-R designation is a site specific zoning designation based on a site plan submitted by the applicant. The PD-R application can address reduced setback requirements, traffic circulation, landscape

buffers, and density issues that might not be covered under more general zoning designations. PHC Communities is planning to develop condominiums on the vacant lot and church property. A public hearing is being held at City Council Chambers, Tenth floor of City Hall, on **Tues. Sept. 28, 2004 at 5:30 pm**. For any additional information about the rezoning application, call the Greenville County Planning Commission at (864) 467-7270. - *rb*

Hincapie Sportswear Renovates Simpson Furniture Store

Many people do not realize the international impact that several Greenville companies have on the world economy. Even fewer realize that there are companies participating in the world economy right here in the Hampton-Pinckney area. One such example is Hincapie Sportswear, Inc. Hincapie is the newest resident in the Hampton Pinckney neighborhood.

Named after one of America's greatest classics riders, George Hincapie and his brother Rich, Hincapie Sportswear, Inc., headquartered in Greenville, SC, is a manufacturer and marketer of distinctive clothing for the performance cyclist. The Company creates premium, custom cycling apparel and accessories



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for competitive teams and clubs. Hincapie also manufactures a retail line of hi-tech, performance cycling apparel and accessories available through bicycle retailers nationwide. Hincapie manufactures its premium line of cycling apparel and accessories in Italy and Colombia South America and sells throughout the world. They have renovated the old Simpson Furniture Store located at 45 Pete Hollis Boulevard in Greenville's historic Hampton Pinckney area to serve as Hincapie's world marketing and sales headquarters.

You may recognize George Hincapie as one of Lance Armstrong's most trusted lieutenants and the only US Postal Service Team member to assist Lance with all six of his record-breaking Tour de France victories. George is a nine-time Tour competitor and one of America's most accomplished professional cyclists.

Please feel free to stop by the store, which is located between Lloyd and Echols streets or visit the website at www.hincapiesports.com. - *Submitted by Steve Baker, Hincapie Sportswear, Inc.*

Hincapie Acquires Laundromat

Hincapie Sportswear has also purchased the old laundry mat on the corner of Pete Hollis Boulevard and Lloyd St. The company has plans to sell or lease the property to a business that will complement the neighborhood. Hincapie is very interested in preserving the historic look of our community whenever possible. The Company plans to provide regular updates as they proceed.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Diane Smock, who can help you - *Steve Baker*

The History Corner

For over 125 years, St. Mary's Catholic Church has been an integral part of the Hampton Pinckney neighborhood. Today, the beautiful campus of St. Mary's encompasses several blocks bordered by West



(St. Mary's School, corner of Hampton/Lloyd)

Washington Street, Hampton Avenue and part of Butler Avenue (site of the former Datco auto parts building). The campus includes several significant, historic buildings - the 1904 Gothic Revival Church sanctuary, the adjacent rectory and St. Mary's School (1930). St. Mary's School was designed by Rev. Michael McInerney of Belmont Abbey, NC and was constructed by Gallivan Building Company at a cost of \$60,000. There are exciting expansion plans for the church which will further enhance the campus and play a key role in the city's new streetscape plan for West Washington Street.

However, the history of St. Mary's and its association with the Hampton Pinckney neighborhood pre-dates its current campus by a considerable span of time. On February 7, 1876, one acre of land on the NW corner of Hampton Avenue (then Highland Street) and Lloyd Street was conveyed by Vardry McBee to the Greenville Catholic Mission for \$10. The small Catholic congregation of 70 members in Greenville received its first resident priest in 1868 and had been previously served by visiting priests. \$1,500 was raised from the congregation and an additional \$2,000 contributed by local Protestants for the construction of a small, wooden frame church. On October 15, 1876, the church of "Our Lady of the Sacred Heart" was dedicated. The church remained at this location until 1885 when 1.16 acres on West Washington Street was deeded to the church and the frame church was moved intact (via logs) to the new site. Shortly thereafter, a small rectory was built adjacent

to the new location of the church. The original frame church continued to serve St. Mary's for many years. With completion of the Gothic Revival church in November, 1904, the original frame church was relocated to the rear of the new church and it became the parish hall for St. Mary's. By 1900, the Ursuline Sisters of Greenville had established a school in a rented house on Academy Street from Mrs. Earle and one other rented house. The school grew quickly with "57 day pupils, one boarder, two lady boarders and four music students." Additional land was acquired in 1901 on Hampton Avenue to expand the school and shortly the first school building was erected. By 1920, the school had 120 students and a faculty of 9 sisters. In 1933, seven members of The Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy moved to Greenville from Charleston to operate and staff the school. St. Mary's Catholic Church and the parochial school continued to grow over the coming decades with several subsequent expansions. It provides an anchor for the neighborhood and tirelessly serves the community with a growing, thriving parish. *Thank you to Bill Biediger of St. Mary's for research information and photograph. - rb*

Important Information

- C Important phone numbers - Corporal Bradley, Community Police Officer. 444-4385.
- C This newsletter is only being transmitted by e-mail. If you know any of your neighbors that that don't have e-mail and would benefit from any of the enclosed information, please feel free to print them a copy, or get their e-mail address and send it to judy@giraffeweb.net. All e-mail addresses will be kept confidential.
- C If anyone has any information for the neighborhood, please e-mail me at judy@giraffeweb.net. -jb

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