

The Hampton-Pinckney Gazette

Preserving Our Neighborhoods

September 2000

C&VB's Executive Director To Speak At September Meeting

Our next neighborhood meeting on Tuesday, September 5, 7:30 p.m., at Central Baptist Church, will focus on the activities of the Development Association of Greater Greenville (DAGG), a public-private partnership involving city and county governments, which is increasingly focused on development activity along the Reedy River and on the City's westside. Our guest speaker will be Chris Stone, Executive Director of the Greenville Convention and Visitors Bureau (C&VB), who staffs the DAGG board of directors. Among other things, DAGG recently sought proposals from developers for ideas related to appropriate westside development, attempting to build on the preliminary plans formulated under the auspices of Leadership Greenville and others. While there have been numerous press accounts recently discussing some of the incremental steps that are being taken, Chris should be able to enlighten us on the larger picture and how it could affect our neighborhood and those adjacent to it. In addition to Chris, Mary Duckett, who chairs Southernside Neighborhoods in Action (SNIA) and serves on the DAGG board, is an invited guest. PLEASE NOTE A TIME CHANGE--the meeting will begin at 7:30 PM, so those who are regular stragglers won't be late. Robert Benedict has agreed to host the meeting because of an out-of-town business commitment on the part of our normal convener.

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Attend the meeting for an added surprise for our neighborhood that will not be revealed until the meeting Tuesday night!

The invited guest for the August meeting was Lt. Alderman of the Greenville Police Department who supervises the agency's community patrol officers. Eric Lewis was also in attendance. The meeting was exclusively devoted to the discussion of the "foot traffic" and problems that have resulted. Over the summer a variety of incidents have occurred. Most of these problems have apparently been generated by persons who previously congregated at places that are in close proximity on West Washington Street and Rutherford Street -- overnight shelters, labor pools, and soup kitchens.

Lt. Alderman and Officer Lewis reported to us what specifically has occurred and what is being done to curb future incidents. There continue to be tightly held concerns about (1) vagrants passing through the neighborhood and the problems that some of them have caused and (2) the condition of and activities within several of the rental properties located within and at the margins of the neighborhood. Some arrests associated with these problem situations have already been made. A couple of follow-up actions have also occurred:

- ◆ the city fire marshal has been asked to revisit and reinspect the condition of at least two of the rental units with the objective of identifying and citing code violations;
- ◆ the mayor and interim city manager have been approached concerning an effort to identify criteria used by other jurisdictions to designate particular properties as "public nuisances"; this information would be shared with the City Council to determine whether a

strengthened city code section could be used to address objectionable physical conditions or behavior by occupants;

(For more information concerning the above, please contact Bob Lloyd or our Crime Watch Chair (Mrs. Kravitz), Anne Meyer.)

Thanks for attending our August meeting: Bob Lloyd, Lake Pitman, Jo Jorgensen, Brad Wyche and Diane Smock, Carol Ann and Michael Hoffman, Leonard Price, Barry and Karen Nield, Margie Montgomery, Billie Ruth-erford, Bobbie Parks, Judy Benedict, Anne Meyer, Amy King, Larry Boyd, Patrick Duvall, Eric Lewis, Jennie Garrett, Reid Taylor, Donna Kivett, Sara and Eric Dellinger, and Lt. Myron Alderman. -bl & jb

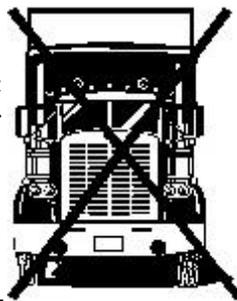
15 Lloyd Street To Be Demolished

After some ten to fifteen years, the fate of the gray brick building at 15 Lloyd Street (corner of Asbury and Lloyd) is apparently sealed. The City's purchasing department has sought bids for the demolition of the structure and City Fire Department personnel have been spied entering the building, apparently getting it ready for whatever lethal injection is going to be needed. -bl



Traffic Calming?

The neighborhood traffic calming committee reconvened over the summer to assess the impact of the limited moves that have been taken in response to our January, 1999 plan. All measures that were agreed upon have not been implemented which has raised concerns that some unintended consequences may have resulted. Interim City Manager Ron McKinney has agreed to again meet with representatives of the committee and to consider additional data gathering to identify accurately what current conditions are. Discussions with the Postal Service and with their principal contractor, King Express, have been productive but nobody's declaring victory yet. -bl



Announcing Clean-up 2000!

Saturday, September 30, 2000 at 9 a.m. will be our first neighborhood clean-up of the year. Meet in front of the Meyer's house for coffee and donuts. Bring shovels, brooms, rakes, etc. and wear gloves. Our focus



will be the surrounding perimeter of our neighborhood and the entrance ways. PLEASE join us! It will only take an hour or two out of your day. Get to know your neighbors as well during our coffee breaks. (If you cannot make it, how about donating some fall flowers for the entrance ways?) See you there! -am

Car 54, Where Are You!



It was good to see so many of you at our last meeting. Crime Watch was our biggest topic. Here are some solutions we are working on this month:

1. Write letters to absentee property owners who have let their properties go: i.e., uncut lawns, houses in need of repair or disruptive tenants.
2. Keep in close contact with Officer Lewis. Report all incidents directly to him (especially if he was not the officer responding to the incident). Also, please report incidents directly to me so I can help with following up. During the month of September, Officer Lewis will be on duty 1st shift. I have stayed in touch with him this summer and he has been very cooperative.
3. A flyer will be distributed soon to our neighborhood and surrounding areas announcing our "zero-tolerance to drug dealing".
4. A neighborhood clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, September 30 at 9.am.
5. For those of you who missed the August meeting, I have a flyer of important information regarding crime watch. Please see me for a copy.



6. Please consider volunteering to be a "Crime Watch Captain" of your block. As part of Crime Watch success, we need representation for each block or street.

Living in a downtown neighborhood can be challenging when it comes to crime. But, each of us can make a difference just by being alert and more involved. -am

July 4th Party Once Again A Success!



We did it again! We had an outstanding turnout and a great time at our July 4th gathering. This year we didn't even get rained out (however we generated enough sweat

from the humidity to make up for it!). Everyone enjoyed visiting the traveling Hunley exhibit, a replica of the original that was used to film the movie produced by Ted Turner.

With Bob Lloyd chairing the opening ceremonies and Tom Faulkner leading the National Anthem, we moved onto the dog parade hosted by Kathleen Crispin. Those participating this year were Misty (Most Patriotic), Corky (Mr. Firecracker), Jeb (Mr. 4th of July), Bogie (Mr. Liberty), Hampton and Wally (George and Martha Washington), and Scout (Mr. Independence).

The children's parade commentary and judging was led by Diane Smock and Anne Meyer. Nineteen children participated and awards ranged from Founding Father award to Young Patriot Award. Wrapping up the ceremonies (and preceding our grazing on fried chicken and other covered-dish delicacies) Bob Lloyd presented the 2nd annual Academy Street Awards. Among these awards was the "Silk Purse Award" – To the neighbors who proved that you can make a silk purse out of a sow's ear particularly when you pull the metal siding off—for their work on 313 Hampton Avenue – Ann and Jim Meyer. What an appropriate ending to the day...linking the birth of America and the restoration of an historic home to more closely reflect the birth of our neighborhood. Thanks to Amy King and all those who helped to make this celebration a success –ib



313 Hampton Avenue

The History Corner

The History Corner this month takes a look at the Hampton-Pinckney neighborhood and the surrounding area as it was in 1887. Gray's New Map of Greenville provides a glimpse of Hampton-Pinckney on the eve of its emergence as one of Greenville's most desirable neighborhoods. The map is noteworthy for several reasons:

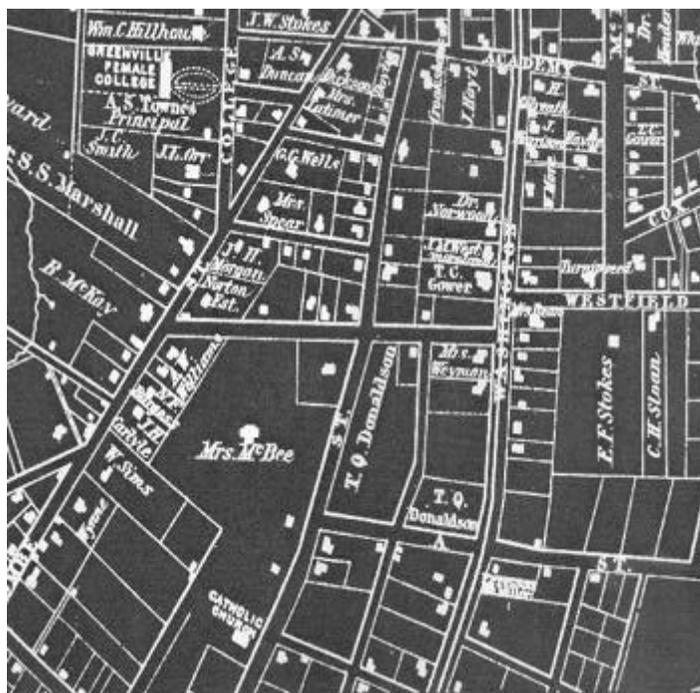


- ◆ Note that most of the neighborhood is still the property of Mrs. McBee. This is the widow of W.P. Mcbee and daughter-in-law of Vardry McBee. T.Q.

Donaldson also owned two large tracts on present-day Hampton and Hudson. T.Q. Donaldson subdivided and developed these parcels during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

- ◆ Pinckney Street had not been constructed all the way to Butler Avenue in 1887. Nor had Lloyd Street been constructed all the way to Buncombe Street in 1887. Lloyd Street did exist from West Washington and terminated at West Street (now Hampton Avenue). "A" Street on Gray's New Map is Hudson Avenue today.
- ◆ The Catholic Church shown on the lower left corner of the map is the original location of St. Mary's Catholic Church. This is the vacant lot at the corner of Lloyd Street and Hampton Avenue (owned today by Central Baptist Church).
- ◆ The map shows the largely residential character of Buncombe Street and West Washington Street from Hampton-Pinckney to downtown. At this time, what was to become Hampton-Pinckney was on the outskirts of Greenville. Trolley car service started in 1901 and its popularity coincided with the development of the Hampton-Pinckney neighborhood.
- ◆ Note that Prospect Hill (Vardy McBee's home) is shown as the property of E.F. Stokes. In the coming years this would become Central High School, Greenville High School and today the Greenville Water System.

Special thanks to Rick Owens (for Gray's New Map of Greenville) and Anne McCuen for historical information. –ib



Retraction(s)

In last month's abbreviated newsletter, an irate columnist ("Mickey Mouse is Watching You!") stated that City Code did not prohibit parking in a manner facing traffic within a residential neighborhood. The issue was raised by an anonymous complainant to WYFF-TV who pointed out that many cars in our neighborhood are often parked at the curb facing traffic. The representatives of the police department who attended our August meeting informed us that the requirement to park with the front end going with traffic comes from state law not local ordinance.

In the rush to send out last month's newsletter, one other fact got fractured--Bishop Alfred Simpson was in the hospital to have a KNEE replaced--not a hip, as reported. He's back home (239-0310) and on the mend, however. That's correct and we're glad! -bl

Of Personal Interest

- ◆ Congratulations to neighbors recently featured on the pages of the Greenville News--Claudia Price for making the cover the Sunday "Home" section as part of the profile of her home on Hampton Avenue and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Kennedy, 509 Hampton Avenue, for their appearance in the Wednesday "City People" section with a lengthy article about their beautiful garden (designed in part by former neighborhood resident, Janie Singletary). -bl
- ◆ We welcome our new neighbors: Wade Cleveland and Travis Seward of 308 Hampton, Leigh Booth and Ashton Paoletti of 307 Lloyd, Michelle Schumer of 407 Hampton, and Chuck, Julie, Meghan and Caitlyn Drake of 320 Hampton Avenue.
- ◆ Congratulations to Michael Hoffman on his marriage to Carol Ann, a welcome addition to Hampton-Pinckney!
- ◆ Our 4th of July party generated some interest on the part of the community. We had pictures in **City People**, **The Greenville Journal** and on several newstations. -jb

Important Reminders

- ◆ The next neighborhood meeting will be Tuesday, October 3rd, 7 p.m. at Central Baptist Church. The agenda will include discussion of plans for a historic house calendar. -bl
- ◆ Important phone numbers -- Eric Lewis, Com-

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

- ◆ The annual Holiday Walk-About has been set for Saturday evening, December 16. Please consider responding affirmatively to Sara Dellinger's (this year's chairperson) requests to open your home for a short time during this enjoyable event. -bl
- ◆ Saturday, September 30, 9 a.m.--Fall Cleanup Day in Hampton-Pinckney -bl

Letter From the Editor

Since I haven't produced a newsletter since the beginning of June I feel like I have fallen out of touch with the neighborhood. There is nothing like having to do this newsletter and trying not to appear like a nosy neighbor. I did find out the following, only because I live next door to where this incident occurred. In late July the Duvall's were out of town and Patrick's mother was staying at their house when she woke up at about 4 a.m. and noticed her van missing. She could not remember if she locked it but she did have a key inside the vehicle. The thief drove the car to Atlanta and parked in a no parking zone, whereby the police looked up the license number, saw that it was stolen and within a few days Mrs. Mosteller had her van back, along with the possessions of the thief. I only remember one other time a vehicle was attempted to be stolen in our neighborhood and that was when someone left the car running in the driveway and a teenager walking by jumped in and drove off. Also, the ONE time we leave our car unlocked overnight, our CD's were stolen. These incidents are not exclusive to our neighborhood. They happen everywhere, in every neighborhood, all over the country. Let's get into the habit of being aware enough to lock our cars and if anyone finds a CD from the *Judy* movie GREASE, please return it to me!

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For Sale: 2 New Nextel phones—\$75 ea. Used for only 3 months. Call Patrick at 271-1236.