



# The Hampton-Pinckney Gazette

Preserving Our Neighborhoods

September '98

## Community Officer at September Meeting

Our community police officer, Eric Lewis, will be at the September 15th (7 p.m.) meeting of the Hampton-Pinckney Historic District. Please come prepared with any questions or comments you may have for Eric. We will also set the date for the Holiday Drop-in. The agenda for the meeting will consist of the following format:

Opening - Patrick Duvall  
Neighborhood Patrol - Officer Eric Lewis  
Holiday Drop-in - Kathy Anderson  
Traffic Committee - pending any meetings  
Any New/Old Business/Closing - Patrick

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Thank you for attending the August Meeting: Patrick, Kristen and Benjamin Duvall, Margie Montgomery, Karen and Barry Neild, Eric, Max, Aaron Englebart and Beth Burris, Robert, Judy, Alexis and Hayley Benedict, Janie Singletary and Kathleen Crispin.

Visitors are always welcome. -pd

## Construction Underway at St. Mary's

Last month's meeting featured a presentation by Joe Pazdan and Lisa Lanni of Pazdan-Smith Group

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on the expansion of St. Mary's. Plans were discussed for the addition of a gymnasium and expanded child care facilities on the church's property fronting Hampton Ave. Construction has started on the first phase and eventual plans call for the rehabilitation of the former DAPCO Auto Parts building on West Washington and the Habitat for Humanity Store. We greatly appreciate Joe and Lisa sharing their design with the neighborhood and discussing the church's future plans.

## HTraffic Calming Committee Meets

Traffic surrounds the Hampton-Pinckney Historic District. Butler Avenue is a state highway...When Greenville GRATS system of new highways is complete, Hampton and Pinckney will become dead-end streets and traffic should almost disappear. - *The Greenville News*, Jan.10, 1978.

The Hampton-Pinckney neighborhood Traffic Calming Committee met Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, at Deborah and Keith Rodgers' house for its kickoff meeting. This committee encompasses the entire Hampton-Pinckney area, not just the historic district. A flyer will be distributed by the committee for those households not included within the historic district. George Bell, was appointed as committee head. The committee needs YOUR support and comments. They are requesting you to call them with any concerns so that they can be addressed. Committee Members include George Bell (242-9229), Camelle Sharpton (242-6529), Deborah Rodgers (370-9215),

Mary Duckett (235-5785), and Bob Lloyd, 235-2432.  
-jb

## Historic District Gains International Exposure

Visitors are being drawn to the district. Last week, a couple from Atlanta parked on Butler and walked the neighborhood, stopping residents to ask about the homes. Also, last week a man was spotted taking pictures of the neighborhood. When asked, he said he was visiting from Sweden and wanted to take the pictures home to show his family and friends our beautiful neighborhood.

### - What Does it Mean to Live in an Historic District?

The Hampton-Pinckney Historic District is listed on the National Register of Historic Places (since 1977) and is *also* a City of Greenville Historic Overlay District. What does that mean to us? The National Register identifies historically significant buildings, structures, sites, objects, and districts by documenting the significance of the property and lends support to local activities. Also, it makes owners of income-producing historic properties eligible to apply for federal grants-in-aid for preservation of a property. It does not restrict the private owners from use, development, sale or demolition of an historic property or enforce zoning. However, the City of Greenville Historic Overlay District offers a layer of protection by requiring a Certificate of Appropriateness for exterior alterations or demolition. It is the city historic designation that offers Greenville a choice of how it might protect its historic resources by combining zoning regulations with preservation guidelines.

The establishment of an historic district is designed to encourage the public participation in the preservation of historic properties, maintaining the feeling of time and place.

We may live without her (architecture), and worship without her, but we cannot remember without her. - *John Ruskin, The Seven Lamps of Architecture, 1849.* -jb

## Preservation Terms & Definitions

We thought you might like to learn some commonly used preservation terms (or refresh your memory) :

**PRESERVATION** - "Preserving" the building by continual maintenance.

**RECONSTRUCTION** - Building a new structure that resembles an older structure as much as possible.

**REHABILITATION** - Updating a structure to current standards - such as replacing old steam heat with a gas furnace.

**REMODELING** - Transforming the building's appearance or style into a different structure from its original form.

**RESTORATION** - Restoring a structure to its original form in every aspect.

**INTERPRETIVE RESTORATION** - Most restored houses are an interpretive restoration, whereby all of the original architectural details are kept or reconstructed. The interior is done in a style appropriate to the house but not restored to the original form. - jb

## Of Personal Interest

( Welcome to the neighborhood - Reid Taylor, 29 Pinckney Street.

( Beth Burris, Eric, Aaron, and Max Englebart have moved to the Briggs House, at 326 Hampton Avenue.

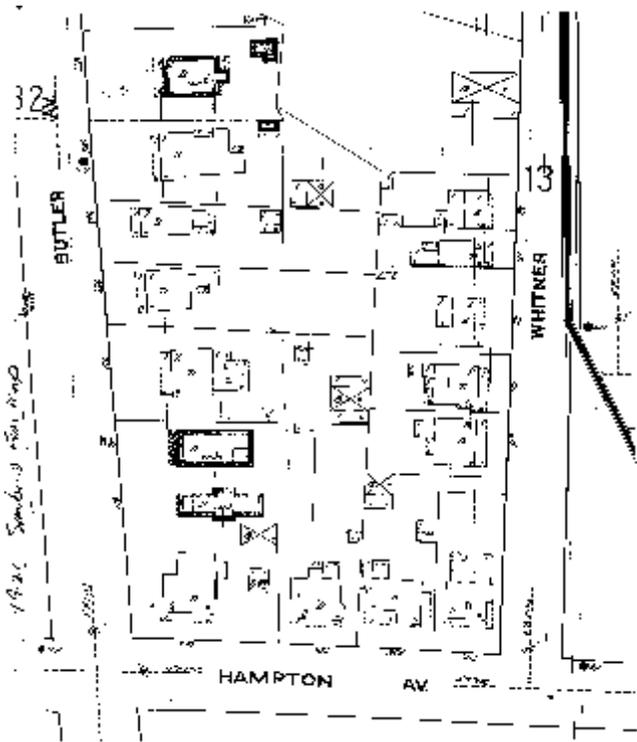
## Teenagers! Young Adults!

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## - The History Corner

Pave Paradise.. Put in a Parking Lot...What was once an integral part of the Hampton-Pinckney neighborhood in 1920, today this block from the Hampton-Butler traffic light to the BBT drive thru is a parking lot. -jb

Source: 1920 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map



## ...More History Corner

Hampton-Pinckney was a classic trolley car neighborhood during the first two decades of this century. Trolley service was only one block away on College Street and also West Washington Street. It was an established mode of transportation for most of the neighborhood residents and the trolley car service made Hampton-Pinckney churches easily accessible for other Greenvillians as well. The city's trolley service was started in 1901 with fare set at five cents and all-day tickets available on Sundays for 25 cents. By 1910 there were 14.8 miles of track and service was available to such destinations as the major textile mills, the Southern Railway Depot and San Souci Country Club, the country club for the wealthy of

Greenville. It was reported that often on Saturday nights trouble erupted with the "partakers of the then freely flowing alcoholic spirits" and it was common on such Saturday nights for half or more of the passengers on the cars to be "dead drunk". Fisticuffs frequently broke out. Just think if there had been Thursday Downtown Alive or Westend Thursdays then!! -rb

## Important Reminders

The next neighborhood meeting will be held Tuesday, October 6, 7 p.m. at Central Baptist Church.

Please don't forget to turn in your information for the neighborhood directory! -jb & kd

## Letter From the Editors

Thanks to all of you for your very positive comments concerning our premier issue of *The Hampton-Pinckney Gazette*. Each month we will try to keep you informed about current and past happenings around our neighborhood and add some tidbits about historic preservation in general. We welcome any letters or comments so feel free to call, write or e-mail us!

*Judy & Kristen*

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