

The Hampton-Pinckney Gazette - Lite

Preserving Our Neighborhoods

Special Issue—Summer 2000

Community Patrol Supervisor Will Meet With Neighborhood

Operating on the theory that every good thing deserves a rest, it was intended that there would be no August neighborhood meeting. A very informal survey at the successful Fourth of July celebration showed strong support for that approach. However, several recent incidents involving vagrants in the neighborhood and some other concerns voiced by residents prompted the decision to gather at Central Baptist Church at 7:00 P.M. Tuesday Night, August 8.

Our invited guest for the session will be Lt. Alderman of the Greenville Police Department who supervises the agency's community patrol officers. In addition, our own officer, Eric Lewis, will be in attendance. The meeting will be exclusively devoted to discussion of the "foot traffic" problem within the neighborhood and some of the problems that have resulted. In recent weeks, there have been a variety of incidents ranging from public urination to auto theft, with some other violations in between. Most have apparently been generated by persons who have 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 should be able to tell us what specifically has occurred, what is being done about it, and what else can and will be.

September Meeting Will Focus On Westside Development Plans

The resumption of regularly scheduled first Tuesday meetings will occur after Labor Day. The September 5 meeting will give us an opportunity to hear more specifics about the plans underway for development activity on the Westside of Greenville, adjacent to our neighborhood. There are a variety of efforts underway, some being conducted by city and/or county government and some by private interests. The flurry of activity, stories in the media and a variety of rumors all contribute to a need to try to sort out what's really happening and how soon. Our guest speaker for the evening will be Chris Stone, executive director of the Greenville Convention and Visitors Bureau. Chris is staffing the efforts of the Development Association of Greater Greenville (DAGG), a public-private partnership that includes city and county elected officials and representatives of local business and community groups. The DAGG has recently sought and received proposals from consultants and developers with ideas about how the area along the Reedy River and adjacent to some of the old textile mills might be addressed and improved.

Still On Sick Call

The hip replacement surgery went fine but the infection afterward didn't. So everyone's favorite pastor, Reverend Alfred Simpson of Pentecostal Move of God Church, is stuck in Greenville Memorial Hospital for a couple more weeks. He's in Room 595 and his telephone number is 455-7595.

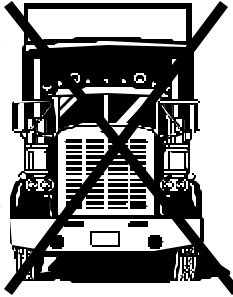
In this issue...

Bob Lloyd wrote this entire issue. The Editor is on an extended summer vacation.

Micky Mouse Is Watching You!

Apparently not every one likes traffic calming, residents of Hampton-Pinckney or both. Even though implementation of our traffic calming plan continues to move with the turtles, a person who had a problem with residents of Pinckney Street parking in a manner that faces on-coming traffic decided to take matters into his or her own hands. The individual contacted Tim Waller of WYFF--Channel 4 suggesting that with all of the traffic calming going on in our neighborhood something should be done about those vehicles parked in front of homes but facing the traffic. When pulling out into oncoming traffic, this person apparently opined, a Pinckneyite could cause an accident. Waller's response was to send an e-mail to the Greenville Police Department. Apparently, it was a slow news day.

Obviously, the person who contacted Waller doesn't live in the neighborhood or he or she would know that traffic hasn't exactly been calmed by the limited measures implemented by the city over the last two years. Also, despite extensive surveys and meetings throughout the neighborhood way back when, vehicles of residents parking in this direction failed to make anyone's list of problems. Section 42-84 of the City's Code of Ordinances ("Parking, Generally") doesn't seem to have any specific prohibition against this method of parking in a residential neighborhood. But..., somebody's watching us...and they don't like what they see!



Important Reminders

- ◆ The next neighborhood meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 5, 2000 at 7 p.m. at Central Baptist Church.
- ◆ Important phone numbers – Eric Lewis, Community Police Officer: Pager: 217-3188, Work: 271-5333, Mobile: 616-2275. - jb

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(Conner Kirkman and Keith Lloyd)

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Personal Info

Conner—I am 13 years old and I attend League Academy. I have lived in Greenville all my life. My hobbies are basketball, baseball, football, swimming, golfing and hanging out with my friends. I enjoy playing and watching after kids. I am a hard worker and always strive to get the job done.

Keith—I am 12 years old and I also attend League Academy. I have lived in Greenville for ten years. I was born in Washington, D.C. and move here at th age of two. My hobbies are roller-blading, baseball, basketball, tennis and football. I enjoy playing with kids.

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