

The Hampton-Pinckney Gazette

Preserving Our Neighborhoods

Winter 2001

Olympic Torch Relay Passes Through Hampton-Pinckney



If you've been confused about whether and where the Olympic Torch will be coming through our neighborhood, you're not alone. The public information campaign intended to let us know unfortunately will not win any awards for clarity. The maps left at Pinckney Street addresses last week (perhaps by some one from Salt Lake City) were definitely wrong!

Here are the accurate, up-to-the-minute details:

THE ROUTE: From West Washington Street on Butler Avenue, Left on Hampton Avenue, Right on Lloyd Street, exiting the neighborhood at Lloyd and Buncombe.

THE TIME: According to a fax received from the City of Greenville (which apparently will be providing police escort), the torch should arrive in our neighborhood at 9:04 PM on Tuesday, December 4.

THE PLAN: Residents of all streets are urged to come out to Hampton Avenue, particularly at the corner of Hampton and Lloyd to greet the torch and its bearers. Also residents of Hampton and Lloyd are urged to turn on all of your front outside lights for the short period involved. -bl

Car 54, Where Are You?



MARKING DEVICE AVAILABLE

Several months back, one of our monthly meetings featured

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City Police Department Crime Prevention Officer, Corporal Mel Lyon, who provided attendees with valuable reminders about how to prevent crimes against persons and against property. In addition to suggesting that residents record serial numbers of valuables that have them, Corporal Lyon mentioned the availability of a stylus-like device that can be used to mark personal property (tools, electronics, etc.). Such marks, placed at a point known only to the owner, allow items to be more easily traced if they're stolen and pawned or fenced. The marks are often the difference between getting your things back and seeing them sold at a police auction. Corporal Lyon has provided one of these markers to the neighborhood on a permanent basis and it's available for your use. The device is about the size of a ball-point pen and will mark metal, wood, plastic or other hard surfaces. Call Bob Lloyd if you would like to use it. -bl

Holiday Walk-About News

The annual Hampton-Pinckney Holiday Walk-about will take place on Saturday evening, December 15 from 6:30 until 9:00 PM. The following neighbors are graciously opening their homes this year:

Margie Montgomery and George Davidson,
231 Hampton Avenue

Deborah and Keith Rodgers, 317 Hampton Avenue

Karen and Barry Nield, 20 Pinckney Street

Diane Smock and Brad Wyche, 21 Pinckney Street

A separate announcement will be coming out concerning the event. Thanks to Sara Dellinger for organizing the Walk-about again this year and to the families who are hosting.



The History Corner

The annual Hampton-Pinckney Holiday Walk-About takes place on December 15th and the History Corner this month takes a look at the history of each of the homes that will be open.

231 Hampton Avenue

Now the home of Margie Montgomery and George Davidson, was built circa 1900. It is a two-story frame structure with clapboard siding and a jerkinhead roof. The façade is dominated by a one-story porch with pillars and plain balusters.



317 Hampton Avenue

The Morgan-James house, now the home of Deborah and Keith Rodgers, was built circa 1895, in the East-lake style. It

features a wrap-around porch with turned posts, balusters and brackets and a gazebo. The gable ends have decorative bargeboards. The house is painted in the multi-colored fashion of the 1890's.



20 Pinckney Street

The T.A. Walker House—was built in 1909 and features a one-story wrap-around porch with attenuated Tuscan columns, plain balusters and a denticulated cornice. The porch is topped by a balcony with Tuscan columns and plain balusters. Barry and Karen Nield are

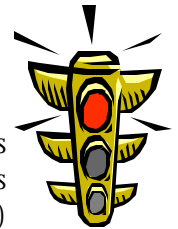
the current owners.

21 Pinckney Street

The William Pinckney McBee House is now the home of Diane Smock and Brad Wyche. This is a one-and-a-half-story structure with a one-story front porch with a central pediment and a port-cochere. The central doorway has a transom and sidelights. It is believed that the building dates back to 1834. -jb



Traffic Light Changes



Those of you who travel west on Pinckney and Hampton on regular basis already know that Briggs Street (near Holmes Church) and Frank Street (one block closer) are closed due to Western Corridor construction. Those moves have made getting onto Buncombe Street in that area more difficult, in part because the traffic light at Frank and Buncombe has been removed. The changes have created more need to use Mulberry Street, which is currently not served by a traffic signal for those trying to enter Buncombe there. Mulberry was one of the streets included in our long-suffering traffic calming process and a signal at this location was among the sixteen recommendations made in January 1999. An inquiry to the City's "Greenville Cares" line, followed up by Assistant Traffic Engineer Will Ravenhorst, indicates that plans are to install a traffic signal at that location no later than February, 2002. -bl

Important Reminders

- ◆ Don't forget to call 467-ROAD for updates on construction surrounding the neighborhood!
- ◆ Please send me your e-mail address to judy@giraffeweb.net so you can be included in any communications that we periodically feel the need to send out via e-mail.
- ◆ Support our neighborhood by purchasing the Hampton-Pinckney calendars. They make wonderful gifts for office workers and families. Call Anne Meyer, Sara Dellinger or Travis



Seward to buy one or several. -jb

Of Personal Interest

- ◆ Congratulations to Diane Smock, who was elected in November for the City Council At-Large seat and Brad Wyche who has been chosen to receive the Southern Environmental Leadership Award.
- ◆ Congratulations are also in order for Lillian Flemming and Gary Coulter who were re-elected to their current City Council seats. -jb

Letter From the Editor

Last week I attended a meeting at City Hall concerning an update on the progress of the Western Corridor. For those of you who haven't gone by the first floor conference room to view the map, you should do so. The construction is expected to continue until the spring of 2004, however, much has been accomplished already. Emotions were on the sleeves of everyone who attended, and it was not a pretty site. Part of the concern was that there was not any visible way to determine if the resolutions passed by City Council and suggested by the Quality of Life Committee were being incorporated into the Corridor.

I left the meeting feeling as though nothing good was accomplished nor that anything good will come out of the Corridor at all. The road completely bisects the Southernside Neighborhood and a few houses are literally located a few feet away from the new roadway. Several roads are now cul-de-sacs and the only way to get out of them once you drive down them is to back out completely. One church even had to close its doors because it lost most of its membership. The inconvenience of trying to get out of our neighborhood once the corridor is completed was made much for insignificant for me, when I actually saw how awful it is now and will be for our neighbors down the road. There is nothing we can do about it now but I am left with a very sad feeling...in the name of progress?



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