



# The Hampton-Pinckney Gazette

Preserving Our Neighborhoods

Winter 2003

## Neighborhood Meeting at History Museum on Tues. Jan 7 - 7pm



After a three-month hiatus, the Neighborhood Association will (finally) resume meeting this coming **Tuesday, January 7, 2003, at 7:00**. The meeting will be held at the home of our newest neighbor, The History Museum of Upstate South Carolina. A member of the museum staff will give us a tour of the beautiful building, and we will have a brief meeting afterward. Not only will we be among the first to see the facility, but also the word is that we will be quite impressed with the addition to our neighborhood.

### Meeting Topic:

As many of you know, last year's calendar sale project produced a profit for the Neighborhood Association. No plans currently exist for using this money, although the committee that oversaw the calendar project indicated its desire that the fund be increased and a large project undertaken at some point. Wade Cleveland recently received a request

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from a neighbor to use \$120 from the fund to purchase an oak tree to replace one lost at the sidewalk in front of Central Baptist Church. The City will sell and install the tree. Money from the fund could also be used to replace other trees lost in the neighborhood. This matter will be discussed at the neighborhood meeting on Tuesday.

Thanks for attending the last meeting: Billie Rutherford, Bobbie Parks, Wade Cleveland, Travis Seward, Lib King, Kathleen Crispin, George & Betti Bell, Judy Benedict, Bob Lloyd, Carol Anne Hoffman, Margie Montgomery, Jenni Garrett, Jane Brice, Larry Boyd, Eric & Sara Dellinger, Karen & Barry Nield, Patrick Duvall, David Carter, Jeff Tiddy, Diane Smock, Ron Johnson, Louise Erhard, William Dickie, Bishop Simpson, Glynn Ziegler, Corporal Gilliard, Seargant Hunt, Corporal Bradley, buyers of Pentecostal Move of God Church— Sue Shafer, Gioia Nello, and their guest presenters. - wc & jb

## New Officers

New officers for the Homeowners Association were elected at the last neighborhood meeting. Our new officers and committee chairs are:



Homeowners Association President - Wade Cleveland

Vice President - Jeff Tiddy

Secretary/Treasurer - Brad Wyche

Traffic Calming Committee Chairman - George Bell

Crime Watch Committee Members - Patrick Duvall,

Larry Boyd, Billie Rutherford, Bobbie Parks

Communications - Judy Benedict & Travis Seward

Please help our new officers by supporting them in their efforts on behalf on behalf of our neighborhood. - rb

## Traffic Issues on Butler Avenue

This past September George Bell, Robert Benedict, and Wade Cleveland met for over two hours with representatives of the City and State to



discuss traffic issues on Butler Avenue. The topic that prompted the meeting was the State's proposal to re-open Butler for left turns from Buncombe as part of the changes resulting from completion of the Western Corridor. The State finally agreed to study this issue further and re-convene the meeting before making any changes.

The Hampton-Pinckney representatives also raised the much larger issue of all traffic on Butler, including the number of vehicles, the commercial nature of many, and the increasing speeds. They pointed out the City's desire that the area continue to develop as a residential neighborhood and emphasized the inconsistency of this intent with the failure to address the traffic issues. The building of The Commons and the addition of the five homes on Hampton underscore the nature of the development and the need to address all traffic issues, not just that of the left turn off Buncombe. As our neighborhood has heard before, the immediate response was that Butler is a connector street. The City representatives say this as if it justifies the traffic problems. Our representatives explained that this is not true, stated that the problems seem to be worsening, and encouraged those present to take a new look at the situation rather than simply accepting that Butler is a connector street, the problems from which simply need to be tolerated. Needless to say, no resolution was reached and more discussions will definitely take place. Those affected by traffic on Butler, of course, should continue to make themselves heard on the issues. - wc

## Neighborhood Walk-About News

Many thanks to Miles and Betty Adair and Bobbie Parks for opening their homes for the Christmas walk-about on December 21. Thanks are also due to four neighbors in The Commons who shared their homes on the same night. They were Susan Reynolds, Julie Bolt, Jane Brice, and Ron Johnson. While the turnout was small, the hospitality was as warm as ever. Participants enjoyed celebrating the season, renewing acquaintances, making new ones, catching up on neighborhood gossip and events, and, of course, peaking inside their neighbors' homes.



We also thank those who, without fanfare or hesitation, added to our Christmas celebration by putting up the neighborhood's wreaths. These elves were sneaky and didn't let us know who they were, but with twelfth night fast approaching, any volunteers for getting them down? - wc

## Pentecostal Move of God Adaptive Use



The new owners of the Pentecostal Move of God Church closed on the property and received approval from the City for their proposed rezoning. They are currently awaiting final approval from the bank for their plans to convert the structure into residential condominium units. Approval is anticipated later this month or in early February. Once they secure that, they plan to begin renovations immediately. Expect a sign with their new logo to appear soon in front of the building. The sign will also give details of their plans for converting the church to condos. The new owners are quite excited and assure the neighborhood that the project will be very nice. Wade Cleveland assured them that we will all be watching anxiously. - wc

## Historic Resources Survey Consultants Seek Your Input!

Here's an opportunity for Hampton-Pinckney residents to more accurately tell the story of their neighborhood. Many of us know of an example whereas the written history of a neighborhood property might be inaccurate or incomplete. Well here's a chance to set the record straight.

Last year, the City of Greenville received a matching grant from the South Carolina State Historic Preservation Office to hire a preservation consulting firm to conduct a survey of the historic resources within the city limits. The last such survey was completed in 1981. Although this survey was fairly comprehensive, many of the historic resources identified have unfortunately been lost, altered or additional information may have been uncovered adding to the significance of the properties. Additionally, there are historic resources that were not identified in this survey. Recognizing this need, Bryan Wood and Heather Colin of the City successfully

pursued a grant which led to the hiring of Edwards-Pitman Environmental, Inc. of Raleigh after evaluating proposals solicited through a RFP process. The grant and survey are especially timely with the recent implementation of new design guidelines in 2002 for the historic districts and downtown business district. Edwards-Pitman is actively seeking information that might add to the significance of historic properties as they complete their survey. The fieldwork should be completed soon so please contact Heather Colin at 467-4476 as soon as possible if you can help. Here's a chance to contribute to the history of your house and Greenville! - rb

## Help Identify Special Places of the Upstate!!

Upstate Forever, in conjunction with the Greenville County Historic Preservation Commission and other upstate leaders, have been working on a project to identify Special Places of the Upstate. With a grant from the Community Foundation, the steering committee was able to create a website for information and for nominating at <http://www.greenvillespecialplaces.org/>, print a brochure and conduct a series of town meetings as a forum for the community at-large to nominate structures or land.

The Special Places Inventory identifies "ecologically sensitive areas, unique and critical wildlife habitats, important historical buildings and sites, prime farmlands, critical riparian lands, scenic vistas and other special places in Greenville County, South Carolina." Help become a part of this project by nominating a special place by visiting the website at <http://www.greenvillespecialplaces.org/>, or calling the offices of Upstate Forever at 250-0500 for a nomination form. -jb

## Important Reminders

- ◆ Please note that Barry & Karen Nield's phone number is 242-0451 and is not as indicated in the neighborhood directory.
- ◆ A lot of you have email addresses and you don't know what you are missing by not being on our email list. Just drop an e-mail to [judy@giraffeweb.net](mailto:judy@giraffeweb.net). -jb

## Of Personal Interest

- ◆ We have new neighbors at 23 Pinckney St. We welcome Rev. Todd Knock, his wife Donna, and their six children: Kris, Taylor, Nicholas, Shannon, Ashleigh and Griffin. The Knocks have just moved here from out of town and Rev. Knock is now the

new Associate Pastor at Piedmont Park Baptist church.

- ◆ While we are happy to have new neighbors, we are also going to miss the Hales (especially their Halloween House) who have purchased and refurbished a home on Earle Street.

## Letter From the Editor

Just because it has been quiet doesn't mean that your neighbors have not been actively involved in neighborhood issues. In addition, some of you know that awhile ago we launched a neighborhood website at <http://www.hampton-pinckney.org>. The city added a link to our website and we have been receiving emails from people who used to live or visit relatives in the neighborhood, thanking us for the photo album on the site.

For those of you who missed the neighborhood walk-about, it was quite a treat this year. Bobbie Parks photographs are so wonderful, she needs to have a gallery showing—especially the picture of Bobbie in her swimsuit on the beach with the legs rolled up to assimilate a bikini-bottom! I asked the Adairs if they would trade homes with us and they could sell our house on Hampton but they wouldn't go for it. We also had fun visiting our Commons neighbors and seeing Julie Bolt's 250+ lb Christmas Tree in a pot, eating Ron Johnson's sushi (okay, so Sara Dellinger and I were the only ones who ate it but we ate it all!) and trying to figure out why everyone congregated in Susan Reynold's upstairs' den where she said that when she cleaned up for the party that she threw all of her stuff up there!

I know that Sara had a difficult time with people committing for the most recent Walk-About and I thank her for her persistence and for all the people who agreed to allow us in their homes to gawk and eat their food.

I wish everyone a happy and prosperous new year!

*Judy*

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The **The Hampton-Pinckney Gazette** is sponsored this month Wade Cleveland. -jb

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