



The Hampton-Pinckney Gazette

Preserving Our Neighborhoods

April 2001

Crime Prevention Officer—Top Agenda for April (Annual) Meeting

This Tuesday meeting's news: The Hampton-Pinckney Historic Preservation Association by-laws are not what you would call an "exciting read." But, thanks to Donna Kivett, they are understandable.

Among other things, the by-laws say that the Association needs to have an annual meeting. They state no preference as to when and under what circumstances the meeting should take place. April is as good a month as any and better than most, so let's do it at the next meeting. There are several business management tasks that we need to get out of the way. These include election of officers and scheduling of events. For example, 4th of July falls on Wednesday this year and there are four Saturdays preceding Christmas in December—in other words, there are all sorts of possibilities for the Annual Picnic and the Walk-about. We also need some volunteers to take charge—the Kings and the Dellingers are off the hook because of superb performances in 2000. Please attend and add your input and your helping hand.

In past years, the advent of spring weather has brought an up-tick in the number of criminal incidents—disappearing porch furniture and decorations; car break-ins, mysterious strangers knocking at the front door at 10:00 PM "looking for work." So, we've decided to take Officer Mel Lyons of the Greenville Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit up on his earlier offer to attend one of our meetings to provide some tips and techniques for crime proofing ourselves and our homes. His presentation will begin immediately following the business meeting.

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PLACE: CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH DATE: APRIL 3 TIME: 7:00 P.M.

February-March meeting news: Dale Westermeier, Parks and Grounds Administrator and City Horticulturalist, was so kind to give up one of his Tuesday nights to attend our February-March meeting. He spoke at length concerning our neighborhood trees and gave us tips on how to preserve them. Unfortunately, our towering Oaks are reaching the end of their life span and he asked that we help to keep them watered and fertilized. He also informed us that he would look at any trees on our properties. Our crepe myrtles that were planted are not to be pruned on the tops or they will turn into a huge-looking bush. Dale and his small crew maintain hundreds of the City's public gardens and said he would gladly bring by a hose if anyone would help to water the new plantings that will part of our new traffic islands.

Thanks for attending the February/March meeting: Dale Westermeier, Travis Seward, Brad Wyche and Diane Smock, Larry Boyd, Anne, Jacob and Ella Claire Meyer, Bobbie Parks, Judy Benedict, Alfred Simpson, Kathleen Crispin and Bob Lloyd. -jb & bl

Neighborhood Clean Up Held March 31

The masses gathered Saturday morning to help clean up the neighborhood! Dale Westermeier supplied pansies and bushes and planted a tree at the corner of Butler and Pinckney. Our neighbors planted, swept, raked and picked up trash and at about 1 p.m. the City trucks drove through the neighborhood and took everything away that was left on the curbs. Thank you to Anne Meyer for organizing this event, to all the people who participated and do their part every day and to the City for supporting us. -jb



Clean Up Pictures.....



Betti Wright and Alexis Benedict show the trash they picked up on Lloyd Street.



Tracy Tiddy, Mary Beth Rolfe and Karen Neild discuss a planting at the corner of Pinckney and Lloyd Streets.



George Bell and Bob Lloyd, experiencing low blood sugar take a break to eat donuts.

Car 54, Where Are You?

- ◆ The Greenville Police Department is in the process of identifying the elderly and disabled members of the community who may need to be looked in on occasionally. By obtaining this information, officers will also be better able to better respond in case of emergency. Kathleen Crispin has been asked to collect these names on behalf of the neighborhood.
- ◆ The Police Department is also cosponsoring (with the



Parks and Recreation Department) a summer softball program for boys and girls, ages 9-12. Children who are interested or their parents should call Corporal Gilliard, our Community Patrol Office at 242-7970. -bl

This Guy Has Made Millions—He Must Be On To Something!

Richard Carlson, Ph.D. is a regular on Oprah and the Public Broadcasting System and has his own separate rack at Barnes and Noble. If you haven't spotted him, he's the guy who has written all the "Don't Sweat the Small Stuff..." books. With the royalties, he and his family live comfortably in Marin County, California and can easily afford electricity. A chapter in one of his books is good advice. It's called "Give Your Neighbors A Break." In part, it reads:

"Most people truly want to live in peace and with mutual respect. The problem is that some have had negative experiences and then approach the relationship in a defensive way...They have their guard up, they are defensive, ready for battle. If you give them any evidence to support their assumptions, they will quickly turn difficult and demanding...Open your heart and try to get a fresh start.. see if there are things you can do to improve your relationship. Be the first to reach out... Invite your neighbor over for coffee...this is a good time to avoid sweating the small stuff." -bl

So Many Thank You Notes...



There's a joke that, if you'll admit it, most of you have heard and laughed at. It concerns why members of the Junior League avoid certain situations. It concludes, "So many thank you notes." The phrase is transferable to other situations, particularly that of a neighborhood association president who has been politely seeking or angrily demanding city government responses to requests, complaints, and adverse conditions. On behalf of the neighborhood and in the company of many of you, I've been calling, writing and appearing in front of city elected and appointed officials for months. And now that a lot of positive things have started to happen, there are "so many thank you notes." So here goes:

- ◆ For the appearance, 26 months after they were voted on, of speed humps on Hampton Avenue from Academy to Mulberry and the forthcoming

installation of two islands on Hampton at its intersection with Butler-Thanks to City Councilman Garry Coulter for writing to State Senator Verne Smith on our behalf and to City Manager Randy Oliver, Public Works Director Dan Durig and Acting Traffic Engineer Mike Ridgeway for shepherding numerous requests and designs before the South Carolina Department of Transportation, which still owns the road.



- ◆ For further traffic counting and analysis of traffic patterns surrounding the Main Post Office to review possible additional measures (affecting Hudson Street) intended to reduce or eliminate cut-through traffic-Messrs Oliver, Durig and Ridgeway and City Economic Development Planner Norm Gollub.
- ◆ For a neighborhood enforcement "blitz" on Hampton Avenue, netting several scores of speeders, stop sign runners, and other violators-City Manager Oliver, Police Chief Willie Johnson, and officers from the Police Department Traffic Division. Please know you have an open invitation to revisit on Pinckney Street.
- ◆ For initiation of a city Road information line (467-ROAD) that will routinely identify progress and expected traffic disruptions on road projects within the City limits-City Manager Oliver, Neighborhood Services Coordinator Leslie Fletcher and David Gonzales of Fluor Daniel, the resident construction engineer on the Western Corridor project.
- ◆ For efforts to keep neighborhood residents "in the loop" on the city-contracted economic development studies affecting Buncombe Street/Western Corridor and West Washington Streets-Economic Development Planners Norm Gollub and Julie Orr Franklin.
- ◆ For inclusion of neighborhood representatives in the steering group for the City's recently initiated "Brownfields Project." Funded under a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grant, the project is intended to begin assessment of sites on Greenville's West Side that are or are perceived to be environmental problems-Julie Franklin.
- ◆ For a presentation at the last neighborhood meeting and a commitment to help the neighborhood continue to beautify our public areas (spaces between sidewalks and curbs, corners, etc.) with plantings-Dale Westermeier, Parks and Grounds Administrator.
- ◆ For continuing efforts to address vandalism and vagrancy on West Washington and Asbury Streets-

Lieutenant Myron Alderman and Corporal M.L. Gilliard of the Police Department's Community Patrol Division.

- ◆ For considerable effort during the week of March 18 to curtail noisy late night work (7PM-midnight) by demolition contractors on the site of the new Greenville County Library and Greenville History Museum-Councilwoman Lillian Brock Flemming, Building and Zoning Administrator Steve Landrith; Lieutenant Alderman, Sergeant Williams, and Corporal Gilliard of Community Patrol, Assistant City Attorney John Garza.
- ◆ For special trash collection assistance associated with the biannual neighborhood cleanup effort-Solid Waste Administrator Sheldon Smith.
- ◆ For appropriating \$291,000 of Federal capital improvement funds for enhancements (plantings, sidewalk buffers, etc.) along the entire stretch of the Western Corridor from Butler and College and Atwood to the City line-Mayor White and all members of the City Council. And, finally, for initiating and staffing a service that will hopefully reduce the need to raise issues and then write thank you notes-the new "Greenville Cares" line-one stop shopping for City services and information-City Manager Oliver and Neighborhood Services staff Leslie Fletcher and Kristie Anderson.
- ◆ For attendance at and participation in multiple city council meetings and special gatherings with city staff members, on short notice and at inconvenient times-dozens of Hampton Pinckney neighbors

If I missed anyone, I hope it was as good for you as it was for me -bl



The History Corner

Hampton-Pinckney and Greenville says goodbye to the "Triangle Building". Last month, the historic Triangle Pharmacy, also known as Cantrell Pharmacy, at the corner of Buncombe Street and Rutherford Road was demolished by SCDOT as part of the Western Corridor project. Built around 1920, the Triangle Pharmacy was more than a neighborhood drug store. In addition to providing a pharmacy and dry goods store within walking distance of the Hampton-Pinckney, James Street and Viola neighborhoods, it provided a place of fellowship and the second floor offered much-needed apartments for the area. The Triangle Building was recognized by the South Carolina Historic Preservation Office as being eligible for listing on the National Register

of Historic Places. According to SCDOT, demolition of the Triangle Pharmacy was required in order to save the historic Holy Anglican Church across Buncombe Street. Following a Section 106 review, the SC Historic Preservation Office agreed to mitigation with Historic American Building Survey (HABS) format photographs. It now joins Textile Hall, Southern Railroad Depot, Greenville City Hall, Old County Jail, etc. on the "Wall of Shame" - historic buildings in Greenville that have been demolished in recent decades. - rb



The Triangle Building, here today, gone tomorrow.

Important Reminders

- ◆ The City has asked for us not to park our cars on the street and clear the curb lines of leaves, yard debris or waste between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Thursdays during March, May, July, September and November.
- ◆ Don't forget to call 467-ROAD for updates on construction surrounding the neighborhood! -jb



Letter From the Editor

We have new directions to our house. I used to have to go through all kinds of explanations to people who don't even know where Hampton-Pinckney is to begin with. Now I say, "Well you know where they are building the new Library, you can't turn there onto Butler but you can go down Academy and turn onto Hampton, go through the light, etc." Now I say, "Once you turn onto Hampton, go through the light at Butler, and my house is the FIRST DRIVEWAY AFTER THE SECOND SPEED HUMP!" Wow! So much more concise than counting houses and describing my house. Also, I noticed that cars are SLOWING DOWN to go over the speed hump. I love it!!!!

Judy

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