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Letter from the President



A Pew Research Center study found that almost 1 in 3 Americans doesn't know his neighbors. Yet, according to a study by Harvard University, the more neighbors you know, the happier and safer you feel. Plus, if your neighbor is happy, it increases your happiness by 34 percent.

The results of these studies could not be timelier for our neighborhood. As many of you know, Shandon experienced a rise in property crime at the end of last year. It seemed as though once a week, another house had been broken into, electronics and valuables had been stolen, and another person's sense of security had been shaken. What did we do in response? We began communicating. We emailed one another, we met with city leaders and police officers, and we learned what we could do to be safer. Meanwhile, the police increased patrols and made arrests. And slowly but surely, the neighborhood we know and love seemed a little bit safer.

Here are some ways to stay connected and safe:

- Sign up to receive police alerts at www.nixle.com.
- Know the area police officers:
 - Officer Sharpe, 737-5884, gasharpe@columbiasc.net
 - Officer Morgan, 920-8061, ejmorgan@columbiasc.net
 - Officer Baire, 509-0454, trbaire@columbiasc.net
- Arrange to have a free home security survey conducted at your home by calling 545-3500. Ask for Sgt. Felder or Sgt. Mahon.
- When you see something suspicious, call 252-2911 or dial 911.
- Visit Shandon's website at www.shandonneighborhood.com.
- Join Shandon neighborhood on Facebook.
- Send your email address to me (tcundari@gmail.com) or Carla Moore (carlalewismoore@gmail.com) and receive emails about important neighborhood news and events.
- Attend neighborhood meetings and crime watch meetings.

On another note, I would like to welcome three new members to the neighborhood council: Charles Appleby, Jason Bobertz, and Derek Gruner. I would also like to thank Jennifer O'Neill, Seth Rose, and Emerson Smith for their many years of service. We are fortunate to have such great people serving the neighborhood.

If you have any questions or suggestions about what the neighborhood council can be doing, please let me know. If you're happier, I'm happier.

Sincerely,

Tina Cundari

President, Shandon Neighborhood Council

Fill Up the Red Truck !!



May 14 & 15

Saturday and Sunday
9am til 5pm

Corner of Heyward & Holly Streets
(2901 Heyward Street)

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We and The Animal Mission, LOVE YOU!

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Letter from City Council Representative Belinda Gergel

Dear Shandon Neighbors,

The past few months have been a busy period in the life of our City. Council has been focused on a host of important issues ranging from public safety to public transit. Let me take this opportunity to bring you up to date and to invite your input.



In January Interim Police Chief Randy Scott was tapped to become Columbia's permanent Police Chief. He has been tireless in his efforts to address crime in our City.

Columbia continues to confront significant safety challenges with the most recent FBI statistics indicating an increase in violent crime. Over the past months we have seen numerous home burglaries in District 3 neighborhoods and violence in our hospitality districts. Chief Scott has alerted residents to a crime ring operating in various neighborhoods that focuses on electronics and has requested that neighbors report any unusual activities to the Columbia Police Department (252-2911). He also has met with residents to urge the establishment of "Neighborhood Watch" programs, and neighborhood leaders in Shandon and in Hollywood Rose Hill are following up. A new Pro-Active Community Enforcement (PACE) unit has been established to provide intensive response efforts to crime around the city. This 21-officer team already has been sent into several District 3 neighborhoods.

Law enforcement initiatives in the Five Points area now are coordinated with other state and local enforcement entities to help address challenges in this important retail/hospitality district. Ordinances have been approved to provide our officers with additional enforcement tools. Council recently strengthened its open container ordinance and passed a 2:00 AM bar closing time (with permitted exceptions to remain open) and is considering a youth curfew. These measures have been recommended by the City's special Hospitality District Safety Task Force.

I remain committed to the notion that "Great Neighborhoods Make Great Cities" and embrace opportunities to strengthen neighborhood initiatives. If we truly are to become a sustainable city, we must retain current residents in safe, distinctive, and clean neighborhoods that will also draw future residents to our city.

Please know again how honored I am to represent you on Columbia City Council. I welcome your input and suggestions as we move our City forward.

Sincerely,

Belinda Gergel

Belinda F. Gergel, Ph.D

Columbia City Council, District 3 Representative



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Shandon Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt

Please join your Shandon neighbors for the Second Annual Shandon Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 23, 2011, from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. At Sims Park. There will be plenty of eggs, a special golden egg with a prize, and the Easter Bunny will make an appearance. Refreshments will be served. Please feel free to bring something to share. A \$3.00 per child donation is requested, with all money going to the Shandon Neighborhood Council. Thank you to the Shandon Neighborhood Council for sponsoring the event. If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer to help with the event, please contact Shannon Bobertz at sbobertz@turnerpadget.com or 771-7245, or Tina Cundari at tcundari@gmail.com. Please spread the word to your Shandon neighbors! Children 10 and under only please.

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The 29th Annual Shandon Turkey Trot

To everyone who volunteered or participated in the 2010 Shandon Turkey Trot: Thank you! Our neighborhood's annual road race and walk on November 20, 2010 was a tremendous success because of your efforts.

It was a cold morning, but it didn't stop the runners and walkers, who after the race were able to enjoy donuts, bottled water donated by Perry Lancaster with Britton's, and coffee donated by the Starbucks in Five Points. Seth Rose, a Shandon resident and our Richland County Councilman, graciously served as starter for the race this year.

Many thanks to our Race Directors, Blakely and Tushar Chikhliker and Tracy and Edward Bender, as well as to our other generous sponsors: Allstate-Jimmy Sauls Agency; Abacus Planning Group; Dano's Pizza; Devine Eyes; El Burrito; Four Paws Animal Clinic; Gudmundson and Buyck Jewelers; Hand Educational Foundation; Mr. Friendly's; Nexsen Pruet, LLC; Palmetto Citizens Federal Credit Union; Pupcakes Pet Boutique; Riley Pope & Laney, LLC; Rosewood Market; The Shop Tart; Sowell Gray Stepp & Laffitte, LLC; and Tripp's Fine Cleaners.

Finally, a very special thank you to Michael Bise, Shandon resident and graphic designer, for designing this year's T-shirt for the second year in a row.

Recipe Corner

Charleston Cheese

Submitted by Linda Suber

- 1 cup sharp cheddar cheese, grated
- 1 (8 oz.) package cream cheese, softened
- ½ Cup mayonnaise
- 2 green onions, chopped with tops (optional)
- 6 Ritz crackers, crumbled
- 8 slices bacon, fried and crumbled

In a bowl, combine cheddar cheese, cream cheese, mayonnaise and onions.

Put mixture into a greased Pyrex pie plate or quiche dish. Top with crumbled crackers. Bake in a 350-degree oven for 15 minutes or until hot. Sprinkle with crumbled bacon and serve with crackers.

Serves 12-15.

We would love to have recipes sent in for the newsletter, so if you have one to share contact Julie Ruff at jlruff@sc.rr.com.



Repair Before You Sell!

By Mary Lane Sloan, Prudential Midlands Real Estate

2011 opens as a strong buyer's market, so home sellers must be on their toes to give their homes maximum appeal. Not only should sellers complete the home repairs they know must be made, they should also hire a certified home inspector to thoroughly and impartially evaluate their properties.

If this inspection results in a fix-it list, review the list with your real estate professional to establish necessities and priorities. Ideally, the closer you can get your home to "move-in-ready" status, the more likely you are to attract today's cautious and discerning buyers. Among the most common repairs and enhancements yielding immediate buyer appeal include:

- Paint inside and outside in neutral colors
- Steam clean or replace carpets
- Polish or replace hardwood floors
- Clean or re-grout kitchen and bathrooms
- Replace light fixtures
- Change light bulbs throughout and replace wall-switch covers
- Repair dripping faucets
- Fix sticking doors
- Repair broken fencing

Home sellers wanting to do more should consider the findings of *Remodeling* magazine's 2010-11 Cost vs. Value Report. The survey used input from REALTORS in 80 cities to rank home remodeling projects according to those that bring the greatest cost recovered at sale. The Top Five projects in the Cost vs. Value Report include:

- No. 1** – Entry door replacement (steel)
- No. 2** – Garage door replacement (four-section door, reuse existing motorized opener)

- No. 3** – Siding replacement (fiber-cement siding)
- No. 4** – Kitchen remodel (new cabinet doors, drawers and hardware, new energy-efficient appliances, flooring, counters, sink and faucet)
- No. 5** – Deck addition (wood)

When the dust clears and projects are complete, be sure that you and your real estate professional document your repairs and enhancements, and share the report with prospective buyers. Walk prospects through the enhancements and include their costs.

A home in good condition demonstrates pride of ownership. Taking the time to make enhancements helps ensure your home is presented in its best-possible light, primed for sale.

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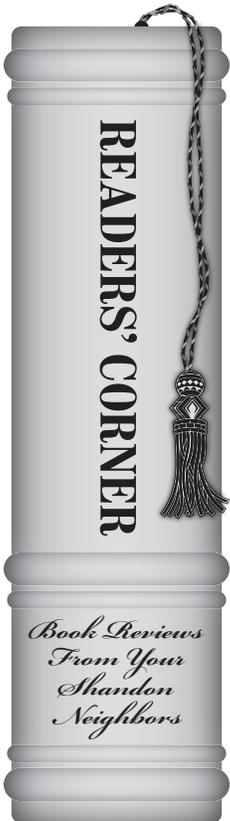
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Green tip

Warmer weather is here!
Help the environment and save money by adjusting your thermostat up a few degrees. Every degree you raise your thermostat in warm weather will reduce your power bill by about two percent.

2011 Meetings of the Shandon Neighborhood Council: **May 9**, 6:15 pm at Emily Douglas Park • **July 11**, 6:15 pm at Sims Park • **September 12**, 6:15 pm at Emily Douglas Park • **November 14**, 6:15 pm at Sims Park



Having Our Say: The Delany Sisters' First 100 Years'

By Sarah and A. Elizabeth Delany with Amy Hill Hearth

Revised by Caroline Clarkson

Many thanks to the Richland County Public Library and the City of Columbia for launching One Book, One Columbia. The book *Having Our Say: The Delany Sisters' First 100 Years* was selected as the inaugural book for the program, which invites all members of the community to participate in a citywide book club. Programs that expand on the book's themes will be held during the month of April at different locations throughout the city. Information is available at www.myRCPL.com/onebook.

Rather than tell too much about the book in this review, I thought I'd write a few questions that I'll share with my book club when we meet in April to discuss this wonderful memoir.

Bessie and Sadie approached problems with different styles. Is your way of handling hard situations more like Bessie's or Sadie's?

The book is a collection of family stories that span over

150 years. What family tales would you want to share with others about your family?

Bessie states that one of the accomplishments of which she is most proud is that she and Sadie never worked for white people in their homes. What is a personal accomplishment of which you are proud?

At the time the book was published, Bessie and Sadie could afford a telephone, but chose to not have one. How would your life be different without a home phone or cell phone?

If you could choose next year's book for One Book, One Columbia, what would you select and why?

I've enjoyed writing for the Reader's Corner, but would love to hear from other neighbors. If you've read a book that you would like to review in the Shandon newsletter, please contact [Julie Ruff](mailto:jlruff@sc.rr.com) and share your thoughts and ideas.