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## Letter from SNC President Mary Roe



Hello Shandon Neighbors,

Another new year is upon us and I am optimistic that the awesome projects the Shandon Neighborhood Council has been working on will continue. This is my last communication to you all as your neighborhood council president. I have enjoyed serving as your president and most of all the opportunity it has afforded me to meet more of my fellow Shandon neighbors.

There is still much work to be completed in the coming year. We have seen the addition of a bocce court at Sims Park along with new landscaping. We need to thank the City of Columbia Parks and Recreation for their assistance. I encourage you to enjoy playing bocce and to help make our neighborhood parks vibrant for all ages.

The paperwork has been submitted to change the status of the Council to a 501c. This will enable the Council to apply for community based grants. It will also help the wonderful sponsors of our community events to receive a tax deduction. These events such as the Turkey Trot, National Night Out, and

Easter Egg Hunt will now be more attractive to potential sponsors both locally and at the corporate level.

The Council's work on lowering the Shandon speed limit and creating a safe environment for the growing number of walkers and cyclists is on going. This will be a priority for 2017.

A highlight this year was the implementation of the City of Columbia Police Department Roll Call in our neighborhood. I must say my immediate neighbors on Wheat Street were a little taken back when six police squad cars parked in front of my house all at once! This is a wonderful effort from our police department to have a positive presence in the neighborhood.

The Shandon Neighborhood Council in 2016 has had numerous guest speakers at our meetings that have highlighted important neighborhood issues. Administrators from Dreher High School attended two meetings to help the Council understand the proposed zoning changes. Employees of the City of Columbia Animal Shelter presented their services for rescuing lost pets and reuniting them with their owners. A representative from the City of Columbia Trash the Poop program asked Council to consider putting in pet waste stations so dog owners can dispose of the waste properly and not in leaf piles. More information is on the Shandon web page. If you would like a waste station please contact me.

During my year as president I have heard the most concerns regarding the rental property ordinance and the SCE&G tree trimming process. Both issues have been challenging for the council to find that "perfect" solution. These concerns have also been challenging to our surrounding neighborhoods. I am proud to say that this year's council members have reached out to other neighborhoods facing the same challenges as we are and there has been productive communication toward finding solutions that benefit us all. Please refer to the Shandon web site for the City of Columbia Rental Ordinance and the City of Columbia Tree Trimming agreement.

All of our community special events have been well attended and growing in participation. Please commit to participating in 2017 at these neighborhood events. It is a great way to meet neighbors and build community spirit. A special thank you for the neighbors that opened their homes for the Annual Holiday House Tour. The homes were beautiful and a tremendous fundraiser for our neighborhood schools.

All this work cannot be done without a commitment to serve. There are several open council seats for the 2017 year. I ask that you consider serving on the Shandon Neighborhood Council.

It has been a pleasure to serve as your president. Let's continue preserving and making our neighborhood a place we call home.

*Mary Roe* 3431 Wheat Street | 803-413-5356

## SHANDON NEIGHBORHOOD Yard OF THE Month

*Beauty for Fall and Winter*

**September Winners:**  
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And they're off! In an event which raised over \$2700 the 35th running of the Turkey Trot on Nov. 19 saw perfect weather for a race. Participants in the 4K/8K race ranged from early grammar school to octogenarians. To watch the faces and hear the cheers it was clear that all were having fun. Winners this year chose prizes of palmetto tree statuettes or wall hangings and received a pie (yummy!). Once again the race, under the aegis of Shandon Neighborhood Council, was managed by the skilled staff of Strictly Running who kept the clock on all runners and scored the winners of each age group. Special thanks go to chief volunteer organizer George Crouch assisted by Karen Addison, Steve Augustine, Kelly Hynes, Martha Johnson, Mary Roe, Rachel Vail, and Charles Appleby in publicizing the race, raising funds and providing safety by watching at street crossings along with student volunteers from Benedict College. The money raised, over \$2700, will go to support community activities and charities. Major sponsors included Mosquito Joe, LASCO, Abacus, Adams Eaddy & Associates, 20!20 Vision, Craft and Draft and Vital Energy. Many corporate and individual sponsors donated \$35 providing frozen turkeys for local charity: Britton's of Columbia, LaRoque Boutique, POUT, Bud Kinzie Real Estate, John Preston, Cycle Center, HipWaZee, University Dental, F Hampton Alvey, Graph-itti, George Crouch, Rachel and Frank Vail, the Roe family, E Lois Elijah, Jaren Addison, Julie and David Ruff, Steve Augustine and Sabrina Jeffcoat.



Winner of the children's fun run makes it to the finish line...

## A Huge Shout Out goes to our Platinum sponsors:



## Homes for the Holidays 2016 Christmas Tour a Successful Fundraiser for Local Schools



The threat of rain held at bay during the 2016 Homes for the Holidays Christmas Tour on Dec. 4 while throngs of visitors enjoyed homes, music and food. The tour, jointly sponsored by the Shandon and Hollywood-Rose Hill neighborhoods, saw attendance increase over last year with more than 250 visitors touring the featured seven homes. They ranged from one-story classic Shandon bungalows to multistory structures, some completely renovated, from the studs up, into delightful and intriguing designs. Homes chosen in both neighborhoods greeted visitors on this Sunday afternoon with a profusion of beautifully original decorations which were combined with catering by local eateries. Live music was another treat at several homes. Online ticket sales topped other outlets for the first time this year; however, local sales at the Piggly Wiggly remained strong with Gibson's and Rosewood Market also contributing to sales strength. Success of the Christmas Tour is a success for our neighborhoods with the proceeds going to help fund our neighborhood schools plus local projects. We will award checks at Fall Open-House events at each of the schools.

**Homes for the Holidays Tour thanks** St. John's Episcopal Church and the seven homeowners who graciously invited all of us into their lovely public and private spaces for an afternoon. We owe enormous thanks to the generosity of our major co-sponsors Representative James Smith and Mary Lane Sloan as well as the many local merchants and businesses that advertised in the tour booklet. We urge your support of these community builders and supporters. Additional "thank you's" go to the numerous volunteers who donated their time as docents at the homes or performed other needed tasks to make all of this possible. And our special kudo's are offered to artist Betty McCoy for her cover illustration on the tour booklet (see above). She painted pictures of each of the seven homes for the tour onto tree ornaments to create this amazing composition!

**Why not volunteer as a docent for next year's tour or even show off your own design and decorating style by volunteering your home? It's fun! Just email Georgianna at GGGRAHAM@SC.RR.COM or Ron at SHANDONNEWS@GMAIL.COM.** We are already beginning to build the list of homes to be presented on the 2017 Christmas Tour which will be on Sunday December 3.

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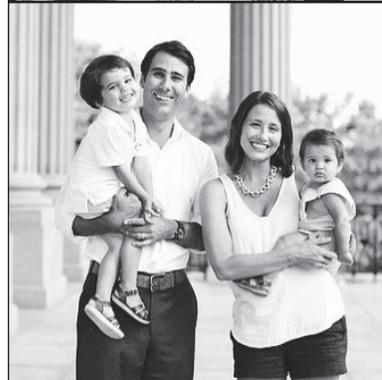
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# An Interview with Columbia Police Officer Kevin Schmidt



Officer Schmidt is part of the Community Response Team (CRT) of the City Police Department. As such he attends the meetings of the Shandon Neighborhood Council providing updates on local crime and policing activity. He is always willing to answer questions from those attending. We recently approached Officer Schmidt to ask if he would share some details of his life and work with us.

**Shandon Times:** First, a few personal details: how and when did you become interested in being a police officer? What training is required to do the various aspects of your job?

**CPO Schmidt:** I first became interested in law enforcement when I was in high school and joined the Explorer post where I got to work with police officers and see the things they did on a daily basis. Training for the job varies depending on what field you want to specialize in. To become a law enforcement officer you have to go to the academy for 12 weeks and then go through field training after that. I've worked with the Columbia Police for almost 7 years now and I've been on the CRT unit for just over two years now if I'm not mistaken.

**Shandon Times:** How many neighborhoods do you work with? Do you attend the scheduled meetings of all of them? Do you work regular patrols of the neighborhoods? How does meeting and working with the residents influence your effectiveness?

**CPO Schmidt:** Right now I'm currently assigned six neighborhoods consisting of Shandon, Sherwood Forest, Edisto Court, Central Rosewood, S. Kilbourne, and Rosewood Community Council and I attend every meeting and if I cannot attend a meeting for whatever reason I will typically have another CRT go to the meeting. I usually focus my patrols on my assigned neighborhoods unless we're working an operation that focuses my attention on another neighborhood that's having issues. Meeting and working with residents is a great help to law enforcement. There are times where residents see things that officers just can't due to us riding around in marked vehicles, etc. With the help of the residents we have locked many individuals up on felony charges.

**Shandon Times:** Is there any most interesting moment or event that you could share with us (without compromising details of privacy or safety)?

**CPO Schmidt:** Catching individuals in the middle of committing a crime would have to be the most interesting moments of my career.

**Shandon Times:** The concept of a neighborhood watch has periodically been talked about in Shandon. What is the City Police Department position or recommendation regarding citizen neighborhood watch groups?

**CPO Schmidt:** A neighborhood watch is a great thing. Do I recommend everyone jump on a golf cart and patrol the neighborhood? No. But be aware of who your neighbors are and what vehicles they drive so that way if you ever see a vehicle that doesn't match what your neighbors have you can contact police and have us come out to investigate it. It could be someone looking to break into the residence. Being aware of your surroundings and staying proactive on calling police when you see something that appears suspicious to you helps dramatically on identifying those looking to commit crimes.

**Shandon Times:** What things stand out in your mind that you wish residents would pay attention to or things they could do to make our neighborhoods safer?

**CPO Schmidt:** The biggest thing would have to be for everyone to make sure, triple check, that their vehicles are secured and that all valuables are out of the vehicle—that includes spare keys. Most of the auto break-ins that we face are because the vehicles are left unsecured or that there were valuables inside the vehicle. I would also love for residents to continue calling police when they see anyone or anything they feel is suspicious. Typically people go running in attire that matches the act but if you observe someone running down the street in pants and a hoodie in 100 degree weather that's something that we should get notified of.

**Shandon Times:** We thank you for sharing your time and thoughts with us and we deeply appreciate your service along with that of the entire CPD in keeping our neighborhood safe and secure. Do you have any closing words or observations for Shandon?

**CPO Schmidt:** Yes. If you see something that appears suspicious to you please do not hesitate to contact the police. If you don't feel that it's an emergency please contact our non-emergency line at 803-252-2911 and have an officer come out to the scene. The residents are our eyes and ears so we need your help on identifying and locating individuals that may be looking to commit crimes. If you see something and don't remember the non-emergency line please just call 911. It all goes to the same place and you can always remain anonymous. Thanks!

**MPO Kevin Schmidt**

South Region CRT, Columbia Police Department • Cell - 803-360-3243

# SHANDON SHAPE-UP



It's that time of year when we all set goals to be healthier and happier. You have to have a plan for it to work or you will be doing the same thing in 2017 as you have in past years. Reaching your fitness and health goals starts with an image of your best self. When you're ready to back that up with action, you're already closer to your goal. Take a closer look to get going in the right direction.

**How do you envision yourself in one year? What will be different than today?**

**What are some of the changes in your body and overall health you want to see in the next year to three years? How long do you think it will take to see some of the changes?**

Pick one change and think of ways to start to work toward achieving that goal. Write down your goal. Always give yourself a realistic deadline (don't think you're going to lose 20 pounds in two weeks).

If exercise is on the top of your list, start with small baby steps. Long-term success requires planning and discipline. Pull out your calendar each week and set "appointments" to exercise. Each day is different. Some days it will be easier to get those shoes on and moving. You will have to work at it every day. After you reach a small goal (walking for 20 minutes each day), increase your activity level to 30 minutes.

The best part of it all is the healthier and happier new you! Reward yourself with new athletic clothing, a new book or a visit with a friend.

I wish you all a Happy and Healthy 2017!

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Save the Date! *Shandon Neighborhood  
Easter Egg Hunt*  
Saturday, April 15

Check the SNC website and Facebook page for updates!



### Garbage Pick-up? Recycling? How Do You Know?

Well, you can watch to see what your neighbors do or, better yet, you can find out directly. **Load the app "Columbia, SC Solid Waste"** onto your smartphone or tablet and you will know every week what's being picked up. Alternatively, you can sign up online for a text, email or a phone call at [ColumbiaSC.net](http://ColumbiaSC.net).

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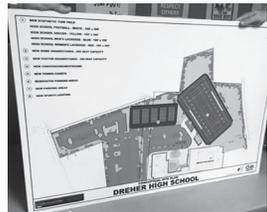
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**Non-emergency:** 545-3500 to report suspicious activity or other concerns

**Police Resource Officer for Shandon,  
CPO Kevin Schmidt:** 803-315-9143

**Upcoming Events & Meetings of the SNC:** Meetings are held the second Monday of every other month and begin at 6:15 pm. **January 9** at Sims Park **March 13 - Annual Meeting** at Heyward Street Methodist Church • **April 15 - Easter Egg Hunt** • **May 8** at Emily Douglas Park • **July 10** at Sims Park **September 11** at Emily Douglas Park • Visit [ShandonNeighborhood.org](http://ShandonNeighborhood.org) regularly for updates, additional events and meeting agendas/minutes.

## Dreher Competition Fields



The proposed re-zoning of Dreher High School property to "C1 limited institutional" was recently rejected. The City Board of

Zoning Appeals action was in response to concerns expressed by nearby residents regarding potential impacts of traffic, noise and after-dark lighting.

Richland District One sought to upgrade the tennis facility and establish a multi-purpose field for practice and JV games within the north end of the Dreher campus, as pictured. Plans include seating for 900 people, a press box and lighting for after dark activity. The upgrade includes the tennis courts, which would for the first time be useable for tournament play. It was stated that the seating and parking capacity would be similar to that currently in use for other on-campus sports activities and reflects that of other district schools. The design incorporated a 20 ft. buffer zone from the surrounding neighborhood as required by city code, and the lighting was described as state of the art, limiting illumination to the field area only. Interested parties are encouraged to continue to watch city zoning agendas for any updates. Agendas can be found at <http://columbiasc.gov/planning-boards-commissions/boza/agendas-minutes>.

## Seeking Nominations for Shandon Neighborhood Council



We will be electing new members to Council at our **annual meeting (6:15pm Monday March 13, 2017!)** to be held at Heyward Street Methodist Church. The Shandon Council works to represent neighborhood issues and concerns and address them to Columbia city officials. It consists of 15 members serving up to 3 year terms.

Five current Council members have terms expiring in March 2017:

1. Derek Gruner is completing his 2nd and final term
2. Kelly Scott Hynes, MD, PhD (completing her 1st term)
3. Deborah Thomas (completing 1st term)
4. Rachel Vail (completing 1st term)
5. Steve Augustine accepted a one year fill-in term at last year's election and will now be eligible for a full 3-year first term.

**Currently serving members who will be seeking re-election** are: Steve Augustine, Kelly Scott Hynes and Deborah Thomas.

**If you are a Shandon resident and wish to serve on Council**, please submit your name and address plus contact information (email and phone#) to our President Mary Roe ([irishgal4761@gmail.com](mailto:irishgal4761@gmail.com)) at least 2 weeks prior to the election at the Annual Meeting. You are encouraged to include a brief note describing why you would like to serve on the Council and

mention any specific skills or interests. It is expected that council members will be available to attend the six scheduled meetings held yearly and will participate in the neighborhood activities sponsored by the Council.

The names of all interested candidates will be published on our website ([shandonneighborhood.org](http://shandonneighborhood.org)) prior to the annual meeting. Prospective candidates should have at least 2 residents who will support your bid to serve on Council. All Shandon residents attending the annual meeting can vote.

**Special thanks** are extended to **Derek Gruner** who has served Shandon for 6 years during which he has provided expertise in architecture and city zoning and also shared his thoughtful analysis and well-crafted opinions on many issues dealt with by the council over the years. Thanks are also extended to **Rachel Vail** who has served as treasurer during most of her term with Council and has been key in establishing Shandon Neighborhood Council as a 501(c)(3) non-profit. Last but not least, **Charles Appleby** will be leaving the council after two terms during which he worked as a major organizer of the Turkey Trot, offered his legal opinion on numerous matters and served most recently as President of Shandon Neighborhood Council. He is now due for a well-deserved rest from his years of labor on behalf of our neighborhood.