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## **Letter from SNC President Russell Jones**

Dear Shandon Friends and Neighbors,

With the holidays behind us, we usher in the new year and hopes for a safe and prosperous 2019. As always, my goal is the continued trend toward more participation in our Council meetings and activities. I have enjoyed meeting and interacting with many new faces over the last year and hope that as my term expires I have made a positive impact in our wonderful neighborhood.

Our annual Shandon Turkey Trot was a huge success thanks to the many neighborhood volunteers who gave of their time and talents. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them all, and most especially George Crouch, our Past President, who coordinated our efforts.



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As many of you may already know, City Council approved our NEIGHBORHOOD-WIDE SPEED LIMIT 25 this past Fall, and we should see new signs throughout the neighborhood in short order. A special thanks to Mary Roe, who initiated the efforts under her Presidency, and Rich Horton, who picked up the mantle as our Traffic and Safety Committee Chair.

Our next meeting will be held January 14th at 6:00 at Heyward Street United Methodist and our annual meeting will be March 11th. At our annual meeting we will hold elections for new Council members and officers. I encourage all of you to consider volunteering to serve your neighborhood as a part of our Council. There will be numerous positions available and it is a great way to contribute to the community in which we all are fortunate to live.

It has truly been an honor to serve as your President this past year, and I thank you again for that privilege. Sincerely,

Russell Jones | President, SNC





# Shandon Neighborhood Council Meetings and Upcoming March 11 Election

Shandon Council will be meeting on **Monday January 14** at the Heyward Street United Methodist Church 2501 Heyward St. All meetings begin at 6:15pm.

Annual Plenary Meeting and Election of members to Council will be held on Monday March 11 at the Heyward Street UMC. Please attend this special annual meeting and help select the voices to represent your neighborhood and plan its activities. Current Council members whose terms will be expiring are Karen Addison, Michael Drennan, Lois Elijah, Russell Jones and Tamra Paschal.

If you are a Shandon resident and wish to be a candidate for Shandon Neighborhood Council, please contact a current member of the Council to indicate your interest and fill out the registration form found on the opening page of the website <a href="ShandonNeighborhood.org">ShandonNeighborhood.org</a>.

Important note: It is expected that council members will make themselves available to attend the six scheduled meetings held yearly and will make appropriate efforts to participate in the neighborhood activities sponsored by the Council.

**Shandon Neighborhood Council** is a neighborhood organization chartered as a nonprofit by the Secretary of State and recognized by the City of Columbia and Richland County. It is composed of up to 15 elected volunteers who serve in an advisory capacity to transmit the concerns of Shandon residents to the city administration and elected representatives and has a history of advocacy for maintaining and improving the quality of life and property in Shandon. It supports neighborhood activities through fundraising events and donations. There are no dues or assessments. Members are elected for three year terms.

## Shandon Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt





















Bring your Baskets and Meet the Easter Bunny!

Annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt Saturday April 20 **Emily Douglas Park** 

Sponsored by Eggs Up Grill

























SUE JACOBS \* 2421 MONROE ST.

October Winners: GWENDOLYN WELCH \$8 116 BONHAM RD. WILLIAM & JANET KANEFT 88 2812 WHEAT ST.

There is no judging in the month of November.

December Winners: RICHARD & DONNA HAMMETT 88 2920 BLOSSOM ST. SUE JACOBS 88 2421 MONROE ST.

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#### SHANDON TURKEY TROT COMPLETES ITS 37TH YEAR

In excess of 200 runners competed for trophies and pride at the November 17th 2018 Shandon Turkey Trot. Despite the chill contestants were warmed up for this year's competition. Overall winners in the 8K run were: Daniel Finger with a 29:13 completion time and Jenifer Kryzanowski at 32:13. In the 4K category top honors went to Andy Mikula at 16:34 and to Sidney Jenkins with a 16:53 completion. Congratulations to these standouts and to all of the race participants and volunteers who made this annual event possible. The net proceeds from this year's race go to support neighborhood activities like the National Night Out Ice Cream Social in August and beautification projects such as that nearing completion at the Heyward Street Triangle. Once again the technical timing and organizing reflected the solid efforts of the devoted crew at Strictly Running. And let's not forget our wonderful sponsors. At the Elite Platinum Level there are Mary Lane Sloan of the ART of Real Estate and Anytime Fitness; at Gold Level we have Abacus Planning and Grow Financial. Silver Sponsors included Shandon-Wood Animal Clinic, Adams Eaddy & Associates Insurance, Assurance Financial, Il Giorgione, BP Gas at 2900 Rosewood, Gregory Electric, Shine Holiday Lighting, Craft and Draft and Devine Dentistry. These organizations help support our neighborhood; please consider returning the favor. You can find even more sponsors and additional images from the race at ShandonNeighborhood.org.

## homes for the holidays

The 2018 Tour of Homes at Christmas on December 2 was among the best ever. The featured homes saw nearly 350 visitors over the course

of the afternoon. Despite a short period of scattered showers there were no complaints about the beauty of the homes or the quality of the food offerings from local restaurants within homes. Live music added to the atmosphere at some homes. Probably the most talked about was the "Pink House" at Wilmot and Sims. Best known not only for its uniqueness but also as the victim of a devastating attack two years ago by an aging oak tree, leaving it needing a ground up

remake. The construction was completed with as much authenticity as available materials and newer city codes permitted. In one of the rooms a video loop took curious visitors through the complete process of rebuilding. And of course there were five other spectacular homes open to ticket holders within the Shandon and Hollywood-Rose Hill neighborhoods, none of which needed excuses for being featured on the tour. Proceeds from Homes for the Holidays will be awarded to the four schools shared by the neighborhoods: Rosewood Elementary, A. C. Moore Elementary, Hand Middle and Dreher High School. We especially wish to thank our advertising co-sponsors Honorable James Smith, Honorable Seth Rose, Mary Lane Sloan/The ART of Real Estate, The Automotive Advisor and Graeme Moore/The Moore Company. And we thank Dreher for the use of their front drive for ticket sales and tour book distribution.



#### Care to Learn More?

#### New Lifelong Learning Courses for Seniors

The Lourie Center, near the University of South Carolina campus and just a short drive from our Shandon neighborhood, is now offering continuing education for seniors.

The Midlands Lifelong Learning Program offers academically stimulating courses especially for adults 50 years of age and older. Academics and professionals from the community teach a range of topics from within the arts and sciences.

The Winter 2019 classes will be offered in January, February and March. They include "Purposeful Retirement," "Civil Rights History in South Carolina," "A Reader's Guide to 'Tales of the Congaree", "Who's Afraid of Opera?", "Drugs: Relief and Misery in Humankind," and "Nuclear Energy: Costs, Benefits, and Environmental Hazards".

For more information, or to register, go to <a href="http://louriecentersc.">http://louriecentersc.</a> com/midlandslifelonglearning, or call 803-779-1971.







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#### Dear Shandon:

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Most sincerely,

Seth Rose



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#### Mayor Praises City of Columbia -**Joining LEED for Cities**



STAR joins US Green Building Council; Columbia now a LEED city

The U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) recently announced that the STAR Community Rating System, which offers certification for sustainable communities, will be fully integrated into USGBC's LEED for Cities program.

This integration will help advance healthy, green and economically strong cities and communities - and reflects USGBC's partnership with STAR Communities, the non-profit that runs the STAR rating system. USGBC's LEED for Cities program provides third-party verification of the current performance of built-out cities and communities.

The City of Columbia, who achieved a 3-STAR certification in December 2017, will now transfer into the family of LEED for Cities.

"As mayor of the City of Columbia, South Carolina I could not be more pleased that our city's performance—and continued commitment to improve that performance—qualifies us to join the illustrious ranks of LEED Cities around the world," said Mayor Steve Benjamin, also Chair of the U.S. Conference of Mayors. "Our STAR certification—earned last Decemberhas provided a great foundation for future work with the U.S. Green Building Council, and we look forward to openly tracking and communicating our continued social, economic and environmental performance so that the people of Columbia can be assured of our measurable progress."







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**Upcoming Events & Meetings of the SNC:** Meetings are held the second Monday of every other month and begin at 6:15 pm. Next regular Council meeting at Heyward Street UMC on **January 14**, and the Annual meeting will be there on **March 11**. The **Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be on April 20** at 9:00 AM at Emily Douglas Park. • Visit <u>ShandonNeighborhood.org</u> for additional events and meeting agendas/minutes.



## SHANDON HISTORY MYSTERY

Where did the name for the largest municipal park in Shandon originate?

The largest municipal park in Shandon is Emily Douglas Park fronting on Wheat and King Streets. The park was named to honor Shandon resident and teacher Emily Douglas who helped develop Shandon Park while working with the WPA during the Great Depression. She was later employed by the Columbia City Parks but was best known to generations within the community as "Miss Emmie" teaching classes in music and operating a Play School for preschoolers from the 1930's until 1961.





Reference source: Shandon Memories by Warner Montgomery, copyright 1999 by The Columbia Star, and sadly, currently out of print.

Left: The first park building

Right: Miss Emmie (upper center) with class in 1950