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Letter from SNC President John Meyers



Fall is here! Thankfully, Summer heat is yielding to Fall's cooler temperatures. Mornings and evenings are so pleasant this time of year. And of course, the changing colors in foliage is part of what makes Shandon so special.

Covid continues to change our lives here in Shandon. Given the City's sensible restrictions on the size of gatherings, the Council canceled both National Night Out and the Turkey Trot. The Home for the Holidays Tour of Homes is cancelled too.

Two highlights from our September meeting are worth mentioning. The first is we have a new Council member, Judy Anderson. Judy was elected by the Council to fill the vacancy created by the departure of Buddy Atkins. The second is Amy Moore, the Principal Planner & Preservationist for the City of Columbia, gave a presentation on Shandon's Community Character Overlay. Amy kindly prepared a slide presentation that describes how our Community Character Overlay differs from a historic district. It also sets forth the criteria

for how demolitions are reviewed by the City. The link to the informative presentation can be found on the Council's website, www.shandonneighborhoodcouncil.org.

At our November 9, 2020 Council meeting, Rachel Bailey, Zoning Administrator for the Board of Zoning Appeals, will give a presentation on how BOZA reviews certain projects and what residents can expect when appearing before BOZA. Following her presentation, Rachel will answer questions.

In the Great Gatsby, F. Scott Fitzgerald writes, "Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall." Over the course of this Fall, I am hopeful we will receive positive news on both the vaccine and new case fronts so we may start taking the early steps toward enjoying our wonderful neighborhood at its fullest.

Neighborly Regards,

John | President, SNC

Welcome Shandon Neighborhood Council member Judy Anderson

Judy was elected on Monday night September 14 to fill a vacancy on Shandon Council left by the departure of James Blake (Buddy) Atkins. Judy brings to Council her time as a resident in Shandon and an active participant in the annual neighborhood Red Truck Event at the corner of Heyward and Holly Streets (FillTheRedTruck.org) gathering donations to support the Animal Mission and Animal Shelter.

Midlands Lifelong Learning Courses for Seniors Go Online this Fall

You can enjoy the continuing education classes offered by The Lourie Center in Columbia safely and remotely this fall, from your home or office. All five courses offered in October will be taught via ZOOM.

The Midlands Lifelong Learning program features academically stimulating courses for adults over the age of 50. "If you were registered for any of these classes [see below] in our COVID-19-cancelled March 2020 sessions, you are already registered for the corresponding October online class/es and don't need to register," says Stephanie Benjamin, director of programs and marketing. The October classes will include "History of South Carolina 1920-1960" with Walter Edgar; "Great Moments in Opera"; "Mastering the Art of Aging Well, Part 2"; and "Legislation in South Carolina." A webinar on Civil Rights will also be offered.

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

A SAFER HALLOWEEN

The CDC lists traditional trick-or-treating as a higher-risk activity, and at this printing we don't yet have an official word on procedures from the City of Columbia. But there are things we can do to mitigate risk and still have fun. Highlights and common-sense suggestions based on Shandon's traditions are below, but see the CDC's full list here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html#halloween>

If you choose to participate in trick-or-treating, please consider these safety tips:

- Place candy into individual baggies, laid out on a table in front of your house, for children to grab without rummaging through a bowl
- Wash your hands well before preparing the baggies
- Stand back from the treat table and wave to greet neighbors as they come by
- Everyone participating should be wearing protective masks in addition to any costumes
- Trick-or-treat only with your household members; create space to safely pass other groups of trick-or-treaters.
- It would be helpful if as many neighbors as possible turn on their porch and external lights, so groups of neighbors can see and greet one another from more of a distance, and see where they are stepping when giving one another space.

Safer alternatives to trick-or-treating include:

- A virtual costume contest
- A scavenger hunt for candy on your own property with members of your household
- Decorating your house in festive lights, carved pumpkins, and other fun décor



The Mysteries of Recycling Collections

****Get a customized calendar or notification for your recycling schedule***

Whether on your smart phone, your tablet device or your laptop you can get the City of Columbia, SC Solid Waste & Recycling app and you will always know when to roll out that blue recycle cart. You see, the mystery is that some of us in Shandon have recycle collection on the 1st and 3rd Thursday – but NEVER the 5th while others are collected on the 2nd and 4th Thursday. Yes, it's a diabolical arrangement but once you know the secret (and the app will keep you on track) you will always stay ahead of the game!

Simple steps residents can take to be neighborly during COVID-19

Many of us are spending more time at home than usual, which means we're seeing and hearing our neighbors more too.

Please remember to be respectful of actions that may affect your neighbors.

- Check in on your neighbors, especially seniors
- Offer to help with an errand or pull in a trash can
- Inform your neighbors of potentially noisy home improvement projects
- Yield the sidewalk to others and maintain 6+ feet of distance
- Keep an eye on your animals and Trash the Poop!
- Avoid hosting a large, raucous social gathering
- Safely dispose of used masks, gloves, and wipes in a trash can
- Avoid mowing the lawn & leaf blowing at odd hours

CANCELLATIONS in 2020 due to COVID-19 PANDEMIC

National Night Out which had been moved to October 6th has now been cancelled for 2020.

This fun neighborhood event has been **moved to August 2021**.

Turkey Trot & Burn 5K, the signature Shandon Council fundraiser will be missed this year but is slated to **return stronger than ever in November 2021**.

Homes for the Holidays for 2020 is cancelled.

Plans are for the resumption of this popular fundraiser in **December 2021**.

Help us all return to normal by observing social distancing, wearing face covering and washing hands.

More CDC general guidance at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>



Tips for Safe and Courteous use of Leaf Blowers in Shandon

In light of more neighbors than usual working from home during the COVID-19 pandemic, and in response to resident requests, the Shandon Neighborhood Council has drawn on guidance from the City of Columbia and other localities to develop the following best practices for leaf blower usage.

Protect Yourself and Be Courteous to Others

Two important components of leaf blower usage are self-protection and showing consideration for others when using the equipment. General recommendations include:

- Wear hearing protection, goggles, and a dust mask during use
- Stay 50 feet away from people and pets, equal to about three car lengths' distance
- Think about the time of day; avoid using leaf blowers too early or too late, and speak with your neighbors about the best hours for usage
- Visualize how to clear the property
 - o Start on the edges of your yard and blow away from neighboring properties, streets, and storm drains
 - o Pick up larger items first
- Limit the number of leaf blowers used in a small area as multiple leaf blowers amplify noise

Minimize Excessive Noise

• General recommendations

For residential use, look for blowers that can operate at 65 decibels (dBA) or below. 65 dBA is equivalent to the sound of a washing machine. 65 dBA still provides the power needed to care for most residential yards and is quieter than higher-powered equipment.

• Follow the City of Columbia's Noise Ordinance

The City's noise ordinance contains rules to minimize residents' exposure to excessive noise. Ordinances can vary by municipality. In the City of Columbia, the sound made by a lawnmower or other hand or power tool of no more than five horsepower is permitted during the following hours:

- o Monday through Saturday: 7:00am to 11:00pm
- o Sunday: 8:00am to 11:00pm

For more information about the City's Noise Ordinance, visit https://www.columbiasc.net/depts/city-council/Ordinance_2019_059_Amending_Chapter_8_Article_III_Noise%20.pdf

Consider Environmental Implications

• Newer Equipment is Better

Emission standards for small-engine equipment like leaf blowers have changed in recent years and newer blowers emit about 1/3 fewer pollutants than previous models.

• Think Electric

Consider electric and battery-powered blowers, which manufacturers are making to be more powerful and last longer between charges.

• Maintenance

Routinely check the muffler, air intake, and air filters to ensure blowers are working at peak performance. Do not modify blowers; use only as directed by the manufacturer.

• Dust and Air Quality

Do not use leaf blowers for moving construction dust or plaster dust. Keep the nozzle pointed down to reduce the spray of dust.

Alternative Methods for Collecting Leaves

There are options for collecting fallen leaves that reduce or eliminate the need for a leaf blower.

• Composting / Mulching

Compost your leaves whenever possible; compost is a terrific source of nutrients for gardens. Lawn mowers with mulch settings are also good options for composting light leaves.

• Raking

Raking leaves is a moderate cardio activity, helps build upper body strength, and tightens the core muscles. 30 minutes of raking can burn between 100-180 calories.



Seth Rose
State House

"It's an honor to serve you and the Shandon neighborhood in the State Legislature. If you ever need my assistance, please call my cell at 803.361.2360."

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Summer Winners

June:

- 2230 Wheat Street - **Lee Rambo**
- 3612 Coleman Street - **Will & Nori Warren**
- 200 Ravenel Street - **Richard Burch**

July:

- 2534 Wheat Street - **Dennis & Blair Wiehl**
- 3209 Monroe Street - **Kevin & Marley Via**

August:

- 2801 Burney Drive - **Robert & Sharon Jacenko**
- 3414 Coleman Street - **Allan & Karen Stalvey**

Do you have an attractive back yard/garden that you would share a photo to be posted in an album on the Shandon Neighborhood Council Facebook page?

Send it to Harrison Greenlaw at
worthscedu@hotmail.com

Upcoming Events & Meetings: Neighborhood meetings ordinarily held at 6:15 on the second Monday of every other month at Heyward Street UMC Church are now being conducted using the ZOOM app. Instructions with a link to the Nov. 9 meeting will be provided on the ShandonNeighborhood.org website. Traditional annual events National Night Out, Turkey Trot and Homes for the Holidays Tour at Christmas have been suspended this year in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.



Fall updates & recommendations from the Shandon Crime Watch & Columbia PD

- Be vigilant and call 911 in the event of suspicious activity, however big or small
- Lock your car doors and remove valuables & firearms from vehicles every night
- Regularly charge doorbell camera batteries and ensure security systems are activated and functioning properly
- Fall is a popular time for travel; contact the CPD at (803) 252-2911 if you are going out of town and officers will conduct extra property checks while you are away upon request
- A middle-aged Caucasian male, who frequently drives a silver sedan, has been reported numerous times for fraudulently soliciting gas money from Shandon pedestrians, claiming he must drive to Orangeburg where his daughter is in the ER. If you encounter or observe this individual, or if you have video footage of him, please call 911 or contact CRT Officer Collin Johnson via phone or text at (803) 683-1886 or email collin.johnson@columbiasc.gov



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BICYCLE SAFETY

Like Riding a Bike? Riding a bike is easy to remember once learned. Recalling their safety guidelines is another matter. Please take a moment and review the following safety tips to protect our Shandon cyclists.

Bicyclists:

- Always wear a helmet
- Ride in same direction as traffic
- Keep vigilant for pedestrians and pass with care
- Most dangerous time: 6pm - 9pm
- Groups should ride single file

Motorists:

- Yield to bicyclists as you would to other motorists
- Give bicyclists plenty of room when passing
- Keep vigilant for bicyclists

The future is impossible to predict and this year's events are a clear reminder. Neighborhood traffic can become unpredictable as well. Expect the unexpected and be vigilant when navigating this traffic. Obey all street signs, signals, and road markings. Predictable actions improve safety.