

# SHANDON TIMES

## Neighborhood News

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### Letter from SNC President John Meyers

Like many of our residents, I love the Shandon Times. Over the years, I've read the quarterly newsletter cover-to-cover, always learning a thing or two about life in Shandon, cooking, gardening, etc. Knowing that I will not live up to the high-bar of cleverness and inspiration contained in the letters of my predecessors, it is with nervous fingers that I write my first "Letter from the President."

Well, it's Spring, and this is the season that brings out the best in Shandon. Incredible foliage, especially the azaleas, are in full bloom throughout the neighborhood. Color, color, color, and more color. Amazing! More than any other time of year, Spring reminds me of how lucky my family and I are to live in Shandon.

Spring also brings new members to Shandon Neighborhood Council. At our Annual Meeting last month, four new council members were elected: Andrew Clarkson, Michael Jameson, Mike McCauley, and Kathleen Warthen. A shout out of course goes to each of the outgoing members, Joe Berry, Russell Jones, Kelly Hynes-Morris, and Rick Todd, for their years of service to Shandon. Following the Annual Meeting, Council elected Rich Horton as President-Elect, Harrison Greenlaw as Treasurer, and Catherine Mubarak as Secretary.

But we all know that this Spring is like no other. The Coronavirus is spreading rapidly across the country and life now seems to change on a daily basis. Social distancing is now a way of life. Our ability to enjoy our beautiful neighborhood with friends and family is limited. Our annual Shandon Easter Egg Hunt is canceled. Many of us are working from home, working reduced hours, or not working at all. Times are tough, and it's hard to tell what lies around the next corner. Through all this tumult, I am comforted by the actions of my Shandon neighbors, who to a fault are following the guidance of our City officials and health care professionals in an effort to "flatten the curve." Keep up the awesome job!

Spring also reminds me of one of my favorite sayings, "Hope springs eternal." Given all the challenges we currently are facing and the unknown challenges that lie ahead, it is my hope that we all can remain optimistic and upbeat in our daily lives here in Shandon. Be safe, and by all means healthy, this Spring.

Warmest and Neighborly Regards,

*John* | President, SNC

### Notes from 2020 Annual Meeting

The Annual meeting of Shandon Neighborhood Council on March 9 began with presentations and discussions by City Police and elected officials.

Elected officials attending were S.C. Rep. Seth Rose and City Councilman Will Brennan. Both encouraged citizens to contact them whenever needed.

Columbia City Police Sergeant T. R. Baire discussed crime and safety in the Shandon area. He noted that since January the number of auto break-ins has slowed dramatically. He reminded all residents to be sure to lock vehicles when unattended and to avoid leaving any weapons or other crime attracting items (computers, phones, etc.) within sight inside them.

Of interest among the committee reports was the **Safety** committee report of the establishment of a four-way stop at the intersection of Holly and Blossom. **Beautification** has set up several "Poop Stations" to help alleviate pet waste problems. **Events** committee reported a record turn-out for the newly redesigned Turkey Trot.

There followed extensive discussion and a vote to approve having the **Shandon Times Neighborhood Newsletter** published by Apexgraphix to reduce the cost of production and bring it more in line with newsletter ad revenue.

The final act of the Council was to **thank outgoing members** for their service and **elect 4 new members** to serve our neighborhood. New incoming members were Andrew Clarkson, Michael Jameson, Mike McCauley and Kathleen Warthen, each elected to serve three-year terms; Steve Augustine was re-elected to a second term.

Outgoing members were Joe Berry, Kelly Scott Hynes MD, PhD, and Rick Todd. Although retiring as President Deborah Thomas will remain as a member of the Council in non-voting status. The new officers for this year are John Meyers – President, Rich Horton – President-Elect, Harrison Greenlaw – Treasurer and Catherine Mubarak – Secretary.

### A Special Shout Out!

To Heyward Street United Methodist Church for their generous hosting of so many Shandon events.

*Shandon Times*

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# THE RED TRUCK

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MAY 16 & 17, 2020

CORNER OF HEYWARD  
AND HOLLY



**(TWO BLOCKS FROM ROSEWOOD PUBLIX)**

Now you can connect with The Red Truck online at <https://animalmission.org/redtruck.php>. This new addition to The Animal Mission website will allow you to contribute to The Red Truck campaign at any time throughout the year. Just click the Donate button and fill in the requested information.

You can connect in person on Saturday and Sunday, May 16 & 17, 2020. Located at the corner of Heyward and Holly (two blocks from Rosewood Publix), you can join the "Paws and Purrls" ladies, neighbors, and pets from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day to socialize and fundraise for the Animal Shelter. This event, in its eleventh year, is definitely one to mark on your social calendar as neighbors and friends gather to see each other and to meet new friends, both two- and four-legged. In the event of rain, the Red Truck will be parked in the carport behind the house.

Items needed for the Shelter include canned and dry dog and cat food, cat litter, bleach and other cleaning supplies, leashes, collar, crates and carriers, toys, towels, blanket, and beds as well as monetary contributions. During the past years, the Red Truck campaign has collected more than 1,250 cans of dog food, 1,950 cans of cat food, 9,900 pounds of dry dog food, 3,700 pounds of dry cat food, 2,100 pounds of cat litter, 475 gallons of bleach and cleaning supplies, 50 crates/carriers, and countless toys, leashes, collars, towels, and other items as well as more than \$20,000 in monetary donations.

All of this happens because our Shandon neighbor Carolyn MacKenzie, wanted to be a contributing member of the city and formed "Paws and Purrls" with neighborhood women to provide a needed community service, assistance for the Animal Shelter. When you see Carolyn, please thank her for her vision and leadership to help those animals who have no one to love - right now.

Carolyn believes in our city logo – WE ARE COLUMBIA – and we invite you to join us in supporting our city through the Red Truck event.



**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."

*Seth Rose*

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## City of Columbia Responds to Corona Virus

At the time this is being written Mayor Steve Benjamin has imposed a curfew extending from 11pm through 6am for the city of Columbia in response to the novel Corona virus (COVID-19) pandemic which has begun affecting South Carolina. Also responding, the Shandon Neighborhood Council has cancelled the 2020 Children's Easter Egg Hunt at Emily Douglas Park. It is uncertain at this time what neighborhood public events/meetings, if any, will be able to be held in the near future. For the most up-to-date information on Shandon activities keep up with the Shandon Facebook pages. Changes will also be posted on our website [ShandonNeighborhood.org](http://ShandonNeighborhood.org).

For dependable information on the COVID-19 virus and protecting against it, go to the CDC website [cdc.gov/coronavirus/](http://cdc.gov/coronavirus/).



# Belinda Gergel Leadership Award

The Shandon Neighborhood Council is posthumously honoring Mrs. Margaret (Mardee) Witten with the Belinda Gergel Leadership Award at the Neighborhood Council Meeting to be held on Monday, May 11. She was known by so many for a wide array of wonderful acts of kindness from caring for family members to USC students, from church members to family pets. What caught the eye of the Council was her desire to always stay healthy, while keeping the neighborhood beautiful. Even when she was well into her 90s, she would walk her dog up and down Harden Street with two bags in her hand. One bag was for trash, the other was for recyclables. Her power to



do a small act that helps others serves as a wonderful example for everyone in Shandon. We all have the power to help make the neighborhood a better place, but we don't all use that power.

*Thankfully for us,  
Mardee Witten did!*

## Is it Recycle Day?

Well, it might or might not be. There are several different schedules in place throughout our Shandon neighborhood.

The absolute best way to know is to download the app:

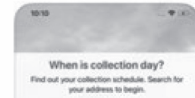
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And please, remember:

If you walk your pet be sure to pick up after it.



You can tote it back home to your own waste bin which gets picked up weekly or you can put your bagged waste in one of the Poop Stations being established within Shandon.

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## SHANDON SHAPE-UP

I believe staying safe while walking or running is important and something we often forget about. Here is a reminder of some basic safety rules when you are hitting the pavement. Exercisers need to make sure they are visible to drivers regardless of where you go. To ensure your safety, you must be proactive and make sure you stand out in the crowd so you are less likely to be hit. Here are a few ways to stand out when you are out for a walk or run.

**Wear fluorescent clothing-** Dress in noticeable colors such as neon yellow, lime green and orange. Colors such as green, blue, brown and black blend in to the surrounding areas and you are not easily seen.

**Visible at dark-** If you are getting your miles before or after work make sure you are visible to drivers. You will need more than bright colored clothing. Invest in a reflective safety vest, wrist band, ankle band or hat with lights. Also adding reflective tape to the back of your shoes will let people behind you see you from a distance.

**Don't run alone-** If you can, run with a buddy. The more people moving together, the more visible you all will be. Also, consider taking your dog with you.

They will be one workout partner that you will not have to coerce.

**Always carry your phone-** Your phone can save you if you run into a crisis. You can place it in an armband or fanny pack. You will be able to call for help if you become injured or if you are in danger. Consider saving an ICE (in case of emergency) number in your contacts. This should be a close person to you such as your spouse, parents or children that emergency responders can get to quickly.

**Don't wear two earphones-** We all like to hear our favorite tunes as we workout. Make sure to only use one ear bud and watch the volume. You can also place your music on speaker. This allows you to hear traffic and if a person or animal was approaching.

**Run in safe areas-** Try to stay to well lit areas. Don't venture out to areas that you don't know. Make sure houses and places of business are around you.

**Stay hydrated-** Make sure you have plenty of water prior to your run. If you are exercising for more than an hour, map out a water fountain or place a water bottle on your route prior to your start.

Stay safe and enjoy your run,  
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### Late Fall and Winter Winners

#### October:

2320 Duncan St

**James and Holly Atkins**

2807 Duncan St

**Cory Manning and Tina Cundari**

#### December:

3304 Heyward St

**Thomas and Joreba Bryson**

3723 Coleman St

**Kevin Shealy and Ethan Darnell**

302 Harden St

**Catherine Beducian Wilson**

*Spring judging begins this month  
...be ready and look your best!*

**Upcoming Events & Meetings:** Neighborhood meetings are held on the second Monday of every other month at Heyward Street UMC Church and begin at 6:15pm. Next scheduled Shandon Neighborhood meetings are set for May 11 and July 13; however, due to the current Coronavirus pandemic restrictions it is uncertain whether they will take place. Please check our Shandon Neighborhood Council Facebook page for updates. Also due to the pandemic the April 11 2020 **Easter Egg Hunt has had to be cancelled.**

# Neighborhood CRIME WATCH



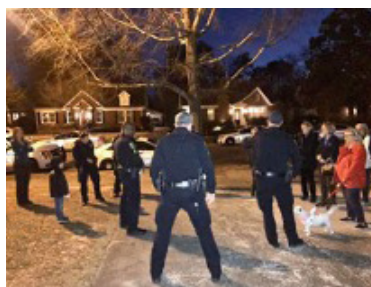
## Front Porch Roll Call



The Shandon Neighborhood Crime Watch hosted a Front Porch Roll Call with the Columbia Police Department on January 30th. It was well attended by Shandonites of all ages!

We are thankful for all our law enforcement officers do to keep Shandon a safe place to live and work.

Residents interested in receiving updates about suspected criminal activity should follow the Shandon Neighborhood Crime Watch page on Facebook and sign-up at [www.ShandonNeighborhood.org](http://www.ShandonNeighborhood.org) or by emailing [ShandonCrimeWatch@gmail.com](mailto:ShandonCrimeWatch@gmail.com).



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## Easter Egg Hunt for 2020

**originally scheduled for April 11  
has been Cancelled Due to COVID-19**



Responding to safety concerns during the Coronavirus pandemic, the City of Columbia has cancelled all events this season in the city parks. We certainly wish to thank the folks of Eggs Up Grill who have generously spent their time and energy preparing for the Egg Hunt and we appreciate their understanding of this unanticipated change of plans.

**Bunny is sad.**