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Letter from SNC President Deborah Thomas

Hello again neighbors, it has been an honor to serve you, this year, as President of the Shandon Neighborhood Council. I feel we accomplished so much for you our neighbors. I appreciate our council members for giving of their time and talents with our programs, meetings, projects and events... Successful events in 2019 included: (1) A fun time for the children with the Easter Egg Hunt at Emily Douglas Park; (2) National Night Out at Sims Park emphasizing neighbors watching our neighborhood to assist the police in crime prevention; and (3) our annual fundraiser, the 39th Shandon Turkey Trot and Burn with twenty-two sponsors and over 380 runners. Shandon had a special year offering informative forums for neighbors in: (1) our record attendance "Crime Concerns" meeting with Chief of Police Holbrook and City officials; and (2) hosting our Richland County Sheriff, Leon Lott, to speak on neighbor watch programs and crime prevention; (3) inviting our State Senator Dick Harpootlian to discuss legislative initiatives and local concerns; and (4) providing a candidate forum affording neighbors to make informed choices of city council candidates.



We are grateful for neighborhood businesses who support our neighborhood events (such as Eggs UP Grill who provided food and Easter eggs for our Shandon Easter Egg event) also the F3 runners that, before dawn, distributed the eggs in the park. Andy's Deli, Ole Timey Meat Market, Jesse Burke, and John Myrick for support of our National Night Out and all of our sponsors for our Turkey Trot race. We also appreciate the Shandon Presbyterian Church for allowing our Turkey Trot to utilize their parking lot and grounds, and we especially appreciate the Heyward Street Methodist Church for their generous sharing of meeting space for our bi-monthly meetings. Honestly, we couldn't have had the successful events without them.

This has been an exciting, challenging, yet successful year for me as President, however, I look forward to May 2020 when I will serve as Past President. I plan to be active but take a supporting role to our President Elect, John Meyers, and his council. Hoping all had a Merry Christmas and wishing a Happy New Year to you all,

Deborah Thomas | President, SNC

State Senator Dick Harpootlian at November SNC Meeting

State Senator Dick Harpootlian spoke at the November meeting of the Shandon Neighborhood Council. His talk covered a range of interesting topics, but the topic that most interested neighbors in attendance was the persistent late night problems in and around Five Points. Senator Harpootlian pointed out that the Five Points scene has changed a lot over the years due to growing enrollment at the university and the availability of professionally made fake IDs. Today, many Five Points establishments specialize in serving cheap alcohol to underage students, and many of these bars couldn't survive without their underage customers. These establishments have come to define the district at night.

Problems associated with Five Points have spilled into surrounding neighborhoods, and that situation is what initially called Senator Harpootlian to action. He has worked with neighborhood groups



to oppose liquor licenses for bars in the district that are operating illegally and are a source of repeat problems.

When asked what action neighbors could take to help, he suggested the following:

- Call 911 for party problems. Using 911 will create a record.
- The city has a noise ordinance restricting noise over 65 decibels. Call 911 to report loud disruptions. (You can buy cheap decibel meters

from Amazon if you anticipate recurring problems.)

- Call the city and report houses with more than 3 students living together. (No more than 3 unrelated people may share a house.)

Thank you again to Senator Harpootlian for taking the time to speak at our neighborhood meeting.

-Rich Horton

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39TH SHANDON TURKEY TROT AND BURN SUCCESS



A new five “k” race course, new race director, and switching to Black Friday were key changes to our November 29, 2019 neighborhood race. The Shandon Neighborhood Council (SNC) was apprehensive with the changes but the race was a major success in every respect. The Trot included 384 runners and walkers. Twenty-two financial sponsors were secured (including major sponsors of Silicon Solutions, Anytime Fitness, Adam Eaddy and Associates Insurance, Base Ten Fitness, and Assurance Financial). A profit of over \$6000 from the race and sponsors (minus race course costs) is the only fund raiser for Shandon Neighborhood Council.

Erin Roof’s company Grit Endurance was contracted to direct the race, register entrants, purchase trophies, and hire police security. Sponsors, volunteers, tables, banners, 650 water bottles, 80 pounds of bananas, bagels, and Home BBQ sandwiches were handled by SNC members.

A perfect Fall sunny 58 degree day greeted the runners at the ten AM start line. Beautiful Shandon foliage of autumn trees filtered the bright sun as the registered runners and walkers traversed Duncan, Wilmot, Bonham, and Woodrow streets on a five “k” course certified by USATF. Shandon neighbors stood along the streets to cheer the participants. Thirty neighbors, (wearing neon vests) volunteered at intersections to direct runners and vehicles wishing to pass. Uniformed Columbia police officers were also hired to help facilitate a smooth race for all. The top three overall runners included: (first place) sixteen year old Jack Stacy from Elgin SC, twenty-seven year old Liz Wright (second) from Pennsylvania, and Drew Williams (third) from Columbia. The best costume award was won by Alex McDonald.

Trophies were awarded to overall winners, age group winners, and best costume runners. Photos are posted on the Shandon Neighborhood Council Facebook page and on Grit Endurance’s

web site and Facebook page. Also, a unique perspective video (made by a participant and his Go Pro) provides a runner’s vision of our five “k” Shandon Turkey Trot & Burn.

A complete report will be presented at the next SNC meeting (January 13, 2020).

Article and Trot photos by Harrison Greenlaw.
For more photos check out the SNC Facebook page.





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Coming Up...



Shandon's Annual Plenary Meeting and Election on Monday March 9 at Heyward Street Methodist Church. There will be 5 spots on our neighborhood council up for election.

Shandon Easter Egg Hunt



Children's Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday April 11 at Emily Douglas Park.

Bring your Easter baskets to hunt treat-filled eggs and meet the Easter Bunny!



Homes for the Holidays 2019 Tour

Homes for the Holidays 2019 Christmas Tour in Shandon and Hollywood-Rose Hill marked another highly successful event. There was record attendance on Sunday afternoon December 8 with ticketholders enjoying holiday treats from local restaurateurs while touring six of the most wonderfully decorated homes in the over 20-year experience of this tour. Many also enjoyed a historical walk-through of the Rosehill Presbyterian Church, PCA currently celebrating its Centennial. In addition to the eye-candy appeal of the tour, guests could feel pleased that the Tour proceeds are used to help support our local schools.

Upcoming Midlands Lifelong Learning Courses for Seniors

Academically stimulating courses for adults over the age of 50 will again be offered by The Lourie Center during Winter/Spring 2020. The Center is just a short drive away from our Shandon neighborhood.

The February 2020 classes will include: "Exploring the Politics of Film" (offered in conjunction with The Nickelodeon theatre in downtown Columbia); "The Genetics of Being Human"; "Native Plants: How, When, Where, and Why"; "How to Write a Short Story"; and "The Declaration of Independence vs. The Constitution".

In March 2020, three courses will be offered: "19th-Century Opera"; "Mastering the Art of Aging Well, part 2"; and a primer on legislating in South Carolina, which will include discussions on redistricting, the legislative process, election security, and ethics reform.

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



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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 Shandon Neighborhood meetings will be on January 13 and March 9 (Plenary Elections). Don't forget the **Children's Easter Egg Hunt** on April 11 at Emily Douglas Park. Visit ShandonNeighborhood.org for additional information on events and meeting agendas/minutes.

Neighborhood Crime Watch Launched in Shandon

Group aims to be neighborhood's eyes and ears



Columbia has experienced a 19% increase in the number of car break-ins compared to the same time last year according to Columbia Police Department (CPD) reports. In response to this growth in crime, concerned residents launched a new Neighborhood Crime Watch program in Shandon this fall.

Following a July meeting on crime organized by the Shandon Neighborhood Council (SNC) and attended by Columbia City Councilmembers, City Manager Teresa Wilson, Police Chief Skip Holbrook, Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott, and over 100 Shandon residents, SNC member Dr. Kelly Hynes established the Shandon Neighborhood Crime Watch initiative. The group's primary mission is to be the eyes and ears of the neighborhood and to provide avenues of communication between neighbors and law enforcement. In four months, Crime Watch participation quickly swelled to over 180 residents located throughout the neighborhood who are committed to reporting suspicious activity and potential crimes.

According to the CPD, crime watch programs are the most effective means available for keeping crime out of neighborhoods. A crime watch enlists and relies on the active participation of neighbors getting to know one another and communicating with police and each other when out-of-the-ordinary activity is observed. A crime watch is not designed to empower people to confront suspected criminals but instead to provide the means to alert neighbors and police to suspicious or criminal activity in a coordinated fashion.

Crime Watch Coordinator Kelly Hynes and a team of block captains met with CPD and Richland County Sheriff's Department commanders in October to synchronize efforts and establish best practices. Their work together has resulted in at least one arrest, thus far, and has received coverage on WIS-TV. In 2020, look for regular updates and crime-fighting tips from the Crime Watch, as well as front porch roll calls and other community-based activities hosted in conjunction with law enforcement partners.

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 or by emailing ShandonCrimeWatch@gmail.com.

Mike McCauley and Dr. Kelly Hynes

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