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Letter from SNC President John Meyers

Well, Summer has arrived. And with it comes the heat that makes Columbia so “Famously Hot.” While folks may debate whether our City is deserving of this moniker, I can safely say that Shandon is known in these parts as the “Famously Cool” place to live.

Although Covid has altered the way we enjoy the neighborhood we all call home, there are some green shoots of optimism. Many of our favorite local places to eat, drink, shop, and frequent are open. So are most of our City parks. Many offices are open too. Neighbors are helping other neighbors deal with the pandemic through organizations like Columbia Mutual Aid. But the cloud of Covid is hanging over us and the clear skies of a Covid-free world seem far off in the distance, especially since as I write this letter daily Covid cases in our State are on the rise, reaching an all-time high today. These uncertainties remind us to stick to the basics of keeping each other safe—wear a mask, wash your hands, and maintain social distancing.

Through all the tumult, the Council held two virtual Zoom meetings in May. The first was our bi-monthly regular meeting on May 11, where Senator Harpootlian and Councilman Brennan did Q&As, bringing the Council and the 25 residents in attendance up to speed on the goings-on in our City and State. The second meeting, conducted on May 26, was called to consider the Cason Development Group’s applications for special exception related to the proposed development of the Rosewood Church property. Over 70 residents attended this meeting.

In other noteworthy news, the Beautification and Grants Committees are discussing with Historic Columbia an initiative where homes of historical significance in Shandon will receive a mounted plaque displaying the Shandon logo and some information about the home. This initiative is similar to the one Historic Columbia currently conducts in Wales Garden and Hollywood-Rose Hill through grants from the Richland County Conservation Commission. The Events Committee wisely moved the date of our NNO event to October 6, 2020 in accordance with the recommendation of the National Association of Town Watch. As the development of the Rosewood Church progresses, Kathleen Warthen, Buddy Atkins, and the rest of the Zoning Committee will keep us up-to-date. Finally, given the rise in Covid cases, the Council has decided to hold its July 13 regular meeting by Zoom. Since Q&As were exceedingly popular at our last regular meeting, our July 13 meeting will feature Q&As with two more of our local leaders.

In The Summer I Turned Pretty, Jenny Han writes, “Everything good, everything magical happens between the months of June and August.” While the current climate may not be well suited for magic, I do hope each of us can enjoy some magic this Summer as we confront the challenges that lay before us.

Neighborly Regards,
John | President, SNC

Help the City with Tree Watering

Our tree canopy is one of the very distinctive pleasures of life in Shandon. Ann Huyler of the Reforestation Program for the City of Columbia is asking for help from neighborhood residents watering the trees and plants along the streets and in the medians in the city right of way near you.

Ann Huyler is the Reforestation Program Coordinator and responsible for the last 2 seasons of tree planting in the right of way. Although this past winter and spring brought us a good amount of rainfall to support our new trees, our summers are rarely so kind to provide the water allotment that our trees need to survive. During summer heat, the city works to offset the loss by watering once a week. At present, given the coronavirus challenge to city staffing levels, they are also challenged in providing that water offset. So the city is asking for assistance from the citizens of Shandon neighborhood to help sustain our newly planted trees with additional water. 3-5 gallons a week of water poured around the base of the trunks would be absolutely wonderful, and the trees and the Forestry and Beautification Department would all be immensely grateful. Questions or concerns about the health and safety of city trees are welcomed. Here’s Ann’s email: Ann.Huyler@columbiasc.gov.

THE 2020 RED TRUCK EVENT



The ladies of Fill The Red Truck (Paws & Purrls), The Animal Mission, and the Animal Shelter would like to thank everyone who participated in our drive this year. A special shout-out goes to Brittons and Dick Smith Automotive for providing additional drop off locations this year and to Pet Supplies Plus in Five Points for generously donating as well.

COVID19 has impacted all aspects of our lives and it changed the drive this year. The group wanted to hold the event this year but was concerned about safety for all. Consequently, Jen Coody set up a web page for Fill The Red Truck and we came into the world of technology!!! Thank you, Jen, for all that you do for us and our four legged friends.

Our drive was two pronged: virtual donations were received during the entire month of May and the "In Person" event was held at the corner of Heyward and Holly Streets (in Shandon) as it has been for twelve years.

The online donations allowed people to stay home, be safe, and donate securely at FillTheRedTruck.org. Monetary contributions or ordering food and supplies to be shipped directly to the shelter were the choices offered. By the way, donations can be made year-round at FillTheRedTruck.org

The in-person event was held on Saturday and Sunday, May 16 – 17 at the usual locations from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. People were asked to place items in the truck themselves unless they needed assistance. Social distancing was practiced at all times although it was hard not to greet and talk with neighbors, friends, and new friends.

The outcome of this dual effort was awesome!! We collected over \$7,000!!! The Animal Mission has already purchased food to share with our four-legged friends in need so they can stay in their homes. Other figures include over 2,600 pounds of dry dog food, over 900 pounds of dry cat food, over 400 cans of dog food, over 1,100 cans of cat food, over 300 pounds of cat litter, and countless crates, treats, toys, cleaning supplies, and bedding materials.

These amounts definitely show that WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER. The outpouring of money, supplies, and love of animals is amazing and gratifying.

Carolyn McKenzie, the founder of Paws and Purrls, stated that we had to find a way to hold our event this year so that pets could remain in their homes with adequate food. And we did, thanks to our Shandon neighbors and residents of Greater Columbia.

Seth Rose
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NOTICE: NATIONAL NIGHT OUT DATE CHANGED

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the national NNO organizers have recommended that all National Night Out 2020 areas celebrate on **Tuesday October 6**. The Shandon Neighborhood Council has adopted this recommendation.

Not only will we have a better pulse on how the pandemic is projecting but it will also be a cooler time weather-wise for attendees.

"The best way to build a safer community is to know your neighbors and your surroundings, National Night Out triumphs over a culture that isolates us from each other and allows us to rediscover our own communities."

Kay Bailey Hutchinson

RUNNING ESSENTIAL ERRANDS

Grocery Shopping, Take-Out, Banking, Getting Gas, Doctor Visits

CDC Guidance on Covid-19 Protection
What You Need To Know:

- Stay at home if sick.
- Use online services when available.
- Wear a cloth face covering when running errands.
- Use social distancing (stay at least 6 feet away from others.)
 - Use hand sanitizer after leaving stores.
 - Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds when you get home.

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

Guidance for Older Adults:
<https://www.cdc.gov/aging/covid19-guidance.html>

Rosewood Church Redevelopment

In March, the Cason Development Group applied to the Columbia Board of Zoning Appeals (BOZA) for two special exceptions for two parcels associated with the Rosewood Baptist Church. The parcels, which are bounded by Rosewood Drive, Sloan and Holly Streets, include the church sanctuary and Sunday school buildings as well as the parking lot and gymnasium adjacent to Rosewood Market. Since the parcels are currently zoned commercial (C3), the special exceptions proposed a mixed-use redevelopment and a reduction in parking requirements based on varying use times for the proposed residential apartments and commercial/retail tenants.

The SNC Zoning Committee reviewed the applications and had serious concerns over the lack of information submitted in the applications and the potential negative impacts to the adjacent residential parcels, including traffic, safety, inadequate parking and noise. The Committee recommended the Council not support the applications as filed and urged the developer to request deferral of the applications to allow time for further negotiations with the Council and Shandon neighbors.

The Council held a Zoom meeting on May 26 to discuss this matter and over 70 people attended. During the two-plus hour meeting, numerous Council members and Shandon neighbors expressed concern over the number of proposed rental units, increased traffic, safety and parking concerns. A minority of individuals also expressed support for the project.

The overall consensus among Council was not to oppose the project, but instead to work with the developer to improve the project. Following the discussion and consistent with the Zoning Committee's recommendations, Council voted for a motion to not support the applications as submitted and to urge the developer to defer the applications. On May 31, the Council outlined its reasoning in a letter to BOZA.

BOZA conducted a public hearing on June 4. Despite the significant concerns raised by the Council and neighbors, BOZA voted unanimously to approve both special exceptions. Going forward, the developer will be required to develop a detailed site plan consistent with the current zoning ordinances. These plans will be reviewed by the Planning and Zoning staff and will need final approval from the Columbia Planning Commission. Recommendations from the Planning Commission require City Council approval prior to starting construction on the project.

The Zoning Committee and Council will continue to monitor this project through the approvals process.



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How to Join a Zoom Meeting

Meetings for the Shandon Neighborhood Council have gone virtual due to the Covid-19 viral pandemic. There are two different ways to join these meetings on the Zoom platform: (1) by phone call or (2) using software - on your smartphone, tablet, laptop or even desktop computer.

(1) **To listen over the phone**, call the phone number provided by Shandon Council specifically for the meeting and enter the meeting ID number and password as prompted.

(2) **In order to watch the meeting**, you must download the Zoom software app to your computer or mobile device. Run the Zoom application and join the meeting by entering the meeting ID number and enter your name (or click on the link shown below). Once joined, new participants are moved into the "meeting" from the "lobby" - which may take a few moments. Please remember to use the mute feature once in the meeting (it's the little red microphone symbol in the upper right). Temporarily unmute while speaking and

then turn mute back on when finished. This prevents inadvertent noise.

Here is the link to join the Zoom Meeting:

Time: Jul 13, 2020
06:30 PM Eastern Time
(US and Canada)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82836005944?pwd=K1dteTVxVELhK3BkS0l2ZUVNMTByZz09>

Meeting ID: 828 3600 5944
Password: 461787

To find your local phone number:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kfDpgcJLY>

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Best regards,
Michael Jameson

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Spring Winners

April:

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David & Michele Kingery

May:

2215 Terrace Way

William Smith & Deborah Jones

*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

A Reminder - Please Pick it Up and Pack it Out



Walking with Man's Best Friend in Shandon is a great means of relaxing and recharging. But please don't relax your standards. Always pick up that pet waste and tote it home to your own trash container or use one of the neighborhood pet waste stations. Your pet's waste does not belong on the leaf pile in front of a neighbor's home.

Upcoming Events & Meetings: Neighborhood meetings are held on the second Monday of every other month and begin at 6:15pm. Although usually held at Heyward Street UMC Church, in order to increase public safety during the pandemic, meetings are occurring by means of ZOOM app. (See the instructional article in this issue.) The next meetings are scheduled for July 13 and September 14. National Night Out has been rescheduled nationally to October 6 and will be held at Sims Park. Please check our Shandon Council Facebook page regularly for updates.



Greeting from your Shandon Neighborhood Crime Watch!

The Shandon and Rosewood neighborhoods experienced a series of auto break-ins in mid-June. If you become aware of suspicious activity, please call the police and make a report first. Then review video footage from any cameras and share with the Crime Watch on Facebook or at ShandonCrimeWatch@gmail.com so we can look for additional footage in your area and alert police to potential patterns of activity.

Officers from the Columbia Police Department responded to several recent complaints regarding the discharge of fireworks in the neighborhood. Thanks to the cooperation of Crime Watch members and other Shandon residents, officers were able to locate, identify, and confirm the source to whom they provided formal notice of the relevant city ordinances.

As we approach the Fourth of July holiday, please continue to report potential noise violations to the authorities by calling 803-252-2911 or 911. Section 8-61 of the City of Columbia Code of Ordinances states it shall be unlawful for any person to create, assist in creating, permit, or allow any unreasonably loud, disturbing or unnecessary noise in the city. Any person who violates Section 8-61 after being given written notice that a noise is unlawful by any law enforcement officer authorized to arrest persons in the City of Columbia is subject to a criminal penalty in municipal court.

Residents interested in receiving updates about suspected criminal activity and crime prevention should follow the "Shandon Neighborhood Crime Watch" page on Facebook and sign-up for email updates at www.ShandonNeighborhood.org or by emailing ShandonCrimeWatch@gmail.com.



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AUTO BREAKING PREVENTION TIPS

- Do not leave valuables in your vehicle.
- Lock vehicles doors & close windows.
- Set alarm or anti-theft device & don't use the "hide-a-key" system.
- If you see suspicious activity, report it to the Columbia Police Department at 803-252-2911 or if it is an emergency call 911.

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