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### Letter from SNC President Andrew Clarkson



Greetings ! I am Andrew Clarkson and I have the distinct honor to serve as this year's President of your neighborhood council. As a quick introduction, I am a lifetime Columbia resident, having spent a big chunk of that time in Shandon. You have likely seen my wife Caroline & I and our sheltie Bella walking the neighborhood, though in truth, Caroline and Bella log MANY more miles than I. I am a 'recovering' runner, an avid cyclist, mostly mountain biking these days but always eager to pull out the road bike when opportunity presents. For our Covid sanity fix, Caroline, and I with (socially distanced) participation from many others, biked most of the Palmetto Trail (thank you Mary Roe, director of the Palmetto Conservation & past SNC president). I am passionate about sailing and easily drawn to the lake with any semi-plausible excuse I can text to my boss. Most warm evenings, Caroline and I can be found relaxing in our Adirondack chairs in the front yard enjoying a cool beverage while chatting with neighbors as they stroll past.

That's enough about me, now for the important stuff. As you will see further in the newsletter, this year's SNC is comprised of a great mash up of young, young-ish, and older neighbors. Some are lifers in Shandon, some are new neighbors. Most council members are still very active in their careers, others are enjoying retirement. I would say a great representation of Shandon as a whole. Please join me in welcoming Tricia Seals and Dolly Garfield, this year's newest members. Welcome back Kelly Morris, and congratulations to Bill McCormick and Judy Anderson. Each elected to a three-year term. And a very special thank you to Deborah Thomas, Martha Johnson, and Rich Horton who are rolling off council but certainly not out of the neighborhood or our hearts.

SNC is 16 members strong, all volunteers, organized in committees to tackle the challenge and opportunity that is presented. There is a complete list of committees at [ShandonNeighborhood.org](http://ShandonNeighborhood.org). And in case you did not know, you do not have to be on council to be on a committee. If interested, check with the committee chair to see if they need more help.

We have great events coming up. You will find these listed further in this newsletter but keep an eye tuned to the Shandon Neighborhood website and Facebook for all the latest.

Last but not the very least, please join me in a heartfelt thank you to former council member & SNC past president Ron Burns. For the past 6 years he has (figuratively) bled the ink that prints our newsletter. He has handed in his 'notice' that he and his wife have other plans that do not include the editor's job. He has done a great thing for us these past years and we owe him a big thanks.

Thanks again for your vote of confidence and please say 'Hey' when you walk by.

Warmest Regards,

*Andrew* | President, SNC

### A Heart-Felt Thank You and Farewell

I wish to thank the readers of The Shandon Times newsletter for the opportunity to have served as editor of our neighborhood newsletter from 2015 to the present. I have enjoyed publicizing our neighborhood's activities and learning more of its history. Meanwhile you have shown a generous patience with my editing and choice of articles over these past 6 years.

We have gently worked to transition at least some of our readers over to a PDF version of the newsletter delivered by email, helping to reduce some of the costs of publishing and distributing this newsletter to our residents. We hope that this can be continued and even improved in the future.

The time has come to pass the editorial tasks to someone new. I will be looking forward with each of you to a new editor, new ideas and new style.

Dr. Ron Burns / Shandon Times Editor (2015-2021)

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# The Annual Meeting Saw the Election of Two Brand New Council Members

**Dolly Garfield** found Shandon when in law school. She has served professionally in the Richland County Solicitor's Office and is currently an officer of the Hand Middle PTO. Working with officials of the City and planning events are two of the skills she brings to Council.

**Patricia Seal, MD** was impressed with the character, history and beauty of Shandon when moving here in 2017. An OB/Gynecologist with Prisma Health she plans on fostering relationships with City services and police in helping keep Shandon a charming, pedestrian, friendly neighborhood.

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## SHANDON NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL NEWSLETTER ZONING COMMITTEE APRIL, 2021

On January 11 and March 22, Krista Hampton and Rachael Bailey from the City of Columbia Planning and Development met with the Shandon Neighborhood Council and residents to discuss the proposed Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) and explain the impact, if any, on our neighborhood. This is a revision to the present zoning ordinance and land development regulations which was passed over 40 years ago. As stated in the UDO document "The purpose and intent of the UDO is to guide development in accordance with the City's Comprehensive Plan and existing and future needs of the City in order to protect, promote, and improve the public health, safety, morals, convenience, order, appearance, prosperity, and general welfare."

The following information was included in the presentation:

Very little change in zoning regulations will be made under the proposed plans for Shandon. While the names of the zoning classifications changed, the intent of the classification is the same in most cases. The present classification of RG-1 (General Residential District) is the proposed RM-1 (Residential Mixed) District. Single Family Dwelling areas will remain single family.

Under the proposed plan, some areas of the neighborhood will be RD (Two Family) District. This would permit two dwelling units on a parcel provided the lot meets the required square footage and size requirements. According to the presenters, this is not a change as it is permitted under the present regulations as long as all criteria are met. The proposed plan will be somewhat more restricted in the ability to develop multi-family structures.

The Community Character Overlay will remain in place for Shandon; however, there will be some changes regarding demolition and height and setback of new construction. Another change which was made after discussion with residents is the Hand Middle School's lot will be changed to a single family designation to discourage the possibility of a large development should the Hand property no longer be utilized as a school.

The rationale for permitting multiple dwelling units per lot is to maintain similarity to what exists and not increase or decrease density significantly. Also, it is to follow the Columbia Compass and Project Goal to "encourage and support infill development" as well as "ensuring access to a mix of housing and neighborhood choices."

The proposed plan allows for Accessory buildings such as a Mother-in-Law dwelling or a pool house. There are strict guidelines which include, but may not be limited to the following: structure cannot be more than 800 square feet, must use same address as main dwelling, must use same utility lines (one bill), and must have adequate parking. The accessory unit can be rented but must be for longer than 60 days.

During the Question and Answer session of the March 22 meeting, neighbors asked questions on present and future concerns about development of more multi-family dwellings and impact on safety, traffic, parking, and infrastructure such as water pressure and flooding.

Additional resources are the following:

[www.columbiasc.gov/zoning](http://www.columbiasc.gov/zoning)

[www.weplantogether.org/columbiareview](http://www.weplantogether.org/columbiareview)

Should there be additional questions, neighbors are encouraged to contact zoning at [zoningmap@columbiasc.gov](mailto:zoningmap@columbiasc.gov) or call 803.5w45.333 to either discuss impact on the neighborhood or individual property.

### Steps for moving forward with the proposed UDO:

May 03, 2021	Planning Commission consideration of revisions to zoning map
June 06, 2021	City Council 2nd Reading of new zoning map
July 20, 2021	City Council Public Hearing & 1st Reading of revisions to map
August 03, 2021	City Council 2nd Reading on revisions
August 30, 2021	UDO and Map Effective



# Fill The Red Truck

Saturday & Sunday - May 22 & 23, 2021

Corner of Heyward & Holly (2 Blocks from Rosewood Publix)

Please mark your calendars and plan to participate in the annual Fill The Red Truck campaign on Saturday and Sunday, May 15 and 16. The on-site event will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the corner of Heyward and Holly Streets (two blocks from Rosewood Publix).

We will observe the applicable COVID guidelines which include masks, distancing and asking people to place items in the truck themselves unless assistance is needed. This is a wonderful time to see each other and meet new friends, both two- and four-legged as we fundraise for the Animal Shelter. 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, collars, crates and carriers, toys, towels, and pet beds as well as monetary contributions. During the past years, the Red Truck campaign has collected more than 12,500 pounds of dry dog food, 4,600 pounds of dry cat food, 1,650 cans of canned dog food, 3,050 cans of canned cat food, 2,400 pounds of cat litter, 785 gallons of bleach and cleaning supplies, 1,550 rolls of paper towels, 70 crates/pet carriers, and countless toys, leashes, collars, treats, blankets, towels and other supplies as well as more than \$27,000 in monetary donations.

In addition to the on-site event, you can connect with The Red Truck online at [FillTheRedTruck.org](http://FillTheRedTruck.org). You can make a monetary contribution or order food and supplies to be shipped directly to the shelter. This option is available year-round and you don't have to wait for the May event to contribute!

We will continue our focus started last year on providing items for the Food Pantry at the Shelter so pets can stay with their families and not be hungry. Some of the funds may go to support neuter/spayed vouchers and other needed services.

All of this happens because our Shandon neighbor, Carolyn McKenzie, wanted to be a contributing member of the neighborhood and city and formed "Paws and Purrls" with other neighborhood women to provide a community service, assistance for the Animal Shelter. When you see Carolyn, please thank her for her vision and commitment to help animals. Also wish her a Belated Happy Birthday!

As we all know, Carolyn believes in our city logo –WE ARE COLUMBIA – and we invite you to join us in supporting our city through the Red Truck campaign.

"Thank You!" Judy Anderson

**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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### Expect New Winners by the End of April!

*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](mailto:worthscedu@hotmail.com)

### Upcoming Events & Meetings:

**Shandon Neighborhood Meeting** by ZOOM -  
Monday May 10

**Fill the Red Truck Event** at the corner Holly and  
Heyward - Saturday and Sunday May 15 and 16

**Neighborhood Ice Cream Social** "National Night  
Out 2020 Makeup" at Sims Park - Saturday June 5  
starts at 5pm

**Shandon Neighborhood Meeting** (for real!) at  
Heyward St Methodist Church - Monday July 12

**National Night Out** for 2021 at Sims Park - August 3

**Shandon Neighborhood Meeting** at Heyward St  
Methodist Church - Monday September 13

Email Questions to

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or see [ShandonNeighborhood.org](http://ShandonNeighborhood.org)



## Tips for Preventing Catalytic Converter Thefts

From the Columbia Police Department's Property Crimes Unit (PCU). By February 2nd, the PCU had taken 24 reports of catalytic converter theft this year alone.

Thieves target catalytic converters because they contain valuable precious metals like platinum, palladium, or rhodium. The thieves may sell the metals which, according to experts, can sell for several hundred dollars.

A catalytic converter may have been stolen from your vehicle if you detect one of the following symptoms:

- Loud "roaring" sound when engine is started
- "Sputtering" sound when you change speed
- Vehicle does not drive smoothly

Thieves tend to look for cars abandoned on roadways, fleet vehicles, or at car dealerships for easy access to multiple vehicles at one time. But thefts are not limited to those locations, which is why these theft prevention tips are important:

- ✓ If possible, park in an enclosed garage at home or in a well-lit area
- ✓ Avoid mounting a car, including on a curb – this will make it harder for thieves to gain access underneath a vehicle
- ✓ Speak to your mechanic about bolting the catalytic converter, cage clamp, or sensor that can activate an alarm
- ✓ Consider engraving your vehicle identification number (VIN) on the catalytic converter to alert a scrap dealer that it was stolen

To report a stolen catalytic converter, visit  
<https://columbiapd.net/submit-a-police-report/>  
or call non-emergency dispatch at (803) 252-2911.

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 e-mail updates by e-mailing [ShandonCrimeWatch@gmail.com](mailto:ShandonCrimeWatch@gmail.com).



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