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Letter from SNC President John Meyers



While I've never used "Brrr" and Columbia in the same sentence (until now), I do love that Columbia is "Famously Not Cold" in winter. Comfortably walking the wide streets of Shandon this time of year is special with camellias and winter berries blooming on a backdrop of deep green.

On the news front, the PowerPoint presentation given by Rachel Bailey at our November meeting is on our website. As the Administrator for the Columbia Board of Zoning Appeals, Rachel's presentation gives an excellent overview of the variance and special exception process. Traffic and Safety continues to investigate issues related to the strategic placement of stop signs and pedestrian safety. In this regard, I am happy to report the City is installing a speed hump on the 200 Block of South Holly and a Richland County Master-in-Equity approved the closure of Sloan Street. This closure, a part of the Rosewood Church development, will add a unique, pedestrian gateway to

Shandon. With the vaccine news, we are hoping to bring back in 2021 some of the events we are accustomed to enjoying in our neighborhood.

Near the close of winter is our annual meeting on March 8. As this Zoom meeting involves the election of new Council members, I encourage everyone to attend. The Zoom link can be found on our website and Facebook page. If you are interested in running for a seat on the Council, please fill out the application found on our website.

Henry Rollins once said, "In winter, I plot and plan. In spring, I move." As we continue to adhere to the Covid guidance of our City officials, I trust we can all plot and plan for an abundant and enjoyable spring.

Neighborly Regards,
John | President, SNC

Annual Meeting Notice

The **2021 Annual Meeting and Elections for Shandon Neighborhood Council** positions will be held on **Monday March 8 at 6:30 using ZOOM** technology, similar to this past year's meetings. The link to attend will be available prior to the meeting on the Shandon website ShandonNeighborhood.org and also posted on the Shandon Council Facebook page.

Five Council positions are coming open. 4 of the 5 are currently occupied by members who are serving their first term on Council and who are eligible to serve a second 3-year term. They are: John Meyers (current President), Rich Horton (President-elect), Judy Anderson and Bill McCormick. The fifth position is that of Martha Johnson who will be completing her final term on Council. We will miss her steady voice and contributions to Shandon Neighborhood Council.

All residents of Shandon "in attendance" are eligible to vote in the election for Council members. If you are interested in serving on Shandon Council you must be a resident of Shandon able to attend 6 meetings per year and willing to participate in planning and execution of neighborhood social and fundraising events. You may find an application to serve on Council on the Shandon website link above.

Home for the Holidays



As with many public events, the Covid-19 Pandemic forced the 2020 **Homes for the Holidays** tour to be cancelled. Not to worry, instead of the usual public presentation of the Tour proceeds at Fall school gatherings, donations from the past year's successful 2019 tour were distributed by mail to each of the 4 neighborhood schools.

The organizing committee is optimistic that the sponsored **Annual Tour of Homes at Christmas** event in Shandon and Hollywood-Rose Hill can safely be resumed in December of 2021.

If you are interested in helping with the Tour this coming Fall as a docent or even to show off your own home's design and decorating style please email the Committee Chair at GGGRAHAM803@GMAIL.COM.

Shandon Shape-Up

Helpful hints for approaching fitness goals:

- ⇚ Focus on health benefits of your goals. If you are training to fit into a smaller size, remember that you will also give yourself better blood pressure, cholesterol, etc.
- ⇚ Change how you see yourself. Make a list of positive adjectives that reflect your ideal, fit lifestyle, such as “energetic” or “strong” and keep them posted where you will see them daily more than once—fridge or bathroom.
- ⇚ Don't wait for the results. Keep a space in your fitness journal to write down how you felt immediately after a training session—physical and emotional.
- ⇚ Compare yourself to yourself, not others. Who did you see in the mirror yesterday? Who is there today?
- ⇚ Focus on short term goals. Set specific objectives (ex. Running three miles in 30 minutes or being able to hold a plank position for one minute without losing form).
- ⇚ Be adaptable. Have a back-up plan in place for when you miss a workout so you don't feel like you have failed.
- ⇚ Keep rewards related to your goal. Example—buy a new pair of running shoes after reaching your distance goal.

By Brooks Wheeler brookswheeler@att.net

Yes, There Really Was a Town of Shandon (1904-1913)

The first ever house was built in 1893 by the Columbia Land and Investment Company in the unincorporated “suburban development” east of the city of Columbia known as Shandon. With the establishment of streetcar service into the area homebuilding progressed steadily. By October 6, 1903 a petition was submitted to the Secretary of State asking to incorporate the 112 residents within the ¾ square mile area into a town. A successful election resulted in the March 8, 1904 establishment of the Town of Shandon. The town's first Intendant (Mayor) was Samuel L Carter. Also elected were four Wardens D. P. Duncan, D. G. McAlister, A. H. Taylor and D. T. Kinard. (see excerpt below)

managers of election duly appointed to hold the election for the purpose of determining the incorporation of the town of

Shandon.
did, on the *eight* day of *March* A. D. *1904*, file with the Secretary of State a written declaration of the result of said election under oath signed by themselves, setting forth:

FIRST: In favor of corporation.

SECOND: The name of the proposed town to be

THIRD: That

Shandon
S. L. Carter was duly elected Intendant, and
D. P. Duncan, D. G. McAlister, A. H. Taylor and D. T. Kinard

were elected Wardens.

The town grew steadily and by 1909 established a new six room school* built at the corner of Maple and Devine Streets. Columbia Street Railway streetcar tracks passed along Devine Street headed east and had a spur directly in front of the school. The unpaved intersection at Devine and Maple quickly became the de facto town center hosting several businesses on its corners. By 1910 there were 795 residents in the expanding young town. Every resident belonged to the dues-free Community Club. This organization met on the first Monday of every month to foster a friendly community spirit, to beautify the environment and to encourage civic pride. Although there was much to be said for the small congenial township, the need for expanded municipal services and law enforcement persuaded its citizens to petition for annexation into the adjoining City of Columbia in 1913.

* In 1936 the Shandon School was re-named to honor principal Sam Schneider. The school building was later converted to apartments in 1980.
(Sources: Shandon Memories by Warner Montgomery; Columbia Star Aug 11, 2006; ShandonNeighborhood.org article by Robin Copp)

Favorite Recipes to Spice Up Your Super Bowl Shared by Members of Shandon Council

Matt Flach: My mother-in-law does a real simple and cheap snack

Tortilla Roll-ups.

Basically cream cheese spread on tortillas (she adds olives, capers, jalapenos, or avocado slices to change it up). Then roll the tortillas up tight and wrap with tin foil and put in 'fridge for about an hour or so to chill. Not much to it but easily adapted to any tastes.

Kathleen Warthen:

Cheese Wafers (Jennie's)

½ lb. butter, room temp ¼ - ½ t. cayenne or red pepper
 ½ lb. NY State sharp cheese ½ t. paprika
 2 c. plain flour

1. Grate cheese finely (let cheese and butter be at room temp)
2. Use electric mixer to blend all the above ingredients
3. May cover and chill at this point
4. You may put dough in a cookie press and drop onto a cookie sheet and bake at 350 'till golden
 - If using dark pans, reduce heat to 325 for 10-12 minutes
 - After blending all ingredients I sometimes chill dough a little
 - And then divide in sections and shape into logs on waxed paper. Then store logs in refrigerator or freezer 'til needed. Cut logs into circles about ¼" thick and put on cookie sheets as directed above.

Steve Augustine: **Texas Caviar**

2 cans of black-eyed peas, drained ½ red onion diced
 2 cloves of garlic, minced 1 cup of diced Roma tomatoes
 1 red bell pepper, seeded and diced ½ cup fresh cilantro, chopped
 2-3 tablespoons of olive oil 2-3 tablespoons of fresh lime juice
 1 teaspoon of ground cumin Hot Sauce to taste
 Salt and Pepper to taste
 2 medium jalapeno peppers seeded and diced (more or less depending on preferred spice level)

Stir olive oil, garlic, cumin, and lime juice together in a bowl until well combined. Add remaining ingredients and refrigerate until cold. Adjust spice level with your favorite hot sauce. Serve with tortilla chips or as a side dish.

Michael Jameson: **Pizza Dip**

- 1 jar Pizza Sauce
- 1 cup Shredded Italian Cheese Blend
- 1 block of Cream Cheese
- 1 tsp. Garlic Salt
- Pepperoni Minis (and any other pizza topping you enjoy)

DIRECTIONS

1. Allow the block of cream cheese to soften.
2. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.
3. Generously coat the bottom of a glass or ceramic baking dish with cooking spray.
4. Spread cream cheese across the bottom of the dish.
5. Pour pizza sauce over the cream cheese evenly.
6. Distribute cheese over sauce.
7. Lightly sprinkle garlic salt.
8. Top with pepperonis (and any other pizza topping you'd like)
9. Bake for 20 Minutes (or longer if needed to achieve bubbly, golden consistency).

SERVING INFORMATION

Serve on a platter with tortilla chips or toasted pita slices.

Also from Steve Augustine: **Super Bowl Queso** an at-home take on the famous Bob Armstrong Dip from Matt's El Rancho in Austin, TX. It is queso dip with scoops of seasoned taco meat, guacamole, and sour cream added to it.

Queso Dip:

1 block of Velveeta (16 oz.) 1 cup of extra sharp cheddar
 1 can of rotel tomatoes, drained 2 cans of green chilies, drained
 ½ cup of sour cream Water or milk to adjust consistency
 Cut Velveeta into cubes and place in a crock pot to melt. Once melted, add the shredded cheddar, drained tomatoes and chiles, and sour cream. If consistency is too thick, stir in a little warm water or milk until you reach your desired consistency.

Taco Meat:

Ground beef (1 lb.) Taco seasoning (to taste) Salt and Pepper (to taste)
 Saute taco meat with taco seasoning until browned and cooked through. If greasy, drain before serving.

Guac:

2 large Haas avocados 1 clove of garlic 1 jalapeno (ribs and seeds removed)
 Lime juice (to taste) Salt and pepper (to taste) Chopped cilantro (optional)

Mince garlic and finely dice jalapeno. Add ingredients and mash to incorporate. Add scoops of guac, taco meat and sour cream to the queso and serve.

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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Fall Winners

September:

120 S Shandon St. - **Michael & Rebecca Brown**
218 King St. - **Jason Caskey**
2421 Monroe St. - **Sue Jacobs**

October:

2425 Heyward St. - **Nael & Laura Alghothani**
512 Sims Ave. - **Thomas & Jacqueline Howie**
3125 Wilmot Ave. - **Russell Allen**

December:

3304 Heyward St. - **Thomas & Joreba Bryson**
127 Ott Rd. - **Jacob Eller**
3218 Blossom St. - **Jacob***

As you may notice the awards for the Fall Yard of the Month focused on the displays of seasonal decorations in October and December. Our committee of judges for YOM will be taking a well-deserved break from January through March; however, they will be eagerly at work again by April when the leaves return and the flower buds are bursting open.



*An interesting follow-up story is attached to this December winner. According to his neighbors, Jacob, who was renting the home at 3218 Blossom Street, was thrilled to have won the award and proud to have the Yard of the Month Winner's sign in his front yard. As fate would have it this was his last month in Columbia before he was to relocate to another city. He left his decorations behind to be enjoyed and later "adopted" by the neighbors.

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: ****No Children's Easter Egg Hunt is planned due to the persistence of a Covid-19 risk**** The next scheduled Neighborhood meeting will be the **Annual Meeting on March 8 at 6:30pm using ZOOM**. The link to connect to that meeting will be made available on our website ShandonNeighborhood.org several days prior to the meeting.



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

- Tips for protecting packages from porch pirates:
 - ✱ Utilize special delivery instructions, which many delivery services now allow you to include, like requesting that a package be left at a back door instead of the front porch
 - ✱ Schedule your deliveries for when you know you'll be home
 - ✱ Monitor your delivery notifications and ask a neighbor or friend to pick up or conceal your delivered package for you
 - ✱ Ensure your doorbell cameras and home security systems are activated and functioning properly
 - ✱ Report to the police when you've experienced a package theft
- When the weather is chilly, you might be tempted to start your car to let it warm up; however, to avoid potential "Warm-up Theft," do not leave vehicles running & unattended
- 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
- 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



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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 Officer Collin Johnson via phone or text at (803) 683-1886 or email collin.johnson@columbiasc.gov

- Know anyone interested in a law enforcement career? CPD is hiring! Visit ColumbiaPD.net for more information.

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 at www.ShandonNeighborhood.org or by e-mailing ShandonCrimeWatch@gmail.com

The Shandon Crime Watch wishes you a safe and healthy 2021!
Remember to wear your face mask & practice social distancing!

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