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SNC PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Greetings to my Shandon Neighbors! I'm Judy Anderson, and I'm honored to serve as the Neighborhood Council's President for the next year. Our Council has always had strong leadership with a great team and I am pleased to have a fantastic line-up for this year: Dennis Wiehl, President-Elect; Tricia Seal, MD, Secretary; Cindy Waund, Treasurer, and Mike McCauley, Past President. Congratulations to Dolly Garfield, Esq.; Kelly Hynes Morris, Ph.D, MD; and Tricia Seal, MD, , for serving a second term, and welcome to David Lohnes, our newest member. A big thank you goes to Bill McCormick for his six years of service as he completes his term on Council, Michael Jameson for his term as Past President, Harrison Greenlaw for his service as Treasurer, Tricia Seal for serving as Secretary, and Mike McCauley for his leadership as he "retires" to the past president's position.

We presently have eight active committees. Neighbors are encouraged to serve on the following committees: Beautification, Bylaws & Procedures, Communications, Events, Grants, Parks, Traffic & Safety, and Zoning and Code Enforcement. In you are interested, please contact us at ShandonNeighborhoodCouncil@gmail.com or shandonpresident@gmail.com. You can also let us know of events in the neighborhood, concerns, and/or information you think we need to know.

Rep. Heather Bauer has arranged for the S.C. Department of Transportation (DOT) to meet with our neighborhood for an update and a change to ask questions about our roadways and traffic. This program is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, April 18th. More information will be forthcoming. Our Mayor has been invited to speak at our Monday, May 13th meeting. He will discuss his vision and plan for Columbia becoming a Blue Zone city. The Council has lots of good things in store for this year and I hope you will join us for meetings and activities!



A quick note about me – I have lived in Shandon since 1977 and have seen many changes, mostly for the good. My West Highland White Terrier, Hamie, and I walk every day, so please speak if you see us!

Judy Anderson - President, Shandon Neighborhood Council

THE ROSEWOOD CRAWFISH FESTIVAL

The Rosewood Crawfish Festival returns to the SC State Fairgrounds on Saturday, May 4th. The event organizers bring in 10,000 pounds of live, Louisiana-raised crawfish provided by Cody's Crawfish. This year the festival is excited to have music headliner "Yacht Rock Revue". Advance tickets are only \$12 and can be purchased at rosewoodcrawfishfest.com

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FILL THE RED TRUCK! - MAY 18-19

The 15th annual Fill the Red Truck event will be held at its usual location on the corner of Heyward and Holly Streets. This is a super opportunity to spend time together and to meet new friends - both two- and four-legged - as we raise funds and collect goods for the Animal Shelter (Columbia Animal Services) and monetary donations for the Animal Mission, which will go to support the Animal Mission's goal of providing the free and discounted spay/neuter vouchers for the residents of Richland County. The most needed items for the Shelter are canned and dry dog and cat food, puppy and kitten food, cat litter, bleach, cleaning supplies, leashes, collars, toys, and small towels. You can also connect with the Red Truck online at www.FilltheRedTruck.org, where you can make a monetary contribution or order food and supplies to be shipped directly to the Shelter. This online option is available year-round and you don't have to



wait until the on-site event to contribute! We hope that you and your family will stop by and visit with us as you contribute to our campaign. We invite you to join us in the tradition of supporting our city shelter and the Animal Mission through the Red Truck campaign.

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SHANDON, A GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD FOR DOGWALKERS!

One of the primary reasons that I moved to Shandon a couple of decades ago was my dog. As I drove around the city checking out different Columbia neighborhoods, I was always on the lookout for dog walkers. I had a Cocker Spaniel, Charlie, at the time and we walked a lot. Whenever I drove through Shandon, regardless of the time, day or night, I saw folks out with their dogs. When I moved into my home, walking Charlie introduced me to people in the neighborhood that I probably wouldn't have gotten to know otherwise. And I must confess, I'm much better at remembering the dogs' names than those of their owners. Bijou is my third dog since moving to Shandon and she's made lots of friends - there's Fozzie, Flokey, Jack, Maggie, Charlie, Presley, Annabelle, Buddy, Coleman and Mabel to name a few - and I always enjoy a quick conversation with their people too! Even our neighborhood restaurants embrace our dogs with outdoor seating and water bowls - we love having brunch on a nice Saturday or Sunday sitting outside, people-watching and sipping a glass of wine for me, and begging for belly rubs from passers-by for Bijou. We're really fortunate to live in a city and neighborhood that is so animal-friendly - and Bijou and I look forward to running into you on one of our walks through Shandon! - Misti Crawford

CRIME WATCH

Spring is here and criminals are on the lookout for easy items to steal. Lawn and garden equipment will be on their priority list for their spring shopping. Let's not make it easy by leaving your yard and garden equipment unattended. It only takes a few seconds for the criminal to grab it and run to their waiting vehicle. Let's practice the Boy Scout's motto: "Be Prepared". Spring also brings out-of-town trips. Neighbors watching out for neighbors is the best and most effective Crime Prevention tool we have. Have your trusted neighbors watch for suspicious persons and vehicles while you are gone. Don't let flyers, mail, papers, etc. accumulate in your yard, driveway, or porch. Don't leave trash bins at the end of the driveway/road after trash pick-up days. All of these are signals that you are gone. Don't advertise on social media that you are away. If you want to share photos, do so when you return. Social media is watched by the criminals too. Let's work together, be prepared and be smart. We can beat the criminals at their own game. - Sheriff Leon Lott

"DEVINE IN BLOOM" FASHION SHOW

Join your friends at Columbia's HOTTEST fashion show - "Devine in Bloom"! Watch many of Devine Street's fantastic boutiques model a wide array of spring and summer's latest fashions. This event will happen on Wednesday, April 17th, at Riverside Community Church. Start the evening off with a Garden Party featuring delicious drinks and food, photo ops in front of a beautiful feature photo wall and an assortment of boutique vendors. Afterwards, enter the transformed space of Riverside Community Church and enjoy 90 minutes showcasing the season's most amazing fashions. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit DevineStreetColumbiaSC.com.

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ELECTED OFFICIAL'S UPDATE

GAS PLANT BILL GIVES DOMINION BLANK CHECK PAID BY RATEPAYERS

By Heather Bauer

South Carolinians pay some of the highest power bills in the country. If Dominion Energy's bill, H. 5118, becomes law, energy bills will go up to fund construction of a new natural gas plant megaproject in Colleton County, pay the pipelines to feed it AND bills will rise to line the pockets of utility executives who want to use your money to speculatively develop industrial sites that may never create a single job or host a single company. With the bill, public input procedures will be eliminated and empowers Dominion to build speculative industrial sites, like those typically built by our state Department of Commerce or a county economic development project, at ratepayer expense based on the sheer possibility these sites might someday be occupied as a justification for the new gas plant. Ratepayers pay for all of this, but not before Dominion recoups a 10% profit on top of the cost of everything it decides to build. Making policy often requires balancing competing, and sometimes contradictory ideas. So, let's be clear about some broad areas of agreement: First, South Carolina needs more energy. Our population is growing and continued economic development requires new energy generation to support that growth. Second, natural gas is a cleaner energy source than dirty coal plants that generate much of our state's power. Notably, our state has a strategic energy plan that calls for increasing wind and solar and decommissioning coal plants. These goals are not addressed by H.5118.

At the end of the day, this is an extraordinary deal for Dominion; historically, these corporate giveaways have not worked out well for South Carolina families. Recall that in 2007, Dominion's predecessor, SCE&G, convinced the state legislature to pass the Base Load Review Act, which allowed the now-defunct utility to shift \$9 billion in costs onto ratepayers to build the V.C. Summer nuclear power plant—a project that collapsed, destroyed the company, and never generated a single kilowatt hour of electricity. Ratepayers are still paying for that debacle. I will not stand for it, I will fight against corporate giveaways that increase your power bill.

Heather Bauer - SC Representative District 75 - 803-979-1024



Thank you!

It has been a great honor to represent the Shandon Neighborhood in the State House.

Let me know if there's anything I can do for you!

HEATHER BAUER
SOUTH CAROLINA STATE HOUSE 75

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DEAR SHANDON RESIDENTS:

It is an honor to represent you in the State House of Representatives. The Legislature is in the budget season and I hope to once again obtain money for projects in our District to include a multimillion dollar request for Devine Street after I secured 1.5 million dollars in last year's budget for a future improvement. These funds would be used for a pedestrian safety project on Devine Street from Harden to Dreher High School and will address the parking issues on this important corridor as well. Please be assured that no project will commence without public input sessions.

As a friendly reminder, the 5-pts Harden Street project will begin shortly and represents a 5 million dollar improvement and will be transformative. I have put the renderings for this project in a FB post on my page "Representative Seth Rose" and I believe you will find them very exciting!

Although I voted against the permitless Open Carry bill, it passed. I also spoke against an energy bill that has caused great concern with the Conservation Voters of SC and I want you to know I will fight for amendments to ensure this bill is the best it can be for clean energy and the future of South Carolina. Lastly, I continue to advocate for all citizen's rights to quality healthcare. I continue to work very hard for you at the State House, and I am very proud of the results we have obtained for our District to include \$30 plus million in future road pedestrian safety projects. Please contact me if I can ever be of assistance to you! - Representative Seth Rose



FIVE POINTS

Find it all in Five Points!

Mark Your Calendar for fun in the district...

JERRYFEST
Sunday, October 6
12:00 - 8:00 pm
Live Music
Food Trucks
Lil' Hippy Corner
Artisan Crafts

FIVE POINTS
Saturday, October 26
Spooktacular Fun

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DON'T FORGET! DATES:

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Memorial Day: May 27th

Juneteenth: June 19th



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Upcoming Events & Meetings: The Shandon Neighborhood Council meets **every other month** beginning in January. Meetings are held on the second Monday of the month and begin at 6:15 p.m. The social gathering & meet and greet is from 6:00-6:15. Please check the SNC Facebook page and website for updates about meeting locations. Upcoming dates are May 13th, July 8th, September 9th and November 11th. Email Questions to ShandonNeighborhoodCouncil@gmail.com

THROUGH THE GARDEN GATE - ENGLISH IVY

Have you heard? There has been a change. Recently, the United States Department of Agriculture updated the Plant Hardiness Zone Map. The zones are determined by long term annual extreme minimum temperatures. Columbia is now in zone 8b after previously being in 8a. We're getting warmer. Spring is a good time to plant for spectacular summer blooms. In addition to Daylilies, Asiatic and Oriental Lilies, Calla Lilies, Crinum Lilies, Gladiolus, and Canna Lilies, there are other lilies not as commonly used but fun to explore as possibilities to add to the garden. Blood Lilies bloom near the 4th of July. They are unique with large globe shaped flower heads made up of small yellow tipped, red florets. When they are in full bloom, many people are reminded of fireworks. The bulbs are speckled and can be grown either in the ground or in containers. The Gloriosa Lily is a climbing lily with red and yellow flowers that curl back toward the stalk. Tendrils are found at the tips of the leaves. Common names for this exotic beauty include Flame Lily, Fire Lily, and Climbing Lily. A Pineapple Lily has long spikes sporting greenish-white flowers with a tuft of leaves on the top. In reality, the Pineapple Lily is neither a pineapple or a true lily. It does well in full sun to dappled shade. The white Spider Lily is often called a Peruvian Daffodil. The flowers of this lily look like white daffodils with wispy, spidery, stamens. It's a garden favorite! Tiger Lilies are often found in old established gardens. These tall lilies have recurved orange flowers with speckled dark spots. Bulbils (small bulbs) are located all along the stems of these plants. These lilies easily naturalize. Agapanthus would make a stunning addition to any garden. Their blue flowers and strappy leaves put on quite a show whether planted in the ground or in containers. This versatile lily is quite impressive planted with yellow or white flowers. Red Spider Lilies are popular among gardeners. The leaves appear in spring and die back by late summer or early fall. A bare stalk then appears and a vibrant red flower blooms. Fun Fact... Daylily blooms last for only one day.

PARKS COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Shandon Neighborhood Council has been awarded a Love Your Block grant from the City of Columbia for \$1200 with a \$400 SNC provided match. This grant will be used to purchase new plants (flowers, small trees and/or shrubs) for Emily Douglas and Sims Parks. The grant eligibility requires neighborhood citizen participation. SNC is looking at Saturdays in April (actual final dates TBD) to complete the project and is looking for volunteer individuals and /or groups to participate. If you or your group are interested please contact Dennis Wiehl at dwiehl@sc.rr.com with your contact information and he will contact you when dates are finalized and provide additional information.

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