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National Night Out

Our National Night Out gathering on August 4 was another success with outstanding food, music, horse shoe games and children playing on the swings and slides. Officers **Cash & Parham**, Public Safety Officers, enjoyed a quick game of basketball with neighborhood youth.

Among the city officials who took time from their busy schedules to stop by were Mayor **Junie White**, Council persons **Robert Reeder** and **Jan Scalisi**, City Manager **Ed Memmott**, Chief of Police **Alonzo Thompson**, Deputy Chief **Jennifer Kindall**, Fire Chief **Marion Blackwell**, Assistant Chiefs **Pierre Brewton & Richard Balmer**, Lt. **Tim Suber**, Community Relations Dir. **Mitch Kennedy**, Parks and Rec. Dir. **Kim Moultrie**, Neighborhood Coordinator **James Ledlow**, Community Service Coordinator **Kathy Hill**, Master Police Officers **Randy Hardy & Russell Porter**, Senior Police Officer **Laurance Patz** and Officer **Kendall Cash**.

Many thanks to our working committee: **Dorothy Blackley, Carolyn Brewer, Doris Clowney, Rita Gilmer, Beatrice Hill, Nichelle Howard, Bernice Lewis, Horace & Ruth Littlejohn, President Tommy & Frances Richardson, Linda Sanders, Willie Thacker, Crystal Thomas, Richard & Elaine Wheeler.**



Waiting on the grill to heat up is **Lewis, Sanders, Littlejohn & Thacker.**



T. Richardson, DC Kindall, J. R Littlejohn, Chief Alonzo Thompson & City Mgr Ed Memmott.



Officers Cash & Parham, playing basketball with youth.



MPO Russell Porter, B. Rutledge & SPO Lawrence Patz

Voting is Important!

Are you a registered voter? But more importantly, do you vote? Every vote counts, and voting is a very important factor in this country. In fact, it's the only voice you really have. By not voting you are saying you do not care what happens to you now, or in the future.

October 5 is the deadline to register for the upcoming election on **November 3, 2015**. The **Voter Registration office is located at 336 N. Church Street** (located at rear of County Administration Building facing Magnolia Street).

Voting in person now requires Photo ID. Make sure you have one of these forms of identification: **S. C. Driver's License, S. C. DMV ID Card, Voter Registration Card w/photo, United States Passport** or **Federal Military ID**. If you already have one of the photo IDs above, you are ready to vote. Be sure to bring your ID with you to your polling place. If you don't have a photo ID, you need to get one before voting. Free Photo IDs are available at the DMV and your county voter registration office.

If you can't get a photo ID, bring your non-photo Voter Registration card with you to the polls. **A photo ID is not required to vote absentee by mail.** For further information, please contact the voter registration office at **596-2549** or go to **scVotes.org** to get your sample ballot.

Seeing Spartanburg in a New Light

Spartanburg is one of four cities that was awarded \$1 million recently from Bloomberg Philanthropies. The funds will go toward a public art project, which will display some artistic lights in Spartanburg neighborhoods. The project had its official launch at National Night Out, in the Maxwell Hill Community on August 4, 2015.

From the twelve or more neighborhoods in the City of Spartanburg, five will benefit from this wonderful opportunity. Each challenging neighborhood had to write a three page maximum, Letter of Interest, titled "Seeing Spartanburg in a New Light." We are so excited about this, and we are hoping all residents will work with us so our lights will shine. Because we are a *cross through* community (people traveling through), we have litter that's thrown from cars as well as by walkers. But if we leave it there, that's a reflection on us, not them. We hope to give you more info in our next newsletter about which neighborhoods were selected to participate in this project.

"Opportunity is often disguised as work"



Kathy Hill, Community Relations, Brenda L. Pryce, Kim Moultrie, Parks & Rec. Director, Caveril Pryce, DJ & Wayne Rookard



Atty Roslyn Henderson, Lt. Tim Suber, Councilman Robert Reeder, Mayor Junie White & Neighborhood Coordinator James Ledlow.



Master Police Officer Randy Hardy, Phyllis Williams, Officer Kendall Cash & Doris Clowney.



Assist. Chief Richard Balmer, former State Rep. Brenda Lee. Pryce, Chief Marion Blackwell & Assist. Chief Pierre Brewton.



Enjoying a game of bingo, Carolyn Brewer, Ruth Jefferies, Dorothy Blackley, Barbara Rutledge, Jessie Kiensler and guests.



Watching the children play are Kitty Irby, Daffne Martinez (recently graduated from the SAIYL program) and her mother



Children enjoying the slides and swings.



Ladies enjoying line dances.

Yards of Month

We congratulate our yards for the month of July: **365 St. Andrews** (Queenie Williams), **335 Marion Ave** (Charles & Polly Goins) & **196 Collins Ave** (Vastie Hazel). The month of August were: **171 Collins Ave** (Curtis & Patricia Wofford), **282 Alexander** (Kenneth & Catherine Tillerson) & **136 Princeton St.** (Parker Woodruff). Thank you for your contribution!

"Pay careful attention to your own work, for then you will get the satisfaction of a job well done, and you won't need to compare yourself to anyone else." Galatians 6:4

Support the Boy Scouts

Starting Monday, September 21, Boy Scouts will be walking the community and knocking on doors selling pop corn and taking orders for pop corn. Your purchase will help a scout go to camp. This is your opportunity to support the Boy Scouts. These scouts have worked with several community clean-ups. Let's help send them to camp.

NAACP Conference

The State's NAACP Conference finally returns to South Carolina. The Conference will be held **Oct. 1** through **Oct. 4** at the Spartanburg Marriott. There will be other events held at local churches and other venues. One of the events will be held at Mt. **Moriah Baptist Church on Oct. 1, at 6:00 p.m.** A program will follow at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.



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Congratulations!!!

Tommy Richardson was among thirty one participants to graduate from the Grassroots Leadership Institute on September 3, 2015. Sponsors of this program include the Spartanburg County Foundation, City of Spartanburg and Spartanburg County. This is a free program for community activist's nominated by city staff and non- profit organizations interested in community improvement. Applications are now being accepted for 2016. For more info contact the Spartanburg County Foundation at www.spcf.org or check the City's site at www.cityofSpartanburg.org. SCNA graduates include **J. Ruth Littlejohn (08')**, **Ruth Jones (10')**, **Margaret Swindler (11')** and **Theron Moore (12')**.



Pictured from left is **Troy M. Hanna (President & CEO of SCF)**, **Tommy Richardson (President SCNA)** & **Mitch Kennedy (Community Relation Director)**

"If you want the present to be different from the past, study the past."
Baruch Spinoza

Candidate Forum

On Monday, October 5, at 6:00 p.m. at the C.C. Woodson Center, District 3 candidates will discuss issues relevant to all of us. Participants will include candidates for City Council (**Roslyn Henderson Myers** and **Robert Reeder**); Commissioner of Public Works (**B.B. Bryson**, **Stephanie Burton**, **Cheryl J. Jones** and **Angela Viney**); and School District 71, **Ernest H. White, Jr.**

It's important that we meet and evaluate the candidates in order to make wise decisions in the voting booth. **Don't miss it!!**

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Help Rebuild Cleveland

A new Cleveland Park Playground will soon be built and your help is needed to make it happen. The success of the park relies upon the volunteer support of our community. The park will be the largest playground that is fully accessible to people with all abilities in the county.

To sign up as a volunteer, go to www.spartanburgparks.org click on the sign up as a volunteer link, which will take you to a site where you can sign up for specific days and times, or you can contact Marcia Murff at **864-494-1801**. Please sign up as soon as possible so they will know how many volunteers have committed.

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What's Happening in the Burg

September 20 - Jam in the Park (Duncan Park), **September 27** - Spartanburg Greek Festival, **October 1** - Hanger B. Ball, **October 3** - Spartanburg International Festival, **October 17** - **Outdoor Concert @ Barnet Park** - Live on the Green - featuring Lee Brice, **October 24** - Hub City Brew.

Correction

In the last Community Newsletter, **Beatrice Hill** was listed as the Publisher of the South of Main Book in error. **Ms. Hill** and **Brenda Lee Pryce** are co-authors of the South of Main Book, also, Ms. Hill is a substitute teacher for District 7 Schools

"Often our own faults are the very first ones we see in others" Hosea 8:12

Getting to Know You!!!



Gerod Allison, owner of **Allstate Insurance**, located at **770 Union St.**, where he has operated for more than 20 years. He is married, 21 years to Audrey Singleton Allison, a business major who supports him in his works. They have a school aged daughter, Loren Averri. Gerod is a S.C. native from Johnsonville, a 1978 graduate of Hannah High School, 1982 graduate of S C State University, where he received a BS degree in General Business Administration. The high point of his career is advising people and helping them understand insurance. Gerod serves a the **Chair of the SCNA** Board of Directors Other boards include Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Butterfly Foundation and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. Allstate offers life ins. & financial services. Gerod can be reached at **864-515-9004**.



Horace C. Littlejohn, Jr. of **284 Marion Ave**, is married 40 plus years to J. Ruth Littlejohn, who is a retired Realtor. They have a son, Maj. Terry Littlejohn, USA, daughter-in-law, Michaelle and grandson, Zachury. Horace was born in Roanoke, VA but grew up on the Northside of Spartanburg, graduating from Carver HS in 1969. He received a BA degree in Sociology/Social Work from Livingstone College in 1973 and a Master's in Human Relations from Webster University in 1982. His first job was a medical social worker at Spartanburg General Hospital. He joined the AF in 1975, retiring as a Lt. Colonel in 1996. There are many highpoints in his career including working for McDonald Douglas Aircraft Co. as an intern, the AF Inspector General & being elected to the Commissioner of Public Works (first African-American to be elected to that position). He serves as secretary of the SCNA Board of Director; co-editor of the SCNA newsletter & he's a member of the Board of Directors at First A.M. Church, where he has been a member since childhood.

Horseshoe Pits Ready for Play

We would like to get a horseshoe team together to challenge a team from the City led by **Mitch Kennedy**. On September 3rd **Mitch Kennedy** stopped by the pits to see South Converse Neighborhood's local talent. In the pits were **Horace Littlejohn**, **Caveril Pryce**, **Rev Goodwin** and **Harold Murphy**, these fellows were throwing some "mean" shoes--so if the City believes it has talent, then all we can say is game on. We also welcome all others in the neighborhood to contact **Horace Littlejohn** or **Caveril Pryce** if they wish to become part of the horseshoe team. We hope this undertaking can grow and we can challenge other neighborhoods in the horseshoe games.



Rev. Goodwin, Caveril Pryce, Horace Littlejohn & Mitch Kennedy

Community Clean-up

A community clean-up took place on July 25, and the participants were members of the Boy Scout Troops 106 (**Noah Banks**, **Jamil Gibson III**, **Isaiah Jordan**, **Travis Berry**, **Ruth Davis**, **Joseph Broadus, Jr**, **Joseph Broadus III** **Jabra Wilkins**), **Beatrice Hill**, **Tommy Richardson**, **J. Ruth Littlejohn**, **Jalen Smith** (SAIYL) & **Carolyn Brewer**.

Another clean-up took place on August 22. Due to school starting and community events, there were just a few committed residents to show, and they were **J. Ruth Littlejohn**, **Tommy Richardson**, **Carolyn Brewer** and **Beatrice Hill**. Thanks to everyone for the work you do to help make this a better community for all of us.

We also want to thank the residents who are working daily in the community, to help make this a better place for all of us to live.



"One of the greatest gifts you can give younger people is your life's story to help them repeat your successes and avoid your mistakes"
Joel 1:3

Tidbits

The next Community Clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 25, at 8:00 a.m.. Meet at the S. Converse St. Park.

Walk to school day is October 7. The purpose of the Walk to School day is to emphasize the importance of exercise for our young students and to highlight the importance of safety. Many MHW students walk to school on a daily basis.

New signs in S. Converse Park. The next time you visit the park, be sure to notice our new signs paying tribute to the **Mary Black Foundation** and the **City of Spartanburg**, for their contributions to the S. Converse Community. Look for pictures in our next edition.

If you are a SCNA member and have not received the latest roster, please contact **Tommy Richardson** at **864-582-7383**

In the last Community Newsletter, we recognized the students who recently graduated from the SAIYL program, but failed to recognize their leaders, who were **Casey Nunnemaker** and **Mary Kathryn Macklin**.

Mt. Moriah Baptist Church will hold its' Women's Day Program on **October 25**.

Beautification Tips

These are just a few tips on ways you can help make our community more beautiful:

1. Keep yards well groomed, lawns mowed & edged, as well as median (area between road and sidewalk).
2. Bushes trimmed, weeds pulled, especially from flower beds.
3. Yards free of litter, clutter, junk or debris.
4. After mowing yard, lawn debris should be swept up from sidewalks and streets.
5. Garbage bins should be placed on curb no sooner than Wednesday evening and removed from curb no later than Friday morning.
6. Place garbage bins in rear or as far as possible from front view.
7. Help keep your block free of litter.
8. If you are going to be away, ask your neighbor to bring your garbage bin off the curb for you.

Walking the Dog

When you walk your dog, we are asking your cooperation in taking along a bag and removing the poop. This way, not only will the dog feel relief, so will the residents. Thanking you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

"Walking is healthy, it saves energy and it allows us to connect with our surroundings. You see more of what's going on when you are moving at 3 miles an hour than you see at 30 miles an hour. You can talk with people you pass. You see people - other pedestrians - enjoying our community." **Dr. Phillip Stone**

Life is just a short walk from the cradle to the grave-- and it sure behooves us to be kind to one another along the way" **Alice Childress**

Love Where You Live