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Seeing Spartanburg's Art Update

On December 9, 2015, the third phase of Seeing Spartanburg in a New Light project took place at the Cultural Center. This phase was the Neighborhood Design Charrette. Representatives from several neighborhoods convened at the center to see site selections selected by artist **Erwin Redl** and his committee. The site selected for the South Converse Neighborhood is the South Converse Street Park. The Light Installation will be in the ceiling of the park's pavilion. The next phase is the Design Process, which started with the meeting on January 30 at the George School of Business. Several more meetings are scheduled to take place between now and August 2. We will need the cooperation of all residents to make this project a success.



Photo taken at December 9th meeting. Left back row: **Erwin Redl, Mark Sloan, Richard Wheeler & Horace Littlejohn.** Front row: **Crystal Thomas Pace, Daffne Martinez, Barbara Rutledge, Bernice Lewis, Tommy Richardson, J. Ruth Littlejohn and Chief Alonzo Thompson.** Not pictured is **Ken Myers, Brenda Lee Pryce, Margaret Swindler and Dorothy Blackley.**

We Need Your Help!

The South Converse Neighborhood Association (SCNA) would like to increase its membership---**we need you!** This includes everyone renting or owning property within the association's boundaries. Also included are business owners or managers and Church Leaders. See insert for more details

"True Greatness comes in serving others."

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Presidential Primary Elections

Please get out and vote!!! Every vote counts!!!

The Republican Presidential Preference Primary will take place on **Feb 20**. The Democratic Preference Primary will take place on **Feb 27**. You can only vote in one. In- person absentee voting started on January 20 at the Voter Registration Office, located at **366 N. Church Street**. The deadline to vote in-person for the Republican PPP is **Feb 19**. The deadline to vote in the Democratic PPP is **Feb 26**. **Do not forget to take your ID.**

Also, remember the referendum for Spartanburg School District 7, that will take place on Tuesday, March 15, 2016.

Way to Wellville

At the SCNA meeting January 4th, **Ms Samantha Overton** gave a brief update on Spartanburg's Way to Wellville project. Ms Overton is a Neighborhood Engagement Coordinator for the Wellville project. She is the point of contact for all of the Southside neighborhoods. Ms. Overton explained that the project will take everyone in our community to create changes that will lead to a healthier Spartanburg. The Way to Wellville project includes the following initiatives: Obesity Prevention, Care For The Uninsured, Health Care for the Insured, Kindergarten Readiness, and Community Pride. For further updates go online to **SpartanburgWellville.com** or call **(864) 398-4268**.



Ms. Overton gives **Rita Gilmer** additional info, while **Margaret Swindler, Barbara Rutledge, Horace Littlejohn & Bernice Lewis** engage in further discussions of the topics.

SCNA Christmas Dinner Party

Members of the SCNA and their guests enjoyed the food and fellowship of our annual Christmas dinner December 11 in the gymnasium of the C.C. Woodson Center. Some of our special guests included **Mitch Kennedy** (Director of Community Services), **Kathy Hill** (Community Services Coordinator), **Kim Moultrie** (Parks and Recreation Manager), **James Ledlow** (Neighborhood Coordinator), **Willa Reeder** (President/Forest Park N.A.), **Leroy Jeter** (President/Highland N.A.) and SCNA Board member **Ruth Davis** & her husband **Joe Davis**.

We thank all members and guests for coming out and helping make this a success. Special thanks goes out to **Carolyn Brewer**, who took charge to ensure we had a variety of food, and to the members who brought delicious dishes to help make this a joyous occasion. An extra special thanks goes out to members who brought dishes, but could not stay.



Seated is Kent & Charles Goins. L-R: Horace Littlejohn, Julie Goins, Mitch Kennedy, James Ledlow, Kim Moultrie, Ruth Davis & Kathy Hill



Ruth Jones, Margaret Swindler, Ruth Davis, Fannie Bates, M.B. Bates and member of Forest Park's association, enjoy a friendly chat.



Frances & Tommy Richardson, Joseph Davis and Dorothy Blackley in background.



Seated James Ledlow & Willa Reeder. L-R: Brenda L. Pryce, Robay Stroble, English Gibbs, J. Ruth Littlejohn & Richard Wheeler.



Veronica Cunningham, Leroy Jeter, Pam's son, Margie Salters, Gloria Jeter & Pam Howell.



Bernice Lewis, Ruth Jefferies, Willie Thacker, Carolyn Brewer, Elaine Wheeler & Doris Clowney.

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Yards of the Month

Yards of the month will resume in March. We are grateful to those residents who continually display their pride in maintaining their properties on a regular basis. We need everyone's help (whether you live, worship or run a business in the South Converse Community) in making our community the very best it can be. Your help will be greatly appreciated!

Garbage & Recycle Schedules

If you have a recycle bin (blue bin), it is collected on the **1st and 3rd** Mondays of the month, even on holidays (except for Christmas & New Years). Regardless to how many Mondays fall in the month, it is only collected twice. The regular garbage pick-up day (gray bins) for the South Converse Community is on Thursdays. If a holiday falls on this day, pickup will be the following day - a one day delay.

As of **March 1**, glass will no longer be accepted at Spartanburg County recycling centers or through the city of Spartanburg's residential curbside recycling collection program. **Items you should place in the recyclables (blue roll carts):** aluminum, empty metal cans, plastics (Nos. 1-7), paper & boxboard, flattened corrugated cardboard, coated cartons (i.e. milk, juice). Items that **should not** be placed in the recyclables: glass, plastic bags, Styrofoam, garbage, food, yard trimmings, hazardous waste, hardback books and tissue/toilet paper.



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Election of Officers

Election of officers is scheduled for our **April 4, 2016** meeting. Only members in good standing (have paid all delinquent dues, plus their 2016 dues of \$25) may vote. You may pay by mail to **SCNA, Box 6541, Spartanburg, SC 29304. (Check only)**

Officers currently serving are: **Tommy Richardson** (President), **J. Ruth Littlejohn** (Vice President), **Carolyn Brewer** (Secretary) **Doris Clowney** (Assist. Secretary), **Wayne Rookard** (Treasurer) & **Dorothy Blackley** (Assist. Treasurer).

The South Converse Community is rich in talent. We welcome new ideas. **Come help us grow!**

We also want to recognize our Board of Directors (who are not up for election): **Gerod Allison** (Chairperson), **Crystal Thomas Pace** (Vice Chairperson), **Horace C. Littlejohn** (Secretary), **Ruth H. Davis** (Assistant Secretary) and **Rosalyn Henderson Myers**.



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"When you face problems, look first at yourself. If you changed your attitude or behavior, would the problem be solved?" Malachi

Getting to Know You!!!



Atty. Rosalyn Henderson Myers, resides at 299 S. Converse St. Rosalyn, following in her father's footsteps, is the newly elected City Council Representative for District 3. She has a diverse legal background with 23 years of practice. She has tried over 100 jury trials to resolution. She has represented both corporate and individual clients in the areas of family law, criminal

law, medical malpractice, personal injury, bankruptcy, employee benefits, corporate defense and general civil litigation. Ms. Henderson has been licensed to practice law in S.C. since 2005. She has practiced in four other states. She is a former Alabama state court judge where she was the circuit's first African American Judge presiding over 10,000 cases involving contracts, small claims, criminal misdemeanors, family law and civil litigation in her first year alone. Rosalyn is a graduate of Spartanburg High School. She holds a B.A. degree from the University of S.C. and a J.D. Degree from Tulane University Law School. She is married to Lion Kenneth E. Myers, Sr., who currently is a nurse administrator with the S.C. Dept. of Mental Health. Together they have four children. She is an active member of Majority Baptist Church, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. and Links Inc. She serves on the following Boards: SCNA, Mobile Meals and Converse College Board of Visitors. You can reach her at [864-345-2221](tel:864-345-2221).

Ruth H. Davis, is married to Joseph Davis, Jr and is the proud mother of Charles and Robert Davis. After spending most of her life in NY, in 2003, she moved back to her family roots in



Spartanburg to care for her aunt, Mrs. Ella Clowney King. In 1970 she graduated as an LPN from Mabel Dean Bacon V.H.S., then went on to Briarcliff College for her Associate. While in New York, Ruth volunteered with

the Boy Scouts of America. During this time she was recognized as the second black female that completed training for a Volunteer Fire Department in Long Island City. She went on to teach an Emergency Medical Technician course and later became a Rescue Captain of the Gordon Heights Volunteer Fire Dept. She is an active member of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church. She continues to work with the Boy Scouts of America and she serves on the SCNA Board of Directors. Ruth has also served on the Board of Palmetto Council Boy Scouts. Ruth believes in "Raising Boys to a Higher Standard." And, as a homeowner in South Converse Community, she wants to better serve the community. Ruth's courage and faith is to study Gods' words and let people know her not by what she says, but by her action.

Community Clean-up



It was a very cold day, and winter struck like the claws of a lion! But a faithful few showed up for our January clean-up. We thank members of Believer's Fellowship for their continued service to the community, **Aaron Robinson, Kenny Phifer and Gerald Smith**. We also thank **J. Wayne Rookard, Carolyn Brewer, Horace Littlejohn & President Tommy Richardson**.

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Congratulations!

In an effort to educate its customers on the water system and how it works, Spartanburg Water held its inaugural Water Matters Citizen's Academy Oct 6 to Nov 30, 2015. Students visited different sites, heard from different department heads, and had hands on illustrations. The class was led by **Chad Lawson**, and was very informative and well worth the time spent.



SCNA members J. Ruth Littlejohn and Barbara Rutledge (4th & 5th from left), were among the first graduates of the Academy.

Fire & Rescue



Brad Hall, Fire Marshall for the City of Spartanburg, was the guest speaker for the SCNA's meeting on February 1. The Fire Department is one of less than

250 fire departments nationwide to achieve international accreditation through the Commission on Fire Accreditation International. Mr. Hall covered many interesting topics regarding fire safety e.g., community programs, choosing your alarms, installation location, testing and inspection, leading cause of fire, preparing your cooking area, cook safely, fighting small kitchen fires, stop, drop & roll, first aid for burns (in the kitchen, the garage & around the home). He also explained what to do before you choose to fight a fire & what to do once you start fighting the fire. You should make a plan and practice your plan. *In photo above, Marshall Hall gives homeowner Linda Sanders and neighbor Joann Drummond tips on how to prevent a kitchen fire.*



Christmas Party continued from page 2



L-R: Tommy Richardson, Polly Goins, Horace Littlejohn, Brenda L. Pryce, Willie Thacker, Carolyn Brewer, Roz Gibbs, Rita Gilmer, Frances Richardson, Ruth Jefferies, Julie Goins, Elaine Wheeler, Doris Clowney, Patricia Wofford, Dorothy Blackley, Bernice Lewis, Richard Wheeler & Margaret Swindler.

Hometown Heroes

On February 5, the NFL and District 7 honored four local stars who played in an NFL Super Bowl; **Howard Williams, Landon Cohen, Steve Fuller and Stephen Davis**. Four SCNA members and Carver High Alumni had the opportunity to mingle with the four.



L-R: Horace Littlejohn, Eddie Bowman, James Talley, Polly Goins, Howard Williams, Brenda L. Pryce, Richard Wheeler, Ernestine Anderson, Principal Nicole Thompson & Dr. Russell Booker, School District 7.

Tidbits

The SCNA want to **thank our Advertisers** for their continued support. If you would like to place an ad in our community newsletter, please call J. Ruth Littlejohn 573-5066 or Tommy Richardson at 582-7383.

Don't forget to pay your dues. You can mail your check to SCNA, P.O. Box 6541, Spartanburg, SC 29304.

Save the Dates

The Spartanburg Village Network will host a community forum on **February 18, 6-7:30 p.m., at the C.C. Woodson Center**, to discuss the referendum for Spartanburg School District 7.

NAACP 1st Black History Bowl, Saturday, **February 20 @ 1:00 p.m.** Spartanburg Community College Auditorium, Downtown Campus. RSVP to Carolyn Reed-Smith @ **864-621-4311**.

On Tues., March 8 at 6:p.m, Author & Motivational Speaker Wes Moore (New York Times Best Seller Author of The Other Wes Moore), will be at Cornerstone Baptist Church, 700 South Converse Street. Sponsored by The Spartanburg County Foundation.

Spartanburg County Ministerial Alliance: 2016 County Wide Revival. **On March 20th @ 6:00 p.m., Tye Tribbett**, Gospel Music Icon & Youth Pastor will bring the message to the Youth & Young Adults. The Theme: Heal The Land. **March 21-23 @ 7:00, Rev. Dr. Charles E. Goodman, Jr.** Senior Pastor of the Historic Tabernacle Baptist Church will bring the message. Location: Cornerstone Baptist Church.

"Just because you do not take an interest in politics, doesn't mean politics won't take an interest in you." Pericles (430 B.C.)