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A Meeting with Duke Energy

Duke Energy has announced that a portion of our district will be part of their next Neighborhood Energy Savers Program. Eligible households will receive a letter in the mail from Duke Energy. **They will hold a community meeting and free dinner on Thursday June 13, from 6-7:30 at the Carver Middle School cafeteria** (467 S. Church St. Spartanburg 29306). Eligible households will receive, **free of charge**, up to nine items and services, including furnace filters, water saving devices, a digital room thermometer, water heater and pipe wrapping, window A/C unit covers, and caulking, weather stripping, and door sweeps. **These are free and will help you save money on your utility bills.** Look for the letter from Duke Energy and come to the community meeting for more information. Info provided by: **Shelley Hudson Robbins**, Energy and State Policy Director

A Change of Command

There was to be an election of new officers of the South Converse Neighborhood Association on April 1, 2019. However, since there were no challenges to the nominees that volunteered to run for office, there was no need for an election/vote. The officers are: **Toni Sutton** (President), **Kenneth Myers** (Vice President), **Frances Richardson** (Secretary), **Willie Mae Thacker** (Assistant Secretary), **Barbara Rutledge** (Treasurer), **Tommy Richardson** (Assistant Treasurer).

Thanks to **Tommy Richardson** for the six years he served as president to the South Converse Community. We look forward to his continuing his work in the community.

"Our attitudes color our whole personality. We cannot always choose what happens to us, but we can choose our attitude toward each situation."

We Got Fit & Had Fun!!!

The SCNA held its Fit and Fun Day on Saturday, April 6, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the C.C. Woodson Center. The purpose was to promote health. We started with a 2-mile walk, returned to the center and worked out with a fitness instructor, played Corn holes, and the children played basketball and had fun. We were entertained by **Stella Johnson** and members of her Line Dance Group. (RJ) **Robert Reeder, Jr.** represented ReGenesis, giving out tote bags along with helpful material. **Jessica Fielder**, who helped make this possible, was there, as well as former City Councilman **Robert Reeder & Willa Reeder** (President of Forest Park NA) and **Rep. Rosalyn H. Myers**.

There was plenty of help setting up and cleaning up, including City Staff members **Martin Livingston, Kim Moultrie and Kathy Hill**. Other help included SCNA members **Sheila Dawkins, Horace Littlejohn, J. Ruth Littlejohn, Kenneth Myers, Luther Norman, Brenda Pryce, Frances Richardson, Tommy Richardson, Toni Sutton, Margaret Swindler** and a few helpful guests. We didn't have the 250 people we were prepared for; however, we had a great time! Healthy snacks and water were available. We are grateful to the **Mary Black Foundation** for making this possible.



Those who participated in the walk on Fit & Fun Day.
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(Top) The Children took time from the fun to pose for a photo (2) Luther Norman, former Rep. Brenda Pryce, RJ Reeder, Toni Sutton, Emma Rice, Texanna Williams, Jessica Fielder & Officer Shannetta Thompson (3) Ken Myers, Robert Reeder, Sheila Dawkins, Pres. Tommy & Frances Richardson are joined by Stella Johnson & fellow dancers. (4) A guest joins Kathy Hill (Community Relations), City Councilwoman J. Ruth Littlejohn & Commissioner Horace Littlejohn in a game of Corn Holes.

The Lion King Kids

The Lion's King which is a 1994 American animated musical film produced by Walt Disney, came to **Mary H. Wright Elementary School** March 27-28. It tells the story of **Simba** (Javian Smith), a young lion who is to succeed his father **Mufasa** (Dylan McCravy) as King of the Pride Lands; however, after Simba's paternal uncle **Scar** (Rilley Rasheed) murders Mufasa, Simba is manipulated into thinking he was responsible and flees into exile. While living with two wastrels, Simba is given some valuable perspective from his childhood friend **Nala** (Tanila Williams) and his Shaman, **Rafiki** (which was played by five cast members (#1 Ny'asia Winston, #2 Tamera Keitt, #3 Savariya Richardson, #4 Anayah Jackson & #5 Savon Eison). He returned to challenge Scar to end his oppressive power and take his place in the Circle of Life as the rightful King.

The cast members, all students of Mary H. Wright Elementary School, were outstanding and demon-



strated that great things can happen wherever one is planted. In 2017, the students put on the school's first ever full-length drama production of the Disney classic,

101 Dalmatians. In 2018, the school presented a version of Disney's Aladdin Kids, which was based on the 1992 Disney film "Aladdin." The plays have all been directed by **Mrs. Lindsey Singleton** and made possible by **Church of the Advent** and other contributors. Some of these children could go on to Broadway, and hopefully they will never forget those who helped them along the way. **SCNA Board members Jane Spann and J. Ruth Littlejohn** joined a few cast members.



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"True Greatness comes in serving others."

Getting To Know You!!!



Sheila D. Haywood Dawkins is the proud parent of two daughters, ***Katrina Dawkins Goggins*** & ***Tamika Dawkins***. Sheila is also the proud grandmother of 3 granddaughters and 5 grandsons. Sheila's hometown is Dayton, Ohio. However she has lived in S.C. for 42 years; living 25 of those years at t **114**

Pyle Court. Sheila graduated from Paul Lawrence Dunbar High School in 1975, and she attended Central State University in Wilberforce, Ohio for two years. Sheila's career was in Law Enforcement. She is a retiree of Spartanburg County Detention Facility, and also a retiree of District 7 Pine Street School system. She currently works for Spartanburg County Library in Woodruff, SC. Sheila is a member of Refuge of Worship in Laurens, SC. She is a member of the SCNA, and is very active in the community.



Little Free Library

The Little Free Library, that was donated by **Riley Institute of Diversity & Inclusion Group**, has been placed in the South Converse Street Park, near the Pavilion. When you visit the park, we encourage you to read to your children, and/or let them read to you. If you have books that your children have outgrown, you are invited to share them.

"Good Character ---like good soup---is usually homemade."

Earth Day Festival

The Spartanburg Earth Day Festival was held on **May 4, 2019 from 10:00 am - 3:00pm**, at the **Unitarian Universalist Church** 210 Henry Place. The focus was on building community, celebrating earth's beauty & gifts, and inspiring our citizens to care for our planet. There was a petting zoo and the children enjoyed petting the animals.



Mary Miles, 2nd from right & Commissioner Horace Littlejohn, join others in the petting zoo.

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Garbage & Recycle Schedules

Recycle bins (**blue bins**) are 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, **the bins are only collected twice**. The **gray bins** are collected on Thursdays. If a holiday falls on a Thursday, pickup will be the next day - a one day delay.

Some residents are placing their bins on the curb as early as Tuesday or Wednesday, when pickup isn't until Thursday. We encourage each resident not to place their bin(s) on the curb before Wednesday evening, and remove the bin(s) once collected.

"It is the greatest of all mistakes to do nothing because you can only do little." Sydney Smith

Want Speed Humps?!!!

Requests for applications can be made through the City of Spartanburg's Community Services Office by visiting www.cityofspartanburg.org, or calling (864) 596-2052. A city resident that resides in a single family home on a residential street or minor collector roadway, may submit an application with signatures of 2 additional residents that occupy separate homes on the street to be studied. Upon receipt and review of a properly completed application, city staff will then conduct a "Field Assessment." This Assessment will initiate traffic counts to determine if the street(s) meet program requirements. The City only conducts traffic counts during the work week (Monday – Friday) during the school calendar year to get accurate traffic data. The City will use a volume/speed sliding scale to determine if the street/road meets the minimum eligibility standards. City Staff will notify all occupied single family homes of the pending vote (one vote per home), and the process.

The proposed speed hump locations will be presented at a called neighborhood meeting conducted by City Staff. One ballot will be distributed/mailed to each occupied home (one vote per home) in the Final Impact Area. A minimum of 50% plus 1 of all occupied single family homes in the impact area must vote yes to approve installation. If the final vote does not lead to speed hump installation, the area cannot be studied again for three years.

Applications will be taken on a first come, first served basis. The process does not start until the City has received a completed application with 3 signatures from eligible occupied single family homes. The total process can take up to six (6) months to complete.

New Member

Welcome to our newest member, **Harry Watson** of 324 Caulder Avenue. Thank you for your membership! All residents are encouraged to join the SCNA. Your involvement is important to the growth of this community

Community Cleanup

April 27, 2019 was a busy day for most of us and therefore were not available to participate in the scheduled cleanup. Many thanks to **Kate Kraft, Toni Sutton** and **Tommy Richardson** for their loyalty.

Have a Happy Father's Day!!!!

Yard Debris

Many of you have phoned to complain that Yard Debris on your street have not been collected for several weeks. Debris is normally picked up every 2-3 weeks. However, according to **Mark Ford**, when there are storms or downed trees, they may run 2-3 weeks behind. You can check the schedule for pickup on line at cityofspartanburg.org, then go to Solid Waste Route Collection Route. Mark Ford can be reached at **864-596-2468**.

Tidbits

The next SCNA meeting is **June 3, 2019**. There is **no meeting in July**.

We continue to thank **Glenn Cook** and his Crew for the work they do in the South Converse Community.

You are encouraged to get out and walk, run or bike even if it's only 15 minutes. There are several trails in or near this community: Mary H. Wright Greenway Trail, Mary Black Trail, the trail at Duncan Park & the short trail at S. Converse Park. The majority of the people using these trails, live across town or in the County. ***Take time for yourself! Your health depends on it!***

We continue to request emails from all residents. It doesn't matter if you are an association member or not. By giving your email, you will receive information we consider helpful and newsletters with color photos. Send your email to: ***jriddlejohn@charter.net***, and list ***your address in the subject line*** or call **864-573-5066**.

Rib Festival: The Spartanburg Southside Lions will host its 4th Annual Sparkle City Rhythm & Ribs Festival on **Saturday, June 1, 2019** at **Barnet Park**. The gate will open at 1:00 p.m. All proceeds from this event goes back into the community via service projects. A few of the service projects include, providing free eye exams and free eye glasses to those who are less fortunate and Backpack Buddies which helps to combat hunger among children by providing food packs to take home on the weekends. Thanks to the **City of Spartanburg** for their continued sponsorship. ***Many Southside Lions are members of the SCNA, with several being Chartered members.***

Juneteenth: Will take place on **June 15, 2019** at **Carver Middle School**, from 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Happy Memorial Day!!!