

OAKWOOD

The Newsletter of the Society for the Preservation of Historic Oakwood

February 1998



From The President

I grew up in a small town. I knew my neighbors, I knew my streets, I knew who had the spookiest house at Halloween and where to get the best donuts. Is it any surprise that I was drawn to Oakwood ten years ago like a duck to water?

Over the past ten years as an Oakwood resident, I've gotten married, had two children, and received consistently clean termite reports. Life's been good! Now that I have assumed the leadership role for the Society for the Preservation of Historic Oakwood, it's my turn to give something back to my adopted neighborhood, and I relish the task.

Oakwood means a lot more to me than old houses. Thanks to the efforts of our predecessors in the Society, Oakwood has achieved enviable stability as a real

neighborhood. A neighborhood where people know one another, gather together frequently, look after each other, and share common beliefs: that diversity in a neighborhood is a good thing; that preservation of our homes and the character of our surroundings is important; that all of our neighbors are remarkable in their own way; and that we don't have to drive identical sport utility vehicles.

With the able assistance of a vigorous Board and Committees, as well as spirited Society members (by the way, if you live in Oakwood, you're a member), I'm looking forward to a good year. I want to give special mention to my Vice President, Diane Deresienski, who is already preparing us for an even better 1999.

Thanks, neighbors!
Tom Gongaware



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Pat McQuaid
Editor

26th Annual Candlelight Tour Tremendous Success



The 26th annual Oakwood Candlelight Tour of Homes was a tremendous success. We sold 3,249 tickets and grossed \$30,117. After subtracting the expenses, the net profit was \$23,760.78. Ticket sales, gross income and net income were all slightly ahead of last year, establishing new tour records. Judging from people I talked to and from comments I heard, I think our visitors were delighted with the quality of the homes and the warmth and friendliness with which we greeted them.

Why was this tour such a success? Good weather and an excellent newspaper article helped, but above all nearly everyone in Oakwood pitched in and helped. I'd like to thank the following people:

- Brett Liverman for serving as treasurer and as my right-hand man
- Jean Earp for coordinating the "After-the-Tour Party," which was a great success
- Paige Garriques for coordinating the "Youth Guides"
- Oakley Herring for coordinating the Ticket Sales
- Don Grose for coordinating the "Porch Hosts"
- Doug Earp for coordinating the cleanup
- Peggie Fedderson for coordinating music
- Rusty Lurwick, Mike Talbot, Brett Liverman and Allan Bass for their daring assistance in hanging and taking down the banner
- Lynne Mann for decorating the Oakwood signs
- Naudain Machen, Rose Schwetz and the Oakwood Garden Club for providing refreshments at the Tucker House
- Terry Harper, Anne Robertson, Brett Liverman and Allan Bass for hosting the Saturday and Sunday brunches and the Saturday dinner for the homeowners
- Jerry Blow for photographing the tour houses
- All homeowners without whom there would have been no tour
- All the neighbors who served as porch hosts and inside persons
- And finally, my wife Carolyn who allowed me to put our phone number in the news releases and who answered as many as 30 calls per day in the weeks leading up to the tour.

Peter V. Andrews,
Tour Chair 1997



Newsletter News



At the January board meeting Tom Gongaware raised several possible areas for changing the newsletter and appointed a publications committee to investigate the matter. The committee met and prepared a survey which 16 people completed at the February meeting. The overwhelming sentiment was to keep the newsletter distribution and content within Oakwood. A slight majority wanted the present frequency of approximately six issues per year and the remainder would like more frequent publication. The votes were split on whether we should carry advertisements and whether we should publish additional flyers to announce events. Of the people suggesting changes, the majority wanted additional information on houses and renovations in Oakwood and profiles of Oakwood residents. If you would like to be a roving reporter and write such articles on a regular basis, please

volunteer to Tom or to Pat McQuaid, the newsletter editor. Casual articles of Oakwood interest are also welcome.

For several years now Rusty Lurwick has ably handled the newsletter distribution. He announced in January that he will no longer have the time to do this, so we wish to extend a large vote of thanks to Rusty for his work. We are investigating whether we should continue with hand delivery or return to mailing the newsletter. If you are frequently out of town or for some other reason do not wish hand-delivered newsletters left on your porch please drop a note to Ian Shields at 318 Polk St and include your name, address and telephone number.

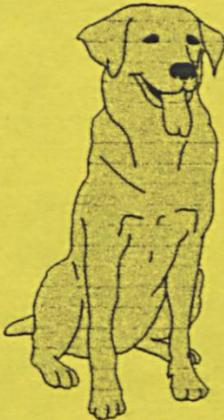
Submitted by
Ian Shields



Oakwood Common Dog Waste Problem

The Oakwood Common was established:

- to provide an open space for neighbors to meet neighbors;
- as a play area for the neighborhood's youngest residents;
- as a respite for our senior citizens and walking visitors;
- and as a site for neighborhood events such as the Jazz Brunch and the 4th of July picnic.



The use of the Common as a bathroom for dogs is not compatible. Currently, the amount of dog waste makes routine maintenance difficult, use of the grounds risky, and is not healthy for children to walk, play and crawl in.

During the Christmas decorating of the Common, I was appalled at the amount of dog feces. In one place there were seven piles within six linear feet of lawn! An electrical cord carrying power to light the Christmas tree had to be scrubbed along its entire length inside the park. Neighbors saw the tree knocked over by two cavorting dogs. I saw two dogs urinating on six of the eight benches, the elm tree, the gate posts and Christmas tree

during one visit. Even if all owners scooped, as city ordinance dictates, this would not eliminate urine.

Maintenance of the Common is difficult. In February we usually cut the liriopie and "spruce-up" for spring. The liriopie inside and outside the park is full of feces so "sprucing up" is disgusting work.

At the January meeting of the Society, the board of directors voted to install signs prohibiting dogs from visiting the Common. If you would like to help with Spring maintenance (right!) call me at 833-1747. Please help keep our park usable for the people of the neighborhood and always scoop after your dog.

Betsy Ross

P.S. Oakwood Park, a large green area with picnic tables and ball fields, is located below Oakwood Cemetery on Brookside Drive. It has more space and is a good dog destination.



Octavia Rainey Visit

The February board meeting had the pleasure of having a guest speaker, Octavia Rainey, chairperson of the North Central Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC). Ms. Rainey informed us of a proposed text change to the city code which would allow for public telephones in residential areas zoned R-10 and above. Oakwood falls in this category. Ms. Rainey is opposed to this text change. She feels that public telephones in residential areas would increase loitering and the crime rate and would decrease property values. They are not necessary as low-cost telephone service is available for qualifying low-income residents. She asked that the Oakwood neighborhood which is part of the North Central CAC help oppose this change. She also invited all Oakwood residents to the monthly meetings of the North Central CAC. These are held the second Tuesday of each month at the Tarboro Road Community Center. Thank you Octavia!



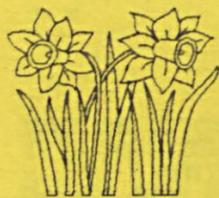
Good Deeds Committee

A new committee has been formed by the SPHO board called "The Good Deeds Committee." This is a community outreach group which will target the elderly, disabled and underprivileged. Our first good deed will be to join with another outreach program operating in Raleigh and nation wide called "Christmas in April." We will need skilled (knowledge of carpentry, electrical work, plumbing etc.) and unskilled (can hold a paint brush) labor to join us on April 25 to help repair a house in the 1100 block of Oakwood Ave. We in Oakwood have been very fortunate and this is a small way we can give back to the community. If you would like to join us, please call Diane Deresienski (828-3711) or Ruth Sappie (821-3711) for more information.

Submitted by
Diane Deresienski



Get Ready for Spring!



Wondering how to make the best of a small yard? How to use plant material to create a relaxing "room" outside? To find out the how-to's come to a gardening seminar sponsored by the Oakwood Garden Club Monday, March 9 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Tucker House. All Oakwood residents are invited to attend. Sally Day-Burton, a local landscape

designer, will present a program on "Grand Ideas for Small Spaces." In addition, there will be a drawing for a free consultation by Ms. Day-Burton. Please call Naudain Machen at 834-6656, or Jean Earp at 832-6420 to reserve your space. Attendance will be limited to fifty people. We look forward to seeing you there!

Food Lovers Unite



We've been hearing rumblings lately that there might be interest in starting an Oakwood Gourmet Club. The way these clubs often work is: members first decide how often to meet, usually once every month or two; then they choose hosts for each meeting; the host chooses the menu and doles out recipes to members. Each member prepares a specific dish and on the appointed date everyone gathers to sample the wonderful food. The recipes are usually creative but not too difficult to prepare. The possibilities

are endless: American, Middle Eastern, European, from magazines, cookbooks, friends or family. The sky's the limit!

These clubs are great fun and provide the opportunity to try things many of us wouldn't make or possibly even sample. If you are interested in starting an Oakwood Gourmet Club, please call Lauren Taylor at 832-3159. This will help us determine if we have enough people to get underway!



Social Committee

This year, for the first time, we will have a social committee instead of a single social chairperson. The committee will be in charge of our many social events. Committee members are:

Alison Cable - Chairperson
Lydia Faulkner
Don Grose

Any persons interested in helping with social events please contact these wonderful people. The first event will be the Durham Bulls outing. More information will come in the next newsletter.

It's a Garden Party



The Oakwood Garden Club is again hosting its Annual Garden Tour with the theme "It's a Garden Party." The tour will be held April 25 and 26, 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. both days. If you have any questions or would like to help please call Carolyn Andrews at 832-0297.

Athletic Club

Please mark your calendars for our Athletic Club. This is our monthly get together (except December and January) on the last Sunday of each month starting at 6:30 p.m. Please bring your favorite drink and an hors d'oeuvre to share. This is a great way to connect with neighbors and meet new friends. Everyone is welcome!

Thanks to Hildred Hutchins for arranging for the following people to host the Athletic Club:

February 22	Katherine White	309 N. Bloodworth Street
March 29	Ellen Wiebel & Nathan Camarillo	200 Elm Street
April	TBD	
May 31	Madonna Phillips & Greg Hallam	601 Leonidas Court
June 28	Barbara Wishy & Peter Rumsey	515 N. Bloodworth Street



Well Done!

Congratulations to the Oakwood Garden Club, blue ribbon winners for their garden at the Home Flower and Garden Show.



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Have you taken a "Neighbor Inventory" lately? Have you ever taken note of the amazing array of folks who call Historic Oakwood home? What other neighborhood can you name with more writers,

painters, business leaders, sculptors, war heroes, heroes to children, high-profile professionals, future politicians, entrepreneurs, survivors, dancers, artists, brilliant students, idealists, gardeners, creators of beauty, keepers of our neighborhood's legacy, proud parents, animal lovers, and characters than our own?

We often celebrate the structures of our neighborhood: the Victorian mansions; the shotgun shacks; the inviting bungalows; but how often do we look at the people who live in them? Without us Historic Oakwood would be little more than house museums, and we are so much more than that.

Thanks this month to Carter Hubbard, talented artisan, Easter-Egg Hunt organizer and 1998 chair of the Oakwood Children's committee. Thanks to the Oakwood Garden Club whose members contribute so much to our home, including April's garden tour. Thanks to Diane Deresienski, Ruth Sapie, and the Oakwood Good Deeds Committee for our involvement in this month's "Christmas in April" event and for returning to the society our big-hearted soul. Thanks to Sam and Bonnie Stone for hosting April's Athletic Club, and to Hugh and Sara Stohler for helping Oakwood's family of Bosnian refugees through a silent auction fund-raiser this month.

So it's not the structures alone that make Oakwood a special place; rather they provide the unique and wonderful context for the good work of our (inventoried) Oakwood neighbors. I'm proud to live here with ya'll.

Tom Gongaware



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Special Guest at SPHO April Meeting

Errol Frailey, Executive Director of Downtown Raleigh Alliance, will be the guest speaker at the next meeting of the Society for the Preservation for Historic Oakwood on Thursday, April 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the Tucker House. He will be addressing the need for more residential housing in the downtown area, downtown success stories and areas of concern. We hope you can attend.



Dinner and Silent Auction with Dario

Many in Oakwood remember when Dario Babic, a refugee from Bosnia, arrived for the summer of 1993 to live in Oakwood and to study English. He returned to Raleigh the following year and eventually enrolled at NCSU. In December he will graduate from NCSU with a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

The third and final Dinner and Silent Auction with Dario will be held on April 26, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the home of Katherine White, 309 N. Bloodworth St. The goal is to raise the final \$10,000 (out-of-state tuition) needed to complete his education.

We welcome participation by any Oakwood resident who wants to help in this fund-raising effort. There are four ways you might participate: by donating goods or a service for the auction; by assisting with the dinner and auction; by bidding on and purchasing goods at the auction; and by making a direct cash/check contribution to the 'Dario Babic Fund'.

The committee for the Silent Auction includes: Katherine White (833-3882/833-3386); Sally and Tommy Harrill (829-9162); Hugh and Sara Stohler (821-4338); Pamela Davison (834-3520); Easter Maynard and Matt Rebello (821-3890).

Proposed Text Changes Voted Down



Last month the Society for the Preservation of Historic Oakwood and the North Central Citizens Advisory Council were successful in helping to defeat a proposed text change in the city's zoning code. The proposed text change would have allowed pay telephones to be located within R-10 (and higher) residential districts. Oakwood is R-10.

We took the position that the proposed text change was unnecessary and potentially detrimental to the residential neighborhoods that would be impacted by it.

Thanks to our neighbors Pete Andrews, Joanne Sanford and Billy Brewer for their vigorous assistance in defeating this proposal.

Tom Gongaware



New Neighbors

Let's welcome our newest Oakwood residents. These new homeowners have moved here since January 1, 1998.

Ilene and Alan Price
124 N. Bloodworth Street

Robert Willett and
Grace Marlette Brown
224 North East Street

Richard Mayhew and
Chuck Hill
107 North East Street

Lucie Lee White Robson
312 East Jones Street

Robert J. Stark
605 East Lane Street

Lost Kitten



A white and gray kitten, about four months old, has been missing from 517 Oakwood Ave. since March 27. If you spy a feline fitting this description, please call 821-1329.

Candlelight Tour

Mark your calendars for December 12 & 13 as we prepare for the 1998 Candlelight Tour. We are contacting homeowners and forming committees. If you would like to head or serve on one of the tour committees, please call Chris Yetter at 828-3510. Let's make this year the most successful tour ever!

The Pink Truck



The Pink Truck will breeze through Oakwood on Monday, April 20. Mark your calendars to drag out all that old stuff that you've been waiting to throw away.

Things that will be picked up:

Air conditioners, household appliances, bath fixtures, furniture, mattresses, water heaters, wood scraps. Yard waste must be in clear plastic bags and limbs must be less than six inches across and six feet long.

Things that will not be picked up:

Car engines, parts or batteries; hazardous materials; dirt, rock or building materials; liquids, paint, gas or paint thinners; tires.

Please take all of your items to the curb. Due to recycling requirements you must sort the materials placed at the curbside. Pickup will be between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Thanks to the city of Raleigh and H.A.N.D.S. for providing this great service. If you have any questions, please call Jean Earp at 832-6420 (h) or 836-8842 (w).

May Day Baskets

This year the Garden Club is once again recognizing May Day. Please present a fresh basket on your front porch or door Sunday, May 3. Selected judges will be out between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. to choose their favorites.



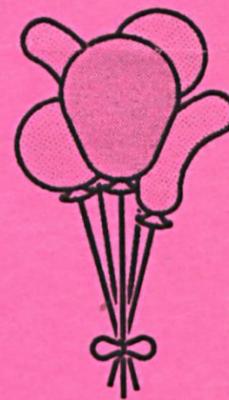
Social Committee

It is time to begin our 1998 social season! This year will feature our traditional events with a few surprises thrown in along the way. Oakwood's social events are a great way to visit old friends and to meet new ones. All events are very casual and children friendly. We want to send a special welcome invitation to all new neighbors. These events are a great way to experience the charm of Oakwood that attracted many of us to our neighborhood.

Our first event will be the Jazz Brunch on Sunday, May 17 from 10:30 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. Rain date is May 24. Please bring a brunch-type food item to share. The Society will provide beverages, including mimosas, and table service. Once again, the Steve Hobbs Trio will perform as we enjoy brunch. We will also present our annual awards that day. So mark your calendars. Call Don Grose at 833-5468 with any questions.

Bloomin' Bash

On Saturday, May 16 the Oakwood-Mordecai Business District will be hosting a Bloomin' Bash! The fun will begin at 1 p.m. on the 600 and 700 block of N. Person St. Live music will be provided by the Rhythm Doctors. There will be refreshments, face-painting and much more. Please come out and join in!



Athletic Club

The Athletic Club is a social event where the athletic events are bending your elbow and exercising your jaw. Mark your calendars. Please bring your favorite drink and an hors d'oeuvre to share. This is a great way to connect with neighbors and meet new friends. Everyone is welcome!

- April 26 Sam & Bonnie Stone 407 Polk St.
- May 31 Madonna Phillips & Greg Hallam 601 Leonidas Court
- June 28 Barbara Wishy & Peter Rumsey 515 N. Bloodworth St.



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Pat McQuaid
Editor

Garden Tour

Saturday April 25 and Sunday April 26



The Oakwood Garden Club will sponsor a garden tour on April 25 and 26, from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tickets will be on sale the day of the tour at the corner of N. Boundary and N. Bloodworth Streets. We need volunteers to sell tickets, to serve lemonade and to act as garden guides. If you would like to help with one of these

positions, please call Carolyn Andrews at 832-0297. If you can assist us with advertising by putting up a poster at your place of business or work, please give Rusty Lurwick a call at 834-6217. Proceeds from the tour will be used for a beautification project in the neighborhood. The Garden Club thanks you for your help and support.

Gardens on the Tour

Anne & W.R. Barbour
218 N. East St.



Jean & Doug Earp
720 N. Bloodworth St



Ames Christopher & Bill Caligari
408 Elm St

Naudain Machen
703 N. East St.

Lois & Jim Wallman
518 N. Boundary St

Tiffany and Mike Mazanek
518 Elm St

Charlie Buckhead
610 Polk St.

Alice Garland & Mike Davis
525 N. Boundary St.

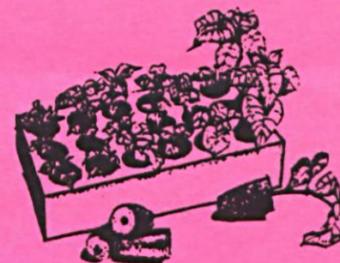
Bake Sale

The Oakwood Garden Club will hold a bake sale on Saturday, April 25 at 8 a.m. at the corner of N. Bloodworth and N. Boundary Streets. If you would like to donate baked goods, cookies, brownies, breads, muffins, etc., please call Carolyn Andrews at 832-0297 or Pat McQuaid at 829-1468.



Herb Sale

H.A.N.D.S. (Home and Neighborhood Development Sponsors) will sponsor a herb sale at the corner of N. Bloodworth and N. Boundary Streets (the same location as the bake sale) on Saturday, April 25 beginning at 8 a.m. and continuing until 3 p.m.



Easter Egg Hunt

The annual children's Easter-egg hunt will take place Sunday, April 12 at 2 p.m. It will return to its traditional location at 516 East Jones St. Please drop off eggs at the same address Friday or Saturday prior to the event. Beverages will be provided along

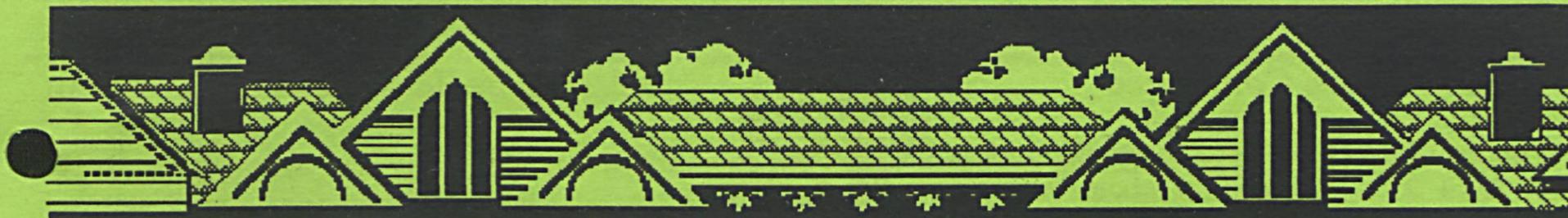


with the fun. Please bring your favorite Easter snack to share with everyone. Kim Jackson, my helpful co-chair, has moved. So, if you could help out or if you have any questions, please call me at 546-0931.

Thank You
Carter Hubbard

Newsletter Distribution

At the March meeting the SPHO board decided to continue the present hand delivery of the newsletter using volunteer carriers. Ian Shields will be coordinating routes and carriers. Each route should take about an hour. If you would like to help out on either a regular or an emergency basis call Ian at 829-1468.



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I am enjoying my porch these days. After 10 years we've finally put some furniture on it, and when the fleeting cool evenings allow, it feels as if we've added an airy new room to our dusty old house. Oakwood has lots of porches, of course, and even more stories that are spun on them. There's

one couple in the neighborhood, Terry Harper and Dan Gaugert, who tell me that they love "the porch life," and it may be that special bond between them that has given us this Oakwood tale...suitable for a porch on a late Spring evening:

Terry has lived in our 'hood for over twenty years. An archaeologist with the State, she met her future husband, Dan, sixteen summers ago. Both of them were living in the 400 block of Elm St. across from one another, when, perhaps with some encouragement from Ames Christopher, they began to date. Almost fifteen years ago, on September 24th, they were married in a glorious ceremony performed in a backyard in the 400 block of Elm Street.

In 1984 they bought their first home together at 217 Linden Avenue from the Society for the Preservation of Historic Oakwood. The home had been successfully saved from ruin that year by the Society, and the Harper/Gaugert family

became the Society's first "revolving fund" customers. "We loved that front porch," says Dan, now a Registered Representative with Capital Investment Group Inc.

After 5 years, a growing family convinced Terry and Dan to look for something bigger. They had two other requirements, the bigger house had to be in Oakwood and have a superior front porch. As it happened, they had for many years been independently admiring a home on East Jones Street that was owned by one of Oakwood's elderly "war widows," Ida Hetrick. Today, Terry and Dan, Elise (age 13) and Anna (age 10) call Miss Ida's house home. They moved just one Oakwood block.

"We like sitting on this front porch, too," Dan says. "We brought our old porch swing over from Linden Avenue, 'cause we like swinging." The "porch life" is important to this family. So is life in Oakwood.

I first heard the Harper/Gaugert story from their oldest daughter, Elise. Elise and Anna were babysitting my children one evening, and she told me the tale while we were standing on my own front porch. It's a wonderful Oakwood story, full of love, continuity, a passion for community, roots, and a happy ending.

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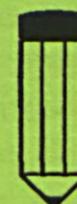
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Good Deeds Committee

The first outing of the Good Deeds Committee took place on April 25. A group of about twelve Oakwood neighbors participated in "Christmas in April," a nationwide one-day event to repair and rehabilitate the homes of those with low-income, the elderly or the disabled. We spent the day building a fence, doing yard work, repairing a collapsed floor and painting. It was a successful and satisfying day and the homeowner was extremely thankful for the help. I'd like to give a giant thank you to all who participated. We hope to help an Oakwood neighbor become a recipient of "Christmas in April" next year. In the meantime we will also be doing our own good deeds in the neighborhood. The Oakwood board recently voted to designate all United Way donations to the Good Deeds Committee for charitable works in the neighborhood.

Thank You
Diane Deresienski



West Idlewild Redevelopment Plan

The city has designated the western part of the Idlewild neighborhood, just east of Oakwood, as a redevelopment district. The borders of the area are Oakwood Ave. to the north, Edenton St. to the south, Swain St. to the west and Idlewild to the east. There is a committee of approximately ten people involved in developing a plan to improve housing in this area. Later the plan will be submitted to city council for consideration. There are three representatives from Oakwood on this committee: Lizz Biss (755-1059), Diane Deresienski (828-7520) and Ruth Sappie (821-3711). For more information or to have your opinions or input heard, please contact one of the above representatives.

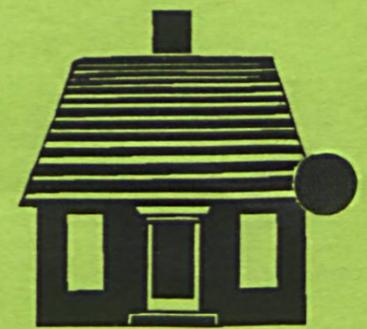
House for Sale or Rehabilitation

The city of Raleigh is offering for sale the property at 102 North East Street along with an adjacent lot. The building is currently a duplex, but the city has stipulated that it be converted to single family. The asking price is \$58,000 total for both the building, which is in Oakwood, and the extra lot, which is not. Because the building is a contributing building in a National Register District, renovations to the building would be eligible for substantial rehabilitation tax credits. There is a process that the owner must follow to get the tax credits, but it is well worth the effort. If the building is to be owner occupied, the credit is 30% of the eligible renovation cost, and if it is to be income producing, the credit is 40%!! This is not a deduction, but a credit!! Clearly any exterior changes to the building would go through the regular Certificate of Appropriateness

process. New construction on the adjacent lot would not need a COA but obviously would have to meet applicable zoning and code requirements.

This is a wonderful opportunity for a person or group of people who are looking for a good sized renovation project that should have a good bottom line.

If you want more information about the tax credits, contact Tim Simmons at the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office (733-6547). If you want information about the house and lot, contact Jimmy Hughes at the Raleigh Community Development Department (857-4330).



Janet Wellman



Community Watch Opportunities

Several recent security incidents in Oakwood have made the evening newscasts and the papers. Others have been mentioned from porch to porch, neighbor to neighbor. Block captains have been identified for most of the neighborhood in our attempts to institute a Community Watch program. In order to make the program work, volunteers are urgently needed to be

team captains. Responsibilities of the team captains will be to phone 5 or 6 block captains to begin spreading lookout alerts when the Community Watch chair has been notified of an unusual incident in the area. Please take this opportunity to help prevent activities and contribute to keeping Oakwood the best place to live in Raleigh. Call Crystal Farrow at 821-0427 to volunteer. This can't be done without you.

WELCOME

We will be distributing a new Oakwood directory this fall. In the meantime, let's welcome these new folks to our neighborhood:

Darla Brown	524 North East St.	Kathleen Raye	103 North East St.
Craig & Sharon Henry	410 Morson St.	Robert Stark	605 East Lane St.
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Tyler Patterson & Terri Nadlicki	505 East Franklin St.	Steve & Lee Woodburn	526 Euclid St.
Alan and Ilene Price	124 North Bloodworth St.	Meredith McGill	15 South Bloodworth St.

If we missed you, or you know of new neighbors not listed above, please E-mail <gong@mindspring.com>; leave a message at 558-8095; or register as a guest at <<http://www.yourtown.net/display.main/Org4.213.html>>, Oakwood's new web page.



Well Done Betsy

Congratulations to Betsy Ross for receiving a Fletcher Volunteer Award! Betsy was recognized for the hard work and diligence that made the Oakwood Common possible and for her continuing involvement in maintaining it so well. Raleigh Parks and Recreation presented this award for being the Outstanding Park Volunteer to Betsy at a ceremony on May 21.



Like to String Along?

Leeann Gillen, a cellist, is interested in forming a string quartet that would meet regularly for the sheer pleasure of making music. She is looking for two violinists and a viola player to join her in this endeavor. Leeann would like players that are neither beginners nor extremely advanced. If you are interested in rosinning your bow, call Leanne at 856-0210.

Oakwood Wildlife



It's spring in Oakwood, nearly summer actually. Like many of your neighbors you're probably spending a good portion of your time toiling in the garden:

replanting; mulching; raking and pruning. Everything is as fine as a rose in bloom. And then you see it. "A snake!" screeches through your mind as you recoil from your kneeling pad and grab for the nearest trowel. But the adrenalin level drops a notch before you do any damage and you realize it is a snake, but just barely. It is, in fact, the most common city snake in our region. Herpetologists know it as *Storeria dekayi*, however, "brown snake" works just as well.

These miniature serpents are completely harmless, never get much larger than 15 inches, and munch from a garden menu consisting of earthworms, slugs, and

assorted insects. They are generally nocturnal, like to hide under a variety of debris and deliver their young live between July and September. Clutch size ranges from 3 to 24 worm-sized young 'uns. The only distinguishing anatomical features of this docile reptile are its pale belly and paired lines of dark spots along its back.

So, the next time you see our friend the brown snake remember that he or she is just trying to eke out a living like the rest of us, and that these snakes are an important part of the urban ecosystem. I like a quote from my 1959 Henry Hill Collins Field Guide which reads: "This is the snake of the city and suburb, the lover of the trash-filled lot, the small boy's mascot."

Greg Lewbart



Celebrate July Fourth

Come celebrate the July Fourth parade and picnic with your Oakwood neighbors. The parade will begin at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 4 at the Common (corner of East and Boundary). It will proceed down East St. and end at 516 East Jones St. where the picnic will be held. This location offers more shade than the Common. Hooverville, Oakwood's own old-time folk-bluegrass duo, will provide the music, and Carter Hubbard will lead the children's parade and games. The annual Awards for Residents and Honorary Members will be presented during the picnic. Please bring a dish to share. The SPHO will provide beverages and table service. Call Alison Cable at 834-2267 with any questions.



The Coffee Corner Highlights Oakwood Artists

Bobby McLamb, owner of the Coffee Corner, plans to begin highlighting Oakwood artists each month. The Coffee Corner is in an exceptional location and will host a variety of two and three dimensional artwork. The opening reception for each artist will be the first Friday of each month from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The featured artist for June is Carter Hubbard. We hope that everyone will come out to discover and support the abundance of talent in our neighborhood.

Any Oakwood artist interested in displaying their art should contact Carter Hubbard at 546-0931. She will be handling the scheduling and publicity for the shows at the Coffee Corner.



Oakwood Athletic Club

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June 28	Barbara Wishy & Peter Rumsey	515 North Bloodworth St.
July 26	Bonnie & Jerry Truelove	604 North Bloodworth St.
Aug.30	Lisa Piercy & Jim Johnson	525 North Bloodworth St.
Sept.27	Ray Stephens & Rex Mitchell III	530 Oakwood Ave.
Oct.25	Pat McQuaid & Ian Shields	318 Polk St.
Nov.29	Richard Mayhew & Chuck Hill	107 North East St.

Thanks to all of our 1998 hosts and hostesses, and to Hildred Hutchins for arranging the locations.



Take me out to the Ball Park

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We are planning a new edition of the Oakwood directory for the fall. The directory lists residents by name and by street address. If you are new to Oakwood or your entry in the February 1998 Raleigh telephone directory is not current please fill out the form at left and return it to Ian Shields at 318 Polk St. If you do not wish to be listed in this directory please complete and return the form with the space checked to not include you.

Ian Shields

Fall 1998 Oakwood Directory

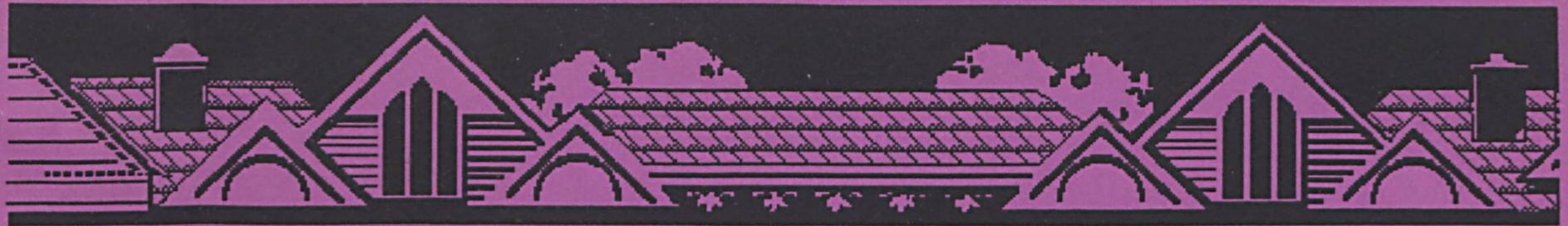
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Street: _____

Telephone: _____

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OAKWOOD

The Newsletter of the Society for the Preservation of Historic Oakwood

August 1998



From The President

I know I spin a lot of words in these columns about the people of Oakwood, more so than about its woodwork and walls. One neighbor, Paige Garriques of Oakwood Avenue, must have been noticing that when she handed me a letter that was written by Donna Nelson of Elburn, Illinois, to the editors of "Old House Journal." Donna's letter inspires me to ask whether those of us who live in Oakwood are focused on architectural details, or, to quote Donna, are we "searching to resurrect the spirit and comfort of what a home embodies: the safety of family, the practicality of good morals and high values --- all the things that endure and were once the framework, the architecture, if you will, of a society that gave life meaning."

We had a neighbor who perhaps understood the spirit of Donna Nelson's letter better than most. He was obsessed with his vision of a world where everybody, even those afflicted with disabilities, could access and enjoy the "spirit and comfort of what a home embodies." And from his own beautiful home on North East Street in Oakwood he dreamed of a fair society that embraced the notion that at least our own architecture should not create barriers to those with physical disabilities.

Ron Mace, our neighbor, died last month of natural causes at the age of 56. Afflicted with polio at the age of nine, he worked his entire life to help others with disabilities. Largely due to his efforts, the nations first building code that mandated accessibility was enacted into North Carolina law in 1973. He created Barrier Free Environments, a consulting firm that helped many businesses improve their accessibility. While a professor of architecture at NC State University, he founded the Center for Universal Design. He was its Director until his death, and his theory of "universal design" impacted the design of hundreds of buildings ranging from the Holocaust Museum in Washington, DC, to wheelchair spaces at the Mission Valley Theaters.

Ron helped give life meaning to those with physical disabilities by opening up the world to them. He and his partner of the last few years, Joy Weeber, gave those of us who are "temporarily enabled" friendship and neighborliness in the tradition of Oakwood.

For information about the Ron Mace Memorial Fund, contact the Center for Universal Design at 515-3082.

Tom Gongaware

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Montessori School in Oakwood

Emily Strong, a Montessori teacher, and Tina Govan are planning to open a Montessori school in the Trinity United Methodist Church at 824 N. Bloodworth Street starting sometime this Fall. They are hoping for an October 1st starting date, though this date is not firm just yet. Tina is an architect and will be working on the redesign of the interior and exterior space. The school will be a neighborhood school for ages 3 months to 6 years. If you or anyone you know are interested and would like more details please call Emily Strong at 790-2297 or Tina Govan at 833-8414. You may also send e-mail to grebo@ipass.net.

Oakwood Newcomers

Let's welcome these new folks to our neighborhood:

James Baldwin &
Mary-Ann Wilson
609 Leonidas Court

Lee Bishop
425-B N. Bloodworth Street

Walter Johnson &
Teresa Strickland
218 N. Bloodworth Street

Ronald Morrow &
Brian Ammons
415 Elm Street

New Principal at Emma Conn

Our neighborhood elementary school, Emma Conn, is welcoming Virginia Cárdenas as its new principal this month. A native of Quito, Ecuador, Ms. Cárdenas has lived in North Carolina for the past twelve years. She has taught for ten years, the last four of those in Wake County's magnet schools.



Ms. Cárdenas received her Master's degree in school administration from UNC-CH. She has served as an assistant principal/intern at Green Elementary year-round school. Since January of this year she has been a magnet programs recruiter. She has been a part of the 1998-2001 magnet grant writing team, in which Emma Conn plays a significant role. Emma Conn is a "Global Communications" magnet school. Joining Ms. Cárdenas is Ms Valjean Mitchell as the new assistant principal.

Ms. Cárdenas will be a guest speaker at the September 10, 1998 meeting of the Society for the Preservation of Historic Oakwood. The meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at the Tucker House

If you know of other new neighbors, please send e-mail to gong@mindspring.com or leave a message at 558-8095 .

Tom Gongaware

Oakwood Directory

 We are still working on the new Oakwood directory. We will attempt to list names, addresses and telephone numbers for all residents unless we receive a request not to include you. If you are relatively new or want more names listed than are in the telephone directory, please leave the information in the mail slot at 318 Polk St. See the June newsletter for a form you can use. E-mail is fine too.

Ian Shields
ibshields@aol.com

Next Newsletter

The next newsletter will be coming out in October. Please drop articles in the mail slot at 318 Polk St. by Oct. 1.

1998 Board

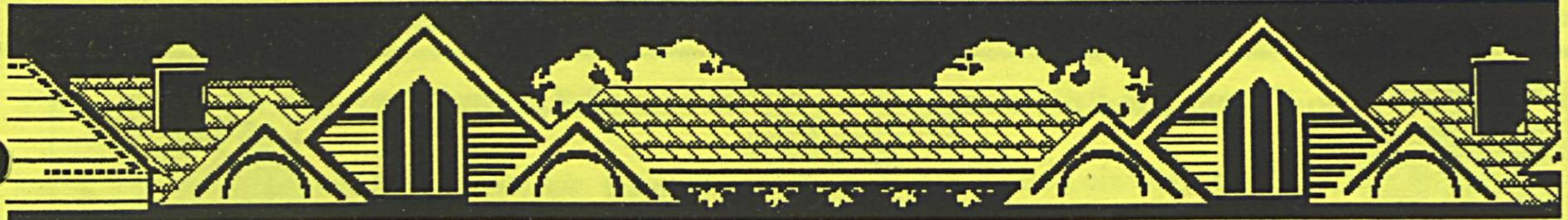
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The Society for the Preservation of Historic Oakwood (SPHO) board meets on the second Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Tucker House. All Oakwood residents are SPHO members and are welcome at the meeting. Watch the newsletter for notices of upcoming speakers.



OAKWOOD

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October 1998



Notice of Annual Meeting

7:30 p.m. Thursday, November 12 1997

The annual general meeting of the Society for the Preservation of Historic Oakwood will be held at the Tucker House, 418 N. Person St at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday November 12. We will elect a board of directors for 1999. All Oakwood residents are encouraged to attend. Residents over 18 years of age are eligible to vote. Please come and participate in democracy at the most local level.

Nine board positions are to be filled at this meeting. The nominating committee submits the following selections for the new 1998 officers and directors. Additional nominations may be made from the floor. As of this writing we still need a volunteer to become vice president for 1999 and then president for 2000. If you are interested please call Diane Deresienski (828-7520) or Ian Shields (829-1468).

	Officers:		Directors:
Vice-President	TBD	Two-year Term	One-year Term
Secretary	Janet Wellman	Duane Lawrence	Warren Savage
Treasurer	Brett Liverman	Dawn Leonard	
Historian	Dan Figgins	Greg Hallam	
		Jean Earp	

The 1997 vice president, Diane Deresienski becomes the 1998 president and the 1997 president, Tom Gongaware, becomes immediate past president. Crystal Farrow, Ellen Wiebel and Don Grose will serve the second year of their two year terms. A candlelight tour chair will be appointed by the new board. Jackie Lurwick continues as the garden club representative.

Ian Shields
1998 Nominating Committee.

Come Out And Vote



From the President

Architecture critic Barry Campbell once wrote: "Life is impoverished when we feel we know the stars of our favorite sitcoms better than we know our neighbors." Impoverished indeed!

Certainly not the experience we find in Oakwood. There are many ways to meet our neighbors here: attending the Athletic Club socials on the last Sunday of every month; waving at a passerby from our big, sprawling front porches; gathering with parents and boisterous kids at the Oakwood Common. Then, late October brings the Pig Pickin' to the 'hood, another annual get-together where neighbors meet. This year the Pig Pickin' promises to be a humdinger, because we'll all be gathered on Halloween (October 31st, for those of you who have given up Trick or Treating) at the Oakwood Cemetery. Name one other Raleigh neighborhood that gathers at their own cemetery on Halloween for a Pig Pickin' and I'll give up my share of the pig.

Historic Oakwood Cemetery is a 100 acre Victorian-style cemetery, carefully landscaped in the picturesque park tradition and full of monuments, lawn crypts and tombstones. It's where we find some of our most fascinating neighbors: 38,000 of them. They may be dead, but no self-respecting Southerner ever let that be an excuse for failing to show up for a pig pickin'.

First of all, there are some 2,800 Confederate soldiers...make a spot for those brave men. Then Governors Moore, Aycock, Fowle, Worth, Holden, Bragg and Swain will all want to say a word or two...make a spot for them. Our neighbor to the west, Peace College, will want us to save a place of honor for the founder of Peace Institute, James Dinwiddie. Wolfpack fans will then insist that Leonidas Lafayette Polk, a founder of NC State, and Jim Valvano, esteemed Wolfpack basketball coach, have cool spots in the shade. Richard Stanhope Pullen, who knows a thing or two about parks, will enjoy our park-like setting. And then there's the Daniels family, the Mordecai Family...you get my point.

With all these neighbors comin', it seems to me we need to get another pig.

Tom Gongaware

SPHO Goals Committee



Our neighborhood has survived, and thrived, primarily because of the long-term vision and proactive nature of our residents. Beginning in the early 1970s, when Oakwood was menaced by a road project that would have bisected the neighborhood, determined Oakwood pioneers formed the Society for the Preservation of Historic Oakwood (SPHO) to help combat the threat. As a result we have since benefited from numerous preservation, community and social efforts led by the society. A sampling includes:

- the rescuing of historic homes from uncaring investors
- the Oakwood Common and Vallie Henderson Park
- assisting neighbors in need through our Good Neighbors Committee
- neighborhood social events such as the Athletic Club and this month's Pig Pickin'
- the Annual Candlelight Tour that showcases our neighborhood while raising money to support the society's efforts

The Society for the Preservation of Historic Oakwood is committed to preserving our past while looking toward our future. Our volunteers have lived in Oakwood anywhere from 1-70 years. Remember if you are a resident of Oakwood, you are a member of the SPHO. As our 19th century neighborhood moves into the 21st century, we need your input and help. Please take a few moments to write down items or projects that you feel we, as a neighborhood organization, should explore. The Goals Committee of the SPHO looks forward to hearing from you. No idea or project is too small or too big. Communicate your thoughts to any of the following committee members:

Don Grose, Chair
527 North East St.
Don.grose@nellcorpb.com
833-5468

Brian Buss
506 North Person St.
833-7907

Peter Andrews
319 Polk St.
832-0297

Diane Deresienski
541 East Jones St.
828-7520

Tom Gongaware
529 North East St.
gong@mindspring.com
558-8095

Conn Global Communications Magnet

Emma Conn, our neighborhood elementary school, has a new magnet theme: Conn Global Communications. On Thursday, Oct. 29 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. a workshop will be held in the school to explain the school's goals and direction at this time. Parents, community members and teachers are invited to attend.



Montessori School Update

Montessori Community Children's House (AMS) is located in Trinity United Methodist Church at 824 N. Bloodworth St. We accept children ages 3 months to 6 years. We offer part time, school day and full time schedules as well as a special infant/toddler program of 3 consecutive part time days. Our board is proud to have Dr. Iolene Lund and Dr. Nettie Grove on board. We are excited to be a part of your community! We plan to open Dec. 1, 1998. Please call Emily Strong, Director, at 790-2297.

Raleigh Rescue Mission

The Raleigh Rescue Mission proposes to develop a 7.7 acre site on New Bern Avenue just east of Oakwood as a 90 unit women's dormitory. This site is too close to the existing New Bern House (formerly St Luke Home) to be permitted as a Supportive Housing Residence, so the city's Comprehensive Planning Committee is considering this proposal as a 'hotel'. However, it is proposed to waive the normal requirements for hotel parking since the 'guests' will not have cars. Oakwood and its environs already support a greater density of such facilities than most other parts of the city. To voice your concern, please contact George Chapman, the City Planning Director at 890-3125.

Let's Talk Trash

As one strolls the streets of Historic Oakwood on a Sunday afternoon, it is very unsightly to see trash cans on the curb filled with yard waste that will not be collected until the following Wednesday.

Most residents mow and rake their lawns on their days off, however, in deference to neighbors and to the hundreds of people who tour our district this trash would be best left in an inconspicuous location until closer to the trash pickup date. Putting the green recycling baskets out too early is also unattractive. The recycling truck comes on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month.

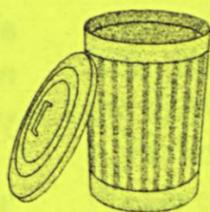
In addition, please be aware that sofas, chairs, mattresses, limbs longer than four feet that are not tied up or in a trash can, and unbagged leaves, will not be removed.

Historic Oakwood is always under scrutiny. Please help keep it tidy for our visitors and residents.

Whither Oakwood?

After fourteen years in Oakwood, I still love the place, but I am concerned at the dwindling attendance and interest in SPHO board meetings. I know we are all busy people, but for our neighborhood to prosper we have to give something and get involved. Please make it a point to show up at the annual meeting (see announcement on page 1). If the SPHO is to continue as a viable organization representing the interests of our neighborhood WE NEED YOU. Come, express your ideas and vote for how you want the SPHO to represent you.

Ian Shields.



Pickup schedule:
 Tuesday - garbage
 Wednesday - yard waste
 Friday - garbage and trash
 (boxes, clothing, etc.)

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United Way Contributions

Needing to make a decision regarding contributions to United Way at your workplace? Why not consider the Society for the Preservation of Historic Oakwood. For over 25 years the society has been key to preserving the architectural fabric of Historic Oakwood, Raleigh's oldest, intact, Victorian-era neighborhood, in addition to enhancing its quality of life. A side benefit to

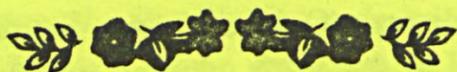
contributing to the society is that the contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. The society is a nonprofit organization operating under the Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3). To designate the SPHO for a portion or all of your United Way dollars, simply complete the back of your United Way pledge card. In Section 3 (Specific Care), in the portion that reads "For an additional

choice or an agency with NO Code, please print information below:" write:

Society for the Preservation of Historic Oakwood
P.O. Box 11137
Raleigh, NC 27604

Any unspecified contributions received through United Way will go to the Society's "Good Neighbors Committee," which assists the elderly and infirm in Oakwood.

Thank you for your consideration.
 Tom Gongaware



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 Ian Shields

Fall 1998 Oakwood Directory

Name 1 _____

Name 2 _____

Street _____

Telephone _____

Include me _____ Do not include me _____

27th Oakwood Candlelight Tour



Our neighborhood's biggest event of the year, the annual Candlelight Tour, is just a few short weeks away. This year the tour will be held Saturday, December 12 and Sunday, December 13. This is a great time to showcase our unique neighborhood. Every neighbor is encouraged to make their mark on the tour by participating in some way. Please call the committee chairs listed at right with your ideas and willingness to volunteer.

This year we would like to highlight the presence of young people in our neighborhood through the traditional youth guides and through other activities that involve children of all ages. Oakwood is, among many things, a family neighborhood, and we want to share that fact with tour guests this year. Any Oakwood adults or teenagers who are interested in helping to generate ideas and to organize activities during the tour weekend can call Sara Lawrence at 832-8982.

As always, the tour will feature a line up of beautiful homes in addition to our local bed and breakfasts and a neighborhood church. We thank the homeowners in advance for their commitment and help in attracting guests to our neighborhood. This is our largest fundraising event, and we couldn't do it without the homeowners.



1998 Oakwood Candlelight Tour Lineup

The Oakwood Inn	411 N. Bloodworth St.
Pete & Carolyn Andrews	319 Polk St.
James & Sharon Bright	115 N. Bloodworth St.
David & Kirsten Mayers	304 N. Bloodworth St.
Katharine & Kenneth Braak	422 East Jones St.
Jerry & Pat McCrain	522 Oakwood Ave.
Chapman Williams & Carter Skinner	502 East Franklin St.
Raymond Rodgers & Peggy Beasley-Rodgers	800 N. Bloodworth St.
The William Thomas House	530 N. Blount St.
The Tucker House	418 N. Person St.
Trinity United Methodist Church	824 North Bloodworth St.

Many thanks to all our tour participants! Let's all go out and celebrate our neighborhood and make this tour the most enjoyable one ever!

Duane and Sara Lawrence

Tour Chair	Duane Lawrence	832-8982
Assistant Chair	Kim Crawford	834-1810
Decorations	Lynn Mann	832-0672
After-Tour Party	Jane Cox	836-0044
	Betsy & Hugh Tilson	831-0119
Advertising	Brian Buss	833-7907
	Tyler Patterson	828-8104
Music	Jim Crew	839-2293
Porch Hosts	Don Grose	833-5468
Children's Committee	Sara Lawrence	832-8982
Tickets	Oakley Herring	821-7775
Cleanup	Larry Sams	834-1810
Treasurer	Brett Liverman	834-8840
Homeowner Dinner	Glenn Sappie	821-3711
Saturday-Homeowner Brunch	Brian & Bonnie Buss	833-7907
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As usual the Oakwood Garden Club will serve tea and cookies at the Tucker House. If you would like to be a host, serve tea or bake cookies before the tour, please call Jean Earp at 832-6420.



Candlelight Tour - Porch Hosts

It is time once again to start signing up to help with the 1998 Oakwood Candlelight Tour! The Candlelight Tour will be held on December 12th & 13th. Please consider being a porch host for a house on the tour. Porch-host shifts are from 1-4 p.m. or 4-7 p.m. Saturday or Sunday. One of the many benefits for volunteering is that you are entitled to take the Candlelight Tour free of charge. To reserve your time as a porch host call Don Grose, at 833-5468 by the end of October.

Duane Lawrence, with the able assistance of his wife Sara and tour vice-chair Kim Crawford, has agreed to chair this year's Candlelight Tour. Chris Yetter has done much of the preliminary planning but had to resign for personal reasons. Duane's willingness to step up to the plate is greatly appreciated. Thank you, Duane!

Halloween Pig Pickin'

The Halloween Pig Pickin' will be held on Saturday, October 31 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Oakwood cemetery.

The pig, beer, alternative beverages and eating utensils will be provided by the society. Please bring your favorite side dish to share. All Oakwood neighborhood ghosts and ghouls, especially newcomers, are encouraged to come enjoy the festivities.



Plant Exchange

The Oakwood Garden Club is sponsoring a plant exchange at the Pig Pickin' on October 31 at the Oakwood cemetery.

Pot up or bare root your overflowing perennials, bring them along and take home new plants. We have a wonderful variety of plants here in Oakwood but limited space so sharing is a necessity for some of us.



Good Neighbors

The Good Neighbors' Committee has chosen a site for our next good deed. We will be doing yard work and some light painting. Please come prepared with rakes, garden gloves, hoes, small saws, good shoes, and lots of energy. We will meet at the site on Sunday Oct. 18 at 1 p.m. Please call Diane Deresienski (828-7520) or Terry Harper (821-3641) for the location. You will be making the home owner, who can no longer maintain the garden, very

Security Alert



We have bad news and good news this month.

Let's get the bad news out of the way first. A car was stolen in the 300 block of Oakwood Ave. a couple of weeks ago; power tools and lawn mowers have been missing throughout the neighborhood; a pried open window and several suspicious and uninvited persons on porches have been spotted. Thank goodness for security systems and dogs! Please be especially alert, keep porch and yard lights on, look out for your neighbors' properties, and do not hesitate to call the police (the more presence they have, the better, right?).

Yard of the Month

Congratulations to Chip and Jocelyn Wells at 532 North Bloodworth St. for October Yard of the Month. Stop by and take a look at the view!



Clear the Way

Please check the sidewalks around your home for low branches on trees and shrubs to be sure there is a clear walkway.

And now for the good news. The above information was spread VERY quickly through e-mail. We've struggled for months to find enough help and time to put together a phone chain for community watch alerts. Understandably, this has been difficult for the very busy people in our neighborhood. E-mail may be the solution. If you'd like to be added to the group e-mail list to receive alerts please contact Crystal Farrow with your e-mail address. Drop off at 426 E. Jones St., call 821-0427, or e-mail to cfarrow@co.wake.nc.us.

Oakwood Athletic Club

The Athletic Club is a social event where the athletic endeavors are bending your elbow and exercising your jaw. Mark your calendars for the last Sunday of each month at 6:30 p.m., except December and January. Please bring your favorite drink and an hors d'oeuvre to share. This is a great way to connect with neighbors and meet new friends. Everyone is welcome!

Oct. 25
Nov. 29

Pat McQuaid & Ian Shields
Richard Mayhew & Chuck Hill

318 Polk Street
107 North East Street

Thanks to all of our 1998 hosts and hostesses, and to Hildred Hutchins for arranging the locations.





OAKWOOD

The Newsletter of the Society for the Preservation of Historic Oakwood

December 1998

From The President



Another Oakwood year has flown by: a year measured by Athletic Club Socials, a Jazz Brunch, a Fourth of July Parade, a Pig Pickin', and a Candlelight Tour. After a year I am about to turn over leadership of the Society for the Preservation of Historic Oakwood (SPHO) to our President-elect, Diane Deresienski.

Diane will be able to build upon what was accomplished in 1998. The Good Neighbors Committee, a brainchild of Diane's, will continue to seek out compelling (and neighborly) projects in Oakwood. The Goals Committee will strive to take the pulse of the 'hood and see where the Society's energy and money will be best placed. The Community Development Committee, ever vigilant, will monitor internal and external factors that can have significant impact on our historic district.

Some farewells: A longtime officer of the Society, Rusty Lurwick, is taking some time off from Board activities. We appreciate his work as the society's treasurer for the past few years, and I want to thank him for his commitment and concern for our neighborhood. Our dedicated Secretary, Ruth Sappie, along with Ian Shields, Peggy Beasley-Rodgers and Dan Schwab, are also leaving the Board, and I thank them for their service.

An influx of relative Oakwood newcomers to our Board will keep it fresh and relevant. That will be complemented by the wisdom and sense of history that is brought to the table by the Society's newly-elected Vice President, Ames Christopher. Ames, a visionary and risk-taker, will challenge the Board to do good work, and I believe the 1999 Board will be up to the challenge.

Now a word about Diane. Somehow last year I convinced Diane to allow me to nominate her for Vice President of SPHO. It was probably my finest moment as President. Diane has the energy and enthusiasm that is needed to lead the organization forward. She recognizes what needs to be done and is always willing to jump into the fray. I have an enormous amount of respect for her, and I congratulate her on her ascendancy to the leadership post.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as SPHO President. It helped to remind me why my family has lived in Oakwood for over a decade.

Tom Gongaware

Neighbors Unite!!

It's time for action again. The neighborhood is what it is today because residents got together to fight a proposal for a highway through our neighborhood. It's time for action again. Inside you will find a detailed update of the Raleigh Rescue Mission's plans, the Society's appeal of those plans and a call to action to Oakwood residents. Please read carefully and pull together for Oakwood. Show your support by attending the Board of Adjustment meeting

Monday, December 14, 1 p.m.
Council Chambers, 222 West Hargett St., Room 201
See you there!

Remember

No athletic club December or January

Next newsletter will be published in February.

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Happy Holidays.

27th Oakwood Candlelight Tour



Happy Holidays to you and yours. Another year has flown by and, believe it or not, it is almost time for our 27th Annual Historic Oakwood Candlelight Tour. This year's tour promises to be a very special one as we highlight one of our greatest neighborhood treasures: the children who live here. Mark your calendars for December 12 & 13, deck out your house in its Victorian best and plan to celebrate with the children of Oakwood.

Our neighborhood is home to over 100 children, many of whom we hope will participate in and create decorations for this year's tour. As we all know the children of Oakwood benefit from our close and diverse community. Just as the children enliven such events as the Fourth of July Bike Parade, the Easter-egg Hunt and the Halloween Pig Pickin', so also we hope to show our visitors how they benefit Oakwood with their talents and energy. We want to share with the Triangle that, just as the brightly painted facades, spacious front porches and snugly spaced homes give us a nostalgic feeling for the neighborhoods where we grew up, our children also appreciate the special nature of this historic district.

Building a feeling of community, developing an appreciation of diversity, and nurturing a respect for history are some of the

goals we neighbors in Oakwood wish to help promote in our world, our city, and our children here at home. Please help us this year by actively encouraging your children or your neighbors' children to join in the festivities. Please read the articles that follow and call the committee chairs listed below for the events you would like to participate in. We need your help and look forward to watching our neighbors make Oakwood shine once again.

Tour Chair	Duane Lawrence	832-8982
Assistant Chair	Kim Crawford	834-1810
Decorations	Lynn Mann	832-0672
After-Tour Party	Jane Cox	836-0044
	Betsy & Hugh Tilson	831-0119
Advertising	Brian Buss	833-7907
	Tyler Patterson	828-8104
Music	Jim Crew	839-2293
Porch Hosts	Don Grose	833-5468
Children's Committee	Sara Lawrence	832-8982
Tickets	Oakley Herring	821-7775
Cleanup	Larry Sams	834-1810
Treasurer	Brett Liverman	834-8840
Homeowner Dinner	Glenn Sappie	821-3711
Saturday-Homeowner Brunch	Brian & Bonnie Buss	833-7907
Sunday-Homeowner Brunch	Chris Yetter	828-3510



Tour to Feature Children's Handiwork

This year during the Candlelight Tour we would like to take a page from our neighborhood's past and involve as many Oakwood children as possible. Through their involvement in the many activities suggested below, we hope to increase the feeling of neighborhood experienced by tour visitors. Please let your children and your neighbors' children know about the many ways they can help make this a memorable tour:

- ◆ **Ornament Making:** On Sunday, December 6 from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m. an ornament-making workshop for children of all ages will be held at the Common. The ornaments will be used to adorn trees throughout the neighborhood during the tour weekend.
- ◆ **Caroling:** All children who are interested in providing entertainment during the tour by caroling around the neighborhood are invited to sign up during the ornament making workshop on December 6.
- ◆ **Youth Guides:** Children ages 8 and over are invited to help direct visitors at different points in the neighborhood during the tour. Victorian costumes are provided. Contact Sara Lawrence (832-8982) if you are interested.
- ◆ **Sidewalk Chalk:** Children are encouraged to decorate the sidewalks near their homes with holiday drawings in chalk. While their parents are hanging wreaths and garland, the kids can lend a hand by brightening the sidewalks.
- ◆ **Teen Leaders:** In order to make all of these activities a success, we need the help of Oakwood's teens. On Monday, November 30 at 7:00 p.m. an organizational meeting will be held at the house of Duane and Sara Lawrence (412 N. East St.). All of Oakwood's teenagers are invited to come offer ideas and volunteer to help run activities. Please call us at 832-8982 if you are unable to come but are interested in participating.

Coffee Corner News



The Coffee Corner, located at 222 North Bloodworth St, has recently come under the ownership of Ms. Lee Pointer, Oakwood resident for thirteen years and formerly the manager of Side St. Restaurant. Over the next few months you'll see some changes at the Coffee Corner including the addition of Saturday and Sunday Brunch and gourmet croissants and sandwiches. Starting November 19 these tasty croissants will be available on a daily basis as well as bagels and muffins delivered fresh by Manhattan Bagel. Be sure to stop by and sample some of these great new delights along with your favorite coffees. Don't forget us during the tour. We'll be serving hot delicious coffee, desserts and more!

RALEIGH RESCUE MISSION UPDATE AND CALL TO ACTION

The controversy over the Raleigh Rescue Mission's plans to move, consolidate, and expand its facilities has reached a critical stage. The appeal filed by The Society for the Preservation of Historic Oakwood (SPHO) will be heard by the Board of Adjustment on **Monday, December 14, at 1 PM, in the City Council Chambers** (222 West Hargett Street, room 201) **IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT OAKWOOD HAVE A GOOD TURNOUT AT THIS MEETING!!** Our appeal team will present all facts, but they need us in the audience. **NUMBERS DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!!**

The SPHO filed its appeal for 7 main reasons:

First The planned Rescue Mission complex is not a "hotel" as it has been designated in an effort to skirt zoning regulations. (Note: this four building proposal is only the first stage of a much larger project that includes two more large buildings to house homeless citizens. These will presumably also be designated as 'hotels'). As our appeal states:

"Although the Raleigh Rescue Mission has termed the proposed facility a 'condominium development' consisting of four buildings, including a 'hotel,' the facility is in reality transitional housing providing shelter, food and counseling to homeless people. Sam Foster, the Executive Director of the Raleigh Rescue Mission, has plainly stated that **this facility will not turn anyone away who is hungry or in need of shelter.**

Second we already have more than our fair share of services for homeless and disadvantaged citizens. As our appeal states:

"There is currently an overabundance of emergency shelters, transitional housing, group homes, and subsidized housing in this area. The residents of the Oakwood and Idlewild neighborhoods are sympathetic to the needs of homeless and disadvantaged persons. Our neighborhoods already bear a vastly disproportionate number of agencies and facilities designed to assist such individuals when compared to other sections of the City. The addition of another such facility here will exacerbate the problems already prevalent in this area associated with those facilities. These problems include drug and alcohol use, littering, loitering, panhandling, crime and the various problems associated with the increased foot traffic through the surrounding areas. The Oakwood and Idlewild neighborhoods already have many transient individuals knocking on doors asking for food or money."

Third the planned complex will not solve the problems at Moore Square. As our appeal states:

"... simply moving the current location of the Raleigh Rescue Mission three or four blocks, while dramatically increasing its capacity, will not alleviate the vagrancy problem in the downtown City Market area, and will likely make it worse."

Fourth the planned Rescue Mission complex will likely produce a stream of homeless pedestrian traffic with all its attendant problems. As our appeal states:

"...Sam Foster, the Executive Director, stated that the Rescue Mission would have a regular feeding program at the Mission until an agreement could be reached to have on-site meal service at the South Wilmington Street Shelter. Even if and when such an agreement were reached, however, he stated that the Rescue Mission would not turn away anyone who was hungry or in need of shelter. It is clear that the goals of the Rescue Mission will produce a stream of pedestrian traffic to its expanded facility, with all of its associated problems, through downtown and the Oakwood and Idlewild neighborhoods."

Fifth while we support the principles and goals of the Raleigh Rescue Mission, we believe the proposed complex will inevitably attract individuals who will cause problems. As our appeal states:

“We emphasize that it is not those residents who embrace the principles of the proposed facility that concern us. Rather, it is those other individuals that facilities of this nature naturally attract and who present problems for the surrounding areas – for example, friends of residents who are not committed to turning their lives around but who cling to drug and alcohol abuse, vagrancy and crime, residents who cannot or who refuse to maintain the standards of the program, as well as those individuals simply looking for a free meal or a place to sleep for the night. It is naïve to ignore this aspect of a shelter of this nature.”

Sixth the proposed complex will likely cause problems for a proposed green way. As our appeal states:

“There is also a green way (at the dead end of Swain and Jones streets) proposed in the West Idlewild Redevelopment Plan, a City of Raleigh project, which will be only two blocks away from the site of the Raleigh Rescue Mission and directly adjacent to our neighborhood. The problems that Moore Square has experienced are likely to be repeated in this green way area.”

Seventh the parking variance granted the proposed complex will cause parking problems in adjoining neighborhoods. As our appeal states:

“...the variance granted to reduce the number of required parking spaces from 113 to 39 will result in parking problems in the surrounding areas. We understand that the residents would not be permitted to have vehicles **on the premises**. However, the residents and their visitors will need to park their cars somewhere, and the obvious choice is on the streets in and around the facility. This will add to an already existing parking problem.”

The intent of the City Code is to keep supportive housing small (serving 12 or fewer people) and emergency shelters dispersed (emergency shelters are to be no closer than ½ mile apart). It is clear to us that the proposed Raleigh Rescue Mission complex will be large and close to other emergency shelters, thereby violating both provisions of the city code.

The variance already granted for parking does not seem fair. No such variance was allowed for the proposed restaurant in our Person Street shopping area, and no comparable allowance was granted the Cornerstone Transitional Housing facility on Snow Avenue (also called a “hotel” to allow it to be located where it is).

There is strong pressure from the City Council and downtown businesses to move forward with the move of the Raleigh Rescue Mission complex. On November 4, City Council deferred taking final action because two appeals had been filed that morning: ours and that of a woman whose lot adjoins the site. The next step is the hearing before the Board of Adjustment. **It is important that we show support for our appeal by attending the Board of Adjustment meeting at 1 p.m. Monday December 14. The Rescue Mission always has a large turnout, both of their people and of supporters who do not live in the area, at city meetings that involve their interests.**

YOUR SUPPORT IS CRUCIAL. PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND THE MEETING. OUR GOAL SHOULD BE TO FILL THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

1998 Oakwood Candlelight Tour Lineup

The Oakwood Inn	411 N. Bloodworth St.
Pete & Carolyn Andrews	319 Polk St.
James & Sharon Bright	115 N. Bloodworth St.
David & Kirsten Mayers	304 N. Bloodworth St.
Katharine & Kenneth Braak	422 East Jones St.
Jerry & Pat McCrain	522 Oakwood Ave.
Chapman Williams & Carter Skinner	502 East Franklin St.
Raymond Rodgers & Peggy Beasley-Rodgers	800 N. Bloodworth St.
The William Thomas House	530 N. Blount St.
The Tucker House	418 N. Person St.
Trinity United Methodist Church	824 North Bloodworth St.

Many thanks to all our tour participants! Let's all go out and celebrate our neighborhood and make this tour the most enjoyable one ever!



Clean Up for Candlelight Tour

Over 2000 visitors will be strolling our neighborhood streets during the Candlelight Tour December 12th and 13th. Let's make sure our porches, yards, sidewalks, and streets are especially clean and presentable. Remember to move trash cans and other such items to the side or rear yards. Please have leaves and yard waste bagged for pickup by the city on Wednesday December 2 or December 9. This will ensure they are picked up prior to the tour.

I'm also in the market for some volunteers to help with a last minute walk-around of the neighborhood to pick up any remaining paper, bottles, cans, etc. on the Saturday morning of the tour. If you would like to help, please give me a call at 834-1810. No prior experience is required!

Larry Sams

Security Update



Again there is bad news and good on security issues for Oakwood this month. The bad news involves reports of several break-ins on the east end of the neighborhood, and a rather disturbing report of a car following a couple walking the dog in the evening. This couple met a new neighbor in their search for a phone to call the police about the car.

The good news is that folks are finding the security update alerts via email and word-of-mouth helpful as a way to stay alert and develop a sense of community around this common issue. A reminder: to receive or send information to other neighbors about security, send an email to cfar-row@co.wake.nc.us or call Crystal at 821-0427.

Recommendations to prevent crime include the following: NEVER hesitate to call the police about suspicious activity—the presence and visibility of law enforcement is often an effective deterrent to further activity. Keep your outside lighting on through the evening—perpetrators prefer the dark. Stop your newspaper and mail delivery if you're away from home—stacks of either are invitations for burglary.

Give a gift to your neighbors this holiday season. Look out for each other's homes, pick up that stack of mail, turn on the porch lights, and keep Oakwood a safe place to live.

Decorating the 'Hood at Christmas



Ask anybody in Raleigh where to go during the Christmas season to see beautiful homes or Christmas decorations and the answer is likely to be "Take a walk or ride through Historic Oakwood." Christmas is a beautiful time in the neighborhood. The old homes with white candles in the windows, fresh greenery on the doors and the smell of cedar and cinnamon in the air provide a feeling of authenticity shared only by those who live in a historic district.

In an effort to promote the holiday spirit the Oakwood Garden Club will recognize houses whose exterior decorations reflect the following categories: Traditional; Victorian Christmas; Accent on Fruit; Best Holiday Wreath. First and second places will be awarded in each category. The judging will take place the week of December 14 and will be jointly conducted with the participation of H.A.N.D.S.

On behalf of the thousands who visit our neighborhood at Christmas, the Garden Club would like to thank each resident who decorates their home and makes Christmas in Oakwood special for children of all ages.

Oakwood Common Cleanup

Lots of hands needed to move mulch Saturday Dec. 5, 9:30 a.m. Yard rakes and pitch forks work best. Please come help maintain the Common and decorate for the tour.

After-Tour Party



Come help us celebrate another successful Candlelight Tour. There will be a celebration for all neighbors and friends involved in this year's Candlelight Tour (home owners, porch hosts, tour organizers, and others) at the Tucker House, December 13 from 7:30 to 10 p.m. Food, beer and wine will be provided. Some help is needed with hors d'oeuvres and desserts. Please call Jane Cox (836-0044) or Hugh and Betsey Tilson (831-0119) for more information or to sign up for bringing a dish. We're counting on you for good company, so please join us!

Cookie Bakers Needed



The Garden Club provides cookies and tea at the Tucker House during the Candlelight Tour. We need your help with baking the cookies. They come with the dough already prepared, you just need to slice and bake. If you can help, please call Jean Earp at 836-8842 (w) or at 832-6420 (h).

Many Thanks to Neighbors

for work on the Raleigh Rescue Mission zoning problem

Many Oakwood residents have been involved in working on the Raleigh Rescue Mission zoning project: gathering information; forming a stand; and implementing an action plan. A heartfelt thank you to all who have helped so far:

Diane Deresienski and Dawn Leonard; who put together a map showing locations of human service facilities in Raleigh. (The density in our area is, to say the least, dramatic!).

Tom Gongaware; who wrote, on behalf of the SPHO, to each member of the Raleigh Comprehensive Planning Commission and City Council, expressing our concern for the location of such a huge facility and dismay at the 'hotel' designation.

Alison Cable, Amy Coppage, and Diane Deresienski; who wrote the flier asking neighbors to call City Council members.

All the SPHO Newsletter deliverers; who distributed the fliers on *very* short notice.

All the Oakwood neighbors; who called members of the City Council. There was evidently a *dramatic* number of calls voicing concern about the 'hotel' designation being applied so that the facility might exist at the proposed location.

Matthew Brown, Diane Deresienski, Dawn Leonard, and Janet Wellman; who among others spoke at the Comprehensive Planning Committee meeting.

The team who wrote the Appeal to the Board of Adjustment.

All the neighbors who attended the City Council meeting when the RRM item was deferred.

Amy Rozgonyi Coppedge; who wrote a fine Letter to the Editor in the N&O.

Robin Morris, Tom Lawton, Hugh Tilson, Alex Hagen, Don Hobart, and Kay Miller Hobart; the team of neighbors who are volunteering their time and energy preparing for the appeal.

Neighbors who have volunteered to help on the appeal and who haven't been contacted yet. You likely will be!

Anyone I may have forgotten to mention and in advance all who attend the Board of Adjustment meeting.

**Don't forget to attend the Board of Adjustment meeting
Monday December 14 1:00 P.M.
Council Chambers, 222 West Hargett St., Room 201**

Christmas in April

The Good Deeds Committee is planning the 1999 Christmas in April. They would welcome suggestions of homeowners to help. The homeowner should be someone in need who lives in or near Oakwood. Please call Diane Deresienski at 828-7520 with your suggestions. The committee would like these names sometime in the next few weeks so they can proceed with their plans for 1999.

Garden of the Month

Congratulations to Bill Williams for winning November's "Garden of the Month".



Oakwood Newcomers

We will be distributing a new Oakwood Directory this Winter. In the meantime, let's welcome these new folks to our neighborhood:

- Randall and Jane Pratt, 315 Polk Street
- Elsie Ramsdell, 605 Leonidas Court
- Gary Winston, 505 Watauga Street

If we missed you, or you know of other new neighbors not listed above, please E-mail <gong@mindspring.com> or leave a message at 558-8095.

Tom Gongaware

SPHO 1998 Board

Officers:

President	Tom Gongaware	839-2310
Vice-President	Diane Deresienski	828-7520
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Historian	Dan Figgins	832-3207
Past President	Jean Earp	832-6420
Garden Club	Jackie Twisdale	834-6217
Tour Chair	Duane Lawrence	832-8982

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Peggy Beasley-Rogers	828-5616
Crystal Farrow	821-0427
Ellen Weibel	833-5905
Don Grose	833-5468
Duane Lawrence	832-8982
Dawn Leonard	834-2671

1998 Annual Meeting

At the annual meeting held on November 12, the following were elected to the 1999 board. Ames Christopher, Vice President; Janet Wellman, Secretary; Brett Liverman, Treasurer; Dan Figgins, Historian; Duane Lawrence, Dawn Leonard, Greg Hallam and Jean Earp, Directors to serve two years; Warren Savage, Director to serve one year. Thanks to all who came out and made the meeting a success.