

Special Neighborhood Meeting

Thursday, January 28, 1993

7:15PM

Tucker House

416 North Person Street

There will be a special neighborhood meeting on Thursday, January 28, 1993, at 7:15PM to discuss crime in Historic Oakwood. A "beat officer" from the Raleigh Police Department will report on recent break-ins and related criminal activity; explain what the police are doing to control the situation; and describe what we can do, as citizens, to help the police and to protect ourselves and our neighborhood. Everyone is invited; please come.

Pete Andrews, Chair
Society for the Preservation of Historic Oakwood





The Historic Oakwood Newsletter

February 1993

CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Pete Andrews

There seems to have been a marked increase in the number of break-ins and attempted break-ins, and other criminal activity, in the Oakwood area in the last few weeks, perhaps starting in mid-December.

The first incident I was aware of was that a ladies coat was stolen at the Tucker House during the party after the Candlelight Tour. Others followed.

The SPHO, at the January meeting, decided to schedule a special meeting with representatives of the Raleigh Police Department to find out what the police were doing and what we could do to better protect ourselves and our property.

The special meeting was held at 7:15 P.M. Thursday, January 28, at the Tucker House. Representatives of Raleigh P.D. present were Sgt. Brenda Ellmore, community affairs and officer John W. Brown, a "beat" officer who regularly patrols the Oakwood neighborhood. Over 100 Oakwood residents attended.

Officer Brown read a list of break-ins, attempted break-ins, and other crimes. The list was not complete and there were about 25 people who raised their hands when asked whether they knew of other break-ins.

Officer Brown and Sgt. Ellmore said that the increased number of break-ins is not unique to Oakwood. Increases have occurred in other parts of the city. The officers said that we, the residents, should become the "eyes and ears" for the police-reporting suspicious-looking people or activities.

Sgt. Ellmore distributed information on how to participate in a Community Watch Program.

At the February 11, 1993, SPHO meeting, Sgt. Ellmore described Community Watch in more detail. The Board decided, by unanimous vote, to assist in forming a Community Watch program. I appointed Stuart Tugman chairman of a Security Committee and asked him to establish and lead a Community Watch program. Nancy Hahn and Hope Sullivan will also serve on the Security Committee. (See Stuart's article in this newsletter.)

A Special meeting has been scheduled for 7:00 P.M. Wednesday, March 3, at the Tucker House to discuss the Community Watch program and to proceed to organize a Community Watch by appointing "block captains," etc.

CANDLELIGHT TOUR—GREAT SUCCESS

Pete Andrews

The Candlelight Tour, Dec. 12, 13, 1992, was a great success. Ticket receipts were \$14,416 and expenses \$4,647.58 yielding a profit of \$9,768.42.

Perhaps more important was the enthusiasm generated by the tour. Many Oakwood residents and friends participated: selling tickets, acting as "porch people," assisting the owners of the houses that were on tour, and in many other ways.

Margaret Lumsden, tour chairperson for 1991, and 1992 deserves our congratulations and appreciation for her outstanding work in coordinating these tours. Thanks, Margaret, for all you have done. Your time and effort really paid off.

On behalf of the SPHO, I would like to thank all who helped make this a successful tour: homeowners, porch people, the Oakwood Garden Club (for providing tea and cookies for the many visitors to the Tucker House) and especially Edie Tugman who organized the party at the Tucker House after the tour.

MEETING CALENDAR

(All meetings are at the Tucker House, 416, N. Person Street, at 7:30 P.M.)

- March 3 Special neighborhood meeting to discuss crime in Oakwood and to proceed to organize a Community Watch Program. Raleigh police department will be present. All residents of Oakwood are urged to
- March 11 SPHO Meeting: Program: Dan Becker "Historic Districts Commission Update."
- April 8 SPHO Meeting: Program: Ames Christopher "Early Days of SPHO."

TUCKER HOUSE CLOSED 4/15-9/15, 1993

The Tucker House, where Oakwood and Mordecai meetings are held, will be closed 4/15 to 9/15 (approximately) while the roof is repaired. Locations for SPHO meetings from May to September will be announced in the next Newsletter.

LOOKING FOR A HOME IN OAKWOOD

Greg Hallem and Madonna Phillips are looking for a home in Oakwood. If you or someone you know is interested in selling a home, please call Greg or Madonna at 828-5130.

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NEIGHBORHOOD SECURITY COMMITTEE REPORT

As you are probably aware, there has been a recent rash of criminal activity in our neighborhood in the past few weeks. There have been several meetings to discuss short and long term actions which we as a community can take to "preserve" the safety, security and quality of life which we all desire. The Society has asked me to chair a standing Security committee to consider and implement appropriate steps to do so. We welcome your ideas, suggestions and support!

*Stuart Tugman
505 Watagua Street
832-0013*

The statement was made at the Jan 28 meeting that it is impossible to make crime disappear. It only moves to a more vulnerable point. If that is the case, then it should be our mission to see that it moves as far as possible, as fast as possible. The following are some short and long term actions which we are working on including some security suggestions for you.

SHORT TERM ACTIONS

- Lock your house doors with dead bolts. (double cylinder if you have glass within 40 inches of the lock.)
- Lock and pin your windows.
- Make sure your yard is well lighted.
- Trim shrubs and trees which hide windows.
- Eliminate dark spots in your yard.
- Know your neighbor's names, phone numbers (home and work), car work hours, etc.
- Let someone know when you are going to be out of town. Stop or have someone pick up milk, papers, postage etc. When you are away, make your house look like someone is at home by the use of lights, timers, TV's, etc.
- We are immediately reactivating Community Watch. Please contact me if you are interested in serving as a block captain.
- You should make sure that all your neighbors are aware of any unusual activities which you find out about.
- The Raleigh Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit has made available several good, free brochures including one called "Let's Be Safe...At Home". These brochures are free and we have copies at our house. If you would like one, give us a call.
- Report any people who look "out of place" to the police by calling 911.

LONG TERM ACTIONS

- We have established a standing Security Committee to organize and oversee Community Watch and the other Security activities of the neighborhood.
- We plan to publish Security Alerts from time to time to insure that the entire neighborhood is aware of any unusual occurrences.
- We plan to offer regular security updates in the Oakwood Newsletter.
- We are looking into providing "security audits" of homes in order to help determine areas which

need improvement. The service would be provided upon request and would be free to Oakwood residents.

- We are looking into working out discounted rates on lock work, security systems, etc., for Oakwood.

SPHO OPPOSES HOME FOR PRISONERS

Robert J. Cavallaro has applied to the Board of Adjustment for a special use permit to operate a home for Federal prisoners in a house at 821 Wake Forest Road. Mr. Cavallaro, formerly operated a similar facility for the Salvation Army.

The Board of Adjustment will consider Mr. Cavallaro's request at the March 8 meeting at 1:00 P.M.. The SPHO opposes this request as do the Mordecai association and the Person Street merchants. Haven House, which operates a group home for troubled youth at 830 Wake Forest Road (across the street from 821) also opposes this facility. Representatives of these groups plan to speak in opposition to the proposed facility at the March 8 meeting.

For further information, call Pete Andrews, Dave Philbrook or Woody Robbins.

CANDLELIGHT TOUR—1993

Helen Yoest, Chairperson

Believe it or not, planning for the 1993 Candlelight Tour began during the party after the 1992 tour. The excitement of the next tour begins as soon as the success of the current tour is felt.

The dates for the 1993 Candlelight Tour have been set for December 11th and 12th. Selection has begun for homes to be opened during the 1993 tour. With over 400 houses in Oakwood and only 5-7 on tour each year, it can be more than 80 years before a house can be on tour: therefore, the selection of homes can be very competitive.

If you are interested in having your home considered for selection this year, please contact Helen Yoest at 821-7276. To date, we have selected a totally renovated home and have tentatively selected an "under renovation" home. In addition, the chapel at Peace College will be on tour this year.

Regarding other commitments necessary for the success of the tour, we have commitments for the Saturday Brunch, Saturday Dinner, Sunday Brunch and Sunday after-the-tour-party. There is still a lot of work to do. If you are interested in helping please contact Helen Yoest, 1993 Candlelight Tour Chair

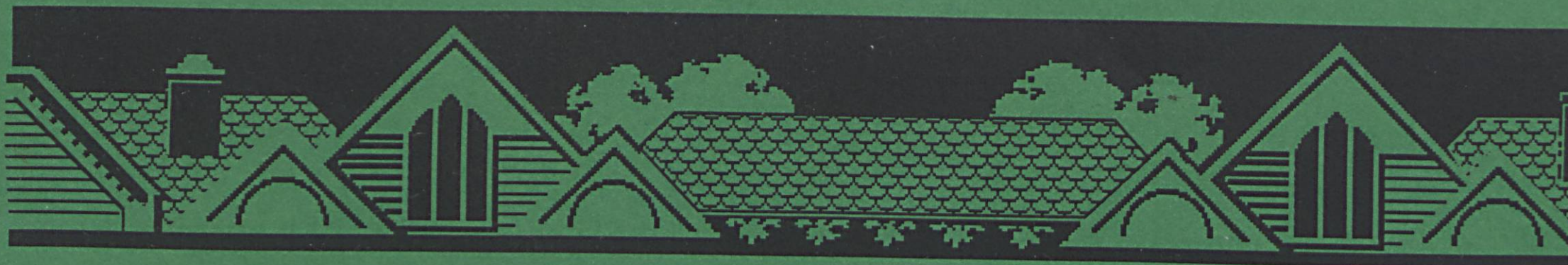
1993 SPHO OFFICERS

Directors —One Year

June Thames
Ian Shields
Woody Robbins
Tom Gongaware

Directors -Two Year

Jean Earp
Mary Hruska
Jackie Lurwick
David Philbrook
Rose Schwetz



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May 1993

CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Pete Andrews

I'd like to bring you up to date on several things that are going on in and around Oakwood.

Oakwood Community Watch has been reorganized. Stuart Tugman, chairman of the safety committee, is the leader. Other committee members are Hope Sullivan and Nancy Hahn. Several block captains have been appointed, but more are needed. If you can help, please call Stuart at 832-0013.

The Wake County school board has designated the new Leesville High School as the target school for Oakwood children instead of Broughton or Enloe. See the article by Ian Shields. I think this is a vitally important issue that affects all Oakwood residents. I hope that as many of you as possible will call Ian or Jack Wheatley to offer support.

The Raleigh City Council has passed a change to the city code that should prevent the house at 821 Wake Forest Road from being used as a half-way house for federal prisoners. The "Group Care Facility" ordinance no longer included "prison facilities" as a permitted use. A new ordinance has been written to include prison facilities.

City Council is also considering another change to the Group Care Facility ordinance that would require the minimum distance between group care facilities and family care homes (such as Haven House) to be 100 yards measured lot line to lot line instead of from primary entrance to primary entrance. This change

goes to a public hearing at 6:30 P.M., Tuesday, May 18, in the Municipal Building. If enacted, this change would prevent the house at 821 Wake Forest Road from being used as a group care facility.

The ad-hoc Revolving Fund Committee, chaired by Billy Brewer, is still trying to purchase the house at 111 North Bloodworth Street. This house, which was operated as a boarding house until recently, went into receivership, was bought by the bank holding the mortgage, and has recently been acquired by another bank. The SPHO would like to buy this property at a fair price. The house is in a severely deteriorated condition.

The Candlelight Tour will be held December 12 and 13, 1993. Mark your calendars now. Tour Chairperson Helen Yoest and committee members Brenda Brickhouse and Jean Earp have lined up several exciting houses. A few more are needed. If you have suggestions or would like to help with the tour, please call Helen at 821-7276.

A new Oakwood Directory is being prepared by a committee headed by Tom Gongaware that includes Ann Robertson and Janet Wellman. A spin-off from this effort will be a new mailing list that could be used for the newsletter and for Community Watch. Currently the newsletter is hand-delivered by volunteers.

The Tucker House is closed for roof repairs from now until September. The May 13 and June 10 meetings will be held at 7:30 P.M. at the Oakwood Common, corner of North Boundary and N. East Streets. In case of rain, we can meet in my house, 319 Polk Street.

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If you have questions or concerns, or want to help, please call the committee chairs, as indicated, or call me at 832-0297. I hope you've been able to enjoy the lovely spring weather as much as I have.

CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE

Carole Scotto, Chair

The Oakwood Children's Committee is pleased to report a beautiful day for this year's Easter egg hunt. We were lucky to have about 6 older children help with the hiding and the lookers has fun searching. Once again we used a wonderful, large yard where everyone could run (or toddle!) after the hunt. This year we were fortunate to use Annie Barbour's yard—thank you.

Upcoming events include the July 4th parade and entertainment, a possible afternoon at the cemetery taking rubbings and of course we hear that Santa has already saved a few evenings in December to visit our neighborhood. Additionally, we hope to have a Christmas ornament making party.

Out children's directory was passed out in April to all known Children's homes. To be included please provide name, address, phone number and birth date and we will pass the information on in the newsletter. For example, please add the following child; Scott Riley, 313 Polk St., 832-6365, 3/27/81

OAKWOOD CHILDREN TO BE BUSED TO LEESVILLE

Ian Shields

A small group of Oakwood parents met on May 4 to discuss the recent Wake County School board reassignment of most of the Oakwood district to Leesville High School. We are concerned that the long bus ride will not be in the best interests of our children. We are also concerned that this assignment will make Oakwood a less attractive place for young families and thus detract from the inner city revitalization in which Oakwood plays such an important part. The group felt that we should petition the Wake County School Board to reassign the Oakwood district to Daniels Middle School and Broughton High School. If you have thoughts on the matter or would like to help, please contact Jack Wheatley (834-3245) or Ian Shields (829-1468).

FIFTH ANNUAL SOFTBALL GAME AT THE PARK

Kathy Miller

Join Oakwood families for the fifth annual Oakwood-Boylan Heights softball game on Sunday, May 23, 1993, at 3:00 P.M.. It's an afternoon of fun competition followed by a delicious, relaxed, covered dish supper. Site: Flethcer Park (off Glenwood Avenue) Bring: Gloves, bat, ball, covered dish to share, blanket or chair, plates, utensils and drinks for your group. EVERYONE gets to play—young and old, good and not so good! It's great fun. Questions? Call Kathy or Bruce Miller, 834-6003.

OAKWOOD COMMON UPDATE—WORKERS NEEDED

Betsy G. Ross, chairperson

Oakwood Common Committee

The iron perimeter fence has arrived and the installation began May 8th. It will take 3 to 4 more work sessions to get it all installed. Workers are needed for the next several Saturday mornings. We start at 8:30 A.M. Tools needed are : post hole diggers, shovels, wrenches, and wheel-barrows. Remember, labor contributed by neighborhood volunteers earns us money back on the matching-funds grant we were awarded by the Wake County Parks and Recreation Commissions.

After the iron fence is in place, we will be installing 6-8 benches, entry pavers and perimeter landscaping. Your help is needed whenever you can spare some time on a Saturday. Call me to confirm the work dates and to help round out a work crew.

This is a city park—funded by the neighborhood, Wake County and the Raleigh City Council. It is being developed by the neighborhood—that means you! Call me: Betsy G. Ross, Chairperson, Oakwood Common Committee, 833-1747.

LOCAL ARTIST DOES PEN & INK RENDERINGS

Nickola Dudley is a Raleigh-based artist who does pen & ink renderings of houses. She can be reached at 821-1396.

LOOKING FOR A HOME IN OAKWOOD

Greg Hallem and Madonna Phillips are looking for a home in Oakwood. If you or someone you know is interested in selling a home, please call Greg or Madonna at 828-5130.

OAKWOOD GARDEN CLUB

Rose Schwetz



The Oakwood Garden Club has been in existence since 1950, and as you can tell from the following synopsis, we are still a viable and active club. If you are interested in joining call Rose Schwetz at 839-5758.

YARD OF THE MONTH

Every month The Oakwood Garden Club presents a resident of Oakwood with a Yard of the Month Award. There are many beautiful yards in Oakwood which makes this selection process difficult. Congratulations to the following for a well deserved award:

February:	Ames Christopher; 408 Elm Street
March:	Ken & Sue Attaway; 519 East Street
April:	Dave Philbrook & Helen Yoest; 118 Bloodworth St.
May:	Larry & Ginger Zucchini; 516 Boundary

EASTER AND FRUIT BASKETS

This spring the Oakwood Garden Club made Easter and fruit baskets and delivered them to 13 Oakwood residents. This is one of our on-going good neighborhood activities that makes Oakwood special.

MAY DAY BASKETS

On May 2, 1993, the Oakwood Garden Club again had the privilege of selecting the best May Day Basket.

Baskets must consist of fresh flowers and greens only. The winners this year were:

First Prize:	Mamie Bridgers, 528 East Street
Second Prize:	Terry McManus, 704 Bloodworth Street
Third Prize:	Brenda Brickhouse, 602 Boundary Street

Congratulations and thanks to all who participated.

HOME AND GARDEN SHOW

The theme for this year's Home and Garden Show, 1993, was "Environmental Gardens. The Oakwood Garden Club's garden theme was a "Winter Woodland Retreat" an eastern North Carolina woodland in winter, enhanced with native plants.

We were very happy to have won a blue ribbon and an award of \$500.00. This was a real cooperative and fun experience. Thanks to all who made it such a success.

NEWCOMERS DINNERS

The Club welcomed more than 27 families into Oakwood in the past year. Welcome to Oakwood! With this much movement it is very difficult to coordinate this activity. It would be appreciated if you would submit any names to Rose Schwetz (839-5758) for we want to make everyone feel welcomed.

GARDEN WALKING TOUR

Again this year, the Oakwood Garden Club will be sponsoring the Oakwood Garden Walking Tour. It will be held on Sept. 11, 12, 1993. Oakwood has many beautiful gardens, unfortunately these gardens aren't always visible from the street, so plan on touring these hidden treasures in September.



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CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Pete Andrews

These are the dog days of summer. And we certainly have had more than our share of hot, muggy weather. But the Society has been extraordinarily active.

The house the Society bought at 111 North Bloodworth Street has not been sold, but it has been shown to about ten prospective buyers. See Dave Philbrook's article. The house will be advertised in the next edition of Historic Preservation, N.C. The asking price is \$57,000.00.

Planning for the Candlelight Tour is under a full head of steam, led by tour chairperson Helen Yoest. See Jean's article. The tour is December 11 and 12 with a special preview on December 9, 1993.

Community Watch continues to grow, adding more volunteers and block captains. See Stuart Tugman's article. I firmly believe that Oakwood's participation in Community Watch has helped to increase the presence of "Beat Officers" in our neighborhood and to decrease criminal activity. We all need to support Community Watch. If you can help, please call Stuart or call me.

An Awards Committee has been formed with Ann Robertson as chair, Woody Robbins, Rose Schwetz and Jackie Lurwick as members. Ann presented a preliminary report at the August 12, SPHO meeting. The committee is developing a process for recognizing achievements in Oakwood. The Awards Committee will be a standing committee. More on this later.

Plans for a new Oakwood Directory are almost completed. Tom Gongaware is chairman, Janet Wellman and Ann Robertson members. Charlie Burkhead and other residents have assisted in this effort.

Billy Brewer organized and led a group of about 20 residents to a Durham Bulls game July 28. It was an extremely hot night but the Bulls won and we had a great time. Thanks, Billy, for organizing this event.

Please remember that the Society for the Preservation of Historic Oakwood is your neighborhood association. All residents of Oakwood are members. We need your participation and support to help make Oakwood a better place to live.

Please call me if you have any concerns, if you'd like to volunteer to work on one of our activities, or just to chat.

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HISTORIC HOME FOR SALE

Dave Philbrook

Recently, the SPHO purchased the house at 111 North Bloodworth. This house had been a rooming house business and very little upkeep was being performed by the landlord. As such, the SPHO was concerned that the house may eventually have needed to be torn down and we all would have lost one more house in Oakwood.

The SPHO is currently looking to sell the house to someone who will return the house back to a single family dwelling. The house was built in the 1800's and is a single story, "Triple A" style, with four fireplaces. Two sets of double french doors on the front, and oak floors. There are 8 rooms, 2 bathrooms, a central hall down the middle of the house and approximately 1800 square feet of space. The asking price is \$57,000. This will be a great opportunity for someone.

To make an appointment to see the house, please call Dave Philbrook at 821-7276.

CANDLELIGHT TOUR

Jean Earp

Although it seems that everyone should be thinking about going back to school and lazy summer afternoons several of us are dreaming of carriage rides in the snow and the 1993 Candlelight Tour. We are very excited about this year's Tour, to be held December 11 and 12 from 1 P.M. until 7 P.M., both days. Ticket prices will be \$8.00 and advance tickets will be sold for \$7.00. Locations for advance ticket sales will be in the next newsletter. This is our neighborhoods' largest event and we want and need your involvement. The committee chairpersons are as follows:

Clean-up	Doug Earp	832-6420
Entrance Signs	Jackie Lurwick	834-6217
Garden Club	Rose Schwetz	839-5758
Media	Brenda Brickhouse	834-6617
Musical Groups	Peggy Fedderson	828-3705
Porch Hosts	Jean Earp	832-6420
Sunday Night Party	Edie Tugman	832-0013
Ticket Sales	Oakley Herring	821-7775
Young Guides	Marilyn Smith	834-8159

Please call any of the above and volunteer to be a part of their committee. Everyone who participates in the Candlelight Tour is invited to the Sunday Night Party at the Tucker House immediately following the closing of the Tour. There is delicious food, festive beverages and a special time for fellowship.

The following home owners have agreed to open their homes:

Carolyn and Pete Andrews, 319 Polk St.
 Jerry and Leigh Blowe, 536 N. Bloodworth St.,
 Gordon and Lenore Depree, 410 Elm St.
 Jon and B. R. Hoffman, 808 N. Bloodworth St.
 Sam Massengill, 404 E. Lane St.
 Brian and Tara McClarley, 122 N. Bloodworth St.
 Harry and Betty Warren 523 N. Bloodworth St.
 Ellen Wiebel, 200 Elm St.

We have a lot of enthusiasm and spirit for this year's Tour. All we need now is your support. Please feel free to call us if you have any questions or suggestions.

TOUR COMMITTEE

Helen Yoest, Chair	821-7276
Brenda Brickhouse	834-6617
Jean Earp	832-6420

INTER-NEIGHBORHOOD COALITION FORMED

Pete Andrews

A group called Raleigh Inter-Neighborhood Coalition has been formed. Terry Harper and I have attended several meetings. Other neighborhoods represented include Boylan Heights, University Park, Glenwood/Brooklyn, and South Park. The RNC is developing a questionnaire to send to city council candidates asking them to state positions on neighborhood issues. The results will be compiled and distributed to the neighborhoods.

The SPHO traditionally has not joined or endorsed other organizations such as RNC. Terry and I have made it clear to RNC that we are not "official" representatives. I think that the RNC can serve several useful purposes: fostering communications among neighborhoods, letting local officials know that we are united on basic issues, making it more likely that we can get support from people in other neighborhoods when we need their help on such things as rules governing operation of rooming houses.

OAKWOOD ATHLETIC CLUB

August	Richard and Cindy Urquhart, 412 Oakwood Avenue
September	Rusty and Jackie Lurwick 318 Oakwood Avenue
October	Tim Fennell and Susan Summer 327 E. Jones Street
November	Billy Brewer and Joanne Sanford 318 N. Boundary Street

Athletic Club meets the last Sunday of the month at 6:30 P.M.

OAKWOOD CALENDAR

September 9	SPHO Meeting Rose Schwetz', 7:30 P.M.
September 11, 12	Oakwood Garden Tour Note: Sponsored by Oakwood Garden Club
October 14	SPHO Meeting, Tucker House 7:30 P.M.
November 11	SPHO Meeting, Tucker House 7:30 P.M.
Note: This is the Annual Meeting with Election of Officers and Board Members.	
December 9	Candlelight Tour Pre-View Party,
December 11, 12	More information to follow Candlelight Tour 1:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. See article on Candlelight Tour

OAKWOOD GARDEN CLUB

Rose Schwetz

The Oakwood Garden Club has been in existence for 30+ years and is a very active and involved Club. This year we are inviting all of Oakwood's residents to get involved. On September 2, 1993, we will be gathering in the garden of Helen Yoest, 118 N. Bloodworth Street, at 7:00 P.M. We invite all of you to a social and informative gathering.

If you are feeling timid, need a ride, or want some questions answered beforehand, feel free to call Rose Schwetz, 839-5859. We are all looking forward to a busy and involved year. Join us!

OAKWOOD GARDEN CLUB

Rose Schwetz

Every month the Oakwood Garden Club presents a resident of Oakwood with a Yard of the Month Award. Congratulations to the following:

June	Shirley Girouard 617 Polk Street
July	Mickey and Joan Pollard 532 East Street
August	Kim Kaizer & Robert Bus 121 N Bloodworth St.

GARDEN WALKING TOUR OF HISTORIC OAKWOOD

On September 11 and 12, the Oakwood Garden Club will be sponsoring the Garden Walking Tour. Ten beautiful gardens will be opened to the public. The following Oakwood residents have agreed to share their gardens:

Terry McManus	704 N. Bloodworth
Brenda & Wade Brickhouse	602. N. Boundary St.
Sue & Ken Attaway	519 N. East St.
Pamela Davison, Sibly Haynes & Bill Smith	516 N. East St.
Nancy & Lee Grier	412 N. East St.
The Browns	308 N. East St.
Hildred & Bill Hutchins	504 E. Jones St.
Kim Kaizer & Robert Bush	121 N. Bloodworth St.
Helen Yoest & Dave Philbrook	118 N. Bloodworth St.

Please plan on supporting this fund raiser, for any monies raised get used in our neighborhood to help beautify our environment. (see insert)

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OAKWOOD COMMON

Rose Schwetz

If you happened to drive or walk past the Oakwood Common in the past few days you may have noticed all of the plant material along the fence. Well, thanks to Anne Barbour for donating all of the liriop and the following Garden Club members and others for their hands-on expertise: Betsy Ross, John Clay, Rusty Lurwick, Howard Miller, Ann Miller, Jenny Saldi, Brenda Brickhouse, Jean Earp, Paula Cothren, Helen Yoest, Carolyn Andrews and Rose Schwetz. We have more planting left to do so if you feel left out call me at 839-5758 and get in on the fun.



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SPHO NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Pete Andrews, Chairman

The Society's Annual Meeting and Election of Officers will be held at 7:30 P.M. Thursday, November 11, 1993, at the Tucker House, 418 North Person Street.

All residents of the Oakwood neighborhood are cordially invited to attend this meeting, and all residents, 18 years of age or over, are eligible to vote.

This has been an exciting and busy year with a great deal of hard work by many people. The nominating committee was composed of Ian Shields, Chairman, Jean Earp, Billy Brewer and Helen Yoest. They considered the large board turnover in last year's election and chose to nominate a slate that would keep as many of the present incumbents as possible on the board to ensure a good level of experience on the board. We also considered the need for some new blood and so have nominated two new persons to the board.

The nominees are shown in the following table:

Position	#Years	Nominee	Notes
Chair	1	Brenda Brickhouse	
Vice Chair	1	Rose Schwetz	
Recording Sec.	1	Janet Wellman	
Corresponding Sec.	1	Ann Robertson	
Treasurer	1	Rusty Lurwick	
Historian	1	Vallie Henderson	
Past Chair	1	Peter Andrews	Ex-officio
Directors	2	Helen Yoest	New Director
	2	Woody Robbins	
	2	Bonnie Truelove	
	2	June Thames	
	2	Tom Gongaware	
	1	Sally Davis	New director to complete year of Rose Schwetz' term if Rose elected to Vice Chair

OAKWOOD SECURITY COMMITTEE REPORT

Stuart Tugman

There will be a Community Watch meeting at the Tucker House on Person Street., November 11, 1993, at 7:30 P.M. Those of you who are interested in becoming more aware of how we can help ourselves and each other are encouraged to attend.

In the meantime anyone who would like to be called about any unlawful occurrence in our Oakwood community should call the following members of the Security Committee or block captains:

Stuart Tugman	832-0013*
Nancy Hahn	834-6742*
Hope Sullivan	834-3920*
Pete Andrews	832-0197
Chris Crew	828-1127
Paul & Kristi Brown	828-0491
Tim & Sally Davis	836-8401
Doug Earp	832-6420
Betsy Levitas	828-3403
Wade Brickhouse	834-6617
Rod Taylor	828-8483

*Security Committee

PIG-PICKING

R. Schwetz

The annual pig-picking will be held on October 30, 1993 at the entrance to the Oakwood Cemetery. Billy Brewer and Ian Shields will be responsible for the "pig" and participants are asked to bring a dish to pass and the customary \$2.00 / adult to help defray the costs. Set-up time will be at 3:00 with the party beginning at 3:30.

We are requested to walk to the Cemetery for there is limited parking in that area. Also anyone who wishes to wear a Halloween costume is encouraged to do so, adults as well as children.

The Society also would like to thank the Cemetery management and invite them to participate in Oakwood's pig-picking.

OAKWOOD'S CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE

Sara Lawrence

HALLOWEEN TREATS AT THE PIG-PICKING

The Children's Committee will sponsor some spirited activities for all children attending the Pig-Picking on October 30, 1993. Because Oakwood Cemetery is the perfect place to make a spooky appearance we invite you to wear your costumes. Come prepared for some pumpkin decorating too. We will provide mini pumpkins and lots of paint.

Plan to come and join the fun at this Halloween weekend celebration. If you have any questions, please call Sara at 832-8982. Thank you.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Tom Gongaware

Vara, Lisa and Jim Cox are the new owners of The Oakwood Inn, Raleigh's only Bed and Breakfast Inn. They took over the Inn's operation on July 1st. Lisa Cox lives at the Inn, while Jim and Vara now reside on Boundary Street in Historic Oakwood.

The Oakwood Inn, a restored Victorian home built in 1871, is located at 411 North Bloodworth Street. The Inn is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The telephone number is 832-9712. The Coxes -invite you to stop in for a visit.

Tom Gongaware of York Properties brokered the transaction.

GUEST SPEAKER

Tom Hines, Executive Director of the non-profit Carolina Community Development Corporation, will speak at the next meeting of the Society for the Preservation of Historic Oakwood on November 11th at 7:30 P.M., at the Tucker House. Tom is interested in providing the technical assistance necessary to help the Oakwood-Mordecai neighborhoods redevelop the site of the former grocery store at Franklin and Person Streets. Your attendance is strongly encouraged.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC MAY COME TO OAKWOOD

Pete Andrews

A writer and photographer from NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC magazine may be in Oakwood during the last week in October as part of the planned article on the Research Triangle area. This just might be the incentive you need to plant those flowers, rake those leaves, or to take the ladder down from the side of your house.

A TOUCH OF HUMOR

Pete Andrews

Sunday's News & Observer had an article on the opening of hunting season. Items of note: Squirrel season opened Monday, October 18, and runs through January 31. Bad limits: 8 daily, 16 possession, 75 season. (Of course, discharging firearms is not permitted within city limits.)

You might also be interested in when you can legally shoot crows in North Carolina. The answer? Thursday through Saturday, plus Labor Day and Christmas Day, of each week from July 1 to February 28 and Thursday through Saturday of each week from June 1 through June 30. No limits. (I wonder who lobbied for and against the crows to force this apparent compromise.)

SPECIAL REQUEST

It is the request of some of the residents of Oakwood that dog owners please clean up after your dogs. Dogs provide companionship, security as well as a slippery smelly mess when not cleaned up.

Note:

The October Athletic Club meeting will be held on Sunday, October 24, 1993 at the home of Susan Sumner and Tim Fennell, 327 E. Jones Street.



OAKWOOD

newsletter

CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Pete Andrews, Chairman, SPHO

It has been my privilege to serve two years as Chairman of the SPHO and I have loved every minute of it. As we look forward to the annual Candlelight Tour December 11 and 12, let me take a few minutes to thank some people and in a very real sense, to thank each of you.

Thanks to Margaret Lumsden, last year's tour Chairperson, for the strong leadership she provided for what was one of the most successful tours. And thanks to Helen Yoest and Committee members Brenda Brickhouse and Jean Earp for planning this year's tour including the "Special Preview" December 9. Let's all get behind Helen and help make this year's tour the most successful ever.

Thanks to Rose Schwetz, newsletter editor both years, recording secretary last year, currently serving as social chair and who-knows what else! And simultaneously, of course, serving as chair of the Oakwood Garden Club.

Thanks to Billy Brewer who has served as past-chair for two years, provided legal assistance for the purchase of 111 North Bloodworth Street, coached the Oakwood Acorns Soccer Team, lead two trips to the Durham Bulls baseball games, and with the help of Ian Shields, has served up two juicy pigs.

Thanks to David Philbrook for his vision, dedication, leadership, and hard work in negotiating the purchase of 111 North Bloodworth Street.

Thanks to Rusty Lurwick and before him, Greg Kelly, for keeping the Society's books in good order. And thanks to Janet Wellman for her work as secretary this year and for her service on the task force that is rewriting the "guidelines of appropriateness" for the Raleigh Historic Districts Commission.

Thanks to Stu Tugman for reorganizing Oakwood Community Watch. Thanks to Stu's wife, Edie, for organizing the party following last year's tour and again this year.

Thanks to Betsy Ross for her work on the Oakwood Common, for her service as chair of the Historic Districts Commission, and for her service as SPHO's representative on the long-range plan for the land area north of Peace College, known as the Peace College Small Area Plan.

Thanks to Hildred Hutchins for coordinating Athletic Club and to Lillian Hunter and Eleanor Arthur and other neighbors who faithfully attended society meetings and gave me much needed input on the needs of our community.

Thanks to Hugh Stohler for representing SPHO at a conference of Historic Districts in Atlanta last year and for his service on behalf of the United Nations in Cambodia this year.

Thanks to Mary Hruska for the fantastic job she did as social chair last year and thanks to Vallie Henderson for her continued service as SPHO historian.

Finally, thanks to my vice-chairs, Jackie Lurwick and Ann Robertson, who have chaired meetings I could not attend and helped me in many other ways. And thanks to all the board members and all the residents of Oakwood. I always knew that I could count on your support and this has meant a lot to me.

Best wishes for the holiday season.

**Special Christmas
Edition 1993**



OLD FASHION CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS

Jackie Lurwick

Living in a Historic District provides each of us the opportunity to preserve Christmas traditions and customs as well as the houses in which we live. So much hard work, time and money goes into preserving our homes it is a shame not to follow the same theme when it comes to decorating for the Holidays.

People from all over come to visit Oakwood at Christmas time to conjur up memories of holidays past and to remember a time when life was peaceful in its simplicity. There were no electric Santas, plastic greenery or blinking/ flashing lights; there was only what nature provided.

Two distinct types of "Old-Fashion" Christmas decorating that should surface in the neighborhood at Christmas time are Colonial and Victorian. Even though both are quite different in presentation, they depend heavily on live greenery such as cedar, magnolia, and holly to set the mood. Emphasis is on style, not expense, on simplicity not gaudy. Fruits such as apples, oranges and berries were used for color. At one time fruit on a house was the symbol of a good harvest and prosperous year for the family who lived there. Real candles were placed in the windows to welcome guests and serve as a beacon to family members who were far from home. This tradition is reflected today in Oakwood by placing white or clear candles in the windows instead of colored ones. In the days to follow, we will begin to celebrate the holidays. It is a time of reflection and most of all of warm moments spent with family and friends. There will be a growing sense of excitement as we prepare for the holiday festivities. Living in a Historic District is a fantasy for many people - we live that fantasy and have the obligation to perpetuate the tradition for the thousands of visitors who pass through our neighborhood during the Holiday Season.

CANDLELIGHT TOUR

Helen Yoest, Chair



Our 22nd annual Candlelight Tour is just around the corner!!! The tour dates are December 11 and 12, from 1P.M. - 7 P.M. Ticket prices will be \$8.00 during the days of the tour and advance tickets will be sold for \$7.00 at the following locations:

Traditional Trends, in Historic Oakwood

The Brass Key, City Market

The Visitor's Center

Village Book and Stationary, Cameron Village

Books at Quail Corners, North Raleigh

Aggie's, Cary Towne Center

Many of you have already volunteered and are working with a committee. If you haven't yet signed up to volunteer, it's not too late. If interested in volunteering, the following committees still need help:

Porch Hosts - Jean Earp, 832-6420

Sunday Night Party - Edie Tugman, 832-0013

Ticket Sales - Oakley Herring, 821-7775

We are also doing something new this year. Nickola Dudley, a pen and ink artist, volunteered her time this summer to sketch the houses that will be on tour. A replica of these houses will be on display at the Oakwood Inn during the tour. These sketches were then used to make a 1993 series of notecards which will be sold in packages of 10. The cost for the notecards is \$10.00. The proceeds from the sale will go to SPHO . What a great gift idea!! These note cards can be purchased at the Oakwood Inn during the Tour or at Traditional Trends (Tuesday and Wednesday evening 6:00 - 9:00, Thursday 12:00 - 6:00, and Saturday 10:00-3:00). We have a limited supply, so buy early. The homes on tour this year are:

411 N. Bloodworth St.

404 East Lane St.

124 N. Bloodworth St.

200 Elm St.

410 Elm St.

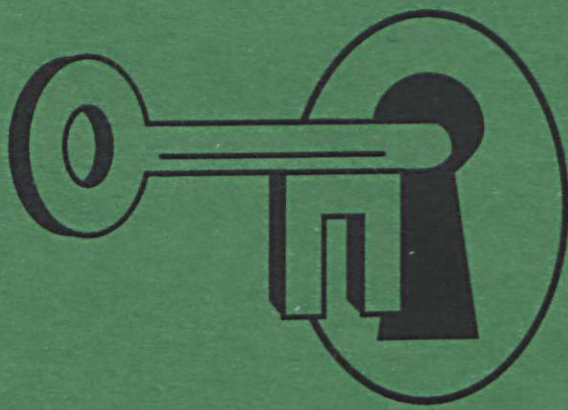
536 N. Bloodworth St.

808 N. Bloodworth St.

523 N. Bloodworth St.

319 Polk St.

Please plan on taking the tour, for all the proceeds stay right here in Oakwood.



OAKWOOD SECURITY COMMITTEE REPORT

Stu Tugman

As a community we need each others help in order to become a security wise neighborhood.

Our report in early October generated additional interest and new members for the Oakwood Community Watch organization. The membership as of this report now totals (51).

The holiday season is almost here and with that the Oakwood area will become a focal point for visitors. People who will look at Oakwood for it's beauty during the Christmas season as well as those people who look to Oakwood for opportunities.

Historically this time of year can bring out the best in us, but for some small number it brings out the worst. Take the time during this busy period to properly secure your home.

Your block captains are (security committee*)
Stuart Tugman, 505 Watauga St. (832-0013)*
Nancy Hahn, 703 N. Bloodworth St. (834-6742)*
Hope Sullivan, 327 E. Jones St. (834-6742)*
Pete Andrews, 319 Polk St. (832-0297)
Chris Crew, 609 Polk St. (829-1127)
Paul & Kristi Brown, 3008 N. East St. (828-0491)
Tim & Sally Davis, 523 N. East St. (836-8401)
Doug Earp, 720 N. Bloodworth St. (832-6420)
Betsy Levitas, 212 N. Bloodworth St. (828-3403)
Wade Brickhouse, 602 N. Boundary St. (834-6617)
Lynn Mann, 515 Polk St. (832-0672)
Matthew Brown, 601 Lane St. (834-6488)
Rod & Trudi Taylor, 605 N. Boundary St. (828-8483)
Don Hendrickson, 516 N. Bloodworth St. (828-9882)

If you have not signed up to be a member of your Community Watch please call any one of the block captains close to you and express your interest in becoming a member or block captain.

When you see an unlawful act in progress or you suspect one is about to take place, call the police at 911. If you see or hear of a problem, one which you feel the police and rest of the area neighbors should be made aware of, also call the police at 911. After calling the police, the following four procedures should be used to disseminate the information:

- (1) you call your block captain.
- (2) your block captain will call a security committee member
- (3) security member will call all block captains
- (4) block captains will call all membership within the area

This whole process should take less than a day. The more people involved the less time it will take to become aware of the occurrence. These procedures will make us aware of what is going on in our neighborhood, keep us in closer touch with our neighbors and help us maintain safety and security for all of Oakwood this and every season.

Community Watch is Community Awareness!

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO OAKWOOD

Sara Lawrence

Santa Claus will be visiting Oakwood on the evenings of Dec 20, 21. If your children would like Santa to come visit them at home, please call Sara at 832-8982 by Friday, Dec. 17, to set up an appointment.

LOCAL ARTIST DOES PEN AND INK DRAWINGS

If you are interested in a pen and ink drawing of your home, Nickola Dudley has proven her talent by volunteering her time to do pen and ink drawings for the 1993 Oakwood Candlelight tour homes. Her work will be on display at the Oakwood Inn during the Tour and tiny versions of these drawings are on the tickets themselves. Nickola can be reached at 828-5130.

OAKWOOD PARENTS PETITION FOR SCHOOL REASSIGNMENT

Jack Wheatley

In Spring 1993 the Wake County Board of Education reassigned the Oakwood Historic District 9 along with most of the area east of Person Street and north of New Bern Avenue) from Enloe Magnet High School to the new Leesville Road High School in northwest Raleigh (approximately 13 miles from Oakwood). The School Board states that the reassignments were made to obtain an ethnic minority balance at the new school and to reduce the over-population of students at Enloe. A group of concerned Oakwood parents met in May 1993, collected data on Oakwood student ethnicity, and submitted to John Gilbert, our School Board representative, a request for reassignment. The request asks that students living within the Oakwood Historic District be reassigned to Daniels Middle Schools (from Carnage GT Magnet Middle School) and Broughton High School (from the newly assigned Leesville Hill School). The thinking of the parent committee is that the Daniels-Broughton assignment will provide Oakwood students with more educational options since assignments to Carnage and Enloe can be requested as magnet options. One potential problem is that the Oakwood Historic District falls

into two separate student nodes; the majority of the neighborhood is in Node 83.0 while the 600 and 700 blocks of Lane Street, the 500 block of Jones Street, and all of Linden Avenue and Mosley Lane are in Node 80.0; this may complicate the reassignment process. A recent letter from Linda Bardorf, Executive Director of Wake County Student Assignment, indicated that the Oakwood petition will be considered as the county draws up its 1994-95 assignment plan; the 1994-95 plan will be presented to the School Board in late February 1994.

OAKWOOD SATURDAY MORNING CLEAN-UP

Doug Earp

Anyone who would like to help in the pre-tour neighborhood clean-up is asked to meet at the Oakwood Common at 9:30 the Saturday morning of the tour, (Dec 11). The more people we have, the quicker we can get the job done.

Even if you can't make it on Saturday morning, you are encouraged to keep your block cleaned up.

Remember, this is our opportunity to welcome all our visitors and show them our beautiful neighborhood.

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Have a Happy and Safe Holiday Season!