



Oakwood

SOCIETY FOR THE
PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC
OAKWOOD

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Post Office Box 11137, Raleigh, North Carolina

Annual Meeting

Fuller Memorial Baptist Church
April 3, 1973

800 N. Bloodworth Street
7:30 PM

PLEASE MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND AND BRING A FRIEND

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the OAKWOOD SOCIETY will be April 3, 1973 in the Fuller Memorial Baptist Church at 7:30 p.m. Robert A. Hoadley, Chairman, will present a report on the activities of the Board of Directors and their aims and goals for the coming year.

Sarah Lemmon, Head of the History Department at Meredith College will present an up-to-date program on their Oakwood study. Some of the students from Meredith will tell about the interesting "findings" of our neighborhood as well as share slides which have been taken over the past few months.

Please mark this date on your calendar so that you will not miss this meeting. If you have friends who are interested in our neighborhood, please bring them with you. We would like to see the auditorium full.

LITTER CLEAN-UP

With all the work that has been taking place in Oakwood sprucing up all the homes, each of us should take the time to clean up around our own homes and to walk up and down the streets to pick up trash. It seems that we are in an area that gets more than our share of trash thrown from passing cars. It will only take a few minutes to do this.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Elected Officers and Board of Directors have been meeting the first Tuesday of each month at the home of designated members. These meetings are open to the public and all persons are invited to attend. However, the "host" director would need notice of your planned attendance. Since these are held in individual homes only a minimum number of visitors can attend. If you have any questions or suggestions, or wish to assist in any way please contact any of the board members.

Robert A. Hoadley, Chairman	1 Yr.	833-0947
Bruce L. Payne Vice-Chairman	1 Yr.	832-4837
Mrs. Nancy Poe Secretary-Treasurer	1 Yr.	755-0619
Mrs. Vallie Henderson Historian	1 Yr.	832-3336
Mrs. Duna Adams	2 Yrs.	829-0679
W. Ames Christopher	2 Yrs.	834-3392
Mrs. Peggy Daino	2 Yrs.	832-4201
Mrs. Elizabeth Gatling	2 Yrs.	832-3280
Jerry N. Glenn	1 Yr.	828-1105
Mrs. Madge Lassiter	1 Yr.	833-0963
William F. Makepeace	2 Yrs.	834-5644
James N. Stronach	1 Yr.	832-5426
Harold C. Whimes	1 Yr.	832-4363

or 942-3342

LETTER CAMPAIGN

Recently Mr. Robert A. Hoadley, Chairman, wrote a letter on behalf of Oakwood to Mayor Tom Bradshaw and the members of the Raleigh City Council requesting that we be brought up-to-date on the thoroughfare plan and urged the City Council in holding public hearings on the North-South Expressway. Following is a portion of Mr. Hoadley's letter:

During a presentation to the City Council on November 20, 1972, Bruce Payne, Vice-Chairman of the Society for the Preservation of Historic Oakwood, stated, "I am here today to request as urgently as I can that the Council reject the proposed North-South Expressway which is a part of the plan to revitalize downtown Raleigh. To this end, I urge you to hold open hearings as soon as possible so that the people of Raleigh who oppose this road may be heard well before the plan has gotten to the stage where turning back is difficult." He further stated, "Let me ask again for an early response to our request. It is not enough to say that the road is not coming for a while, for five years or ten years. That it is planned at all is enough to seriously hinder efforts that are going on to improve our community."

At this same meeting, I stated, "I strongly urge you to consider the recoment that the efforts being made to revitalize Oakwood be commended and included in the Greater Raleigh Central Area Plan."

Today, nearly three months later, I have heard no reply to our suggestions or our requests. The revitalization of Oakwood has slowed down in the past few months. Some of this can be attributed to the winter months, but much of it is attributable to the threat of the proposed North-South Expressway. People are afraid to invest their money in a home in or near the path of such a road.

One of our goals is to settle the question of the North-South Expressway as soon as possible so that we may continue with our efforts to revitalize Oakwood with as few obstacles as possible. On behalf of this Society, I again urge you to proceed with whatever steps are necessary to set in motion public hearings on the thoroughfare plan and the North-South Expressway. This question should not hang over the heads of the citizens of Oakwood five to ten years or longer. It should be settled now.

I also request that you bring me up-to-date as to the current status of the thoroughfare plan and, specifically the North-South Expressway so that I can inform the Oakwood citizens of what is in the future.

We would urge each of you to write a similar letter to Mayor Bradshaw and members of the Raleigh City Council so that the future of Oakwood can be determined. Also letters can be written to our Senators and Legislators and our Congressmen in Washington...even a letter to Governor Holshouser would create some public attention to the closed ears of our City Council members and it will be their vote that will determine the future of Oakwood.

REPRESENTATIVES

Bob Farmer
Sam Johnson
Ward Parrington
Wade Smith
Howard Twiggs

Bob Wynne

SENATORS

William Staton
R. J. Barker
R. L. Barker

WRITE IN CARE OF THE LEGISLATIVE BUILDING, RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

DISTRICT LINES FOR CITY COUNCIL ELECTION

This year for the first time, part of our Raleigh City Council members will be elected by districts. The first public hearing for drafting the district lines will be March 12, 1973 at 7:30 p.m. in the Carolina Room of Memorial Auditorium. There will be a second meeting on March 19, 1973 in the Council Chamber at 2:15 p.m. The Chambers are located on the 3rd floor of the Municipal Building. It is most important that Oakwood have representation at both of these meetings in order for our area to get the desired line boundry. Let City Council know we are fighting for our equal representation. If you need transportation to either of these hearings, please contact one of the members of the Board of Directors. They will assist you in getting transportation.

RANDOLPH T. HESTER RECOMMENDED TO FILL COUNCIL SEAT

The Board of Directors has voted to give Mr. Randolph T. Hester full support for filling the vacant City Council seat vacated by Mr. Jesse O. Sanderson. A letter has been written to the Council not only praising Mr. Hester for his work but also states, "Mr. Hester has had wide experience in city government working in the areas of city planning, community development, and housing and urban development. He has had experience in working for the improvement of many Raleigh neighborhoods, including Oakwood." Mr. Hester is an avid supporter of the Wake Environmental Protection Agency and would be an asset to Oakwood and our cause.

CHRISTMAS TOUR

Nine Oakwood residents really worked to put the finishing touches on their homes for the Oakwood Christmas Tour on December 17, 1973. Although the air was crisp, the streets and sidewalks were crowded from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. A total of 447 tickets had been sold at the end of the day with a profit of \$954.00 added to the treasury. A special thanks must be given to Mr. William F. Makepeace, Chairman of Special Events, for his work in making this a successful event. Also a special thanks to the homeowners and others in the community that assisted in the tour. The success of the year's tour has prompted the Board of Directors to establish a Christmas Tour as an annual event.

TASK FORCE MEETINGS

The task force may not mean anything to certain members of our Society, but it is a city function that has been active forming eleven task forces in Raleigh. The purpose of these meetings are to determine needs of each area and to pass them on to the City Council who can assist us in solving our problems. At the last meeting the group thought more public housing was needed as homes are inspected, but are never followed up as far as the actual improvements. A area clean-up force was recommended and started as well as the suggestion for the removal of the North-South Expressway. These meetings are held at Murphy School and are open to the public.

SPRING BAZAAR

With Spring just around the corner the Board of Directors has decided to have a Spring Bazaar to raise money for our Society. We will need the support of each member of our organization. Please clean out your basements, attics, garages, etc. and donate these items for the sale. More news to come on this in the next newsletter.

EDITOR'S NOTE

I hope that this Newsletter has given you some idea of the events that have been happening in Oakwood and if you have any news items or reports that you would like to share with all of our Society please feel free to call me. This is your Newsletter and I must rely on each of you for the news.

A special thanks to Robert A. Hoadley and W. Ames Christopher for their assistance in compiling this first issue of OAKWOOD.

THANK YOU.

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FULLER MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH 800 North Bloodworth Street

November 13, 1973

7:30 PM

PLEASE ATTEND

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Oakwood Society will be November 13, 1973 in the Fuller Memorial Baptist Church at 7:30 pm. Robert A Hoadley will preside. Mr Hoadley will review the past year as well as give the aims and goals that the Society hopes to work towards in the coming Year. Dr Sarah Lemmon will once again be on our program with more data that she and Meredith have compiled for Oakwood. Also election of new officers and Board Members will be made at that time. Please mark this date on your calender to attend this important meeting and tell your friends to attend also. Given below is the slate of Officers and Board Members that has been recommended by the Nominating Committee:

NOMINATED OFFICERS

Eric Ennis
Chairman
Ronald Ellis Jr
Vice Chairman
Nancy Poe
Secretary/Treasure
Vallie Henderson
Historian

OUTGOING OFFICERS

Robert A Hoadley
Chairman
Bruce Payne
Vice Chairman
Nancy Poe
Secretary/Treasure
Vallie Henderson
Historian

The outgoing Board Members are: Jerry Glenn, Madge Lassiter, James N Stronach, and Harold Whimes. Those nominated are: Ernestine Roach, Stuart Woodard, Robert Hoadley, and Dr Harvey Bumgardner.

CHRISTMAS TOUR

Plans are under way for the 2nd Annual Christmas Candlelight Tour for Historic Oakwood. The tour will be held on December 16, 1973. Mr William Makepeace is in charge of the arrangements and is requesting support in all phases of this project. Ticket sales will be handled by Mr Makepeace and everyone is urged to sell tickets. We need this money for our work in preserving Oakwood.

Mrs. Betty Elliott of WRAL Channel 5 TV, will be in Oakwood on November 20, 1973 to film homes for her December show. This will help promote our Christmas tour as well as inform the citizens of Raleigh and North Carolina of what we are doing in Oakwood. We are most grateful to Mrs. Elliott and her staff for this presentation. Keep an eye on WRAL for Oakwood.

MEMORIAL GIVEN

Everyone has noticed the beautiful change at 412 Oakwood Ave.!! Mrs Peggy Cuddy has donated \$ 25.00 to be used as a memorial for her parents Mr and Mrs. Frank E Jones (former Linden Ave residents). This money will be spent on azaleas as a living memorial. The Board of Directors, Officers and Members of the society wish to thank Mrs Cuddy for this generous memorial. Contributions are accepted by the Board to help the restoration of Oakwood.

"HISTORIC OAKWOOD" Markers

Special attention should be given to the newly erected "Historic Oakwood" markers that are being placed at 5 entrances to Oakwood. A very special thanks for this project goes to The Oakwood Garden Club, Mrs. Jerry Glenn and the City of Raleigh.

CITY CEMETARY

City Cemetary has taken on a new face with the assistance of Mrs. Vallie Henderson, Miss Beth Crabtree and Mr Ames Christopher. Many changes are being made in this Historic Park. Mrs. Henderson is in charge of raising \$ 1,200.00 to assist in this project. Todate \$ 800.00 has been donated. If you would like to give a contribution to this cause , please contact Mrs Henderson at 832 3336.

EDITORS NOTE

I hope this newsletter has given you some idea of the many hours and projects that are going into Oakwood. I only wish everyone could be given a special thanks for the work they are doing. Everytime we pick up a piece of paper we are making Oakwood a more beautiful place to live. Dr Sarah Lemmon and Her Meredith students and Miss Beth Crabtree, are our very SPECIAL FRIENDS in our project. WE MUST KEEP IN THE EYE OF THE PUBLIC! Raleigh and North Carolina must continue to know that we are still fighting for our homes and trying to save this Historical Site for the History of North Carolina! This can only be done with the work of everyone in Oakwood. We must keep Oakwood that special place to live. Traffic on our streets indicate interest in what we are doing and each of us should be proud to be a part of this project. More homes are being bought for restoration and Oakwood is growing more beautiful every day. Let's work together to promote our Candlelight Tour so we can have the needed funds to operate our projects to save Oakwood.

Thank You,

Ronald Elliz, Jr