

Historic Oakwood Neighborhood Newsletter

Society for the Preservation of Historic Oakwood (SPHO)

Jan/Feb 2003

President's Message

Peter Rumsey

On Tuesday, February 4th at 6:30 PM, the City Council will hold a public hearing on the petition submitted in December 2002 by Peace College and the Raleigh Housing Authority (RHA) to close a section of E. Franklin St and Harp St.

Please let your views be heard. Call the City Council at 890-3050. Leave a message for Mayor Meeker, the At-large Council members and our district representative James West. Attend the Hearing next Tuesday even if you do not plan to speak. Share this information with a friend and neighbor.

Maps showing the proposed closing and recent developments in the area are enclosed and may be found in color at the SPHO web site, www.historicoakwood.com.

The SPHO Board of Directors voted unanimously to oppose closure at its regular monthly meeting on January 9, 2003. *"The Society for the Preservation of Historic Oakwood (SPHO) is concerned about plans to permanently alter the historic grid pattern of downtown Raleigh by closing a section of Franklin street between Blount and Halifax Streets. The neighborhood is also concerned about the negative effects of this closure on traffic patterns through and around our neighborhood as well as the Mordecai neighborhood. We also believe that this section of street is an important connector between our business district on Person Street and the Semart warehouse business district. Therefore, we oppose the closure of the street. If mitigating strategies that address these concerns are proposed, we will consider them."*

The streets to be closed are shown on the Overview Map of the area. This map shows the several new developments that, when complete, will result in more than 2,000 people living, working, shopping, attending school or recreating in the area immediately surrounding the two streets. These developments include: Pilot Mill tenants including the Raleigh Charter High School, Alien Skin Software, EcoScience Corporation.

- Pilot Mill Village new homes now under construction east of Pilot Mill.
- The new Capitol Park neighborhood including Park View Manor senior housing, day care and community centers.
- Redevelopment of the Seamart warehouses next to Loga Trading Company.
- Revitalizing the business and retail spaces near the intersection of N. Person St and E. Franklin St.
- The Raleigh Housing Authority offices.
- The future increases in Peace College enrollment.

The current Raleigh Comprehensive Plan and the RHA Capitol Park Plan show Franklin and Harp streets remaining open. The Peace College Master Plan encloses Franklin and Harp Streets within its enlarged campus borders. One block of Harp St is eliminated. The westernmost block of Franklin St will be replaced (and blocked) by several new buildings and a courtyard.

No information has been provided by Peace College, the Raleigh Housing Authority (RHA) or the City of Raleigh about the impact of the proposed closures of Franklin St and Harp St on existing neighborhoods and future developments. No alternatives have been evaluated. Only one alternative has been suggested. The City Transportation Department recommends opening a new public street if City Council approves the request.

The Mordecai Community Citizens' Advisory Council (CAC) voted unanimously to "oppose the petition to close portions of Franklin St and Harp St until further information is available on which to base a sound decision."

The North End Destination Project also opposes closure in a motion adopted January 22nd. The Project, formed in 2001, is a coalition of neighborhood groups, business and property owners, developers, Peace College and others who want to promote the economic development and neighborhood linkages in the area, just north of Peace Street, that extends from the Logan Trading Post eastward to the shops along Person Street. One participant voted against the motion. Peace College abstained.

For more information contact Jean Earp, Lisa Finaldi or Peter Rumsey at the numbers shown on the back page.

Athletic Club

All Oakwood residents are invited to this very informal social gathering held on the last Sunday of every month (except December) from 6:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. Bring your favorite drink and hors d'oeuvre to share. Connect with neighbors and meet new friends. The next event is January 26, location to be announced in the January newsletter.

Thanks to the many households who hosted the Club this past year. If you want to host the Club in this coming year, call Hilda Hutchins at 832-3280.

Raleigh Historic District Commission

Oakwood is one of five Raleigh Historic Districts designated by City Council. City code provides that any exterior change to a house or lot within the boundaries of the Oakwood Historic District must be done in conformance with the *Design Guidelines for Raleigh Historic District*. Property owners or occupants must receive a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) from the Raleigh Historic Districts Commission before beginning work. This includes smaller projects like paint color changes or construction, additions or parking lots. Minor work items can be submitted any time and are approved by staff within 10 working days; major projects go to the COA Committee for review at their monthly hearing. The commission staff is available to help property owners design appropriate projects. *Help and copies of the Guidelines and application forms are available online as PDF files at www.rhdc.org or by calling the commission office at 919-832-7238.*

Oakwood Community E-mail Group

Over 150 Oakwood neighbors participating in this online exchange of safety information, community events, referrals, etc. If you're not a member and you'd like to join the e-mail group, please contact me at dgray3@nc.rr.com or 754-8340. Deborah Gray

Newsletter Submissions

Please send newsletter information to Jennifer M. Pultz at 520 North Bloodworth St.. E-mail is jmpultz@juno.com. Phone number is 821-1295. Deadline for submission of articles for the January newsletter is Monday, January 6, 2003



Senior Birthdays!

We will publish the names of all seniors' 75 and older that have birthdays in January and February. Congratulations.

Lillian Hunter	Jan 7
Louise Crane (Will be 100!)	Jan 26

Swap Shop

Looking for a part-time nanny to care for 4 month old baby girl. Contact Leslie & Warren Miller with recommendations or referrals at 313 Polk St. 833-4658.

Lazy early morning would-be jogger seeks jogging companion to hold him accountable at 5:30 three days a week. Save him from premature obesity and do yourself a favor, too. Contact Hans Christian Linnartz, 312 Oakwood, at 828-4954.

Missing my book club since my recent move from Charleston, SC. I and a few friends are interested in starting a book club here, but we need more members. Contact me at 890-4520 or kercami@yahoo.com. Kerri Meeks.

This will be a regular column for all neighbors to post want ads, information or inquiries. Please e-mail or call Jennifer M. Pultz at jmpultz@juno.com or 821-1295.

Newcomers to Oakwood

Alexis Miller born Sept 30, 2002 to Warren & Lesley Miller on Polk Street.

Sadie Grace Shelburne born Dec. 19, 2002 to Kim Cartron and Mark Shelburne on Bloodworth Street.

Clara Doll Jelenevsky born Jan. 1, 2002 to Barbara Doll and Peter Jelenevsky on Oakwood Avenue.

Clare Brown & children Emmanuel (10) & Magdalena (2). Clare has been "down under" in Sydney, Australia, for the past fourteen years, and the children are therefore new to America. Clare is a writer and has just published a biography of Arthur Bishop, an Australian inventor. They have just moved to 601 E. Lane St., to live with Uncle Matthew Brown.

Sheila & Greg Johnson on Jones St.

Contact Jennifer M. Pultz with the names of newcomers, young and old alike. [Jmpultz@juno.com](mailto:jmpultz@juno.com), or at 821-1295. Ian Shields is the person to contact to get a copy of the Oakwood Directory that was last updated in 2001. You can reach him at 829-1468, or e-mail him at ian_s@bellsouth.net.

Garden Club News

Yard of the Month

January	Elizabeth Fentress, 410 Elm St.
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Holiday Decorating Contest – Traditional

1 st place	Dale Safrit, 508 Oakwood Ave
2 nd place	Eagle White, 304 Person St

Holiday Decorating Contest - Victorian

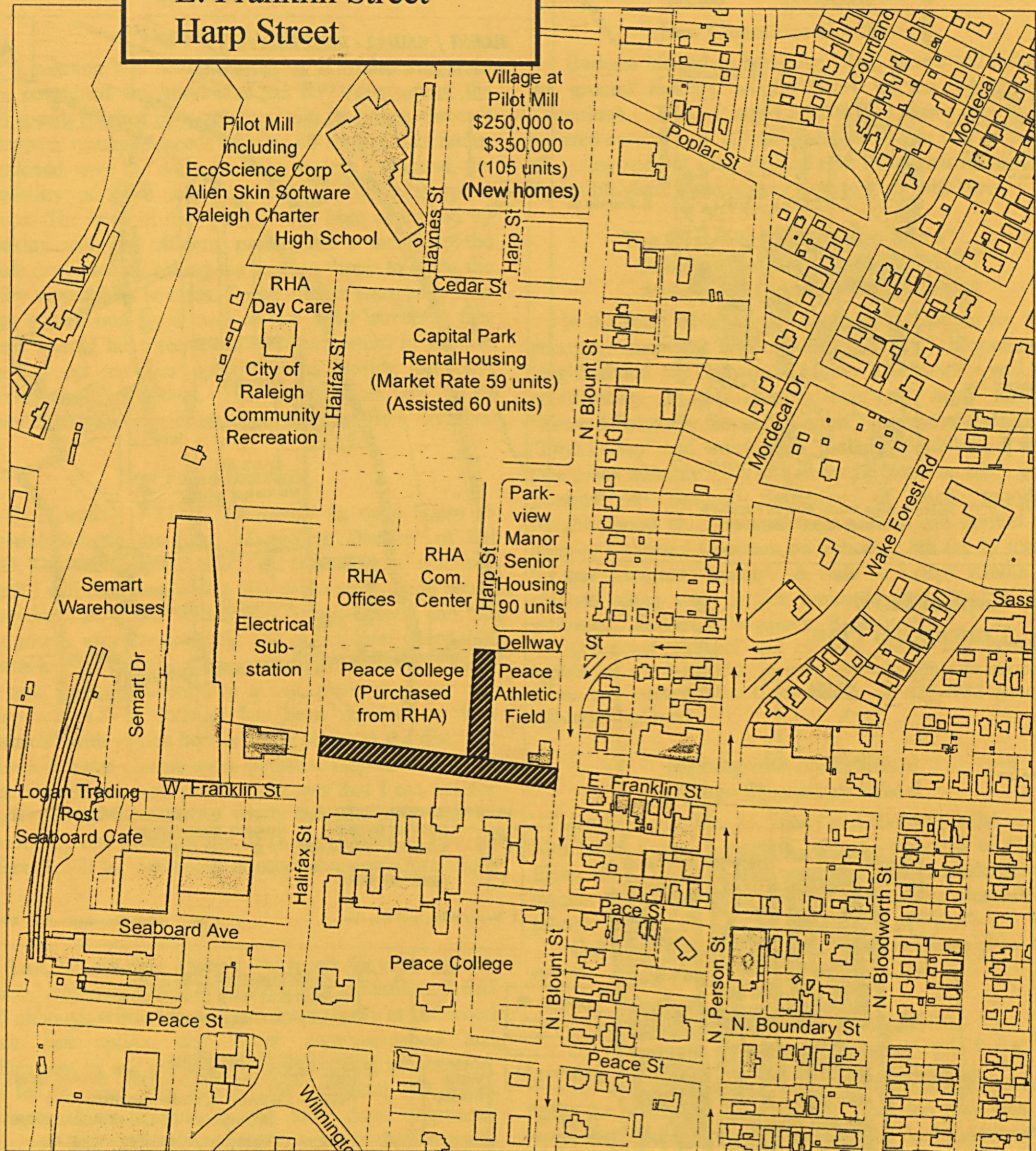
1 st place	Ann Robertson & Hans Linnartz 312 Oakwood Ave
2 nd place	Scott Walker, 221 Linden Ave

Proposed Street Closures *

E. Franklin Street

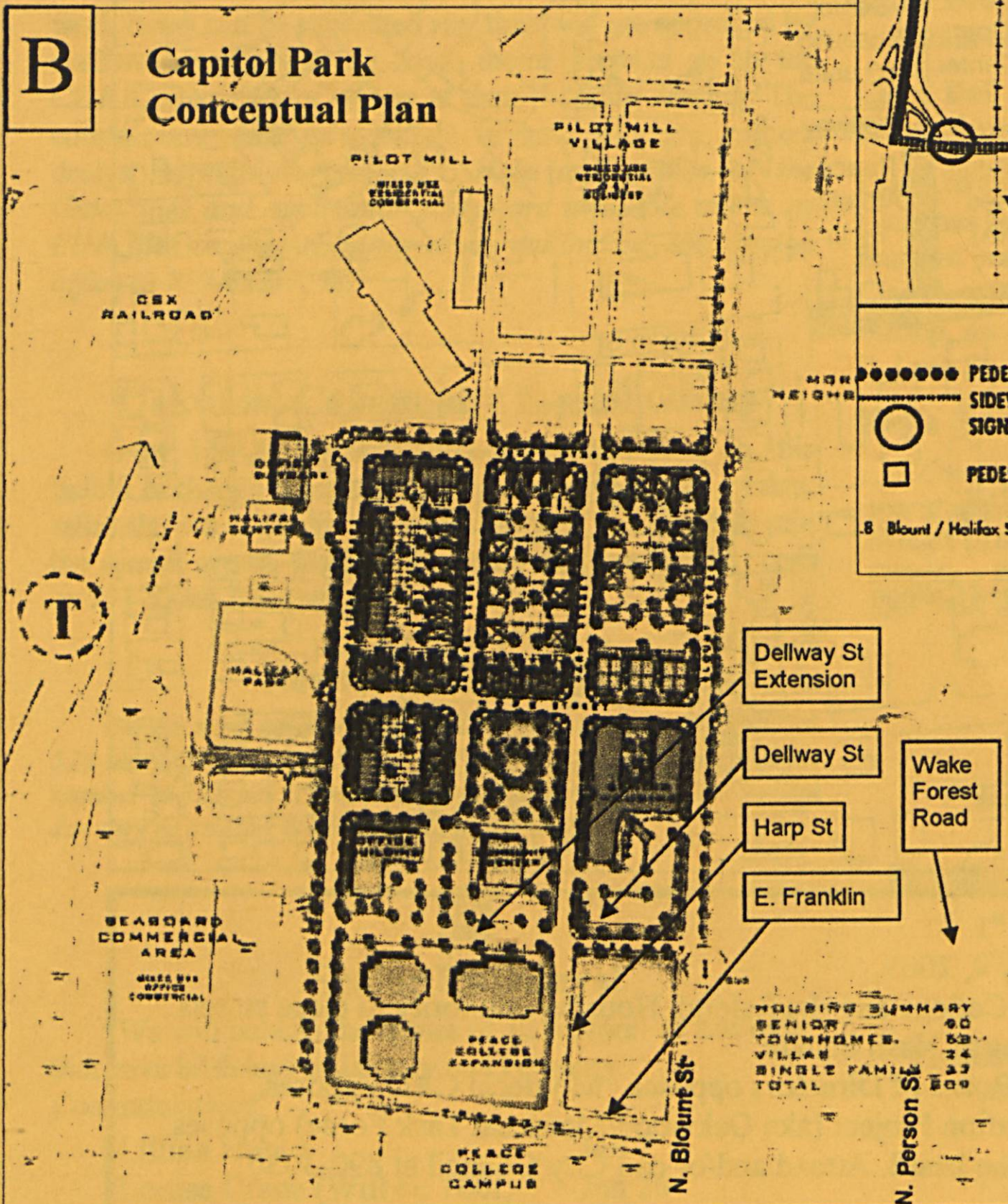
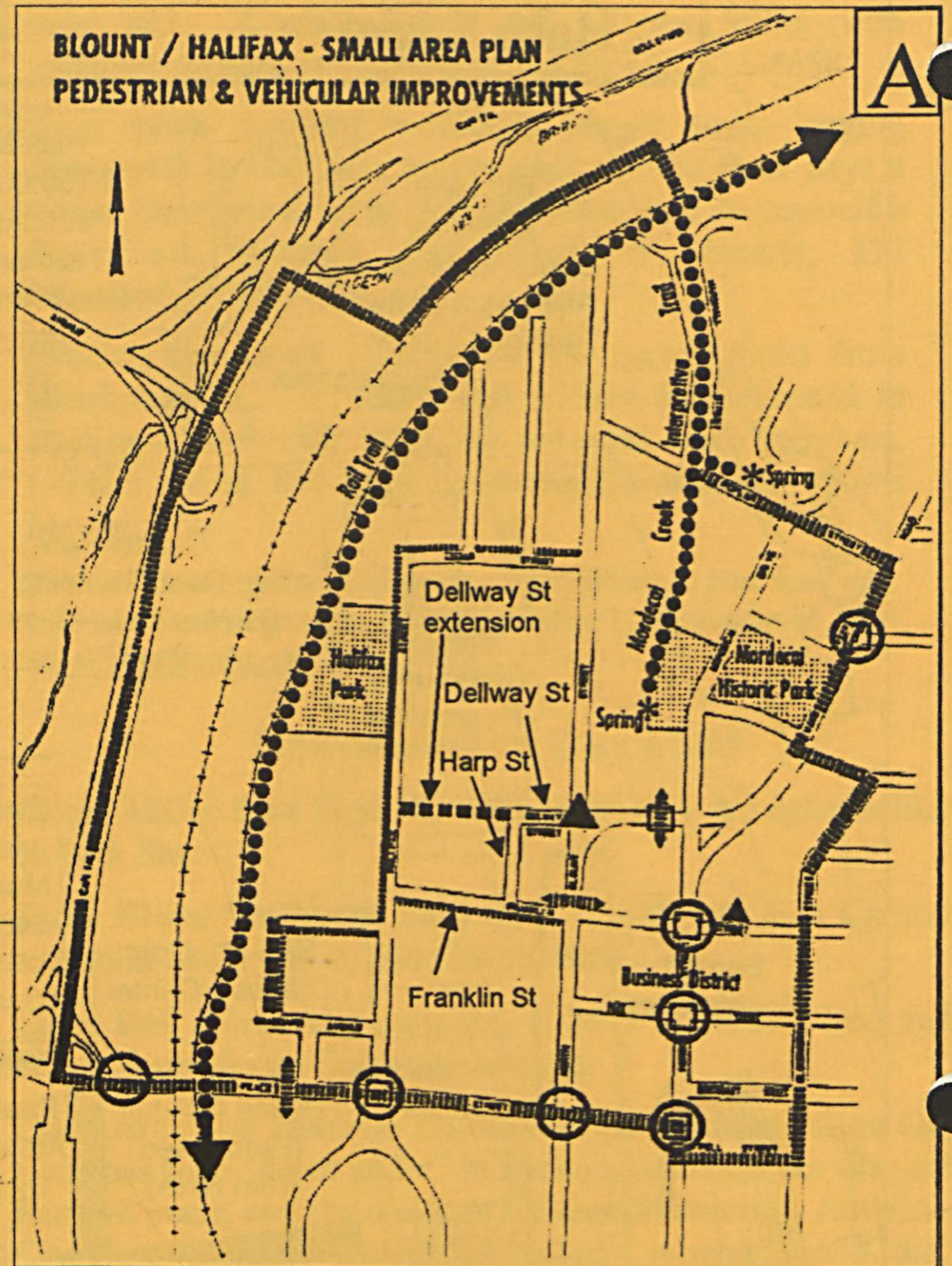
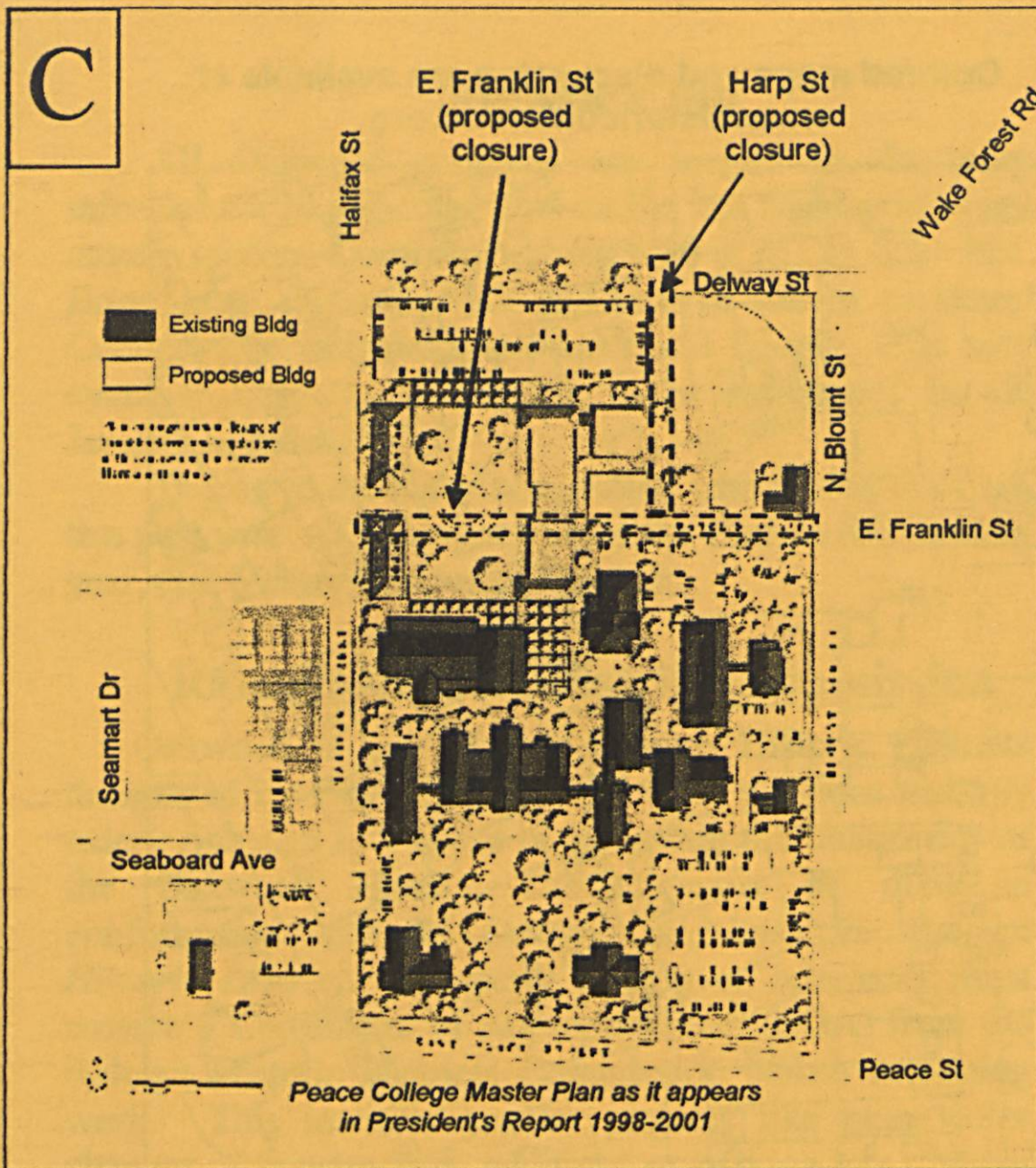
Harp Street

Colored maps and discussion are available at
www.historicoakwood.org



City Council Hearing

- When: Tuesday, February 4, 2003.
- What: Petition by Peace College and the Raleigh Housing Authority to close streets.
- Where: Municipal Building at Nash Square.
- Positions: Oakwood SPHO Board of Directors opposes. Mordecai CAC opposes. North End Destination Project (aka Oakwood/Mordecai Task Force) opposes.
- What else: Let your position be heard. Attend and/or call City Council at 890-3050.



- A. City Comprehensive Plan 1995**
 Franklin and Harp Streets open.
 Dellway extension proposed.
- B. Capitol Park Master Plans**
 1998 - 2003 Franklin and Harp Streets open.
 1998 — Dellway St shown as extended in Hope VI '98 Grant Application.
 1999 — Dellway St extension shown as parking area in '99 Grant application. (This is the map to the left.)
 1999 — Dellway St shown as through street in plan submitted to City dated Dec 20, 1999.
 2000 — Dellway St extension shown as "blocked" parking lot in plan dated Feb. 20, 2000. Approved by City 2000.
- C. Peace College Master Plan**

Safety Committee

High Speed Chases

A meeting was held at the home of Ransom Creech, with concerned neighbors and the RPD concerning the high speeds reached by a stolen car and the police, through Oakwood, reaching speeds of over 80 mph. Other issues mentioned were the daily speeding through Oakwood, the possibility of more stops, more lights or even speed bumps. The issue of the "pursuit" has been addressed by speaking with the officers, putting out a memo to the whole dept., and by asking the training center to stress the policy on pursuits in class. Speed checks were set up on three streets one week and on two other streets a few weeks later. I have requested that they return at another time to set up the speed checks during the late afternoon/evening hours. The other issues are being considered by their transportation/traffic division.

New Police Districts

On Tuesday, 1-21-03, I attended an open house to explain/celebrate the new "Downtown District" of the RPD. This was simply a brief, "get to know you" meeting, which I will follow up with a visit to the new station house located at 221 South Wilmington Street. What I can tell you now is very encouraging. The police chief stated that this was her 1st priority, along with her captains and other officers, to make downtown a safe place to come and enjoy and LIVE. Raleigh has been divided up into "districts" with station houses being set up in the districts. This will mean closer, more personal responses in each area. One of the most positive changes that I can see for Oakwood will be that our whole neighborhood will be covered by one group of the RPD, not divided in two, as before. I will let you know of other changes/information.

Help!

Last, but not least, I would like to ask for your support, and 2-3 volunteers to help on the safety committee. I find that although crime has dropped dramatically in Oakwood since last spring, our better communication and willingness to ask questions and pass along information, has led to more, less serious, but important still, issues arising such as street lights out, loose dogs, suspicious activities etc., which I find that I can not fulfill to the degree that I want, alone. Please consider volunteering for this occasionally frustrating, but ALWAYS rewarding effort in our neighborhood.

Please contact me by e-mail at alangray@nc.rr.com or by phone at 754-8340 if willing. Thanks. Alan Gray, Chair.

Children

New Committee Co-Chairs

Barbara McMahan and Lisa Grele Barrie are hitting the ground running as Co-Chairs of the Children's Committee. They, Cindy Callahan and Lisa Grose have initiated several new efforts (see below) that will help us all, young and old alike. Please give them your ideas, and if possible share some of your time to work with them.

The First "Second Saturday Scene" Saturday, February 8, 10-12 PM Meet at the Oakwood Common

In the spirit of continued community-building for the younger members of our "socially happening" neighborhood, the Oakwood Children's Committee will be coordinating monthly get-togethers we have named "Second Saturday Scene." A hybrid concept of Raleigh's "First Friday" and Oakwood's "Athletic Club", SSS will take place monthly from 10 a.m. to 12 Noon on the... you guessed it, Second Saturday of each month! Neighborhood children and their parents are invited to meet at Oakwood Common on February 8th (at 10 a.m.) for our inaugural "scene". A walk to Krispy Kreme is planned along with further brainstorming about future activities. Be there or be square. Kids Rule!

Questions? Parents and children, please call Barbara McMahan at 821-7556 (email: mcmahanj@bellsouth.net). Teens can contact Lisa Grele Barrie at 838-4932 (email: tlgbarrie@aol.com).

Meeting with the Principal of Conn Elementary School

On Saturday, Jan. 25, Cindy and Richard Callahan on Elm Street hosted a meeting with the principal of Conn Elementary, Virginia Cardenas, and with a kindergarten teacher to learn more about Oakwood's base elementary school.

Call Cindy Callahan at 833-5436 to learn more about the school.

Children, Recreation & the Oakwood Common

In the last newsletter Lisa Grose mentioned several ideas for improving the Oakwood Common play area in ways that would be compatible with the dual functions of the Common, i.e., play area for very young children and gathering area for all. She also mentioned possible steps that others might explore to increase facilities for older children, e.g., the Salvation Army Community Center at the north end of Bloodworth Street.

Contact Lisa Grose at lisagee@mindspring.com or by leaving a message at 833-5468

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Calendar of Events

- Feb 3 Mon** Historic District Commission Meeting 4PM
Municipal Bldg. Room 305
<http://www.raleigh-nc.org/planning/Commissions/hdc.htm>
- Feb 4 Tue** Public Hearing – Closing of E. Franklin St
7:00PM – City Council Chambers, Municipal Building
- Feb 5 Wed *** North End Destination Project
aka Oakwood Mordecai Task Force
7:00PM - Peace College Flowe Bldg
- Feb 6 Thur** Oakwood Garden Club – 7 PM
415 N. Boundary St, home of Rose Schwetz
- Feb 8 Sat *** SPHO (First!) Second Saturday Scene
10-12AM @ Oakwood Common
For kids and parents (see article)
Call Children's Committee Co-Chairs for info
- Feb 11 Tue #** North Central CAC - 7:00 PM
Community Center, 121 Tarboro Rd.
- Feb 11 Tue #** Mordecai CAC - 7:30 PM
Tucker House, 418 N. Person St
- Feb 13 Thur** Oakwood (SPHO) Meeting - 7:30 PM Tucker House, 418 N. Person St
- Feb 17 Wed** COA Application Deadline -5 PM <http://www.raleigh-nc.org/planning/Commissions/hdc.htm>
- Feb 23 Sun** Athletic Club - 6:30 PM
515 N. Bloodworth St, home of Barbara Wishy and Peter Rumsey
- Feb 27 Thur** Livable Streets Partnership - 3 to 5 PM
Final work forum for downtown action plan
BTI Center for the Performing Arts
<http://www.raleigh-nc.org>
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* See article elsewhere in this newsletter.

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Web Sites

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City of Raleigh <http://www.raleigh-nc.org>
Wake County <http://www.co.wake.nc.us>
WC Property Information <http://aws1.co.wake.nc.us/realestate/search.asp>
WC Maps <http://imaps.co.wake.nc.us/imaps>
WC Public Schools <http://www.wcpss.net>

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	Richard Berry	834-6417	Norman Walls	836-1881
	Matthew Brown			

Committee Chairs 2003

Awards	Ann Robertson	828-4954
Candlelight Tour Children	Barbara McMahan	821-7556
	Lisa Grele Barrie	838-4932
Community Development	Lisa Finaldi	834-8086
	Scott Fortenberry	821-4621
Goals	Jean Earp	832-6420
Good Neighbors	Ruth Sappie	821-3711
	Elaine Ford	549-6923
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Permanent Improvement	Jerry McCrain	832-5122
Plaques	Ian Shields	829-1468
Preview Tour		
Publications	Jennifer M. Pultz	821-1295
Social	Jean Earp	832-6420
Safety	Alan Gray	754-8340
Web Site	Richard Berry	834-6417

SPHO Special Projects 2003

Athletic Club	Hilda Hutchins	832-3280
Oakwood Directory	Ian Shields	829-1468
Newsletter Delivery	Ian Shields	829-1468
Oakwood List/Serve	Deborah Gray	754-8340
North Central CAC	Scott Fortenberry	821-4621
Moore Square Redevelopment	Betsy Ross	833-1747
Mordecai CAC	Jason Doll	546-0633
Trees	Don Grose	833-5468

Oakwood Garden Club

President	Darla Brown	834-5565
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Public

Raleigh Historic Districts Comm	Terry Harper, Chair	821-3641
	Bob Anderson	828-6725
Raleigh Appearance Comm	Brian Starkey, Member	834-8086
Triangle Transit Authority	Kim Crawford	834-1810
Mayor's TF on Blount St.	Janet Wellman	834-2689
	Linda Davis	821-7602
Solid Waste Task Force	Jennifer M. Pultz	821-1295



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Two way traffic on Person and Blount Streets, a pedestrian walk-way to Logan Trading Post, more parking for the Person Street shops are closer to reality because of the efforts so many of you made to oppose the closing of Franklin and Harp Streets. These are some of the positive results of working together with nearby neighborhoods, local businesses and developers over the past several months. The recent decision by the City Council to close East Franklin and Harp Streets is disappointing. However, as Lisa Finaldi notes in her comments below the opportunities for moving ahead are exciting. Thank you all for your time, energy and insights.

A lot is happening this spring. Don't miss the Children's Committee Second Saturday Scene and the Easter Egg Hunt and potluck supper this weekend, April 12 & 13. The Jazz Brunch will be held early in June this year, date to be announced. The Garden Club Tour will be the weekend of May 3 & 4. More information about these and other events can be found in this newsletter and at the neighborhood web site, www.HistoricOakwood.org.

North Side Destination Project

Lisa Finaldi

Exciting Challenges for Our Neighborhood.
Seamart Development Moving Ahead!

The good news is that the redevelopment of the Seamart warehouses near Logan's is moving ahead – with community involvement. After fall meetings with the Mordecai CAC and the North End Destination Project, the developers went back to the drawing board, looking for new ideas when those they first presented, did not meet with enthusiasm. The new plans will be presented at the next North End meeting on Wednesday, May 7th at 7 pm. at 5 West Franklin Street in one of the warehouses. Retail, restaurants and possibly a grocery store are the likely candidates for the redevelopment.

This will be an important opportunity for the developers to receive further input from the community surrounding these buildings! Renovation of some of the properties is imminent!

Kiss This Street Goodbye!

The bad news is that the City Council voted 5-2, with the Mayor as the deciding vote, on April 2nd to close Franklin and Harp Streets after a 3-month battle with small businesses and neighbors against Peace College and the Raleigh Housing Authority. James West and Benson Kirkman voted against closing. The streets are not likely to close until Delway Street, one block to the north of Franklin, is constructed in an effort to replace lost connectivity when Franklin and Harp streets close. There is a discussion underway about appealing the decision.

But there's even some good news embedded in the bad. Issues that are important to the vitality of Person Street are now understood by the City Council as well as the Transportation and Planning departments. Issues such as Blount and Person streets becoming two-way, resolution of parking issues on Person Street, and allowing pedestrian access through the Peace campus, are just a few issues that will now be discussed. These issues will move forward because our community is working hard toward a thriving business district.

Why not come out on May 7th and see what's happening in the North End.

And to those already involved in the North End or the Community Development Committee, thanks for all your work!

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Bronte Isabella DelMonico born Dec 27, 2002 to Joe & Susan DelMonico at 621 Polk St.

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Garden Club News

Darla Brown, President, 834-5565

Yard of the Month

February Jerry & Pat McCrain, 522 Oakwood Ave
March Alice & Ben Butler, 1525 Watauga St
April Matthew Brown, 601 E. Lane St

Monthly Meeting Monday, May 1 with Addie Lee Rideout

The meeting will be held at 7 PM at the Spring Arbor Assisted Living Center in the room of long time Oakwood resident and garden club supporter, Addie Lee Rideout. Her address is 1810 New Hope Road. Call 250-0255 to reach Addie.

Annual Garden Tour Weekend of May 3 & 4

Thirteen gardens will be on tour from 1-5 PM both Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are \$12 (children free) and may be purchased in Rose Schwetz's garden at 415 N. Boundary Street. Call Darla Brown at 834-5565 for information or to volunteer as a host.

"Pink Truck" Trash Pick Up Wednesday May 14th.

The pink truck is not actually a "pink truck", but it is a once a year curbside trash pick up service. Please have items out at curb by 7:30am. Place items at curbside to be picked up by truck crane. Do NOT place items under low trees or overhead lines.

Items that WILL BE picked up include: air conditioners, bathroom fixtures, clothes dryers, dishwashers, furniture, mattresses and springs, refrigerators, sinks, stoves, TVs, water heaters, wood scraps and other ready to discard items. Yard waste must be separated from household items and must be in clear bags as usual. Please

Items that WILL NOT be picked up include: NO car engines/parts, NO hazardous materials, NO dirt, rocks, or building materials, NO batteries, NO liquids, gas, paint, or paint thinners, NO tires, NO stumps, and NO logs/limbs larger than 6" in diameter or 6' in length.

More Garden Club

* The Oakwood Garden Club earned a second place ribbon for our "backyard garden exhibit at the Home and Garden Show.

* A wicker tray and a large cake pan were left at the Tucker House after the tour...probably from a cookie baker...to claim, please contact Pat McQuaid at 829-1468.

* The garden club is interested in purchasing a work of art for the Vallie Henderson Park. Suggestions are for some sort of bluebird house or a green Oak leaf and should be as vandal proof as possible. Anyone (neighborhood artists in particular) with ideas or proposals can contact Darla Brown at 906-5500

* More Candlelight Tour thanks to Pat McQuaid & Lee Ann Gillen for their help at the Tucker House; Rose Schwetz for her help with the judging of the Christmas decorations, and all of you who helped with staffing the Tucker House and baking cookies for the tour.

* More Candlelight Tour Holiday Decorating awards:

Best Wreath

1st place Chris Yetter & Steve Zamparelli,
121 N. Bloodworth St
2nd place Linda & Phil Corbin, 504 N East St.

Best Use of Fruit

1st place Rusty Lurwick & Jackie Twisdale
318 Oakwood Ave
2nd place Diane Deresienski & Greg Lewbart,
541 E Jones St

A Southern Christmas

1st place Mike McCormack, 421 Elm St
2nd place Alan Bass & Brett Liverman,
214 Bloodworth St

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OAKWOOD CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE
invites families and friends of Historic Oakwood
to attend the 1st annual...

OAKWOOD EGGSTRAVAGANZA!!!

2 days 2 have fun in the 'hood!

Saturday, April 12 and Sunday April 13, 2003

SECOND SATURDAY SCENE

April 12 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon

Join us at Oakwood COMMON (at Boundary and East Streets)
to celebrate **National Youth Service Day**, a nationwide effort
by youth to make a difference in their communities.

We'll divide up into teams and scour the neighborhood for trash
from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Prizes awarded for the largest bags of trash!
Treats for all participants!

EGGCELLENT EGG HUNT AND POTLUCK

April 13 from 3 to 5 p.m.

Join us at Oakwood PARK (Brookside Drive next to
Oakwood Cemetery) for a good old-fashioned **egg hunt** in the woods.
Bring a yummy covered dish to share; sport your finest spring bonnet
if you dare (prizes awarded for best hat!) We'll provide the beverage.
Drop off 12 labeled plastic eggs filled with "non-meltable" candy or
other fun stuff for each participant at the Kushner's at
604 Leonidas Court during the week of April 7.

Questions? Call Lisa Grele Barrie at 838-4932 or
Barbara Smalley McMahan at 821-7556.

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For kids and parents (Children's Committee)
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For kids and parents (Children's Committee)
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<http://www.raleigh-nc.org/planning/Commissions/hdc.htm>
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Chris Yetter & Steve Zamparelli
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7 PM. Visit with Addie Lee Rideout
@ Spring Arbor Assisted Living Center
1810 New Hope Road 250-0255
- May 3&4 S&S** **Oakwood Garden Club Annual Tour**
1-5 PM each day. Buy tickets at home
Rose Schwetz @ 415 N. Boundary St
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4PM @ Municipal Bldg. Room 305
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- May 14 Wed *** **PINK TRUCK**
Annual curbside trash pickup
- May 16 Fri** **COA Application Deadline** -5 PM
<http://www.raleigh-nc.org/planning/Commissions/hdc.htm>
- May 25 Sun** **Athletic Club** - 6:30 PM
415 N Boundary St, Rose Schwetz

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WC Maps <http://imaps.co.wake.nc.us/imaps>
WC Public Schools <http://www.wcpss.net>

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Society for the Preservation of Historic Oakwood (SPHO)

June 28, 2003

President's Message

Peter Rumsey

Help wanted.

Jen Pultz and before her, Pat McQuaid and Ian Shields all have spoiled us with the excellent job and hard work they had done publishing the Oakwood newsletter. We need someone(s) to take over the newsletter job. This will be an exciting opportunity to reshape how we use the newsletter and link it together with the SPHO web site and list-serve. If interested in leading or helping this effort, or if you want to suggest other names, please contact me at 971-4118 or email me at rumsey@mindspring.com.

This issue of the newsletter provides a calendar of coming events – most importantly the July 4th parade and picnic. Updates on various Oakwood issues and people will be posted on both the web site and the list-serve over the coming weeks and included in the next newsletter.

Don't miss the Children's Committee Second Saturday Scene each month. More information about these and other events can be found in this newsletter and at the neighborhood web site, www.HistoricOakwood.org.

Garden Club News

Darla Brown, President, 834-5565

Yard of the Month

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June	Susan & Tim Fenell, 327 E. Jones

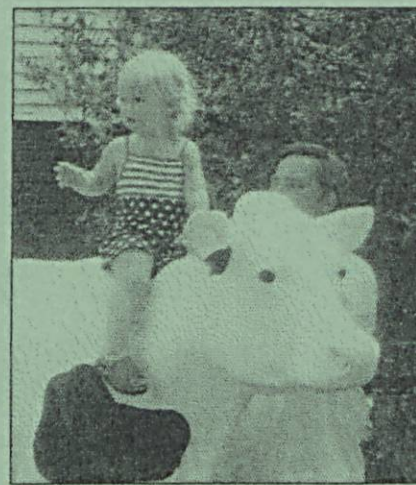
Progressive Brunch - July

On Saturday, July 26 at 9AM a progressive brunch will visit four Oakwood gardens. The purpose is to give share ideas with the garden owners. Call Darla if interested.

Next Monthly Meeting - August

The meeting will be held at 7 PM at Elanor Hallam's, 404 N. Bloodworth St.

4th of July Parade & Picnic Friday 3PM



Scenes from last year parade and picnic. Billy Brewer's cow is part of the parade.



Friday, July 4th. The Children's Parade (for children 1 to a hundred) begins at 3 and goes clockwise around the block starting at the Common at the corner of N. East and N. Boundary Streets. The picnic begins at 3:30. Bring a covered dish, the SPHO will provide beverages. Music again by Nic Slaton Band that so nicely performed at the recent well attended Jazz Brunch. Thanks once again to Jean Earp and the many who help her make this all seem so effortless.

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524 N. East St, Darla Brown
- July 4 Fri** 4th of July Parade - 3 PM
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<http://www.raleigh-nc.org/planning/Commissions/hdc.htm>
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9AM. Call Darla Brown for details, 834-5565.
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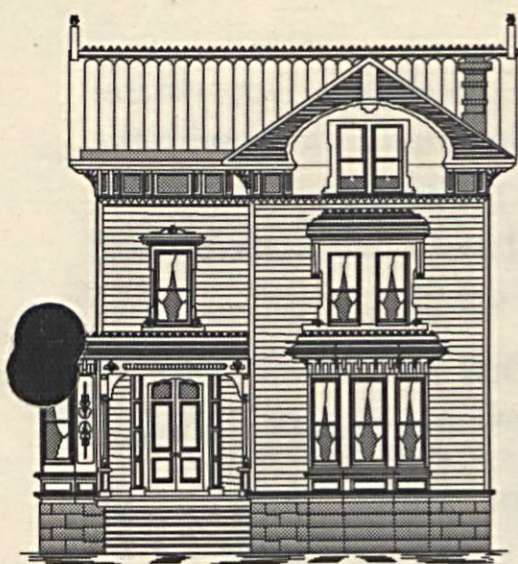
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Society for the Preservation of Historic Oakwood (SPHO) July/August 2003

President's Message

Peter Rumsey

Since the last newsletter came out requesting editorial assistance, I was delighted to hear from several individuals interested in helping in various capacities. Sharon O'Neill will now be coordinating and editing the newsletter and will have other neighbors to call on for ideas and special projects. Sharon lives on Polk Street with husband Curtis, father-in-law Roger, and their two Whippets, Stella and Leo. She has spent most of her career in the nonprofit sector, but many of you may run into her in the perennials department at Logan Trading Company where she also works part-time. If you have ideas or suggestions for the newsletter, contact Sharon at 546-0884, or at sharon.oneill@mindspring.com.

I want to extend appreciation and thanks to Jennifer Pultz, Pat McQuaid, Ron Morrow, Ian Shields and the countless others who have contributed their time and creative energy to the newsletter over the years. Thanks as well to those who responded to my plea and volunteered their services. You'll be hearing from Sharon in the near future.

Once again, our July 4th parade and picnic was a great success thanks to Jean Earp and the many others who worked hard so the rest of us could kick back and enjoy the music, food and friends. During the festivities, three special individuals were recognized with awards for outstanding service to our neighborhood. See the article on page three describing the contributions Lisa Finaldi, Darla Brown and Alan Gray have made in making Oakwood such a great neighborhood in which to live.

Franklin and Harp Streets Update

SPHO and its neighbors in Mordecai and Oakdale, as well as businesses along Person Street, the Seaboard Warehouse District and Pilot Mills, have banded together to appeal the impending closing of East Franklin and Harp Streets. In April, the City Council voted to allow the closing.

While we all want and support Peace College's anticipated growth, our opposition to the decision to close Franklin and Harp Streets is that it accommodates Peace

College to the detriment of surrounding neighborhoods and businesses whose long-term prospects for growth and revitalization depend upon pedestrian and vehicular connectivity. Our coalition of neighborhoods and businesses has filed a lawsuit against Peace College, the City of Raleigh and the Raleigh Housing Authority appealing the decision to close the street. Such an appeal process is part of state law.

To date, the SPHO Board of Directors has approved spending \$3,300 to support this appeal. Private individuals and businesses have contributed substantially more, but even more is needed. **If you're interested in contributing to this effort, please contact Lisa Finaldi (834-8086) or Jean Earp (832-6420).**

Oakwood, its immediate neighbors and nearby businesses are at the cusp of enjoying an extraordinary opportunity for growth and we want to work together constructively with Peace College in achieving our common goals. What Peace College and our coalition do agree on is that restoring two-way traffic to Person and Blount Streets will benefit us all. Peace has proposed building a new cross street just south of the Housing Authority's new headquarters building, but refuses to consider making this street and its parking public. Peace also refuses to consider allowing any permanent pedestrian access across the present Franklin Street corridor.

A suggestion -- next Saturday, grab lunch at the Seaboard Cafe at Logan's. Go by car. Next week, walk around the north end of the Peace campus and assume that Franklin Street is closed and that Peace College also has closed their now enlarged campus to pedestrian traffic.

When you get near Logan's, note the already large number of people and parked cars. Imagine how many more will be there once the Seaboard Station is developed. Seaboard Station will be a new commercial and retail hub of downtown, with many shops, restaurants and service businesses located there. Note the homes just being completed as part of Capital Park and Pilot Mill Village, the community center, senior center, a daycare center under construction and the proposed improvements to the Halifax Center. All will add more vehicle and pedestrian traffic from throughout Raleigh.

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Franklin and Harp Streets Update (continued)

The potential lost connectivity is more than the minor inconvenience Peace College says it is. Remember, the only reason Oakwood is intact today is because a group of people came together and fought against overwhelming odds to keep a north-south superhighway from dividing the neighborhood forever. The very fabric of our community, its growth and its future are built on linkages and connectivity, not on walls and isolation.

Garden Club News

Darla Brown, President, 834-5565

Yard of the Month

July Norman and Kay Olson, 600 Leonidas Court

Next Monthly Meeting - Thursday, August 7

The meeting will be held at 7 PM at Eleanor Hallam's home at 404 N. Bloodworth St. There will be a guest speaker. All are welcome!

Ice Storm Debris Pick-Up

You have one more chance to get rid of your debris from December's ice storm! Wake County has contracted with a private company for a final pick-up in August, but you must register in advance. Call 919-856-5700 and leave your name, address and phone number.

Oakwood Community E-mail Group

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Betsy Buford and Jean Earp embrace the spirit of the July 4th picnic and parade!

Oakwood Safety Update

According to Oakwood Safety Chair Alan Gray, Oakwood had a total of 17 porch furniture/plant thefts

during April and May. The Raleigh Police Department provided mounted patrol and bicycle patrols along with the usual car patrols during this time, resulting in four arrests. As of this time, three of the four have been convicted of numerous thefts. The fourth case is pending.

August 5th is National Night Out. Please remember to turn on as many outside lights as possible on this night.

In September, Oakwood will be having an ice cream social to thank our district officers and detectives for all they do. It is also a good time to see friends and neighbors. Please try to attend! Date will be announced in the next newsletter. For additional information, contact Safety Chair Alan Gray at alangray@nc.rr.com or 754-8340.



Now this is a flying machine! A future pilot enjoys a look inside an airplane made for the July 4th parade.

Children's Committee Plans BugFest Field Trip!

This month, our **SECOND SATURDAY SCENE** on August 9th falls on the same date as the NC Museum of Natural Sciences annual *BugFest*. We'll meet at the Common at 10 a.m. and trek downtown for this buggy, fun-filled happening! The museum bills this as the world's most popular "buggy" event, featuring more exhibits, activities and eye-popping presentations than ever. Enjoy delicious bug-filled delicacies at the Cafe Insecta, cheer on your favorite entry in the Roachingham 500, meet fascinating bug experts in special auditorium programs, and view amazing and bizarre live animals such as the foot-long Malaysian Walking Stick and the venomous giant South American centipede! Parents -- please accompany your child on this outing, unless you have assigned him or her to another adult who will be attending!

For information, please contact Lisa Grele Barrie at 838-4932 tlgbarrie@aol.com or Barbara Smalley McMahan at 821-7556 mcmahanj@bellsouth.net.

Newsletter Submissions

Please send newsletter information to Sharon O'Neill, 519 Polk Street. E-mail is sharon.oneill@mindspring.com. Phone 546-0884. Deadline for submission of articles for the September newsletter is Monday, August 25, 2003.

August Athletic Club

Sunday, August 31, 6:30-8:30 pm, join your neighbors for this social gathering and pool party at the home of Violet and Steve Sproul, 318 E. Jones Street. Bring a drink and favorite hors d'oeuvre to share.

The North End Destination Project: TTA Presentation at September Meeting

Triangle Transit Authority will be discussing the proposed mass transit stop on Halifax Street at the next meeting of the North End Destination Project. The meeting will be held Wednesday, September 3, 7:00-8:30 pm at Trinity United Methodist Church, corner of Bloodworth and Sasser (enter through the side glass door where you go in to vote). All are welcome and encouraged to attend what should be a very informative session. *For information, contact Lisa Finaldi, 834-8086.*

Residents Honored for Outstanding Service

Three residents of Historic Oakwood were honored by the Society for the Preservation of Historic Oakwood at our annual picnic on July 4, 2003. **Darla Brown, Lisa Finaldi, and Alan Gray** were cited for their contributions to the Community and presented with plaques; their names will be added to the roster of Award recipients displayed in the Tucker House on Person Street.

Darla Brown, who lives on East Street, was recognized for her work in beautifying the Neighborhood. As President of the Oakwood Garden Club she has organized several garden tours. Additionally, she has served on the SPHO Board, opened her home for the Candlelight Tour, and volunteered her services as a long time member of the Social Committee.

Lisa Finaldi, who lives on North Bloodworth, chairs the Community Development Committee and serves as coordinator for the North End Destination Project. Her attention to detail and her commitment to the neighborhood's development have been constant. She has opened her home for the Candlelight Tour, served on various SPHO committees, and continues to serve as a volunteer for the Social Committee.

Alan Gray has lived in Historic Oakwood for only two years, but has been a steadfast and vigilant leader on behalf of our security. He has been an active liaison with the Raleigh Police Department, alerting them as well as the Neighborhood to illegal activities and keeping us informed as to various security issues. He is a member of the SPHO Board and lives on North East Street.

I wish to thank everyone who submitted nominations. Special thanks go to Pat Donohue and Jean Earp who served on the Awards Committee with me and to President Peter Rumsey for asking us to serve.

Betsy Buford

Oakwood Newcomers

Greg, Michelle and Matthew Pacofsky are home again at 510 Polk Street after living in Lyon, France for two years. Welcome home, Greg, Michelle and Matthew!

Roger Kasefang has joined son Curtis and daughter-in-law Sharon at 519 Polk Street. Roger relocated from Bogota, New Jersey.

Contact Sharon O'Neill with names of newcomers, young and old! Sharon.oneill@mindspring.com or 546-0884.

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2003 Oakwood Directory

It is time for another Oakwood directory. Ian Shields will attempt to list names, addresses and telephone numbers for all residents he can find information for unless he receives a request not to include you. If you weren't in the 2001 Oakwood directory or want more names listed or full names instead of initials then you need to **leave the information in the mail slot at 318 Polk St.** Use the form below or e-mail Ian Shields at ianshields@bellsouth.net. We plan to publish the new directory in April, so **please get your information in now while you are thinking of it.**

Spring 2003 Oakwood Directory

Name 1 _____

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Street _____

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Circle One:

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Peter Rumsey

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In this issue, the SPHO Board of Directors has included a neighborhood survey to solicit your views on priorities for the future. Please take a few moments to fill out the survey and return it to Barry Kitchener, 624 N. East Street, by September 30, 2003. We want your feedback and input!

The annual Candlelight Tour is fast approaching and once again we are looking for volunteers! The Candlelight Tour, to be held this year on December 13 and 14, is our single biggest fundraising event and a great opportunity to showcase our beautiful neighborhood for the thousands of visitors who attend this event. If you're interested in helping out, contact Darla Brown at 906-5500.

Children's Committee

Second Saturday Scene is **TAKING IT TO THE STREETS!** September 13, from 10 a.m.-12 noon.

The Children's Committee invites all "free-wheeling" kids to join us on Euclid Street with their skateboards, blades or other wheeled play devices. We've invited a local skateboard expert to show us some "tricks." Come on down and play and **be sure to wear your helmet!**

On October 11, join the Second Saturday Scene for **Creative Pumpkin Carving!**

For information on the Second Saturday Scene, please contact *Lisa Grele Barrie* at 838-4932 (tlgbarrie@aol.com) or *Barbara Smalley McMahan* at 821-7556 (mcmahanj@bellsouth.net).

Oakwood Safety Committee Sponsors Ice Cream Social!!!!

After "Taking it to the Streets!" cool off with your friends and neighbors at an Ice Cream Social at the Oakwood Commons, from 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 13th. This will be a great opportunity to meet our neighborhood officers and detectives, many of whom were newly assigned to our area after we became part of the new "Downtown District."

I cannot express to you how much it means to these officers to meet and be welcomed by us. You'll also get to meet McGruff the police dog, a police horse, and take a look around inside a real police car. Although we take this opportunity to invite our local officers, it is also a great time to see old friends and meet new neighbors. Please make a note of the date and time. I look forward to seeing you there! I also hope to see many of you whom I have not yet had an opportunity to meet. *Alan Gray, Safety Chair*

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The North End Destination Project

At the September 3rd meeting three representatives from the **Triangle Transit Authority** discussed the status and station plans for the system that should begin construction in 2004, and begin running in late 2007. The first stage of development will run from Durham to the Raleigh State Government Station, which will be located behind the Afghan Roofing building just west of where Capital Boulevard becomes Dawson Street, at the intersection with Lane Street. The other downtown Raleigh station will be in the location now occupied by the warehouses just across the street from Jullian's and in the next block south. Local funding sources are in place for these stations. A third downtown station site, near Pilot Mill, has been identified for study; however, the site is not included in current plans to extend the system to North Raleigh.

Expanding the railroad bridge across Peace Street was identified as one way to provide pedestrian and bike access from Logan's and the neighborhoods north of Peace Street. This and other access issues need to be addressed in the coming year, working with the city and the TTA. Maps showing the station locations will be included in the next newsletter.

Please come to the next meeting on Wednesday, October 1st, at which the **Raleigh Department of Transportation** will be meeting with us to discuss the feasibility of creating two way streets on Person and Blount, as well as addressing parking regulations in the Person Street business district that make it difficult for businesses to locate there. The October meeting will be held from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. at the new Parkview Manor Senior Center on Delway and Blount Streets. All are welcome and encouraged to attend what should be a very informative session. *For information, contact Lisa Finaldi, 834-8086.*

The Candlelight Tour is Coming!!!

It may still feel like the dog days of summer, but it's time to start planning for the 2003 Candlelight Tour of homes. The tour will be the weekend of December 13th and 14th. For those of you who are feeling especially festive this year, **we are still in need of a few more people willing to open their homes for the tour!**

We are also in need of volunteers to help with organizing the tour as well as helping in various capacities the weekend of the tour. This is our opportunity to show off Historic Oakwood to the rest

of our community and it's going to be a grand tour once again! I will be asking for volunteers through the listserve and by phone...don't screen your calls! *If you are interested in helping out, please contact Darla Brown at 906-5500.*

Thank you!

*Darla Brown
2003 Candlelight Tour Chair
524 N. East Street*

SPHO Sponsors Student Team in Raleigh Street Painting Festival!

The Moore Square Museum Magnet School will be fielding a team of student artists, sponsored by SPHO, for the 5th annual Raleigh Street Painting Festival, September 19-21, in front of the BTI Center downtown. The artwork will be "chalked" on Friday and ready for viewing by the public on Saturday and Sunday. This year's festival theme is "First in Flight." SPHO also is sponsoring a high school award to be presented on Sunday. We will be recognized along with other sponsors in a *News & Observer* insert as well as having the SPHO name chalked into a sponsor's square. Come on out and support our team! Food will be sold and you can enjoy entertainment from the participating middle schools and high schools.

Garden Club News

Darla Brown, President, 906-5500

Yard of the Month

August: Glenn and Ruth Sappie, 117 N. Bloodworth

September: Bob and LeeAnn Anderson, 516 E. Jones

Garden Club Open House

The Oakwood Garden Club is a neighborhood organization that is actively involved in a variety of community improvement and social projects. We are seeking new members who would like to join us as we strive to make Oakwood an even better neighborhood. Some of our projects include the Oakwood Garden and Candlelight Tours, the Home and Garden Show, the Pink Truck (neighborhood cleanup), Christmas Decoration judging, Yard of the Month, dinners for people in need, and newcomer baskets. We meet on the first Thursday of each month at member's homes and often have special guest speakers who discuss current gardening topics.

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(Garden Club Open House, continued)

To learn more about the garden club, please come to our annual Open House meeting to be held on Thursday, October 2nd at 7:00 p.m. at the Oakwood Bed & Breakfast Inn, 411 N. Bloodworth Street. *Please contact Darla Brown at 906-5500 for more information.*

Wanted: Artwork for Vallie Henderson Park

The Oakwood Garden Club is still looking for interested artists or referrals of artists to propose some sort of artwork for the Vallie Henderson Park at the corner of Oakwood and Linden Avenues. The artwork should be permanent, sturdy, and as vandal-proof as possible...perhaps with a dogwood or oak leaf theme, but we're open for suggestions. Please call Darla Brown at 906-5500 if you are interested or may want

to suggest an artist who may be interested in proposing something. Thank you!

September Athletic Club

Sunday, September 28, 6:30-8:30 p.m., join your neighbors for this social gathering at the home of Gene and Betsy Conti, 400 Polk Street. Bring a drink and favorite hors d'oeuvre to share.

Newsletter Submissions

Please send newsletter information to Sharon O'Neill, 519 Polk Street or reach her by E-mail at sharon.oneill@mindspring.com. Phone 546-0884. Deadline for submission of articles for the October newsletter is Friday, September 26, 2003.

Oakwood Newcomers

Chris and Jessica Gotwalt, 401 E. Jones Street

Mary Anne Yarborough, 514 E. Lane Street

Laura Mathies & Leslie McArron, 529 N. East

Wendy Krause, 543 E. Jones Street

Rex Bickley, 510 N. Boundary Street

Joe and Corey Grabar, 620 N. Boundary Street

Chris and Debbie Hill, 608 Oakwood Avenue

Thank you to the Oakwood Garden Club for compiling this list of newcomers to the neighborhood! Please contact Sharon O'Neill with names of newcomers, young and old! Sharon.oneill@mindspring.com or 546-0884.

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2003 Oakwood Directory

It is time for another Oakwood directory. Ian Shields will attempt to list names, addresses and telephone numbers for all residents he can find information for unless he receives a request not to include you. If you weren't in the 2001 Oakwood directory or want more names listed or full names instead of initials then you need to **leave the information in the mail slot at 318 Polk St.** Use the form below or e-mail Ian Shields at ianshields@bellsouth.net. We plan to publish the new directory in October, so **please get your information in now while you are thinking of it.**

Fall 2003 Oakwood Directory

Name 1 _____

Name 2 _____

Street _____

Telephone _____

Circle One: Include me

Do not include me

Historic Oakwood Neighborhood Newsletter

Society for the Preservation of Historic Oakwood
P.O. Box 27283
Raleigh, North Carolina 27611-7283

Calendar of Events

- Sept 2 Tues** Historic District Commission Meeting
4:00 PM @ Municipal Bldg. Room 305
<http://www.raleigh-nc.org/planning/Commissions/hdc.htm>
- Sept 3 Wed** North End Destination Project
aka Oakwood Mordecai Task Force
7:00PM @ Trinity United Methodist Church,
Corner of N. Bloodworth and Sasser (enter
thru glass doors near parking lot on Sasser)
- Sept 4 Thur** Oakwood Garden Club Monthly Meeting
7 PM, Darla Brown's home at 524 N. East St.
- Sept 9 Tues #** North Central CAC - 7:00 PM
Community Center, 121 Tarboro Rd.
- Sept 9 Tues #** Mordecai CAC - 7:30 PM
Tucker House, 418 N. Person St
- Sept 11 Thur** Oakwood (SPHO) Meeting - 7:30 PM
Tucker House, 418 N. Person St
- Sept 13 Sat** SPHO Second Saturday Scene
10 AM-12 PM @ Euclid Street for free
wheeling fun!
- Sept 13 Sat** ICE CREAM SOCIAL!
12:00-1:30 PM @ Oakwood Commons
Special Guests: RPD district officers
- Sept 19-21** Raleigh Street Painting Festival
BTI Center
- Sept 22 Mon** COA Deadline -- 5:00 PM
Raleigh Historic District Commission, Room
400, 222 W. Hargett St. 832-7238
- Sept 28 Sun** Athletic Club - 6:30 PM
Betsy and Gene Conti, 400 Polk Street
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aka Oakwood Mordecai Task Force
7:00PM @ Parkview Manor Senior Center,
Blount and Delway Streets
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- Oct 11 Sat** SPHO Second Saturday Scene
10 AM -12 PM Creative Pumpkin Carving
Oakwood Common
- Dec 13 & 14** Oakwood (SPHO) Candlelight Tour
Tucker House, 418 N. Person St

Raleigh Citizens Advisory Councils (CAC). To receive CAC
newsletters call 831-6100.

Web Sites

- SPHO <http://www.historicoakwood.org>
City of Raleigh <http://www.raleigh-nc.org>
Wake County (WC) <http://www.co.wake.nc.us>
WC Property Information
<http://aws1.co.wake.nc.us/realestate/search.asp>
WC Maps <http://imaps.co.wake.nc.us/imaps>
WC Public Schools <http://www.wcpss.net>

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SPHO Special Projects 2003

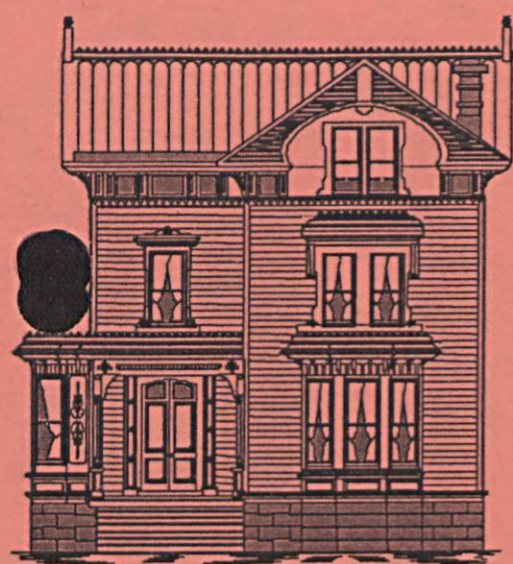
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Mordecai CAC	Jason Doll	546-0633
Trees	Don Grose	833-5468

Oakwood Garden Club

President	Darla Brown	906-5500
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Raleigh Appearance Comm	Brian Starkey, Member	834-8086
Triangle Transit Authority	Kim Crawford	834-1810
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	Linda Davis	821-7602
Solid Waste Task Force	Jennifer M. Pultz	821-1295



Historic Oakwood Neighborhood Newsletter

Society for the Preservation of Historic Oakwood (SPHO)

October 2003

Newsletter Supplement!!

Due to an error at the printer's, these two pages were left out of the October issue of the Oakwood Newsletter delivered to most homes on Thursday, October 23. These two pages should have been included.

The North End Destination Project

The next meeting of the North End Destination Project is scheduled for Wednesday, November 5th, 7:00 p.m. at Parkview Manor, 911 N. Blount Street. All are welcome to attend. Currently, we are working with the city to study the feasibility of opening Blount and Person Streets to two-way traffic from Peace Street north.

At the September meeting, TTA representatives discussed two proposed rail stations serving the downtown Raleigh area. According to the TTA:

Station No. 12 - Downtown Raleigh

As a gateway to the Capital City, this station, located partially below Hargett Street near West Street, will connect residents and visitors to downtown and foster opportunities for more housing, restaurants and entertainment.

No. 13 - State Government Center

State government employees will be able to use this station to commute to work. Other Triangle residents will be able to access museums, downtown neighborhoods and the Glenwood South area. The station will be located between Harrington Street and Capital Boulevard.

Rail Station Cluster Meetings

TTA also is holding Rail Station Cluster Meetings to preview and discuss station designs and artwork. Upcoming cluster meetings for the Downtown Raleigh and Government Center Stations are scheduled for October 30 and November 20 from 5-8 p.m. at the Raleigh Urban Design Center, Historic Alexander Building (Hargett St.), 33 Fayetteville Street Mall, 1st floor. *For information on these and other station cluster planning meetings, go to www.rideTTA.org or call 919-485-7419.*

For information on the North End Destination Project, contact Lisa Finaldi, 834-8086.

Garden Club News

Pat McQuaid, President, 829-1468

Yard of the Month

October James and Wendy Hill, 507 Oakwood Ave.

Next Monthly Meeting - Thursday, November 6

The Oakwood Garden Club's annual open house was a great success with many new people attending. The Oakwood Inn served many delightful treats and specialty teas. Thank you to Gary and Doris for hosting!

The Oakwood Garden Club would like to thank everyone who responded regarding the artwork for the Vallie Henderson Park. We are in the process of deciding what would be appropriate there and will keep the neighborhood informed.

The garden club installed new officers for 2003-2004 at its special annual meeting October 2 in the Oakwood Inn. The new officers are:

President
Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary
Historian
Liaison to SPHO

Pat McQuaid
Jeannie Seanor
Naudain Machen
Doris Jurkiewicz
Ellen McGee
Darla Brown

Oakwood Garden Club Meeting November 6th

The Oakwood Garden Club is proud to announce we will once again hire Sue Soutter from Michael's to give us a private seminar on holiday decorating and entertainment ideas. She will be our speaker at the Thursday, November 6th meeting @ 7 p.m., in the home of Hilda Stone, 112 N East St. This meeting is open and free to all Oakwood residents, but we are asking that you RSVP by Halloween so that Sue can bring enough handouts for everyone and Hilda can plan for an accurate number of guests in her home. RSVP or questions to Jeannie Seanor @ 834-7958, or jtseanor@yahoo.com. All are welcome!

New, Expanded Oakwood Walking Tour Brochure Coming Soon!

Before it goes to press, we want to make one more request for information from neighborhood homeowners,

past and present. Do you know anything interesting about your house or the people who built, owned, and/or lived in it? Have you done some research or heard some good stories? *If so, please call Nancy Carter Moore at 637-0702, or email her at ncmoore@nc.rr.com.*

Oakwood Safety Update

Thanks to everyone who came to the Ice Cream Social on Sept 13th!!!! Other than the ice cream itself, I thought "Blade," the mounted police horse, was a big hit with the kids. I hope the adults enjoyed seeing and visiting with friends and meeting some of the officers and detectives who work to keep our neighborhood safe. Quite a few more neighbors and officers were in attendance this year and I hope to keep increasing that number each year. Also, thank you to the children's "Second Saturday Scene" for joining us after the skating event. I enjoyed meeting many of you whom I have communicated with by phone or e-mail. See you next year!!!

Alan Gray, Safety Chair

For additional information, *contact Safety Chair Alan Gray at alangray@nc.rr.com or 754-8340.*

Children's Committee to Upgrade Playground

Late last year an article was posted in the Oakwood newsletter regarding updating the playground equipment at the Oakwood Common. After several months of communication (and phone tag) with the City of Raleigh and the Parks Department, it has been determined that the current equipment does not meet the newly revised National Consumer Products Safety Commission guidelines. This is a wonderful opportunity to not only re-design the Common area but to purchase new equipment for our ever-burgeoning population of little tikes.

The Parks Department has suggested reconfiguring the new equipment and its location to maximize use of both the shady and sunny areas. An important part of this project is to continue providing a general open area for the community while also updating our recreational space for the children. Unfortunately, due to the limited acreage and the need for open space, the playground equipment will only be able to accommodate the younger children in the neighborhood. The targeted age group would be from infancy to seven years old.

Ideally, the new configurations would accommodate more swings (a mix of traditional belt style and infant swings), and a new, more complex climbing gym with a slide. There may be space for a small "spring" type toy or two. Several volunteers are needed for drafting a configuration of the current park and for developing a few (3?) proposals to submit to the Oakwood Historical Society and the Parks Department. The Parks Department

has indicated that we have creative freedom as long as we have neighborhood support.

Volunteers are also needed to "shop" other city parks and/or the internet for ideas and to approach playground equipment manufacturers for quotes. These manufacturers are eager to assist us with our project if we can give them dimensions and general ideas. They will incorporate the new safety guidelines into their proposals. Undoubtedly, other volunteers will be needed as the project progresses.

So, to all of the parents, grandparents and non-parents(!) who have visited the park and felt that it could benefit from a facelift, **THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO GET INVOLVED!!!** You can help be an integral part of the Oakwood Common re-design, which will benefit all of our young children and our neighborhood.

Please leave a message with your name, phone number and e-mail at either 833-5468 or lisagee@mindspring.com. If you have any special interests or wish to be a part of a particular phase of the project (drafting, shopping, etc...), please let me know! Thank you for your time and interest!

Lisa Grose

Athletic Club

Sunday, October 26th, 6:30-8:30 p.m., join your neighbors for some tricks and treats at the home of Greg Hallam and Madonna Phillips, 601 Leonidas Court. Greg and Madonna are planning to decorate for Halloween and thought it would be fun to have **MASKS...for your eyes only...** as a theme. Bring a drink and favorite hors d'oeuvre to share. *Call 828-5130 for information.*

Oakwood Newcomers

Abby Haines and Sean Ross have moved in to 523 N. Bloodworth. Welcome to the neighborhood, Abby and Sean!

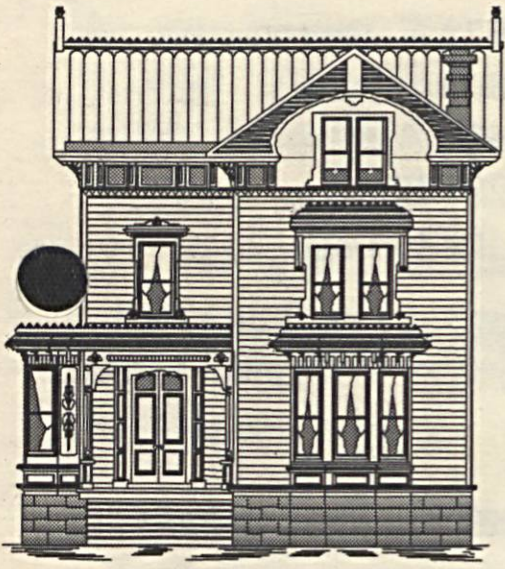
Contact Sharon O'Neill with names of newcomers, young and old! Sharon.oneill@mindspring.com or 546-0884.

Oakwood Community E-mail Group

More than 190 Oakwood neighbors are participating in this online exchange of safety information, community events, referrals, etc. If you're not a member and you'd like to join the e-mail group, please give your name, e-mail address and Oakwood address to *Deborah Gray at dgray3@nc.rr.com or 754-8340.*

Newsletter Submissions

Please send newsletter information to Sharon O'Neill, 519 Polk Street. E-mail is sharon.oneill@mindspring.com. Phone 546-0884. Deadline for submission of articles for the November/December newsletter is Friday, November 21.



Historic Oakwood Neighborhood Newsletter

Society for the Preservation of Historic Oakwood (SPHO)

December 2003

President's Message

Peter Rumsey

In this column over the past two years, I have commented on the changes -- past and present -- that enable our neighborhood to share an ever-strengthening spirit of community unmatched, I believe, in the Triangle. This spirit derives from and is energized by the diversity of our Oakwood places and people, and by the diversity of our surrounding neighborhoods. Celebrate this diversity by going to see the Holiday decorations and lighted windows of the new neighborhoods just north of Peace College -- Capitol Park and Parkview Manor -- with their assisted and market rate rental housing, and Pilot Mill Village with its owner occupied homes. Tour the neighborhoods both south and east of Oakwood to see new and older homes alike celebrating the Holidays. Find Cotton Place, Chavis Way and Monie Lane and the many places in between that are a vital part of our extended community.

Thank you for the opportunity to work with the many people in and nearby Oakwood who met the challenges that SPHO has faced these past several years. One way you can thank these many people and support Oakwood and the experienced leadership of your new SPHO officers and Board, is to join the "Oakwood List-Serve" and discover how it can be a two-way street to give and get information on our neighborhood. To join, call Deborah Gray at 754-8340.

Thank you and Happy Holidays.

Peter Rumsey

SPHO Annual Meeting Report

Jean Earp, Vice President and President-elect

Thank you to all who attended the SPHO Annual Meeting in November. The officers and board members that were elected are as follows:

President: Jean Earp
Vice President: Lisa Finaldi
Past President: Peter Rumsey
Secretary: Katherine White
Treasurer: Rose Schwetz
Historian: Janet Wellman

Board of Directors:

Mathew Brown
Alan Gray
Barry Kitchener
Christine Mackey

Pat McQuaid
Bruce Miller
Ian Shields
Debra Smith

Garden Club Liaison: Darla Brown
Candlelight Tour Chair: To be appointed

Also, at the Annual Meeting, we enjoyed stories shared by some long-time neighbors about changes that they have seen over the years. I have loved living in Oakwood for 15 years. I used to think that it was the old houses that I loved the most, but it is actually the kind of people that they attract. I love the common threads that hold us together, the importance of historic preservation, our sense of community and our family values. I also love the diversity that sets us all apart, our ages, our professions and even our opinions.

I encourage you to stay in touch with your neighbors and get involved in some of our activities. I think that you will find, as I have, that you always get back so much more than you give. I wish you all a safe and happy holiday season and that you spend time with those who mean the most.

Jean Earp

Candlelight Tour December 13 and 14!

Cleanup for Candlelight Tour!

Once again, several thousand visitors will be strolling through our neighborhood in December. If there is ever a time to have yards, sidewalks, and streets cleaned up, this is it! Please help out by doing the following:

*Mow your grass if needed.

*Pick up any paper, trash, wrappers, cigarette butts, etc. in the vicinity of your house (and/or in front of our neighbor's houses).

*There will be an **extra leaf sweep by the city on December 11** (rain date December 12), so please have your leaves out on the street to be sucked up and try not to

have cars blocking access to them! Otherwise, please bag leaves and move to the SIDE or BACK of your house.

*Please move any large trash items, including trashcans and recycling bins, to the side or rear of your house.

On Saturday, December 6, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon, volunteers are needed to help with cleanup of the Person St. Business District - just show up ready to work!

And, on the Saturday morning of the tour, a group of volunteers will canvass the neighborhood to pick up any remaining litter. **If you would like to volunteer the day of the tour, please call Larry Sams at 834-1810.**

Thank you, neighbors! The tour is always a big community effort and everyone's willingness to help out and volunteer is greatly appreciated!

Porch Hosts Still Needed!

We are still in need of volunteers, so if you're interested and able to help, please speak up now! Several spots are left that must be filled. Remember...volunteers receive a FREE ticket to a great tour this year! AND...an after tour PARTY!!! Please contact Dale Safrit ASAP at 828-0693 or at dale_safrit@ncsu.edu. Thanks! WE NEED YOU!!!

Darla Brown, Tour Chair

Candlelight Tour Tickets

Your annual opportunity to admire the interior of 13 homes in Historic Oakwood will be during this year's Candlelight Tour of homes held December 13th and 14th from 1-7 p.m. both days.

Advance tickets are available until 6:00 p.m., Friday, December 12th, at various locations: Fallon's Creative Flowers, The Oakwood Inn, Traditional Trends, Quail Ridge Books, Aggie's Gifts and Collectibles in Cary Towne Center and Crabtree Valley Malls, Frances T. King Stationery, Capital Area Visitor's Center, Logan Trading Company, Side Street Cafe, West Side Furnishings, Raleigh City Museum, and Minata Jewelers in Chapel Hill.

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 the days of the tour. Please call 906-5500 for more information.

Please come out and enjoy the tour and support your neighborhood!

Thank you again to the following people for agreeing to open their homes this year:

Garland Tucker House	418 N. Person.
The William Thomas House	530 N. Blount.
The Oakwood Inn	411 N. Bloodworth
HorseNose Villas	415 N. Bloodworth
Tiffany & Michael Mazanek	518 Elm
Rose Schwetz & Jeff Burton	415 N. Boundary
Lyman and Kim LaFreniere	219 N. East
Lisa Granered	605 N. Boundary

Debra Smith and Bob Rose	528 N. East
Steve & Violette Sproul	316 E. Jones
Richard Black & Jim Henley	409 Polk
Sean & Marcia Frelke	221 Elm
Bruce Miller	406 E. Lane

If you'd like to attend the **preview tour on Thursday, December 11**, please contact Chapman Williams, 828-3929 for information and tickets.

Darla Brown, Candlelight Tour Chair

Children's Committee Coordinating Cider!

Once again the Children's Committee will be coordinating the Hot Cider Station during the Candlelight Tour during the weekend of December 13-14. We will be calling families with children to inquire about volunteer assistance over the course of the weekend. Children will be asked to serve hot cider and parents will be asked to provide same. You'll be receiving a call from Barbara McMahan to help with this festive endeavor. If you'd like more information, or to sign up, please call her at 821-7556.

Happy Holidays from the Children's Committee! It's been a great year in the 'Hood!

Lisa Grele Barrie, 838-4932

Garden Club News

Pat McQuaid, President, 829-1468

It's Time to "DECK THE HALLS!"

Thousands of friends, family and strangers visit Oakwood during the Holiday Season. Many people just ride or walk through the streets to get that "Holiday Spirit." Others go on the Candlelight Tour to experience what it's like on the inside. The old homes with candles in the windows, fresh greenery on the front door and the smell of cedar in the air provide a feeling of authenticity and history shared only by those who live in a historic district.

The Oakwood Garden Club would like to thank neighbors who decorate the outside of their homes and spread the joy of the season. The use of natural or artificial decorations that look natural are encouraged. White candles in the windows give a feeling of yesteryear when candles only burned white and were placed in the windows to serve as beacons for people to find their way home. Fruit was used to add color and share the labors of a good harvest.

In an effort to promote the holiday spirit throughout the neighborhood, the Oakwood Garden Club will recognize ten homes whose exterior decorations reflect the following five categories: **"Best Holiday Wreath," "Traditional Christmas," "Accent of Fruit," "A Southern Christmas" and "Victorian Christmas."** The judging is actually done by another garden club in Raleigh to eliminate any subjectivity. 1st and 2nd place homes will

be recognized. The judging will be held this year on Monday night, December 15th, beginning at dusk (around 6:30). So turn on your lights, take a walk, and enjoy the scenery!

Questions? Call Jackie Twisdale @ 834-6217.

Yard of the Month

November: John and Nancy McIlwee, 410 Oakwood

Next Meeting: January 1st

There is no meeting of the Oakwood Garden Club in December. The next meeting will be January 1st, 7p.m. at the home of Pat McQuaid, 318 Polk St. All are welcome! *For questions about the Oakwood Garden Club, call Pat McQuaid at 829-1468.*

Time for New Oakwood Youth Directory!

It is time (has it been three years, already?) for a new Oakwood Youth Directory! Include: Name, birth date (1986-present), address, and phone. If you wish, provide the following annotation(s) for each youth:

*Babysitter

#Parent Helper

-Lawn mowing

+Interested in Play Groups

Email info to Pamela Davison, pdavison@nc.rr.com, or drop by 516 N. East St. Ian Shields has generously agreed to assist, but neither of us has the time to call you! We plan to publish in February...so get the info to me ASAP. Thanks!

Pamela Davison

Oakwood Resident to Perform at BTI Center December 5-6!

On December 5-6, Jason Robert Brown and Lauren Kennedy, who perform in concert together on a regular basis, will again team up for two performances at the BTI Center's Fletcher Opera Theater. Lauren Kennedy and husband Alan Campbell are part-time residents at 401 Polk Street, owned by Lauren's parents, Mr. and Mrs. K.D. Kennedy, Jr.

The 8 PM concerts are part of the new "Alan Campbell Presents: Beyond Broadway Performance Series." Alan Campbell is best known to Broadway audiences for his work as Joe Gillis in *Sunset Boulevard*.

Lauren Kennedy covered the role of Daisy Hilton in the Broadway production of *Side Show* and also appeared in the New York companies of *Sunset Boulevard* and *Les Misérables*. She starred in *The Rhythm Club* and was also a part of the early incarnations of Jason Robert Brown's *The Last Five Years*, playing the role that would be played Off-Broadway by Sherie Rene Scott, when Kennedy crossed the Atlantic to star in the National Theatre's revival of *South Pacific*. Her debut solo CD — "The Songs

of Jason Robert Brown" — boasts the premiere recordings of three new Brown tunes, "And I Will Follow," "Letting Go" and "If I Told You Now."

Jason Robert Brown, who was the musical director and arranger for the recent musical *Urban Cowboy*, won the Tony Award for Best Score for his Broadway debut, *Parade*. His other recent musical, *The Last Five Years*, played a brief run at Off-Broadway's Minetta Lane Theatre, and was preserved on Sh-K-Boom Records with its two-person cast, Norbert Leo Butz and Sherie Rene Scott. Brown also composed the score for *Songs for a New World* and wrote incidental music for *Fuddy Meers*, *Kimberly Akimbo*, *The Waverly Gallery* and the Irish Repertory Theatre's production of *Long Day's Journey Into Night*.

It promises to be a fun, interactive evening and Lauren hopes to meet any Oakwood neighbors immediately after each performance. BTI Center's Fletcher Opera Theater is located at 500 Fayetteville Street Mall. Tickets for the concert are priced at \$34 and \$39 and are available by logging on to www.ticketmaster.com.

Oakwood Safety Update

I recently received a call from the RPD stating that officers have commented about a decrease in porch lights being on at night. They estimated that in the past, approximately 70% of our homes had outside lights on, but recently, it was closer to only 50%. They wanted me to mention that thefts from porches and yards are our #1 crime issue in Oakwood. Also, having porch lights on aids the officers in seeing addresses. Please, if possible, leave porch or outside lights on at night.

The upcoming holiday season is a time when many of us do extra shopping. Please remember not to leave gifts and other valuables in cars. Have a "Safe" holiday.

Alan Gray (Safety Chair)

For additional information, contact Safety Chair Alan Gray at alangray@nc.rr.com or 754-8340.

Swap Shop Column

This is a column for neighbors to post want ads, information or inquiries. Please e-mail or call Sharon O'Neill at sharon.oneill@mindspring.com or 546-0884.

Oakwood House for Rent: Available January 1st, annual lease. 2 Bedroom/1 bath. Hardwood Floors, Gas Heat, Central Air, W/D, custom kitchen, fenced yard, raised garden beds, shed with power, walk to downtown, pets negotiable. \$950+security deposit. Call 919-821-1295.

Downtown Raleigh Website

Check out downtown Raleigh's new website -- www.raleigh-nc.org/livablestreets/index.htm. This is a very comprehensive source of background and new information about downtown projects (i.e. convention

center, Fayetteville St Mall), links to other important downtown organizations, newsletters, updates on the Livable Streets "Five in Five" strategies, maps of downtown developments and future projects, and more.

We would like everyone to take advantage of this resource to become aware and involved with what is going on in downtown. This is a very exciting time to live and work in Raleigh as many positive changes are starting to happen to complement downtown development. Also, the Urban

Design Center's doors are open for visitors to talk to the staff, view proposed plans for many projects, or just look around. We are located at 133 Fayetteville St Mall, which is the corner of Hargett St. and Fayetteville St. Mall.

Michelle Bowen, (919)-807-8479, City of Raleigh Planning Department, Urban Design Center.

Athletic Club

The monthly Oakwood Athletic Club will resume again in February 2004. If you'd like to host one of the monthly potlucks and social gatherings next year, please contact Hildred Hutchins, 832-3280. Thank you!

Oakwood Newcomers

Liisa Ogburn and Gregg Colvin, along with their two kids, **Livia and Aidan**, have recently moved into 506 N. Person Street from (most recently) Japan, and prior to that, San Francisco. Welcome to the neighborhood!

Sandy Cooper is new to Oakwood recently moving into 715 North Bloodworth. Welcome, Sandy!

Ava Grace Willet, daughter of **Marlett and Robert Willet** of 224 N. East Street, was born on October 8, 2003. She joins an older sister, **Candace**. Weighing in at 7 lbs 9 oz, she was just the right size! Congratulations, Marlett, Robert and Candace!

Contact Sharon O'Neill with names of newcomers, young and old! Sharon.oneill@mindspring.com or 546-0884.

Oakwood Community E-mail Group

More than 200 Oakwood neighbors are participating in this online exchange of safety information, community events, referrals, etc. If you're not a member and you'd like to join the e-mail group, please contact *Deborah Gray* (provide your name, Oakwood address, and e-mail address) at dgray3@nc.rr.com or 754-8340.

Newsletter Submissions

Please send newsletter information to Sharon O'Neill, 519 Polk Street, at sharon.oneill@mindspring.com. Phone 546-0884. Deadline for submission of articles for the January newsletter is Friday, January 2, 2004.

Green Living: Raleigh Food Co-op Organizing Drive Takes Off

There's good news for Raleigh-area residents who care about what they eat and where it comes from: An effort is underway to open a new food cooperative that will emphasize organic and sustainably raised local produce. It is a grocery store where everyone can shop, not just members and would join the Triangle area's two other cooperative groceries, the Durham Food Co-op and Weaver Street Market in Carrboro, in offering shoppers an alternative to corporate supermarkets.

"We'd like to have something that's a community gathering place as well as a grocery store," says Uli Gratzl, one of the Raleigh Food Cooperative's organizers.

The organizers' goal is to open the co-op in 2005 in or near Raleigh's downtown. A founding membership campaign drive is currently underway to raise startup capital, and a benefit concert is tentatively scheduled for early December at Kings Barcade in downtown Raleigh.

The idea for a Raleigh co-op arose among Gratzl and others who participated last year in Hilltop Farms' Community-Supported Agriculture (CSA) initiative. The organizers now have a mailing list of more than 400 interested people, and they've sold enough founding membership shares at \$100 per individual or \$150 per household to begin hiring business advisors and consultants. They also have landed their first major sponsorship from an independent local business: Larry's Beans, a fair-trade coffee roaster located in Raleigh's Five Points community.

A Sea Change From Noah's

The Raleigh Food Co-op would not be the first food co-op in North Carolina's Capital City. In 1975, as consumer interest in natural foods burgeoned, a buying club opened that later became Noah's Food Co-op. Noah's operated out of a 500 square-foot space in the back of a building on West Johnson Street until closing in 1996, the victim of a less-than-ideal location, increasing competition from other health-food purveyors, and some serious mismanagement.

Some of the people involved in the current organizing effort also were involved with Noah's. But the model for the new co-op is quite different. Unlike Noah's, for example, it won't rely on volunteers for staffing.

The plan is to structure the operation as an equity-based cooperative corporation, like Weaver Street and many other food co-ops around the country. The people who pay to become members or who work at the store would also be the owners. By purchasing owner shares, or equity, in the organization, members become shareholders. As such, they get to vote in elections for the board of directors and participate in annual ownership meetings.

The owners also would get a discount on select products and classes and workshops sponsored by the co-

op. And they would get to take advantage of a patronage refund system. If the co-op turns a profit, a percentage of each individual owner's purchases would be refunded at the end of the year.

The organizers are currently recruiting founding members. These members pay their entire ownership share up front and in return receive a store coupon worth 15 percent of their ownership share and a canvas shopping bag embroidered with the words "Raleigh Food Cooperative Founding Owners." These memberships will be available only through next April 22, which is Earth Day.

The Raleigh Food Co-op will include the usual natural-foods store sections: produce, dairy, freezer, baked goods, bulk foods and grocery items such as canned goods and snacks. The organizers hope to eventually include a café/deli, a demonstration kitchen, a local crafts and music section, an information center and a play area for children. They also hope to find a space that includes an outdoor area for community gatherings and live music, like Weaver Street offers.

For more information please contact Uli Gratzl at 919-828-2625, uligratzl@earthlink.net, or Jennifer M. Pultz 919-821-1295, jmpultz@juno.com.



The 2003 SPHO Pig Pickin' was another tremendous success! The pig weighed in at 108 lbs and cooking started at 5:30 a.m. in Ian Shields' driveway with Ian and Billy Brewer as chefs, pictured above basting the beast. Around 2:30 p.m. the cooker was towed to the Oakwood Cemetery where the real festivities took place! Thank you, Ian and Billy!



2003 Oakwood Directory -- LAST CHANCE!

It is time for another Oakwood directory. Ian Shields will attempt to list names, addresses and telephone numbers for all residents he can find information for unless he receives a request not to include you. If you weren't in the 2001 Oakwood directory or want more names listed or full names instead of initials then you need to leave the information in the mail slot at 318 Polk St. Use the form below or e-mail Ian Shields at ianshields@bellsouth.net. We plan to publish the new directory this winter, so please get your information in now while you are thinking of it.

Fall 2003 Oakwood Directory

Name 1

Name 2

Street

Telephone

Circle One: Include me

Do not include me

Historic Oakwood Neighborhood Newsletter

Society for the Preservation of Historic Oakwood
P.O. Box 27283
Raleigh, North Carolina 27611-7283

Calendar of Events

- Dec 3 Wed** North End Destination Project
aka Oakwood Mordecai Task Force
7:00PM @ Peace College
- Dec 6 Sat** Person Street Business District Cleanup
Volunteers Needed! 10 a.m. - 12 noon
- Dec 11 Thur** SPHO Candlelight Preview Tour
- Dec 13 & 14** Oakwood (SPHO) Candlelight Tour
Tucker House, 418 N. Person St
- Dec 13 Sat** SPHO Second Saturday Scene
1-7 p.m. Oakwood Commons Hot Cider
Station
- Dec 15 Mon** Holiday Decorations Judging!
Oakwood Garden Club, 829-1468
- Dec 17 Wed** COA Deadline 5:00 PM
Raleigh Historic District Commission, Room
400, 222 W. Hargett St. 832-7238
- Jan 1 Thur** Oakwood Garden Club Monthly Meeting
Home of Pat McQuaid, 318 Polk St.
829-1468
- Jan 2 Fri** Newsletter Articles Deadline
Sharon O'Neill, 519 Polk St., 546-0884, or
sharon.oneill@mindspring.com
- Jan 5 Mon** Historic District Commission Meeting
4PM @ Municipal Bldg. Room 305
<http://www.raleigh-nc.org/planning/Commissions/hdc.htm>
- Jan 8 Thur** SPHO Meeting
7:30 PM, Tucker House, 418 N. Person St.
- Jan 13 Tues #** North Central CAC
7:00 PM Tarboro Road Community Center,
121 Tarboro Rd. 831-6155
- Jan 13 Tues #** Mordecai CAC
7:30 PM Tucker House, 418 N. Person St

Web Sites

- SPHO www.historicoakwood.org
City of Raleigh www.raleigh-nc.org
Wake County (WC) www.co.wake.nc.us
WC Property Information
aws1.co.wake.nc.us/realestate/search.asp
WC Maps www.imaps.co.wake.nc.us/imaps
WC Public Schools www.wcpss.net

Directors 2003

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Awards	Ann Robertson	828-4954
Candlelight Tour	Darla Brown	906-5500
Children	Barbara McMahan	821-7556
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Community Development	Lisa Finaldi	834-8086
	Scott Fortenberry	821-4621
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Good Neighbors	Ruth Sappie	821-3711
	Elaine Ford	549-6923
Oakwood Common	John Clay, Betsy Ross	833-1747
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Oakwood Directory	Ian Shields	829-1468
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Mordecai CAC	Jason Doll	546-0633
Trees	Don Grose	833-5468

Oakwood Garden Club

President	Pat McQuaid	829-1468
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	Linda Davis	821-7602
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Raleigh Citizens Advisory Councils (CAC). To receive CAC newsletters call 831-6100.