

The Historic Oakwood Newsletter

Fall 1990

Board Chairman's Report

The City-sponsored 20-week campaign for public discussion of the improvement of Downtown began in mid-July. Carol Andrews will represent Oakwood at these public forums. There are a variety of opinions about the future course for Raleigh's downtown development. The historic district of Oakwood is offered as one of the keys to the successful revitalization of our downtown area. The issues are complex and all residents of Oakwood will be affected directly and indirectly. In future board meetings, the Society will discuss how to best contribute our opinions about the improvements to downtown. Please share your ideas about the future of Downtown Raleigh and Oakwood's role in the development process with the Society's Board. The monthly meetings are on the second Thursdays at 8 pm in the Tucker House. If you are unable to attend the monthly meeting, please share your ideas with one of the Board members.

Security Committee:

A seasonal reminder to lock your cars, keep valuables off of the porches and out of sight. Keep the porch and yard lights on at night- this makes the patrolman's job easier and deters casual theft. The police department informs us that lights, window locks, and non-concealing shrubbery will discourage almost all petty theft. Please do not hesitate to call for a patrolman if you observe or suspect questionable activity in the neighborhood.

Revolving Fund:

Bill Dean, a former neighbor, purchased the rental property on the corner of Elm and Polk Streets. His intention is to return this building to a condition where an investor or owner would be encouraged to restore it as a single-family dwelling. This property has long been in need of improvement and Bill's plan should benefit the entire neighborhood.

Neighborhood Directory:

A revised edition of the directory will be published in September. This directory will be cross-referenced by both Name and Street. The information is from the telephone listings at the Public Library and may be out of date in some cases.

If you have moved into the neighborhood within the past two years and wish to be included in the directory, please complete the coupon below and drop it by 519 Oakwood Avenue or call either Chris Perrien (832-9110) or Wade Brickhouse (834-6617).

Regardless of when you may have moved into the neighborhood, if you do not wish to be included in this Directory, please call or return this coupon.

The Directory will go to press on **10 September**.

Please **include** my name in the Neighborhood Directory

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Address _____

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Historian	Vallie Henderson	832-3336

Christmas Tour Report

Now that summer is fading fast and parents are beginning to think of school for their children, let me encourage you to look a little further into the future and start thinking of our Christmas Tour. It will be here before we can think twice. The dates are December 15 & 16, 1990 and the hours are 1 - 7 both days. Ticket prices this year are \$7.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children 12 and under, and adults can buy tickets in advance for \$6.00. Locations for the advance sales will be put in the next newsletter.

I would like to encourage everyone to participate in our tour because that is exactly what it is, not mine not yours, but ours. It takes the entire neighborhood to make it a success. There is something for most everyone. The committee persons are as follows:

Ticket sales	Sara Stronach	821-2491
Porch Hosts	Carol Cutter	828-1065
Musical Groups	Cindy Urquhart	821-0600
Entrance Signs	Jackie Twisdale	834-6217
Printing	Ann Miller	832-2676
Food	Mary Hruska	821-0609
Clean Up	Wake Brickhouse	834-6617
Sketches of Homes	David Maurer & Rhonda Turner	

You can call any of the above and volunteer for their committees and also Mary Hruska will be calling on everyone in Oakwood to bake 5 dozen cookies or more later on for our guests on the tour to have with their tea at the Tucker House after they have finished the tour. She is also looking for three hosts to volunteer for the Saturday and Sunday Morning brunches and the homeowner dinner on Saturday night following the tour. If anyone feels so inclined, please give her a call.

The following owners have agreed to open their homes:

Dan & Ann Raynor	601 N. Bloodworth
Debbie Owens & Ann Robertson	605 N. Bloodworth
David Cozart	602 N. Bloodworth
Raymond & Peggy Rodgers	801 N. Bloodworth
The Gospel Church	500 E. Franklin
Ronnie Ellis	517 N. East
Ed & Susan Bailey	409 Polk
Mark & Agatha Shillings	304 N. Bloodworth

We are trying to have most of our food and drinks donated by stores and people in the neighborhood so that we can cut the cost of the tour. As this is our only fund raiser, at this time, we hope to try and top \$10,000.00 for this year. To do this will require a lot of help from everyone. Turn up your air conditioner and think cold and Christmas. If I can be of any help or answer any questions for anyone, please call. My number is 821-7775.

submitted by Oakley Herring

Tour Chairman

RECYCLE

Help keep reusable items out of our landfill. The cost of recycling is only a fraction of using virgin material. In the long run we are saving not only natural resources but tax dollars in not having to provide more landfills. It always comes down to you and me to pay the bills.

Bring your newspapers (no magazines) along with glass bottles, and aluminum cans to the garage at 530 Oakwood Avenue. Please remove the tops from the bottles and wash them out. Also, aluminum cans are at this time the only cans we can recycle.

Because of the volume of these recyclable items, if you have a pickup truck, and would be willing to help take the papers, glass and cans to a recycle center, contact Ann Miller at 832-2676. The garage is emptied about every 10 days. This past year Oakwood residents helped the Garden Club recycle about 8 tons of papers, 25 pounds of aluminum cans, 1.75 tons of glass and 170 phone books.

Here are some more ways to recycle. Plastic milk and soda bottles, rinsed and without caps, can be taken to Environmental Recycling (881-4163) on Westgate Road (off Highway 70 across from the Angus Barn). The NCSU Physical Plant (737-2181) on Sullivan Drive takes cardboard, brown paper grocery bags, white paper, and scrap aluminum. NOAH's Food Co-op (West Johnson street downtown) also takes cardboard in addition to glass and cans. Also, Harris Teeter in Cameron Village has bins for brown paper and plastic grocery bags.

Every little bit helps, so please join in the effort to keep recyclable items out of our landfill.

Submitted by Ann Miller

Garden Club Report

Thanks to all who participated in our May Day Basket display. The flowers were beautiful. Vallie Henderson, Nan Grier, and Mamie Bridgers received blue, red, and yellow ribbons, respectively, for their efforts.

The Home of the Month for June went to Doug and Jean Earp of 720 N. Bloodworth Street. For the month of July the Home of the Month plaque was received by Dan & Ann Raynor of 601 N. Bloodworth Street.

Thanks to everyone for helping our neighborhood look more beautiful!

Submitted by Kay Coleman

Restoration Efforts Continue

Residents in Historic Oakwood continue to make improvements to their houses, enhancing the character of the neighborhood. One such improvement is removal of asbestos siding.

Several house owners that are in the process of or have recently completed this arduous work include:

Peter & Carolyn Andrews, 319 Polk St.
Raymond & Peggy Rodgers, 801 N. Bloodworth St.
Doug & Jean Earp, 720 N. Bloodworth St.

Removing asbestos siding exposes the old wooden siding, which is usually still in good shape. The first step, though, is obtaining a minor works permit from the Raleigh Historic Districts and Properties Commission office. In addition, contact the EPA or the NC Dept. of Environmental Management for detailed information about handling and disposing of asbestos.

Then, the strenuous work of removing the siding can begin. According to Doug and Jean Earp, this job poses no real health risks. "I talked with an EPA representative who said there was no danger as long as the asbestos wasn't broken up" said Jean

Of course, the task of painting the now exposed wooden siding still awaits you!

...submitted by Steve Zorn

Upcoming Events

August

26: Athletic Club, home of Chris & Jenny Perrien, 519 Oakwood Ave., 6:30 pm

September

13: Society Board meeting, Tucker House, 8:00 pm
30: Athletic Club, home of Ian & Pat Shields, 318 Polk St., 6:30 pm

October

11: Society Board meeting, Tucker House, 7:30 pm
Date to be announced: annual Pig Pickin'
28: Athletic Club, home of Sabra & Ashley Taylor, 408 Polk St., 6:30 pm

November

8: Society ANNUAL MEETING, election of officers, Tucker House, 7:30 pm
25: Athletic Club, home of Ed & Kay Coleman, 526 Elm St., 6:30 pm

December

15-16: Candlelight Christmas Tour
21: Christmas Caroling
Date to be announced: Teddy Bear Tea

(No Society meeting or Athletic Club in December)

Important!

This is our last newsletter prior to the November election of officers and Board members for 1991. A special notice will be distributed in late October describing the nominees and the election process. If you are interested in joining the Board or one of its committees, please contact Ian Shields, Society Parliamentarian.

Historic Oakwood Library

Just a reminder: If you plan fall exterior painting, you may want to check out Century of Color, Painted Ladies, or Daughters of Painted Ladies. They are filled with ideas! The library is located at the home of Bruce and Kathy Miller, 406 E. Lane St., phone 834-6003.

Your Opinions of Downtown Needed!

The City of Raleigh held a public hearing July 25 on plans for downtown development. A questionnaire soliciting public opinion on various aspects was distributed. Carolyn Andrews has copies, and if you would like your voice to be heard it's not too late to pick up a copy from her and submit it. Call Carolyn at 832-0297 for details.

Children's Committee

Adults and children from Historic Oakwood and Boylan Heights laughed their way through five innings of softball at Fletcher Park on May 20 before the cooling rain ended our second annual game. Another victory for Oakwood, thanks to the many families who participated! We all piled into the covered picnic shelter for a delicious and friendly pot luck dinner- and we're planning a similar event next spring. Hope you'll join us!

Newcomers' Information

Welcome to all new Oakwood residents! Here is a summary of information for and about newcomers to help them make friends and become active in the neighborhood.

The Oakwood Garden Club has a tradition of welcoming new homeowners to Historic Oakwood by serving them a dinner comprised of dishes prepared by Garden Club members and other neighbors. Along with dinner, packets of information about the neighborhood and the City of Raleigh are also given to each new homeowner. If you have recently purchased a house in Oakwood and have not been welcomed by the Garden Club, please contact Carolyn Andrews, Chairperson of the Newcomer's Dinner Committee, at 832-0297, so that you can be properly welcomed to the neighborhood!

Bylaws Committee

The committee has met several times to review the existing bylaws. The bylaws were last updated in 1980 and they are now slightly out of step with the current workings of the Society. We are working on a set of amendments to be presented at the annual meeting of the Society in November.

The most important proposal concerns membership in the Society. The present bylaws require that residents or property owners make application to the board for membership. The new proposal would automatically extend the right to membership to all residents or property owners in Oakwood, bringing the bylaws into line with the de facto practice of the last several years. Other proposals include moving some work from the chairman to the vice-chairman, reducing the requirement for the goals committee to have seven members each serving for three years, and clarifying the election procedures.

Watch for the special issue of the newsletter in early November that will announce the annual meeting and will include more details of these proposed changes. Anyone with bylaws suggestion should contact Ian Shields at 829-1468, or come to one of the monthly board meetings which are held at the Tucker House on the second Thursday of the month.

...submitted by Ian Shields

Great Fun on July 4!

Thanks to Social Committee Chair Mary Hruska, Mother Nature, and cooperative Oakwood residents, the July 4 parade and picnic sponsored by the Society for the Preservation of Historic Oakwood was a great success.

The afternoon festivities began with "Oakwood on Parade," a wonderful array of humans, agreeable pets, and an assortment of bicycles and other vehicles. The event concluded with a visit from Juggles the Clown; thanks to Kathy Miller, Juggles entertained the younger picnic guests. Music was provided by Southern Wings; extra tables and other supplies were donated by members of the Social Committee; Mary Lu Wooten of Side Street Restaurant donated tables, ice, and other supplies.

Due to the great turnout (almost two hundred folks) and hot weather, this year's participants consumed three times as much lemonade as last year. (Quent Hruska dashed to Side Street and returned with more lemonade, and Donald Mathews ventured to Winn Dixie to purchase emergency supplies.) The keg of beer overseen by Ian Shields was pressed into much use as well.

Special thanks are due Mary Frances Tomb for the use of her wonderful lot. Pat and Ian Shields had guests from the greatest distance, Australia. All in all, it was a great day. George Washington admonished Americans to "remember this day," and many Oakwooders and their guests (from six weeks old to ninety-eight years old) enjoyed the good fun.

...submitted by Betsy Buford

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Fall 1990 Annual Meeting Edition

Chairman's Report

Now is the time to prepare for the **Candlelight Tour**. Please offer your services and encourage your friends to join the annual celebration of our historic neighborhood. The Tour is our sole fundraising activity and will benefit from everyone's participation.

Please plan to attend the November 3rd **Pig Pickin'**. Debra Owens, the chair of the Social Committee, will coordinate this event and publish details later in October.

We will elect the officers and board members at the **November Annual Meeting**. Proposed revisions to the By-laws will be discussed and voted upon at this meeting. All neighborhood residents are eligible to vote.

The Society has an option on a neighborhood lot that is intended to be outfitted and operated by the City as a **Neighborhood Commons**. We received matching funding from the City Council and await a decision on a matching grant from Wake County. Additional information will be published by the Commons Committee in November once the County decision is known.

Our **Neighborhood Directory** will be distributed in early November. The Directory will not be 100% accurate and there will be instructions included for corrections, additions, and deletions.

Annual Meeting November 8th

Society for the Preservation of Historic Oakwood
List of Nominations
For 1991 Officers and Directors

The following slate of nominees are presented to the Board by the nominating committee. The regular monthly meeting will take place at the Tucker House, November 8th, at 7:30; the Annual Meeting will be held at 8:00 PM. The nominees reflect a combination of individuals that can offer many years of experience as well as those who can offer some new blood to the board.

Officers

Chairman	Billy Brewer
Vice-Chairman	Jackie Lurwick
Corresponding Secretary	Steve Smallman
Recording Secretary	June Thames
Treasurer	Angie Arnold
Historian	Vallie Henderson

Directors

Fred Crouch	Greg Kelley
Brenda Brickhouse	Ian Shields
Pete Andrews	

Directors Remaining In Office (Term Remaining- not up for re-election)

Paul Hahn	Deborah Owens
Oakley Herring	Barbara Boney

This is a special Annual Meeting and Officer Election edition of the Historic Oakwood Newsletter. A Supplemental Edition will be published in late November containing committee reports and last-minute updates on the Christmas Tour and other events. Please come to the Society Meeting at 7:30 PM on November 8th and vote.

By-Laws Committee Report

The By-Laws Committee has met several times during the year to redraft our by-laws to be a little more consistent and to bring them into line with the way the society operates. A draft was presented to the board members at the September board meeting, and the October board meeting voted to put the proposed changes to the November annual meeting. By-Laws amendments require a two thirds majority at an Annual Meeting of the society and become effective immediately they are approved. As the amendments include limitations on the time that directors may serve and also clarify the voting procedure, they will be voted on before the elections are held.

A summary of the proposed changes follows. Please contact Ian Shields at 829-1468 if you would like to see a complete copy of the by-laws.

Article III - Membership

The definition of regular membership is changed to make residents of Oakwood automatically members of the society if they so wish. Previously, residents had to request membership.

Article IV - Meetings

The notice provision for the annual meeting is changed to require notice to be given at least two weeks but no more than four weeks before the meeting.

Since the number of members is no longer known at any given time special meetings may now be called by any twenty members instead of one quarter of the members.

A provision has been added to require special meetings to be announced in the newsletter. Notice must be given at least one week and not more than two weeks before the meeting.

Article V - Officers

Two minor changes of wording to clarify the quorum and voting requirements at board meetings.

Clause added to require the board to meet publicly each month except December.

Clause added to empower the chairman to call emergency meetings of the board.

Article VI - Nominations and Elections

Nominations clause changed to specify that nominations for any office may be accepted from the floor prior to the election for that office and to limit the two year directors to serve no more than two terms consecutively.

Clarification on filling vacancies caused by the resignation of a two year director during the first year of his term. The vacancy will be filled for the remaining year of the term, not for a new two year term.

Voting procedures changed to remove alphabetic order of voting and give all candidates an equal chance.

Provision for roll call vote changed to allow secret ballot after corresponding secretary ascertains eligibility for membership of persons voting.

Article VII - Duties of Officers

Chairman to be ex-officio member only of standing committees. Vice chairman to be ex-officio member of ad hoc committees.

Corresponding secretary no longer required to maintain a roll of members.

Recording secretary no longer required to notify members of meeting (See also article IX).

Article VIII - Committees.

Christmas Tour changed to Candlelight Tour.

Description of goals committee reduced to bring it into line with other committees.

Article IX - Official Publications

Clause added to require distribution of the newsletter to all Oakwood residents (to ensure that meeting notices reach persons eligible for membership).

Article XIII

Article to provide for disbursement of Society assets in the event of dissolution of the Society. Assets to be given to like minded non-profit organization.

I would like to thank Ames Christopher, Terry Harper and Billy Brewer for their help on the By-Laws Committee. Billy graciously provided the word processing capabilities to keep track of our revisions. ...submitted by Ian Shields

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Special Holiday Issue

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CANDLELIGHT TOUR

Final preparations are underway for the 19th Annual Historic Oakwood Candlelight Tour, December 15 and 16! Oakley Herring, chairman of the Tour Committee for the second year in a row, says this year's tour should be one of the best ever. This is Oakwood's major fund-raising activity for the year. All of our community projects and events depend on the annual Candlelight Tours for funding, so please do your part to make this year's event a great success. Here are some last minute things you can do to help:

- Get your outdoor decorations up, your window candles in place, and your yard spruced up the weekend of December 8-9. Lots of potential Tour-goers start driving through the neighborhood in early December, so the sooner we get our houses and yards looking festive and well-tended, the better the turnout will be Tour weekend!

- Candlelight Tour tickets make great, inexpensive gifts for friends, co-workers, clients, or just someone who has done something special for you during the year. Giving Tour tickets is a nice way to say thank you and helps the neighborhood at the same time. Tickets are on sale in Oakwood at the **Fresh Cut Flower Market** (320 East Lane St.) and also at the **Brass Key** in City Market, **Apropos Boutique** in Glenwood Village, **Capitol Area Visitors Center** (301 N. Blount St.), **Serendipity** in Cary and **Morgan Imports** in Brightleaf Square, Durham. Tickets are \$6 in advance, \$7 Tour weekend (\$3 for children 12 and under).

- Put your baking skills to work: thousands of cookies are needed to feed Tour goers. Mary Hruska is looking for volunteers to bake a few dozen cookies each — call Mary at 821-0609 to volunteer.

The City of Raleigh trolley is a new feature on this year's Tour. It will follow a special route during the Tour to shuttle people along the route of the houses on the Tour (the hours of the Tour are 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., and the trolley will run 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.).

OAKWOOD COMMON A REALITY

After ten years effort, Oakwood has a neighborhood common! On November 6th the Society purchased the lot at the southwest corner of N. East and N. Boundary Sts. In the coming months it will be developed as a neighborhood gathering spot, including a small play area for pre-school children, and a site for future Oakwood events. Congratulations to Betsy Ross and the Neighborhood Common Committee for their efforts and success in this venture.

Much hard work has been done to make the Oakwood Common a reality, but much more remains to be done. The Common is funded by combined city, county, and neighborhood funds, and Oakwood must raise another \$5000 to \$6000 by December 8! Please contribute to this important community effort which will benefit all Oakwood residents. Needed are cash contributions in any amount, and pledges of labor for landscaping, construction, and maintenance of the facility. Checks should be made payable to the Historic Oakwood Common Fund and sent or delivered to Betsy Ross at 603 Elm St. (zip 27604).

The search for a suitable open space that could serve as a neighborhood common in Oakwood has spanned a decade. Interest was revitalized in the Spring of 1988 when a survey conducted by the Society's Children's Committee indicated that Oakwood needed a City-owned park/playground and residents pledged \$6200 "toward the creation of such a park." But the City Parks and Recreation staff indicated they were moving away from mini parks, and the feasibility of the Society's purchasing property for, then maintaining and insuring a park was ruled out. After this initial disappointment, the following efforts succeeded:

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February 1989 - The Society appointed the current Committee and the emphasis was shifted from park/playground to a public Oakwood Common with a small play area for pre-schoolers;

March 1989 - Committee tried to integrate a Common in the designs for the side yard of the Tucker House (Oakwood-Mordecai Community Center). City Parks and Recreation staff felt this idea was not compatible with their plans;

Summer 1989 - Committee appealed to the Raleigh Parks, Recreation and Greenway Advisory Board for help with the search;
* Fall 1989 - Councilwoman Mary Watson Nooe engaged the Real Estate Division of Community Development to help locate potential sites;

December 1989 - Councilman Ralph Campbell, Jr. came aboard and suggested a partnership among the neighborhood, the City and Wake County;

Spring 1990 - Raleigh City Council was lobbied, asking for their support;

June 1990 - Board of Directors of the Society voted unanimously to commit \$5,000.00 to the Common budget. Council voted unanimously to commit \$12,000.00, with the understanding that Oakwood would pledge at least \$12,000.00 and then would use City/neighborhood monies to leverage matching funds from the County Parks and Recreation Commission's Grant-in-Aid program. The Common would be public land;

June 30 - Application submitted to County Parks and Recreation Commission;

August - slide presentation to County Commission;

September 2 - Option secured by Committee on the lot at the corner of East and Boundary Streets;

October 30 - Option exercised for above property.

November 6 - Closing on above property!!!

NEIGHBORS

Many of our neighbors have made special contributions to Oakwood in 1990. It is impossible to recognize all of them, but in the Newsletter editor's opinion these people made extra efforts and deserve our thanks for jobs well done:

- Betsy Ross chaired the Neighborhood Common Committee and showed superb organizational and promotional skills, as well as tireless effort, in bringing about the success of this project. Betsy would be the first to tell you that many people share the credit for this success (especially Ed Coleman, Terry Harper, and Deborah Owens) but it was she who brought it all together. Betsy has lived in Oakwood for six years. She is a self-employed architect specializing in residential renovations and additions. She and her husband John Clay and their son Benjamin are also constantly involved in the ongoing renovation of their home at 603 Elm St.

- Rick Burris saved the Society at least \$1,000 this year through his efforts in producing the 1990 issues of this Newsletter. Rick is a computer whiz, and he has used his Macintosh computer and desktop publishing software, plus his layout and design skills, to typeset and layout this publication. These are services that we previously paid more than \$200 per issue for. He also helped produce the new Oakwood Directory. Rick is a physician specializing in family medicine. He and his wife Cindy live at 621 Polk St. in one of the new Oakwood Green houses.

- Chris Perrien brought new ideas and a sense of humor to the post of SPHO Chairman this year. Through gentle persuasion and constant effort, he has involved many Oakwood residents in Society activities. His primary goals for 1990 have been to promote a renewed sense of community within the neighborhood and to ensure that the Society's finances are managed for maximum benefit, and he has succeeded at both of these goals. Chris lives at 519 Oakwood Ave. with his wife Jenny Saldi, their son Alexander, and Stanhope the dog.

- Oakley Herring has undertaken the massive job of Chairman of the Candlelight Tour Committee for the second straight year. This is one of the most important contributions that can be made to Oakwood, since the success of the Tour is crucial to the Society's finances. Chairing this committee requires incredible time and effort. Oakley would probably do it again next year, but his wife Donna has threatened divorce if he even considers it!

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• Ian Shields has been involved in almost every effort of the Society this year, but his biggest contribution has been re-writing the Society's By-Laws (the revisions were approved at the Annual Meeting in November). Ian is a native of Australia. He works for IBM and is a tireless volunteer, both in Oakwood activities and in other areas, such as radio station WCPE. He lives at 318 Polk St. with his wife Pat McQuaid and their three children.

• Wade Brickhouse designed and worked with Rick Burris in producing the new Oakwood Directory. He was also instrumental in getting the Walking Tour brochures reprinted. Wade is also active in the Candlelight Tour, spearheading cleanup efforts for Tour weekend last year and this year. He lives with his wife Brenda (elected to the SPHO Board of Directors for 1991) at 602 N. Boundary St. He owns and operates Phoenix Design, specializing in graphic design work.

...submitted by Steve Smallman

OAKWOOD GARDEN CLUB

The Holiday Season is almost upon us. The Garden Club is again sponsoring a Home Decorating Contest, December 17th, for all houses in Oakwood. There will be three prizes awarded. The Garden Club urges everyone to place a white electric candle in each of your windows and light them each evening during the holiday season. **Handyman Hardware** has candles for a reduced price for Oakwood Residents. For more information call Vallie Henderson at 832-3336. We also ask everyone to make a special effort to have a clean neighborhood for the Candlelight Tour, December 15th & 16th.

...submitted by Ann Miller

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Now is the time for the final preparations for the Candlelight Tour. Please do what you feel is appropriate to make our visitors feel welcomed to the neighborhood on the weekend of December 15th and 16th. The Tour is our major source of revenue. Please enjoy the Tour yourselves and encourage your friends, family, and co-workers to join you!

Congratulations to our newly elected Board of Directors for 1991. Thank you to each of the Board members whose terms expire on December 31. I am grateful for the chance to have been Chairman this past year and to observe how interesting our neighborhood and neighbors are. The accomplishments of our neighborhood during the past year include:

Funding and purchasing of our Neighborhood Common on the corner of East and Boundary. There have been many contributors to this noble effort over the years. Betsy Ross and Ed Coleman deserve special acknowledgment for their efforts to pull all of the pieces together as our deadline approached. Of course our thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Pollard for supporting the neighborhood's vision of a Commons by selling their property to the Society.

The new Oakwood Directory has been published thanks to Howard and Ann Miller, Rick Burris, and Wade Brickhouse.

Angie Arnold, the Society's Treasurer, supervised the placement of the Society's funds in a higher interest bearing Money Market Account at First Citizens Bank. Now our funds are budgeted annually and drawing the maximum amount of interest.

Ian Shields compiled the changes to the Bylaws and coordinated their revision; they now reflect our way of self-government. If you wish to review a copy of the By-laws, please contact one of the 1990 or 1991 Board members.

Mary Hruska and the Social Committee organized another year's worth of tasty, outdoor events. Next year's events will be on our own Common.

Steve Smallman, Todd Frank, and Rick Burris reduced the cost of the quarterly Oakwood Newsletter from \$400 to \$200 per issue.

Thank you to Hildred Hutchins for coordinating and to the hosts for sponsoring another year of workouts at the Oakwood Athletic Club.

Bravo to Don Hendrickson and the Traffic Committee for trying to persuade the City Council to slow the speed of our morning and evening commuters.

Ginger Zucchini and the Landscape Committee finished our 3 year, neighborhood funded Tree Planting project this year.

...submitted by Chris Perrien

OAKWOOD DIRECTORY

The 1990 Oakwood Directory should be in your hands by now. If you have not received your copy, or if you were omitted from the Directory and would like to be included, or if you note any mistakes in it, please call Chris Perrien at 832-9110. Corrections and/or additions will be published in the next issue of this newsletter.

ELECTION RESULTS

At the annual meeting in November the slate of candidates proposed by the Nominating Committee was elected. SPHO officers and new directors as of January 1 are:

Billy Brewer, Chairman
Jackie Lurwick, Vice-Chairman
Steve Smallman, Corresponding Secretary
June Thames, Recording Secretary
Angie Arnold, Treasurer
Vallie Henderson, Historian

New Directors:

Brenda Brickhouse
Greg Kelly
Fred Crouch
Ian Shields
Pete Andrews

SPHO Bylaws

The revised By-laws were approved by a vote of the neighborhood at the November Annual Meeting as reported in the Fall newsletter with the exception of 2 changes:

Article III, paragraph 5 - Regular members 18 years of age and older shall have the right to vote and to hold office.

Article VI, paragraph 4, line 2 - Directors shall serve two years, except that if a director resigns during the first year of a two year term, a replacement director shall be appointed by the Board until the next Annual Meeting, at which time a replacement director shall be elected for the remainder of the term.

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As a new method of fundraising for SPHO, the newsletter is now accepting advertising on a trial basis. We will emphasize local businesses or special services of interest to the residents of Historic Oakwood. Please contact the editor with comments or if you are interested in placing an ad.

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IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN WHEN OAKWOOD DRESSES IN ITS SUNDAY BEST TO WELCOME VISITORS TO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD FOR THE ANNUAL OAKWOOD CHRISTMAS TOUR.

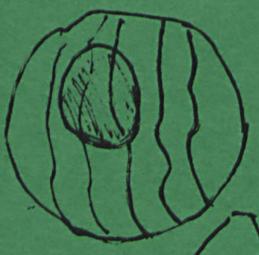
AS IN THE PAST, THE GARDEN CLUB WILL BE SERVING TEA & COOKIES AT THE TUCKER HOUSE TO ALL THOSE TAKING THE TOUR.

AS FOOD COORDINATOR, I AM LOOKING FOR ASSISTANCE FROM OUR OAKWOOD NEIGHBORS AND ASKING IF YOU WOULD BE KIND ENOUGH TO BAKE 4 OR 5 DOZEN OF YOUR FAVORITE COOKIES TO DONATE TO THIS EVENT.

PLEASE CALL ME AT 821-0609 SO I CAN KEEP TRACK OF THE AMOUNT OF COOKIES TO BE DONATED.

! THANKS IN ADVANCE !

P.S. In addition, I will be doing the Sunday Night Party here at our house (323 E.Lane) and would appreciate some extra hands for that on Saturday or Sunday also. Will be lots of fun!!! Call at same number. THANKS!



Mary Hunkeler