

# OAKWOOD

The Newsletter of Historic Oakwood

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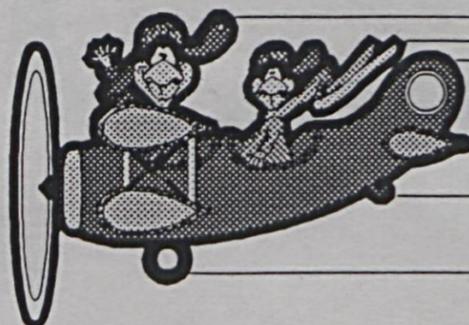
## President's Corner

by Brenda Brickhouse

Happy New Year! This seems a bit late for such a greeting, but this is my first chance in 1995 to send this greeting to all my Oakwood neighbors. We had a terrific 1994 and look forward to a successful 1995.

Don't forget that the SPHO Board meetings are open to everyone and all ideas, opinions, and help are welcome. We meet on the second Thursday of each month (except December) at 7:30 at the Tucker House on Person Street. Also, the Oakwood Athletic Club is back in full swing after a holiday season break. The Athletic Club meets on the last Sunday of Each month. Note the schedule in the newsletter.

As you read this newsletter note the new members on our Board and Committees. It's great having new folks becoming involved. It certainly takes a lot of volunteerism to keep us going. We still need several more volunteers to make our Society and neighborhood happen. Please don't hesitate to pitch in !



## 1995 Officers & Board Members

Brenda Brickhouse	<i>President</i>	834 - 6617
David Philbrook	<i>Vice-President</i>	821 - 7276
Rusty Lurwick	<i>Treasurer</i>	834 - 6217
June Thames	<i>Secretary</i>	833 - 0922
Vallie Henderson	<i>Historian</i>	832 - 3336
Pete Andrews	<i>Past Chairman</i>	832 - 0297

Jean Earp 832 - 6420  
 Janet Wellman 834 - 2689  
 Woody Robbins 834 - 9958

Sally Davis 836 - 8401  
 Ann Miller 832 - 2672  
 Stuart Tingman 832 - 0013

Tom Gongaware 839 - 2310  
 Greg Hallam 828-5130

**Oakwood Garden Club** - Ann Miller, Rose Schwetz

*Home & Garden Show*

The Home & Garden Show held at the Civic Center on Feb 16-19 was a success for the Oakwood Garden Club. The club being a member of H.A.N.D.S (Home and Neighborhood Development Sponsors) is given the opportunity to compete by putting in a garden.

club chose "Gift From The Sea" by Anne Marrow Linbeigh. This secluded beach scene won a blue ribbon and \$500.00 in prize money was awarded.

The Club would like to thank Ames Christopher, Terry McManus, Jackie & Rusty Lurwick, Ann & Howard Miller and Naudain Machen for their help and support.

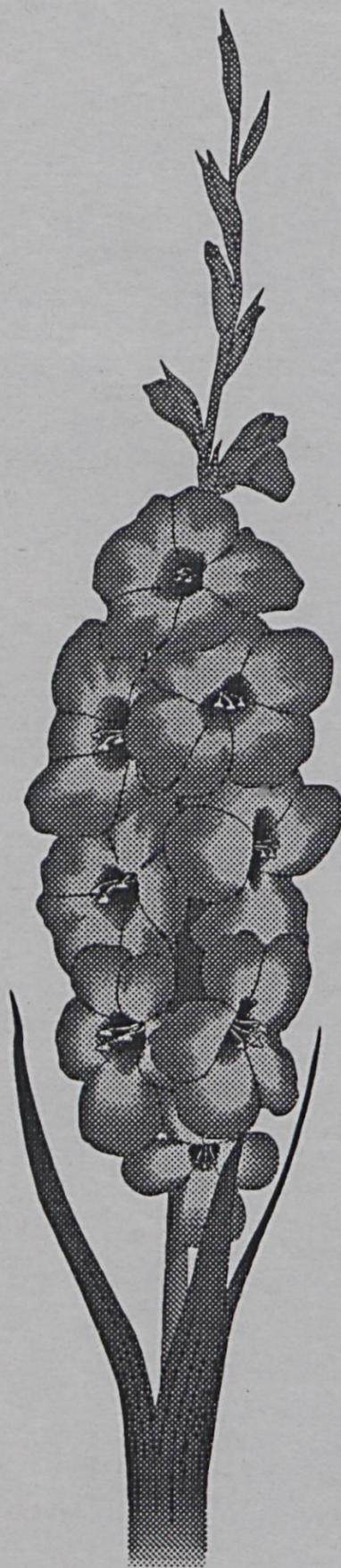
This year the Gardens centered around book themes and the



*Vallie Henderson Park*

The Oakwood Garden Club has taken on the Vallie Henderson Park, at the corner of Oakwood and Linden Avenue as our ongoing project. We are planning to have the park cleaned up and a new fence installed for our upcoming Spring Garden Tour. This mini-park is a real hidden treasure of Oakwood. With the renovations planned we hope more of our residents will be

able to enjoy this quiet spot in our very busy neighborhood. Anyone wishing to help with this project is more than welcome. Please contact either Rose Schwetz at 839-5758 or Ann Miller at 832-2676 for further information about work days at the park. We are all looking forward to spring, the new look at the park and our Garden Tour.



*April Garden Club Events*

*Fourth Annual  
Oakwood Garden Tour  
April 29 & 30*

*Annual Mass Trash Pick-Up  
April (specific date TBD)*



**Victoria's Garden**

One of Oakwood's newest residents and newest Oakwood business is Vicki Owen. Vicki is the owner of "Victoria's Garden" at 318 E. Lane St. and a proud member of the Historic Oakwood Garden Club. Vicki and her expertise with indoor and outdoor gardening is a wonderful addition to our community and willing to provide helpful hints to those of us searching for the perfect plant for a desired setting or seeking gardening advice. She is now featuring Rosemary Topiary which has become a popular new addition to the Oakwood Garden. Additional services include, cut flowers, arrangements for any occasion and flowers by wire worldwide. Please stop in and visit "Victoria's Garden" for a quick look around, special orders, gardening advice or just to chat.

*Victoria's Garden - 318 E. Lane St. - Historic Oakwood. Phone 755-6360, 24 hours a day.*

## 1995 Candlelight Tour and Preview Party

The 1994 Candlelight Tour under Helen Yoest's direction was another tremendous success. We sold almost 2400 tickets and made over \$12,000 profit! This is a record for both ticket sales and dollars earned. Helen deserves all our heartfelt thanks for managing the Candlelight Tour for over two years and raising this event to premier status. We also want to thank the homeowners, committee chairs and volunteers who work and give of themselves for the tour and for Oakwood. The tour brings us together and gives us the necessary funds to preserve our history and our neighborhood.

We have an opening for the 1995 Candlelight Tour Chair. Helen has taken care of most of the up-front details and organized all the necessary components to make this an easy transition. If anyone is interested in leading this year's tour, please call any board member.



The Preview Party has quickly become a premier holiday event in Raleigh. Jean Earp and Jackie Lurwick organized our second annual Preview Party and raised over \$1500 for the society. Thanks to Jean and Jackie as well as the homeowners, escorts and other volunteers for creating a wonderful and elegant evening for our friends and neighbors that highlights the best in our Society.



## Oakwood School Redistricting

Two years ago the Wake County School Board redistricted the Oakwood neighborhood from Enloe High School to Leesville High School. At that time, several concerned parents met and Jack Wheatley prepared a request to the School Board to reassign the Oakwood district to Daniels Middle School and Broughton High School. The proposed redistricting plan will be presented to the School Board around the end of February. Sometime after that, the board will hold public hearings on the redistricting. As of this writing, neither date has been set. We

would like to have a strong Oakwood representation at the board hearings. Cindy Urquhart and Pat McQuaid will be coordinating the Oakwood effort. Please call Cindy (821-0600) or Pat (829-1468) if you are interested in the presentation or the hearings that will affect where Oakwood children go to school. Leave your name, address and phone number on their answering machine to ensure you will receive a notice of when the board hearing will occur. *Submitted by Cindy Urquhart and Pat McQuaid*



## Children's Committee Solicitation

Although we volunteer our time for the many "Adult" activities planned though out the year in Oakwood, we cannot forget our preteen/teen population. It is important that we provide an environment for our young people that fosters a sense of belonging to our Oakwood community. This year we would like to include additional events for our children but we need volunteers (young and old) to help on the planning committee. Come to a Children's Committee planning session on Saturday, March 4 from 3:00 to 4:30 at 517 Oakwood Ave. For more information contact Paige Garriques at 821-1329. Please don't forget our children!

## What's All This About Lead

A meeting has been organized in Oakwood to inform residents about new federal lead disclosure laws affecting property transfer, the health effects of lead on children and safe ways to reduce lead in the house. Unfortunately, pre-1978 house paint contains lead that when released into the environment through deterioration or renovation, has been found to pose a serious health risk to children. Featured guest speakers include:

**Clay Bordley, MD, MPH** with UNC-Chapel Hill Division of Community Pediatrics. Mr. Bordley will present information on health effects and answer your questions.

**Chris Lovelace**, Industrial Hygiene Consultant, NC Dept. of Environment and

Health. Mr Lovelace will explain the regulations and answer question on this topic as well as overview lead reduction techniques.

**Betsy Levitas**, Health Educator from Oakwood specializing in lead poisoning prevention. Ms. Levitas will provide housekeeping and hygiene tips that can effectively reduce children's lead exposure.

This meeting will be held on Sunday, April 2 from 7-8:30. The location has yet to be determined. If you would like more information and are also interested in an Oakwood Lead Screening Day, please call Betsy at 828-3403.



## Haywood Hall

Haywood Hall is open for free public tours from March through mid-December on Thursdays from 10:30 to 1:30. Special tours on other days may be arranged for a small charge by telephoning Mrs. John B. O'Donnel at 787-1622. The Hall is also available for meetings, parties and receptions. For information call Mrs. Marshall Haywood at 832-4158 or Mrs. Bob Woodward at 556-4734. *Haywood Hall, 211 New Bern Place, Raleigh.*



## Visiting Savannah ?

The Historic Savannah Foundation celebrates their 40th Anniversary in 1995. As one of the nation's most successful preservation efforts, Historic Savannah boasts as having one of the largest National Historic Landmark Districts in the US. If you are planning to visit Savannah please contact: Historic Savannah Foundation, PO Box 1733, 212 West Broughton Street, Savannah, GA 31402. Telephone (912) 233-7787 or Fax (912) 233-7706



## Victorian Tea at the Oakwood Inn

Jim and Vara Cox, Owners of the Oakwood Inn invite all Oakwood residents to a Victorian Tea held every third Saturday of the month from 1-5pm. The Victorian Tea features specialty teas, home baked scones, tarts and cakes. Prices are ala-carte \$2 - \$6. For more information please contact Jim or Vara at the Oakwood Inn, 832-9712.



## Looking for Part-Time Child Care

We are seeking part-time (3 days per week) child care in Oakwood (your home or ours) starting April 1, 1995. If you or someone you know might be interested please call Sally or Tim Davis at 836-8401.

*Athletic Club*

Feb 26 Bill & Hildred Hutchins 504 E. Jones St.  
Mar 26 Nathan Camarillo & Ellen Wiebel 200 Elm St.  
Apr 30 Jeff & Cindy McLaughlin 519 N. East St.

"Bring a dish, your favorite beverage and reacquaint yourself with your Oakwood neighbors"

# ATTENTION RESIDENTS:

The "Pink Truck" is Coming!

Neighborhood Clean-Up

APRIL 19TH

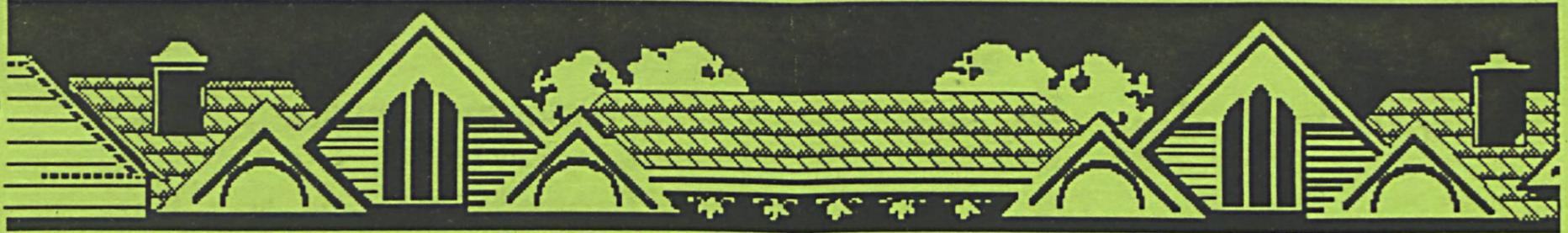
Help Keep Oakwood

Clean & Beautiful!

Remember to remove your trash cans

from the street on trash day!

*No hazardous materials, bldg materials, batteries -*



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## *1995 Oakwood Spring Garden Tour*



The Oakwood Garden Club will be holding a Spring Garden Tour on April 29 & 30, 1995. The tour will feature 8 gardens and 2 Oakwood Parks. The gardens will be open from 1:00 - 5:00 PM. Tickets will be for sale on the day of the tour for \$6.00 at the Oakwood Common. Please support the club for all the monies stay in Oakwood for various projects. The gardens on tour

are located at: 518 N. Bloodworth St., 411 N. Bloodworth St., 400 Polk Street, 517 Oakwood Ave., 522 Oakwood Ave, 404 Oakwood Ave, 525 E. Jones St., 541 E. Jones St., plus the Vallie Henderson Park on the corner of Linden and Oakwood Streets and the Oakwood Common on the corner of East and Boundary Street.

## Oakwood Jazz Brunch

May 21, 1995



*With the Steve Hobbs Band*

**Jazz Brunch.** Get ready for the annual Jazz Brunch!! This year's Oakwood Jazz Brunch will be held on Sunday, May 21 at the Common area from 10:30 'til 1:00. The Steve Hobbs band will perform for us again this year. Everyone is encouraged to bring a covered dish to share. Beverages, plates, etc. will be supplied by the Society. The annual awards will also be presented during the festivities. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help set up, please call Sharon Waidler at 833-2875.



## Welcome Newcomers

The Oakwood Garden Club has a long standing tradition in the neighborhood and that is welcoming newcomers. We sincerely try to welcome every newcomer, but we are also aware that someone may be missed and we apologize. It would be a great help if anyone in the neighborhood would tell a member of the Garden Club or call 839-5758 and leave a message. Welcome to the following who reside at: 601 Latham Way, 708 Bloodworth, 317 Oakwood, 604 Leonidas Lane, 527 East St., 521 Watauga St., 421 Elm St., 217 Linden Ave., 603 Boundary St., 409 Polk St., 501 Franklin St. Also if any of you would like to know more about the Garden Club, feel free to call Ann Miller (832-2676) or Jackie Lurwick (834-6217).



**Did You Know?** The Oakwood Inn is available for Business & Club meetings, receptions and gatherings. Catering is also available. And its right here in Oakwood. The Oakwood Inn 832-9712.

## Vallie Henderson Park

The Vallie Henderson Park is located on the corner of Linden Avenue and Oakwood Avenue. In the past few weeks you may have noticed alot of changes taking place. To date the fence has been outfitted with all new pickets, and the park itself has had a facelift. Please take a stroll down to the park and enjoy the park benches. The Oakwood Garden Club would like to thank the following for all their sweat equity: Ann and Howard Miller, Jackie and Rusty Lurwick, Pete and Carolyn Andrews, Sharon Waidler and friend, Naudain Machen and Rose Schwetz. The City Parks and Recreation Department has been most cooperative in this venture and we thank them.

To date the Oakwood Garden Club has spent approximately \$1000.00 on the face-lift. The club is very active and seeks out projects that will beautify the neighborhood. With the Spring Garden Tour scheduled for April 29 and 30, we would all appreciate your support. We would also appreciate any suggestions you might want to share with any of the Clubs members regarding future projects.

## East Street Yard Sale

The East Streeter's are at it again. Those of you who participated, visited or laughed at the craziness of last years yard sale are presented once again with the same opportunity. This year we have over 14 families and 20 artists setting up on the 500 block of N. East Street. If you've been thinking of having your own yard sale, this is the day to do it! For more information contact: Tim or Sally Davis at 836-8401 or Jeff McLaughlin at 839-0569.

**The East Street Yard Sale, Saturday May 20, 500 Block East Street.**



### Mordecai Historic Park to Host "Before Freedom Came"

Mordecai Historic Park in Raleigh, NC, will host a traveling exhibit from the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, DC. A version of "Before Freedom Came: African American life in the Antebellum South" will be on display at the park from May 20, 1995 to July 2, 1995. Exhibit objects explore the era of African American life before the Civil War. Exhibit hours: 10 am to 3 PM, Monday through Friday and 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM on weekends. Admission is charged. For more information call Capital Area Preservation: 834-4844.



### May Day Baskets

On Sunday, May 7th the Oakwood Garden Club will be holding its annual May Day Basket contest. Place a basket or arrangement of fresh flowers on your porch or at your front door for judging between 1:00 and 3:00 PM. Prizes will be awarded for first, second, third and honorary places. We look forward to all the beautiful spring flower displays.



## Spotlight on Business's in Historic Oakwood

Jean Earp, a long time resident of Oakwood, is into her first "full time" year of operating "Traditional Trends" located at 222 N. Bloodworth Street. Born from her own frustrations with decorating her own historic home, "Traditional Trends" aims to supply those hard to find items and finishing touches which make our fine historic houses into homes. If your looking for that hard to find item or seeking innovative decorating ideas, stop in and see Jean, Tue - Fri. 10-6, Sat 10-3.



### H.A.N.D.S - Neighborhood Cleanup -- (Pink Truck)

The Oakwood Garden Club is a member of H.A.N.D.S and again will be involved in the annual trash pickup. The scheduled date is April 19, 1995. Please take all items to the curb. Pickup is between 7:30 am and 4:00 PM. Separate Yard wastes and place in clear plastic bags. **The city will not pick up: car engines or parts, hazardous materials, dirt, rocks, building materials, batteries, liquids, paint gas paint thinners or tires.**

This is the neighborhoods chance to really clean up, so lets all take advantage of this opportunity. If you have any questions, please call Rose Schwetz at 839-5758



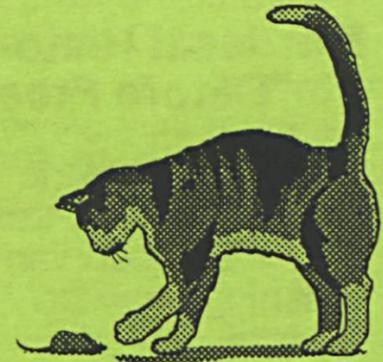
## Oakwood's Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Come and join your neighbors for an afternoon of egg-hunting, friendly conversation, and delicious desserts in a tried and true Oakwood tradition: the annual Easter Egg Hunt. It will be held Easter Sunday (April 16) at 3:00 PM. This year the festivities will take place at the home of the Cozart family - 516 East Jones Street. Adults are asked to bring a dessert to share, lemonade and paper products will be provided. Come help us celebrate spring! We hope that everyone will be able to attend.



"Bo"

A Blessing of the Animals will be held on Sunday, April 23 at 4:00 PM at the Oakwood Common (corner of East and Boundary). Rev. Mike Pasquarello of the Trinity United Methodist Church (824 N. Bloodworth St.) will conduct the service. Please come to celebrate our pets and all they add to our lives.



**Antique Car Storage?** - Our circa 1950's "Classic Car" needs a home out of the elements. We are seeking a garage or covered parking area in Oakwood but would consider anywhere in the local area. We will pay a reasonable monthly storage fee! Please contact Diane Deresienski or Greg Lewbar at 828-7520



## Seventh Annual Softball Game

Yes! Oakwood and Boylan Heights Meet Again! Join Oakwood families for the seventh annual Oakwood/Boylan Heights softball game on Sunday, May 7, 1995 at 3:00 P.M. It's an afternoon of fun competition followed by a delicious, relaxed, covered dish supper.

Site: Jaycee Park (Wade Ave.) Note new location. Bring: Gloves, bat, ball, covered dish to share, blanket or chair, plates, utensils and drinks for your group.

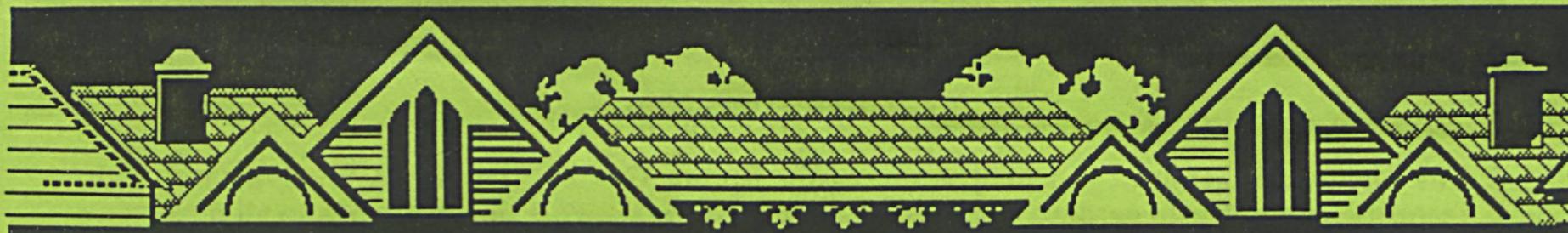
Everyone gets to play, children and adults, good and not so good! Can't Play? Come and cheer! Spread the news to your neighbors, everyone is welcome. This year we have also reserved the Volleyball Court. For more information call Kathy & Bruce Miller, 834-6003

*.....Athletic...Club.....*

Apr 30  
Jeff & Cindy McLaughlin  
519 N. East Street

Jun 25  
Rick & Cindy Burris  
323 E. Lane Street

May 28  
Mike & Sherilyn Talbot  
313 Polk Street



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## *New Lighting For Oakwood*

An Ad Hoc committee, lead by Jackie Lurwick, is investigating supplemental and replacement street lighting for Oakwood. Our current proposal is for 16' tall black posts with an acorn shape globe serve via underground cable from our existing utilities. These would be installed by CP&L under existing franchise agreement with the City of Raleigh. The would be installed in the utility strip between the curb and sidewalk. Estimated costs for these lights is \$15/month including materials, installation, maintenance and energy. Funding will be provided by the Society, residents and other donors.

We are very excited about improving our neighborhood's appearance with new lighting. If you have any questions or want to participate, please contact Jackie Lurwick at 834-6217. This matter will be debated before the Raleigh Historic Districts Commission on August 7 at 4:00 P.M. in Room 305 of the Municipal Building. Please plan to attend and support Historic Oakwood ! *Submitted by Brenda Brickhouse*



## *An Open Letter To Oakwood Residents*

I am writing to express my heartfelt appreciation to the Society for the honor it recently bestowed upon me. The news of the honorary membership took me completely by surprise. I wish I had been able to attend the Jazz Brunch and officially express my appreciation first-hand to the Oakwood Community.

Both Thyra and I consider Oakwood our neighborhood despite our geographic separation from it. We credited this feeling to the warm reception we have received from its residents -- our neighbors. Oakwood id a special place not only because of it unique architectural character but, more importantly, for the friendly, dedicated people who live there. My efforts and energies in behalf of Oakwood are reflection of the spirit I see in all of you. Thus this recent honor also honors the whole of Oakwood too.

Thyra and I look forward to our continued association with the Oakwood community, the place we call home. Thanks to all of Oakwood for most generously including us within your circle of friends.

Sincerely,

Jimmy Thiem

### Garden Club News

The Oakwood Garden Club held a successful Spring Garden Tour on April 29th and 30th, featuring eight private gardens and two of Oakwood's Parks. Our sincere thanks to all those who contributed and especially thanks to the homeowners of the gardens on tour.

Special honorary mention is made for the presentation of an engraved plaque for 45 years of continuous service in the Oakwood Garden Club to Mrs. Addie Lee Rideout. The plaque was presented to her in her garden which was on this years tour. Interesting to note, her garden received the very first "Yard of the Month" award in Oakwood in 1952. Addie Lee expresses her thanks to all involved.

Thanks too, for everyone's "Successful Annual Neighborhood Cleanup" held on April 19. Those of you who participated helped make a nice difference. Would you believe in the report it stated Oakwood had 23.9 tons of trash picked up! The Oakwood Garden Club is a member of H.A.N.D.S. (Home and Neighborhood Development Sponsors) and was again involved in the "Pink Truck's" annual trash pickup. The Garden Club continues to seek projects that will beautify our historic neighborhood and we appreciate your support.



### May Day Baskets Judged

On Sunday May 7th, the Oakwood Garden Club held its annual "May Day Basket Contest". All the baskets of fresh flower arrangements were lovely to see on our porches!

#### 1st Prize Winner

Mamie Bridger  
528 East Street

#### 2nd Prize Winner

Vallie Henderson  
530 Oakwood Ave

#### 3rd Prize Winner

Brenda Brickhouse  
602 N. Boundary



*Congratulation to the Oakwood Green!  
1995 Sir Walter Raleigh Appearance  
Award Winners !!*



#### *Athletic Club*

**July 30** *Jim & Sarah Lofton.  
530 N. Blount St.*

**Aug 27** *Greg Lewbert &  
Diane Dereseinski.  
543 E. Jones St.*

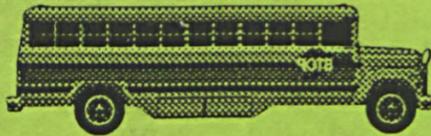
**Sep 24** *Peter Ramsey &  
Barbara Wishy.  
515 N. Bloodworth St.*

### *Dario Babic Yard Sale*

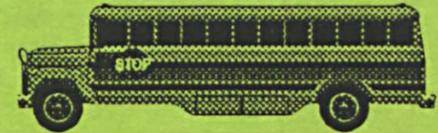
Our Yard Sale for Dario on June 24, was a complete success. Many thanks to all of you who helped out in this event. Because of your efforts and good will we collected over \$2,500 towards Dario's education.

Dario Babic came to stay with several families in Oakwood in July 1993 after Deborah Owens, an Oakwood resident working for the United Nations, met him in Slovenia where his family were refugees. We invited him to return to Raleigh in the summer of 1994 with the hope of going to college. He has been studying at Wake Tech. and by the end of the summer will have completed much of his freshman year of college. We hope that he will enter NC State in August to study Mechanical Engineering. The Yard Sale was part of an ongoing fundraising needed for Dario to continue in school.

Dario's story is a moving one of loss and hope. When war broke out in April 1992, his mother took him and his younger brother from their home in Ilijaas, a town just outside Sarajevo, on what turned into a long journey by bus and by foot to several places where they hoped to find a safe haven. Months later his stepfather made it out and joined them, but his uncle and grandmother were trapped in their own town. Dario's grandmother is now with his family in Switzerland, his uncle in a refugee camp in Holland. Their faith has been an important part of giving them hope. In spite of deep feelings for his family and for what has been lost, he is a very positive person who has a good sense of humor and is determined to do what he can to create a future life. *Submitted by Hugh Stohler*



### Oakwood School Redistricting



The Wake County School Board held a public hearing on March 7. Representing the Oakwood community at this meeting was Ian Shields. Previous negotiations with the School Board were conducted by Jack Wheatley. The School Board has ruled on the following topics of interest to Oakwood residents.

- 1) Concerning the redistricting of Node 83 from Leesville to Broughton High School, the School Board has confirmed that this would happen.
- 2) Concerning the combining of residents in Node 80 to Node 83 so that the Oakwood District would be comprised of one node, the School Board has denied this request.
- 3) Concerning the reassignment of our base Middle School from Carnage to Daniels, the school board has denied this request.

Those requests that have been denied will be reconsidered in the 1995-96 redistricting plans. If you wish more choice in schooling for your children and all of Oakwood be included in one node for school assignment it is imperative that you lobby our school board representative and voice your concern. A joint effort by all Oakwood parents would hopefully assure us of more effective action than we are presently achieving. *Submitted by Pat McQuaid*





# Community Watch

Oakwood ! You have built and molded a most impressive, enviable community. Very few communities can hope to offer what you have had established for many years. From Athletic Club to Garden Club to Jazz Brunch to Preview, you have kept the true meaning of "Neighborhood" alive. For that you should all be proud. But, you need to continue to keep a watchful eye over each other. You are a community of walkers, strollers and joggers. No one knows Oakwood like you know Oakwood. So when you see something out of the ordinary, take notice and report it. Regretfully, reports of breaking and entering in our area has risen sharply. Take notice of your neighbors and surroundings and together you can play a major role in reducing the frequency of incidents. Just keep watching out for one another.

**Oakwood Community Watch**  
 We have a very active Community Watch program in our neighborhood. Currently there are 70 Community Watch families or members which include your block captains. You are encouraged to contact your block captain and join this effort in reducing crimes in our area. Together we can do it.

**"National Night Out 95"**  
 On Tuesday August 1, Oakwood will join neighborhoods across the nation in this event to heighten crime and drug awareness. Between 4:30 and 10:00pm residents are asked to lock their homes, turn on their outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors. At 8:30, residents are invited to come together at the Oakwood Commons for Ice Cream and community spirit. Support our crime prevention efforts. We can make the difference

**Block Captains**

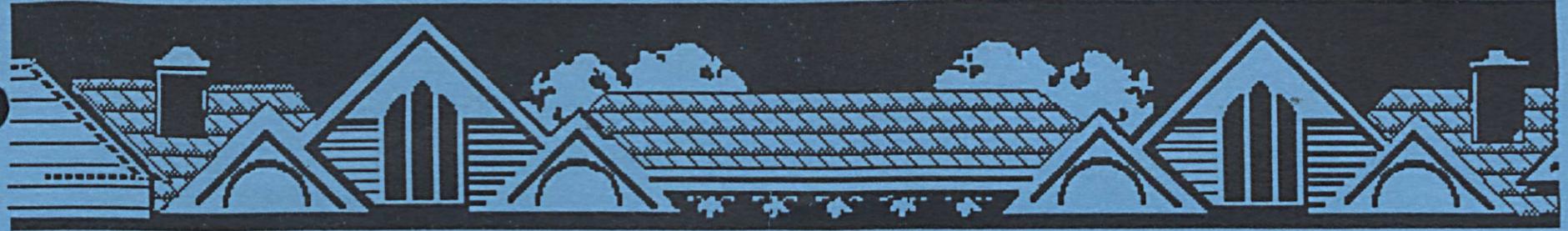
- Stuart Tugman            505 Watauga (823-0013)
- Nancy Hahn             703 N. Bloodworth (834-6742)
- Hope Sullivan         327 E. Jones (834-6742)
- Pete Andrews         319 Polk St. (832-0297)
- Paul & Kristi Brown   308 N. East St. (828-0491)
- Tim & Sally Davis     523 N. East St. (836-8401)
- Doug Earp              720 N. Bloodworth (832-6420)
- Betsy Levitas         212 N. Bloodworth (838-3403)
- Lynn Mann             515 Polk St. (832-0672)
- Matthew Brown       601 Lane St. (834-6488)
- Don Hendrickson     516 N. Bloodworth (828-7520)
- Diane Deresienski   541 E. Jones (828-7520)
- Janet Wellman        405 Polk St. (834-2689)

Please offer your help to your closest block captain. If you need any additional information please contact Stuart Tugman or any block captain.

If you see an unlawful act or suspect one is about to take place

- \* Call the Police at 911
- \* Call your Block Captain

Your Block Captain will further disseminate the information throughout the area



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## Annual Meeting of the Society for the Preservation of Historic Oakwood and Election of Directors and Officers

The annual meeting of the Society will be held 09 November 1995 at 7:30 p.m. at the Tucker House in Raleigh. Officers and Directors for the Society will be elected at this meeting.

A nominating committee was appointed at the September meeting and has recommended the following individuals for election:

### Officers

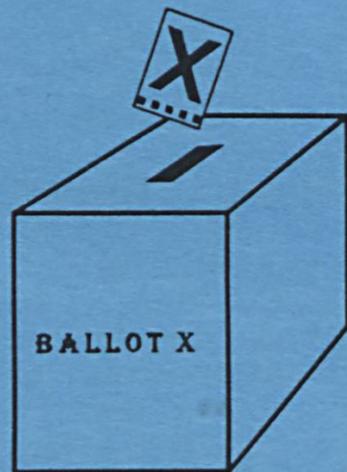
Vice President	Jean Earp
Secretary	Sally Davis
Treasurer	Rusty Lurwick
Historian	Vallie Henderson

### Directors (2 year terms)

Tom Gongaware  
Tara Welcker  
Sharon Waidler

### Directors (1 year terms)

Ian Shields  
Nathan Canarillo



Anyone wishing to make nominations for other individuals may do so at the annual meeting.

### Oakwood Candle Light Tour



This years Candle Light Tour is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday December 9 & 10 from 1 to 7 pm each day.

We are very fortunate that so many experienced and enthusiastic residents have again volunteered, not only to display their homes but also to help on the many subcommittees, such as Public Relations, Neighborhood Cleanup, and Musical Events during the Tour. But even when you are not assigned to a specific task, please do your best to clean your front yard, porch, and curb prior to the tour. Also, have your outdoor Christmas decorations up to make our neighborhood look extra festive (most people use white Christmas lights). Remember, the money from the tour will be pumped right back into the neighborhood. Thanks to everyone for your support and call us if you have any questions.

#### Tour Organization

Michiel Doorn 833-2815  
Brett Liverman 834-8840

#### Ticket Taker (after 11-1)

Oakley Herring 821-7775

#### Porch People Coordinator

Don Grose 833-5468

#### Youth Volunteer

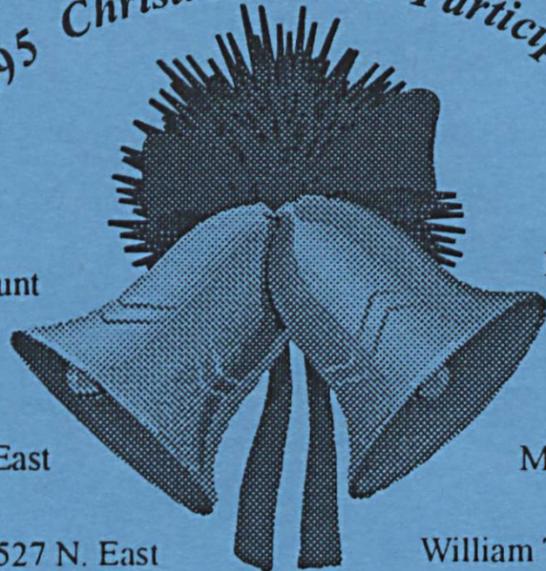
Sarah Smith 834-8159

**Candle Light Tour - Porch Committee**  
Don Grose - Chair

With the Candle Light Tour fast approaching we are seeking "Porch Hosts" for the houses that are on tour this year. "Porch People" as we affectionately call ourselves have the illustrious position of greeting all tour guests prior to their entry into the house. In the event the house on tour is not ready for the next round of guests, "Porch People" are quick to recite a story about the house either true or entirely made up. Neither wind or hail or sheets of rain will keep down the enthusiasm of a Porch Host. And as previous Porch Hosts will attest, the house on tour always takes care of you. Porch Host shifts are from 1-4pm and 4-7pm, Saturday and Sunday December 9 & 10. Also, one of the benefits of volunteering as a Porch Host is you are entitled to take the Candle Light Tour free of charge. If you are interested in serving as a Porch Host during the Candle Light Tour, please call Don Grose at 833-5468 by the end of October. Be one of the proud, the few, an Oakwood Candle Light Tour Porch Host !



*1995 Christmas Tour Participants*



Jack and Bonnie Wheatley - 325 Polk

Trinity United Methodist Church

Jimmy Thiem and Thyra Ranch - 634 N. Blount

Bob and June Hastings - 215 N. East

Tucker House

Oakwood Inn

Tim and Sally Davis - 523 N. East

Mike and Lynn Mann - 515 Polk

Don and Lisa Grose - 527 N. East

William Thomas House



**Oakwood Inn - One of North Carolina's 10 Finest**

To further pay tribute to our historic community, the News and Observer's August 20th edition listed our very own Oakwood Inn as one of North Carolina's 10 finest. What a tribute to the Inn and our Community! Such positive exposure to our Historic District further increases our stature with our neighboring communities. Congratulations to the Oakwood Inn and the Oakwood Community.



**Happy Halloween Oakwood**

For those of you who have never experienced an "Oakwood Halloween" prepare to be invaded. You should be prepared for at least 200 ghosts and goblins to parade past your doorstep. These are the numbers the 500 block of East Street saw last year. So enjoy the festivities, keep a watchful eye and look out for your neighbors. Stay Safe !

### Capitol Community Development Corporation

1112 Mordecai Drive, Raleigh, NC 27604

During the summer of 1994, a group of concerned residents in the Halifax, Mordecai and Oakwood neighborhoods, got together to discuss issues being raised by the work of the Blount-Halifax Task Force. The group was united in their interest to improve the community by working to implement elements of the plan being developed by the Task Force. After soliciting and receiving endorsements from the respective neighborhood organizations, a committee was formed.

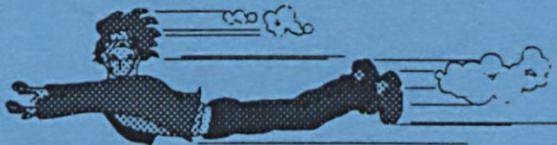
Since that summer, the committee has been working on the establishing an organizational framework and researching issues embodied in the Blount-Halifax Small Area Plan approved by City Council in January, 1995. On July 7, 1995, the committee officially became incorporated as a non-profit corporation in North Carolina and assumed its new name: Capitol Community Development Corporation (CCDC). The CCDC's mission statement is "to foster a strong community and enhance the quality of life for all residents". This will be accomplished through the initiation, implementation and support of projects which improve the health, safety, economic viability and growth opportunities of the neighborhood.

Present officers of CCDC include David Philbrook (President), Jimmy Thiem (Vice-President) and Pam Calliari (Secretary-Treasurer). In addition to David, Rose Schwetz also represents the Oakwood neighborhood on the Board.

The next meeting of the CCDC is November 7, 1995, 6:00 PM, at Building Together Ministries, 1116 N. Blount Street. Your attendance is welcome. If you wish additional information about CCDC feel free to contact David Philbrook or Jimmy Thiem.



### Oakwood Athletic Club



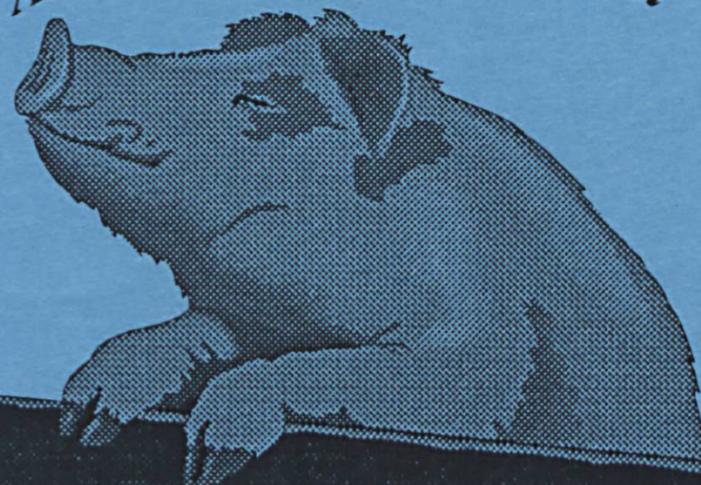
"Bring a side dish and your favorite beverage and enjoy the company of your neighbors".

October 29:  
Stewart Brensfield & Rick Rivoire  
312 E. Jones St.

November 26:  
Don Hobert & Kay Miller  
414 N. East Street.

These are the final two Athletic Club meetings for the year. Thanks to all who opened up your homes throughout the year! We need volunteers for next year! Please call Hildred Hutchins if you can sponsor an Athletic Club Meeting next year. Remember, without your support this well attended function will cease to happen.

### Annual Oakwood Pig Pickin'



The annual pig pickin' will be held Saturday, October 28th from 3-6pm just inside the main gate of the Oakwood Cemetery. The Society will be providing wonderful BBQ pig, beverages, plates, cups, etc. Please bring a side dish to share. There will be a \$2/person charge if you want to enjoy the BBQ, otherwise bring a side dish and enjoy your friends. See you there!

#### For Sale:

2-steam boilers, gas fired - both in working order w/attachments  
12-solid cast iron radiators, various sizes and lengths (working)  
Contact: Michael Haswell 833-6834, if no answer leave message

## Our Growing Oakwood Community

### Successfully Revolved - 111 North Bloodworth Street

Two years ago this property was a non-conforming rooming house and deteriorating very rapidly. Concerned that the property would deteriorate to the point that it would have to be torn down, the Society stepped in and purchased the property. The Society cleaned out the house and removed some of the walls which had been added while the property was a rooming house. The Society then sold the house to Rick Berry who put in a new foundation and framed most of the outside walls until he decided to go back to graduate school. Rick in turn sold the property to Bill Boyce who for the past nine months has been working night and day to complete the renovation. Bill is almost complete and the renovation is very nice.

In his spare time, Bill has performed a detailed review of the house's history and dated it back to approximately 1879. With its new roof, foundation, and siding it should last another 116 years at least.

This property was another example of how the Society helps the neighborhood and its residents. Many people within and outside of Oakwood helped to make this project possible.

Tom Gongaware and York Properties for listing and showing the property.

Billy Brewer for handling the legal aspects of the closing.

Steve Smallman of Home Check for performing the inspection.

Janet Wellman for preparing a floor plan of the house.

Woody Robbins for donating half the space in his dumpster so trash from the house could be disposed.

Jean Earp with Traditional Trends for donating flower pots to make the house more attractive.

Oakwood Garden Club for planting flowers in front of the house.

Wade Brickhouse for designing the "For Sale" signs.

Capital Area Preservation (CAP) for financial assistance.

And.. the many residents of Oakwood who helped with the clean-up efforts.

It took everyone's help to make this project successful. Thank you.



### 115 North Bloodworth Street

Renovations seem to be contagious. The lot next to 111 North Bloodworth Street which had been empty for many years now has a new house on it. Jim and Sharon Bright are in the process of building a Victorian style house on the lot. This house blends very well with the neighborhood and looks as if it has always been there.

### Purchase of 218 Elm Street

The Society made an offer, which was accepted on this property and the closing will take place within the next few weeks. The Society had identified this as another property that was deteriorating badly and at jeopardy unless it was purchased and saved. There will be some cleanup projects to get the house in shape for showings and we will be looking for potential buyers. If you know of any one who may be interested please have them contact Tom Gongaware of York Properties at 832-8881

### Oakwood Extension

The City of Raleigh has now officially extended Oakwood an additional two blocks south. This is good for Oakwood as this will help to protect our southern boundaries and now puts Oakwood within one and a half blocks of City Market.

### United Way Donations

If your company has a United Way drive, you can specify that your donations go to the Society for the Preservation of Historic Oakwood. Usually, on the lower portion of your contribution card is a line to indicate a specific charity or non-profit organization to which you would like your donation sent. If you fill this in with the Society's name and address the Society will receive 93% of your donation from United Way. This is a method to help your company with their United Way drive and see the results of your donation in your own neighborhood.

### Donations

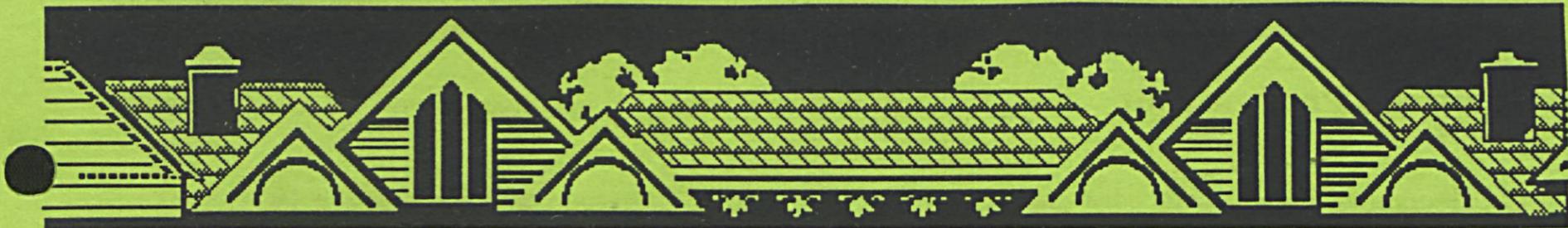
If you think that the Society has helped to improve Oakwood, won't you consider making a donation so that other properties which are in jeopardy, can be purchased. The Society is a non-profit organization (501(c)3 IRS Tax Status) and your donations are tax deductible. Please send your donations to:

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

You will see the results of your donation throughout Oakwood.

### Oakwood Directory

The Oakwood directory was distributed last month. We appreciate the efforts of Tim Davis and others for their help in producing the directory. Please submit any corrections to Tim at 523 N. East Street.



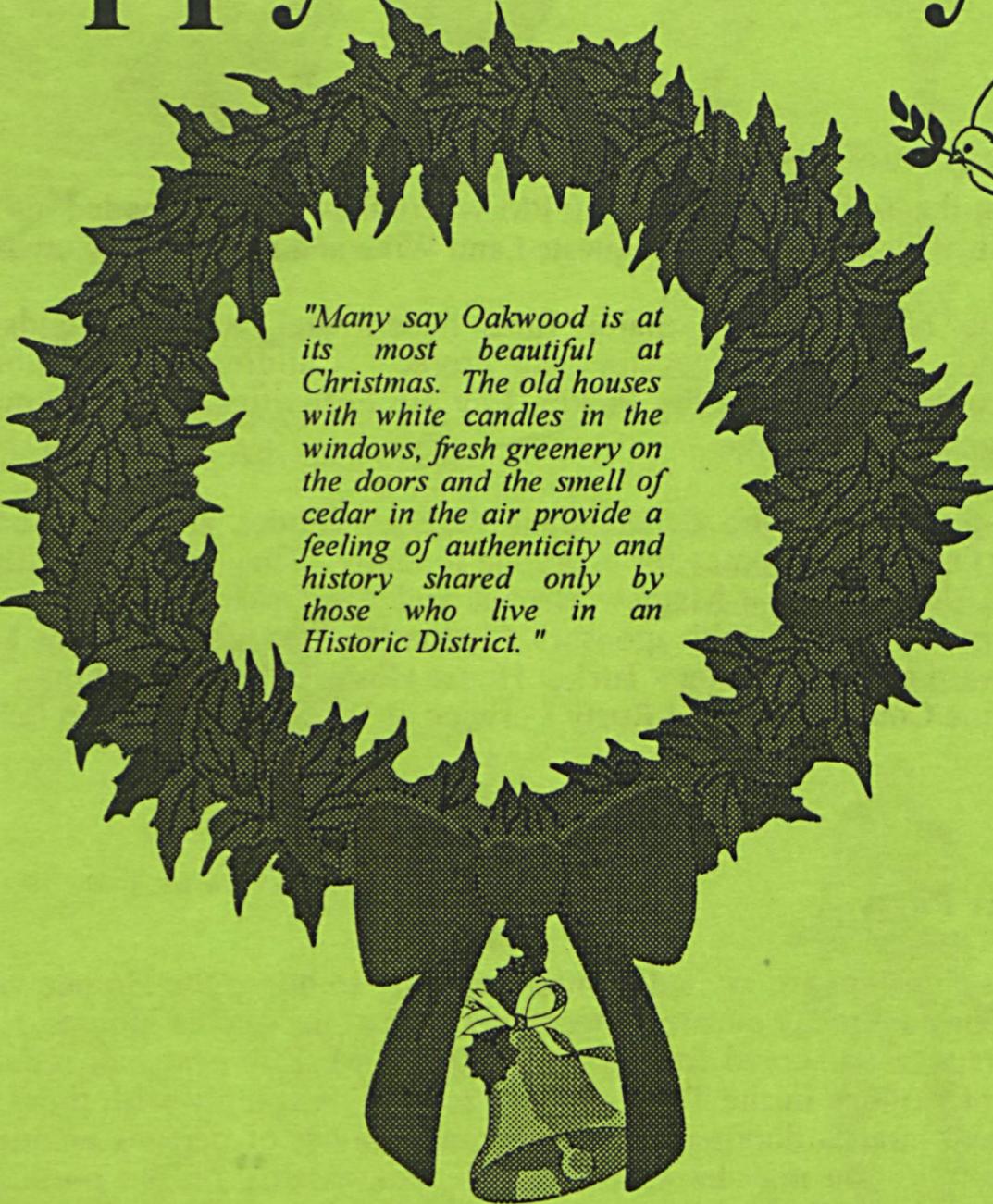
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The Newsletter of Historic Oakwood

Christmas 1995



## Happy Holidays



*"Many say Oakwood is at its most beautiful at Christmas. The old houses with white candles in the windows, fresh greenery on the doors and the smell of cedar in the air provide a feeling of authenticity and history shared only by those who live in an Historic District."*



## Christmas Preview Tour

Jackie Lurwick - Tour Chair

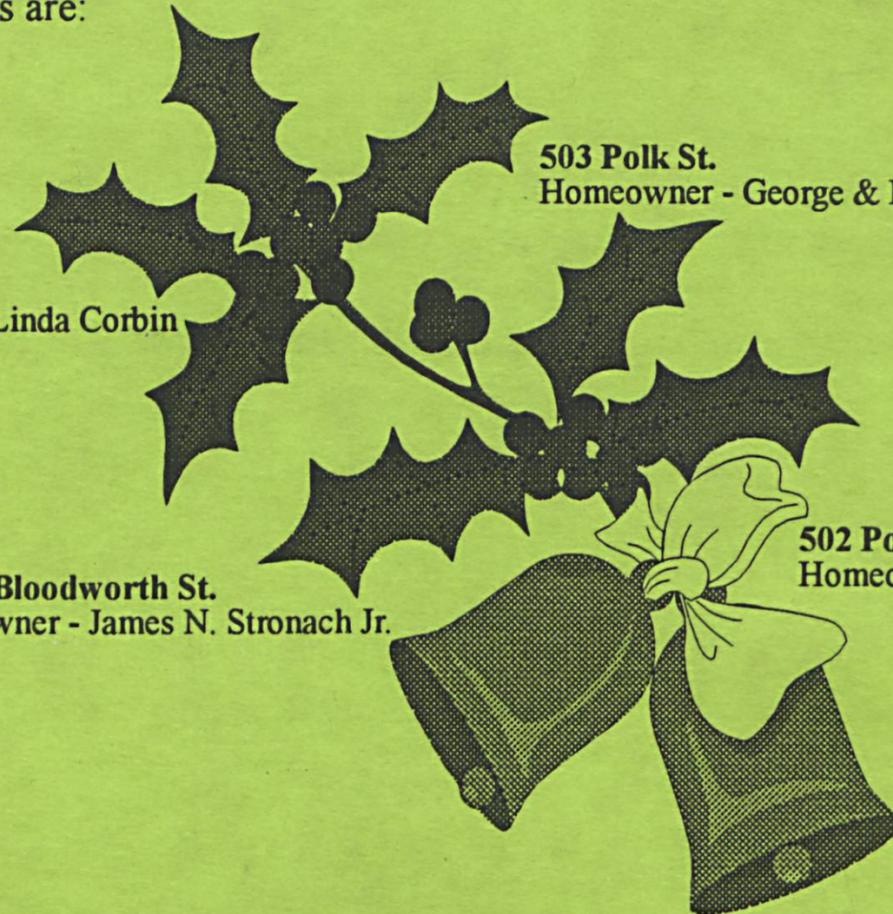
On December 7, the Society for the Preservation of Historic Oakwood will sponsor the 1995 Preview Tour. It will officially open the Christmas Tour weekend and what a Preview it is! This year's feature homes are:

504 East St.  
Homeowner - Phil & Linda Corbin

414 N. Bloodworth St.  
Homeowner - James N. Stronach Jr.

503 Polk St.  
Homeowner - George & Kelly Mallet

502 Polk St.  
Homeowner - Sam Tarlton



Guest will gather at the Tucker House at 6:30 PM where they will be divided into four groups that will tour each home. Cocktail Attire is requested and Wine and Light Hors d'ouvres will be served.

This Event is one of Oakwood's major fund raisers and provides funds for Oakwood's Neighborhood Parks, Community Development Projects, Children's and Senior Citizen Events, Neighborhood Security Watch, Fall Pig Pickin, July 4th Festivities and many more activities that make Oakwood a great place to live.

Many Thanks to the people who donate their time as Guides and Hosts and especially the Homeowners who Open their Homes for everyone to enjoy. They make these things possible for all of us. Special thanks to the Mathew Brown and the Oakwood Waits (Oakwood's finest Carolers), Jean Earp for working with sponsors, Sharon Wailder with publicity, Mary Lou Wooten at Side Street, Howard and Ann Miller - Tucker House Hosts, Hildred Hutchins - The Piano Player, Rose Schwetz - Wine Connoisseur, and Rusty Lurwick & Wade Brickhouse in Publications.



## Candlelight Tour Party -

Candlelight Tour volunteers are invited to attend a Party to honor the Homeowners of the Candlelight Tour on Sunday evening, December 10th at the Tucker House. Holiday desserts and spirits will be served from 8:00 to 10:00 PM. Fire Marshall regulations limit the number of persons in the Tucker House to 99. To comply with these safety regulations, we have hired a doorman to monitor the number of persons entering and leaving. Consequently, you may be asked to wait momentarily on the portico until some people have exited. Refreshments and heat will be available on the portico. Please join us in celebrating the completion of another successful Candlelight Tour.

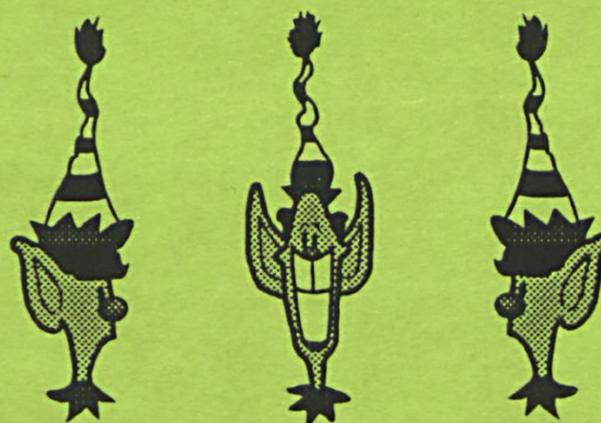


### Christmas House Decorations Recognized

In an effort to promote the Holiday Spirit throughout the neighborhood, the Oakwood Garden Club will recognize houses whose exterior decorations reflect the following Christmas categories: *"Traditional Southern Christmas"*, *"Accents on Fruit"*, *"A Victorian Christmas"*, *"Best Holiday Wreaths"*.

First and Second Place Prizes will be awarded in each Division as well as two Honorable Mentions. The judging will take place the week of December 11th and will be conducted by a participating H.A.N.D.S. Garden Club.

*"For the thousands of people who visit Oakwood at Christmas the Oakwood Garden Club would like to thank each Oakwood Resident who decorates their house and makes Christmas in Oakwood special for children of all ages ..... Thank You!"*



*The Oakwood Elves*

Doug Earp once again leads the crusade to beautify Oakwood prior to the tour. Doug and his Band of Merry Elves are poised to literally sweep through the streets of Oakwood to ensure all is neat and tidy for the tour. If you can spare a few hours on the Morning of Saturday, December 9th, please consider joining Doug and his throng of renegade Elves. Call Doug at 832-6420. Beautify Oakwood - and have fun doing it !!

### *Historic Oakwood Christmas Tour*

The 1995 tour will be on December 9th and 10th from 1-7 PM each day. Advance tickets are available for \$8 each at:

- Capital Area Visitor Center
- The Brass Key
- Frances T. King Stationery
- Quail Ridge Books
- Simple Pleasures
- Traditional Trends
- Aggies



and on the days of the Tour at *The Oakwood Inn* for \$9.

Houses on tour this year include:  
The Weatley's - 325 Polk, Thiem and Ranch - 634 N. Blount, Tucker House, Oakwood Inn, William Thomas House, Trinity United Methodist Church, The Mann's - 515 Polk, The Davis's - 523 East, The Grose's - 527 N. East and The Hastings - 215 N. East.



### *Capitol Community Development Corporation*

The Capitol Community Development Corporation, CCDC, is a non-profit corporation whose objective is to improve the quality of life in the downtown neighborhoods of Raleigh. The CCDC has members from Mordecai, Blount Street Historic District, Halifax Court and Oakwood. This broad base allows the CCDC to pursue projects which cross the boundaries of many neighborhoods. The CCDC is offering the expertise of its members to individuals who have projects that would improve neighborhood quality. If you have a project you have been interested in pursuing, consider coming to the next CCDC meeting and presenting your projects. You will be able to tap the expertise of the CCDC's members and resources. Please call Dave Philbrook at 821-7276 for information on the next meeting.



### *218 Elm Street*

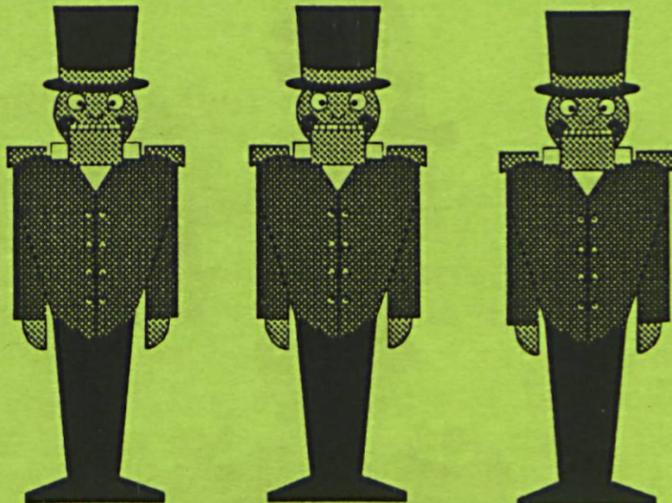
*Offered for Sale by the Society for the Preservation of Historic Oakwood Inc.*

This architecturally distinctive house in our National Register neighborhood reflects two major and successfully achieved alterations to its original, late 19th-century I-House plan, with the most significant changes completed before 1920. Features include 10 spacious principal rooms, 8 fireplaces, a two-story galleried porch on the street facade and many noteworthy historic architectural embellishments, the last ranging from a fine Eastlake mantelpiece and double-leafed entrance door. It is a major renovation project. Price is \$110,000, as-is. Contact Tom Gongaware at York Properties, 832-8881

### *Thanks !*

To Al Newsom and The City Gardener at the Ridgewood Shopping Center for the donation of this year's Christmas tree at the Oakwood Common.

To residents Rick Rivoire, Terry Harper and Peter Andrews for researching the architectural and ownership history of 218 Elm Street.



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*Season's Greetings*