

# *The Historic Oakwood Newsletter*

*February 1992*

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## CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

*... by Pete Andrews, chairman, SPHO*

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

It is my privilege to serve as chairman of the Society for 1992.

I would like to emphasize that the Society is not an elite select group of people interested only in historic preservation. The Society is really a "neighborhood association" that tries to represent all Oakwood residents and that sponsors activities that foster feelings of neighborhood pride and togetherness.

The purposes of the Society are, according to the bylaws:

1. To recognize and promote the historic value of Oakwood to its residents, the city of Raleigh, and the people of the State of North Carolina.
2. To preserve Oakwood from deterioration by neglect, indifference, or carelessness.
3. To protect Oakwood from any decisions or acts of public officials or private persons which would threaten the residential and historic character of the neighborhood.
4. To encourage a spirit of neighborliness among the residents of Oakwood.

The Society meets monthly (except December) at the Tucker House, 416 North Person Street. Meeting times are 7:30 P.M. when daylight savings time is in affect and 8:00 P.M. otherwise

Many exciting events and activities are planned for this year:

- The annual Candlelight tour in December
- Completion of the Oakwood Commons project
- Various social activities and childrens events
- Formation of "Political Action Committee"

The society will also be cooperating with the City of Raleigh year-long Bicentennial Celebration

I hope you will participate in these activities with us.

Sincerely,

Pete Andrews

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## OAKWOOD ATHLETIC CLUB

The February Oakwood Athletic Club will be held at 519 Oakwood Avenue, at the home of Chris Perrien and Jenny Saldi, on Sunday March First beginning at 6:30 p.m. This Athletic Club will celebrate Mardi Gras, but without the parades. A good Mardi Gras party consists of music, beverages of all sorts, masks or costumes, and food with character—some might call it spice.

See your neighbors as you have never seen them before. Celebrate the Fat Tuesday before Ash Wednesday.

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## OAKWOOD COMMON UPDATE

*... by Betsy Ross, chair, Oakwood Neighborhood Common Committee*

Work continues toward the development and completion of the Oakwood Neighborhood Common. The current and final phase is being implemented. Most of the work for the final phase should be completed by April which is the deadline for spending the funds from Wake County Parks and Recreation grant.

The wood screening fence that is requires by the city landscape ordinance is in place. The landscaping, which is also required by the ordinance, and the play area base will be installed next. The pre-school equipment, benches and accessories must also be installed.

The final installation of the ornamental iron fence and entry will then be done, depending on funds available. The encroachment request for the placement of this fence has been approved by the City Council.

Many Thanks to the following organizers:

Oakley Herring - Wooden Fence  
Tom Gongaware - Fund Raising  
Jenny Saldi - Play Equipment  
Brenda Brickhouse - Landscaping

The wooden fence was installed by:

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| John Clay        | Billy Brewer     | Charlotte Brewer |
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| Lucas Taylor     |                  |                  |

If you haven't contributed funds to the Common, please DO. The money given now will enable us to purchase the iron ornament fence that will surround the area. It will ensure our children's safety and give the Common a sense of security

Contact Tom Gongaware at 839-2310 to give contributions. Any questions? Call Betsy Ross, Chair, Oakwood Neighborhood Common Committee, 833-1747

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## CANDLELIGHT TOUR RESULTS

*... by Margaret Lumsden, chair, Tour Committee*

The 1991 Candlelight Tour, December 14,15 , was a great success, 2063 tickets were sold and \$9,261.56 was raised to fund society projects.

Many thanks to the homeowners who "hosted" the great event and to the many volunteers who helped.

The 1992 Candlelight Tour will be held December 12th & 13th. Mark your calendars now!

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## OAKWOOD GARDEN CLUB

... by Rose Schwetz, president, Oakwood Garden Club

### 1992 Home and Garden Show

The North Carolina Home & Garden Show is scheduled for Feb. 12 through Feb. 16, 1992 at the Raleigh Civic Center. The theme for the show this year is "Raleigh-Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow."

One purpose of H.A.N.D.S. (Home and Neighborhood Development Sponsors) is to promote civic beautification. The Oakwood Garden Club is a member of the H.A.N.D.S. organization and this year the Club will be featuring a Victorian Garden with a gazebo, shrubs and plants from this time period. This type of project takes many hours of preparation so please show support of your neighbors by attending this event. Tickets will be on sale at the door.

### Newcomers

The Oakwood Garden Club has a committee that welcomes new neighbors into Oakwood. This year Marilyn Smith has been responsible for coordinating this never-ending project.

To date the following have been taken dinners, courtesy of the neighbors;

Ken Schoonhagen  
221 Linden

Jeannie Pearson  
518 N. Bloodworth

John Beckman & Jane Finneran  
613 Polk

Sherilyn Rhodes  
313 Polk

Paul Franzen & Debbie Ray  
315 Pell Street

Jim & Lois Wallman  
518 N. Boundary

The Oakwood Garden Club takes pride in welcoming newcomers to our neighborhood. If you have had a new neighbor move in, would you please call Marilyn Smith, 834-8159, so we can all make them feel welcome?

### Garden of the Month

Each month, the Oakwood Garden Club selects a garden in the neighborhood that is special, and this month the honor goes to Richard and Marilyn Smith, 315 Oakwood Avenue.

In December, the Oakwood Garden Club presented Kenneth and Susan Attaway, 519 N. East Street, with a fruit basket for the best over-all house decoration for the Christmas season.

### Oakwood Recipes and Residences

The Oakwood Garden Club still has cookbooks for sale for anyone who wishes to purchase one. Vallie Henderson, 832-3336, Ann Miller, 832-2676, and Rose Schwetz, 839-5758 are all eager to hear from you!

## Garden Walking Tour

The Oakwood Garden Club is sponsoring a Garden Walking Tour on May 16 & 17, 1992, from 1:00 - 5:00 P.M.. Approximately ten gardens will be on the tour. Tickets will be for sale at the Commons for \$5.00. This function was sanctioned by the Raleigh Bicentennial Task Force.

This being the year of the Raleigh Bicentennial, we should all take special pride in our neighborhood. It is the oldest revitalized neighborhood in Raleigh which makes it a tourist attraction. A good spring clean-up in all of our yards would be a real plus.

## Upcoming Events

### February

13: Society Board Meeting, 7:30 pm

### March

1: Athletic Club, home of Chris Perrien & Jenny Saldi, 6:30 pm

13: Society Board Meeting, Tucker House, 7:30 pm

29: Athletic Club, home of Richard & Cindy Urquhart, 6:30 pm

### April

9: Society Board Meeting, Tucker House, 7:30 pm  
Date TBA: Annual Pig Pickin'

### May

14: Society Board Meeting, Tucker House, 7:30 pm

16-17: Garden Walking Tour

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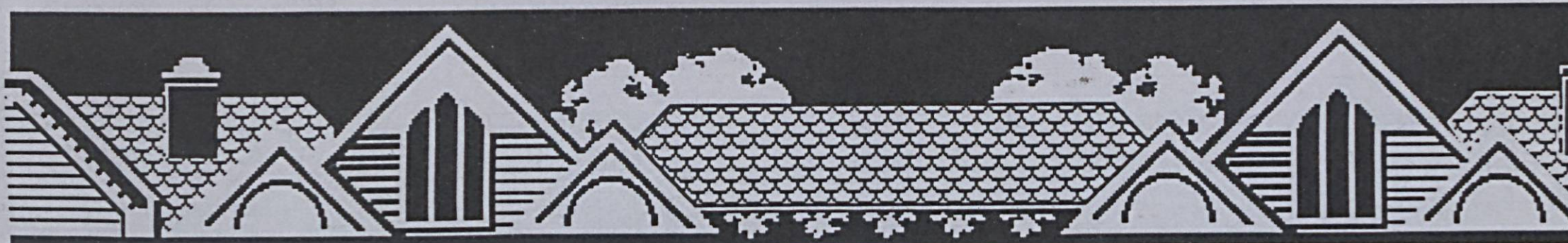
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### **CHAIRMAN'S CORNER**

...Pete Andrews, chairman, SPHO

Dear Friends and Neighbors,  
This edition of the newsletter is being distributed the old fashioned way: by hand, door-to-door. We have had problems reaching everyone with our old distribution list and hope that the new (old) method will work better. If you find that you have been left out, please call the editor, Rose Schwetz, at 839-5758 or call me at 832-0297.

The new, revised edition of a "A Walking Tour of Historic Oakwood" has been completed and should be printed by the time you read this newsletter. Copies will be available at the May 14 monthly meeting and at the North Carolina Visitors' Center at the corner of East Lane and North Blount Streets.

The walking tour brochure is paid for by our society and distributed, free of charge, as a public service. It serves as an important aid in introducing visitors to our neighborhood and in publicizing and promoting our neighborhood. Features of the new brochure are: more houses, new map, larger and easier-to-read type.

I would like to express by appreciation to Ann Miller, Oakley Herring, and Ian Shields for their assistance in writing the new brochure, to Janet Wellman for drawing a new map, and to Wade Brickhouse for designing and executing the final layout.

### **OAKWOOD CHILDREN'S EVENTS**

...Carole Scotto, Chairman

The Oakwood Children's Committee has sponsored two events this year--A Teddy Bear Picnic and the Easter Egg Hunt. The children had fun with special teddy bear cookies and face painting and even a drizzle did not ruin the general enthusiasm. We thank Mrs. Leary for letting us use her yard--There were enough nooks and crannies for even the oldest egg hunters.

We are still gathering data for an updated children's directory. If you haven't been included call Carole (829-7324) or Sara Lawrence (832-8982) ASAP.

Stay posted for our next event on the Fourth of July. We also would welcome any new committee members--in order to keep the required volunteer time to a minimum, each member sponsors an event with some assistance from the others. This way for each volunteer recruited we can add another fun time for the children and the neighborhood.

Other Committee members include Clarice Moran, Susie Hamrick-Jones and Jenny Saldi.

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## OAKWOOD COMMON UPDATE

...Betsy G. Ross, Chairman, Oakwood Neighborhood Common Committee

The Oakwood Common is an ongoing project to establish a public greenspace within the Oakwood Historic District. The land was bought and paid for in December 1990 with a combination of neighborhood, city and county monies.

The Society deeded it to the City of Raleigh in 1991 and it is now part of the City's park system.. This neighborhood project was a recipient of a Wake County Parks and Recreation Commission matching funds grant and the design/development of this site is being done exclusively by neighborhood volunteers. Work on the site by any volunteer is reimbursed by the County grant at a laborer's rate.

On February 29th, the required landscape materials were planted by:

Brenda Brickhouse, in charge, with Bill Flournoy, Doug Wellman, Scott Fortenberry, Wade Brickhouse, Greg Kelly, Laura Kelly, Rod Taylor, Duane Lawrence, Sara Lawrence, John Clay. Helpers were: Phillip Zucchini, Paul Zucchini, and Andrew Zucchini.

Many, many thanks to this crew and Robert Logan of Logan's Trading Company (Logan's donated \$250.00 worth of shrubs required by the City's landscape ordinance - most of which are behind the 6 foot-high screening fence).

On March 16th, to celebrate 100 years of forestry in America, a Wake County tree planting took place on the Common sponsored by the North Carolina Forestry Association, the Georgia Pacific Corporation, and the Carolina Power & Light Company. Thanks to Brenda Brickhouse, our Common received Wake County's symbolic tree, an oak, donated by Georgia Pacific. Brenda's efforts at the Common over the last few months have been very beneficial and greatly appreciated.

The play equipment has been ordered and

should arrive in May. Anyone willing to help with its installation should let me know. The April deadline for spending the funds from the County grant has been extended to December. Remember, it is a matching funds grant.

In the Fall 1991 newsletter, I listed contributors to date. Here is the list of contributors since that publication: Peter & Carolyn Andrews, Mr. & Mrs. W. T. Arthur, Susan Hunt Bailey, Mamie Lee Bridgers, Benjamin C. & Deborah F. Burch, Rick Burris, David L. Cozart, John L. Cramer, Pamela Davison, Gordon & G. Lenore DePre, Jean Spivey Earp, William L. Flournoy, Jr., Dana Rees Folley, Scott Fortenberry, Alice D. Garland, Seth Gaskill, William D. Harazin, Thomas Hargrove, Don & Sandra Hendrickson, Jon P. & Betty R. Hoffman, Pat & Joseph H. Holstein, Judith Q. Jeffries, John G. Kelly, Duane & Sara Lawrence, Ron Mace, Eric L. & Mary R. Morgan, Frank J. & Jill D. Newsome, Oakwood Garden Club, Thomas F. Paquin, Jeanne E. Pearson, Thersa Peeden, David M. Philbrook, William D. Rowe, Dr. George A. & Mrs. Norrish M. Rozgonyi, Rose Schwetz, Samuel M. Bonnie V. Stone, Michael W. Talbot, Rhonda K. Tyson, Michael M. Williams, and Steve Zorn.

Many, many thanks to all of the above, some second-time contributors. Your dollars are enabling us to leverage the County grant money and continue development of the Common. Tom Gongaware's efforts as our latest fundraiser have been fantastic. To make contributions, call Tom at 839-2310. If you have questions, or are willing to work, call Betsy Ross at 833-1747.

## URBAN REFORESTATION

... by Brenda Brickhouse, Registered Forester

On March 16, in celebration of Arbor Day and the 100th Anniversary of Professional Forestry in America, Carolina Power & Light Company and the Georgia-Pacific Corporation sponsored a tree planting ceremony at the Oakwood Common. Representatives from state government, Wake County and the City of Raleigh were ...



attendance. Georgia-Pacific donated the red oak now leafing out on East Street as well as 2500 pine seedlings which are being planted at various parks around Raleigh and Wake County. Please be aware that the City of Raleigh has a forestry staff who manages our urban forest. This includes those trees on city property between the sidewalk and the street. In anyone has any problems or questions regarding the City's trees, please call Andy Gilliam or Tom Perry at 831-6640.

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

... by Brenda Brickhouse

The Society has organized a Community Development Committee chaired by David Philbrook to work on issues vital to our community's future such as appearance, security, and public health. They are working on a publication to inform Oakwood residents about the various laws, ordinances, and government services available to help us rectify a bad situation or to enhance a good one. If anyone wants to volunteer or has any questions or suggestions for the CDC, please contact David at 821-7276.

### **OAKWOOD CANDLELIGHT TOUR**

...Margaret C. Lumsden, chairman

Thanks to everyone who participated in the 1991 Candlelight Tour. Our profits were over \$9000.00, a result second only to the 1990 Tour.

Now it is time to turn our attention to this year's tour, scheduled for December 12 & 13, 1992. We have three houses so far, as Jimmy Stronach, Phil and Linda Corbin, and Karen Jones have agreed to have their homes on the tour. We'd like to have at least another four homes on tour.

We also need people to host meals for the homeowners, take charge of the porch people, decorate entrance signs, manage ticket sales on the days of the tour, and head the clean-up after the tour. If you have any interest in putting

your home on the tour this Bicentennial Year or in helping in any other way, please call Margaret Lumsden at 899-3008 (days) or 832-9464 (evenings).

### **INMAN PARK NEIGHBORHOOD IN ATLANTA**

...Hugh Stohler

One and a half miles east of downtown Atlanta lies a charming, tough, and vibrant historic neighborhood: Inman Park. On a weekend in mid-April I visited there as a guest of the Inman Park Neighborhood Association and as ambassador of Historic Oakwood. Leaders of Inman Park convened a one-day conference to celebrate and showcase themselves, but more importantly, to take their pulse, to ask the question, "How are we doing as a neighborhood?"

The answer in short: "They're doing fine!"

Inman Park was developed in the 1880's by Joel Hurt, on land that comprised his family farm. Fifteen years earlier the battle of Atlanta had swirled around the tract, commemorated today in the Cyclorama whose central vantage point is a specific spot on the Hurt farm. The premier suburb of post-war Atlanta had curving streets, large lots, and Springvale Park with Crystal Lake, designed by America's preeminent landscape designer Fredrick Law Olmsted. Home of the Candler, the Woodruffs, and the Hurts, the neighborhood was served by the nation's first financially successful electric street trolley, the Atlanta and Edgewood Street Railway Co., which terminated at the now-renovated Trolley Barn.

The next part of the story is familiar: prominent families moved, houses eventually were subdivided into eight, ten apartments. By the early 1950's, the neighborhood's original glory was no more than a memory. A few years later, an urban pioneer arrived, who rescued and restored an old home, followed by others, and in 1970 Inman Park Restoration, Inc. was formed,



which assisted in restoring 40 homes the next year. Along with reclaiming homes, residents re-wove the fabric of a neighborhood and created a living community of people who cared about one another.

The struggles are not over. An empty corridor of land, originally acquired for a now-abandoned East-West Toll Road, bisects Inman Park, offering challenges and dangers of new development. An accessway through the neighborhood to the Carter Library has been temporarily halted. Big money is needed to finish restoring Springvale Park to a semblance of its former grand design. Maintaining the network of community organizations, services, and social life requires vigilance and time-consuming work from hundreds of caring Inman Park residents.

It was a privilege for me to attend Inman Park's conference, to share in discussing common joys and issues with people from Macon, Savannah, Philadelphia, San Francisco, and, of course, Atlanta, and I hope I can find ways to share information and contacts for the advantage of Oakwood. I certainly want to share with others the story of lovely Inman park. Just ask me!

One final agenda item posed by the Inman Park organizers has to do with the feasibility of an organization of Historic Neighborhoods sometime in the future, to more broadly share the benefits of such conferences. I will bring more information about this as it develops.

### **OAKWOOD GARDEN CLUB**

...Rose Schwetz, President

### **GARDEN TOUR**

The Oakwood Garden Club is hosting a Garden Tour, May 16 & 17, 1992, from 1-5 P.M., each day. Ten Oakwood gardens will be opened for touring. Help us show off our neighborhood by cutting your grass and cleaning up the streetscape. Tickets for the tour (\$5.00 each) may be purchased at the Oakwood Common, corner of Boundary and East Street. At this time

we will be selling our Oakwood Cook Books, \$10.00 each. We have a limited number of books, so if you don't have yours this may be your last chance to get one. This undertaking was a very big job and the committee consisting of Ann Miller, chairman, Roxi Morrison and Carolyn Andrews have done a great job in organizing the entire event.

### **GARDEN OF THE MONTH**

...Jean Earp

Garden of the month honors went to Jill and John Cramer at 501 E. Franklin Street. Congratulations!

### **NEWCOMERS DINNERS**

...Marilyn Smith

The following have been given a newcomers dinner: Sherry & David Yarborough, 313 Oakwood and Ann Robertson, 312 Oakwood. Five garden club members on our block and other neighbors had a potluck dinner to welcome the new neighbors.

Three more dinners were given: Jol Donaldson, 602 Oakwood, Eric & Mary Morgan, 422 East Jones, Beth Liverman, 214 N. Bloodworth.

We as members of the Garden Club would appreciate it if you happen to hear about or meet some new neighbors moving into the area to call Marilyn (834-8159).

### **MAY DAY BASKETS**

...Rose Schwetz

On Sunday May 17, 1992, the Oakwood Garden Club will be featuring a May Day Basket Contest.

May baskets must consist of fresh flowers and greens only. They must be visible from the street. Judging will be at 1:00 P.M. This contest is open to every person living in Oakwood.

It would be especially nice this year, because of the Oakwood Garden Tour, to have 'many' May Baskets.



## JUNE BBQ

The Oakwood Garden Club will be holding its annual BBQ Dinner for all its members, including families. It will be held on the Common on June 4, 1992 at 6:30 P.M.

## JULY--BIRTHDAY MONTH

July 4, is the birthday of the nation. It seems appropriate that the Oakwood Garden Club celebrate the birthday of all its members. To help celebrate, please bring a gift to exchange (\$5-8 ). Place your name inside the gift.

The meeting will be held at Ann Miller's house, 547 E. Jones at 7:00 on July 16, 1992.

## ATHLETIC CLUB

...Hildred Hutchins

May---Barbara Wishy, 512 N. Bloodworth Street

June---Pete & Carolyn Andrews, 319 Polk Street

July---Mary Hruska, 323 E. Lane Street

Aug.---Rick & Cindy Burris, 621 Polk Street

Sept. ---Richard & Marilyn Smith, 315 Oakwood Avenue

Oct.---Lynn Liles, 700 N. East Street

Nov.---Bern & Rose Schwetz, 415 N. Boundary St.

Dec. ---None, Candlelight Tour

Jan.---None, Super Bowl

Athletic Club is the last Sunday of each month at 6:00 P.M.

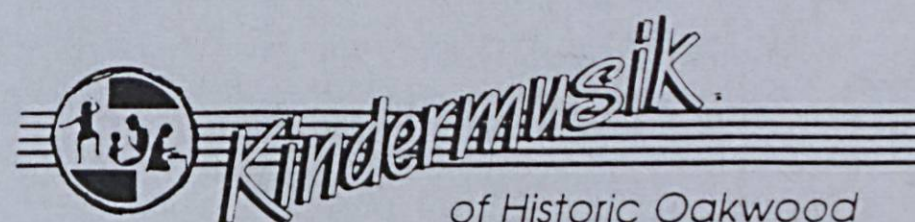
## HAVEN HOUSE TO OPEN NEARBY

...Pete Andrews

Haven House, a private, non-profit agency that serves the needs of girls and boys, is opening a "Foster Care Home" on the southeast corner of Wake Forest Road and Sasser Street. The home is scheduled to open in mid-June and will serve four young men. There will be a resident counselor.

As a gesture of support, the Society voted at the April meeting to donate \$100 to Haven House to assist with landscaping. Mike Rieder, executive director of Haven House, who was present at the meeting, expressed his eagerness to respond to any neighborhood concerns. If you have his eagerness to respond to any neighborhood concerns. if you have questions, please call Haven House, 856-6368, or call me at 832-0297.

After the Foster Care Home has been operating for awhile, I plan to invite Mike Rieder to attend another SPHO meeting to tell us what they have been doing and answer any questions we may have.



## SUMMER CAMP 1992

SESSION I ..... July 13-17

SESSION II ..... August 10-14

Location: 218 N. Bloodworth Street, Historic Oakwood (1 Block behind the Governor's Mansion)

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## UPCOMING SPHO MEETINGS

|           |    |           |
|-----------|----|-----------|
| May       | 14 | 8:00 P.M. |
| June      | 11 | 8:00 P.M. |
| July      | 9  | 8:00 P.M. |
| August    | 13 | 8:00 P.M. |
| September | 10 | 8:00 P.M. |
| October   | 8  | 8:00 P.M. |
| November  | 12 | 7:30 P.M. |

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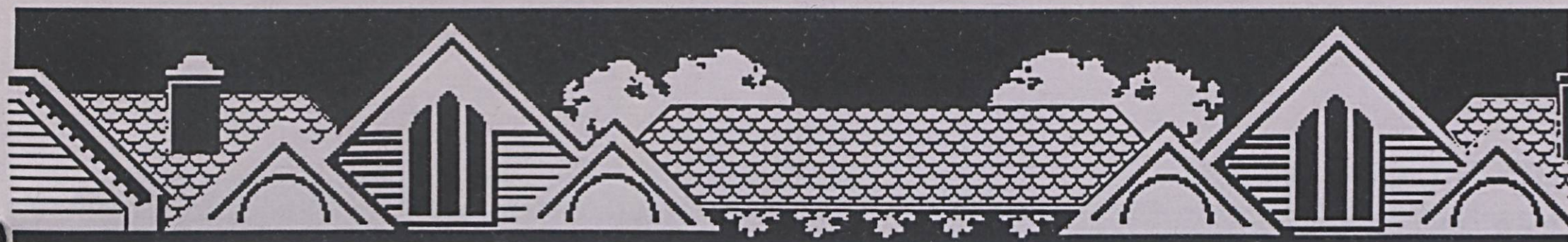
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### **CHAIRMAN'S CORNER**

Pete Andrews, Chairman, SPHO

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It's September already. Many of the kids, and some adults, are back in school. In Oakwood, it's time to start thinking about the holiday season and the Annual Candlelight Tour December 12 and 13.

Margaret Lumsden, Tour Chairperson, has scheduled 7 private homes for this year's tour. See Margaret's article for details.

We can all help Oakwood be a very special, festive place by decorating our homes for the holidays. See Jackie Lurwick's article for decorating ideas.

Recent activities have been very successful. Billy Brewer organized a trip to see the Durham Bulls August 4th. More than 50 people attended.

The July 4th picnic, held at the Oakwood Commons, was very successful and served as a good way to introduce neighborhood children to the new play equipment.

New members were elected to the SPHO Board of Directors: June Thames was elected Director, replacing Margaret Lumsden; Rusty Lurwick was elected Treasurer, replacing Greg Kelly.

I would like to give special thanks and warm goodbyes to Greg Kelly. Greg and his wife, Laura, have moved to Greenville, NC, where she has enrolled in medical school.

Please note the activities planned for September. Participation in the Raleigh Acorn Festival September 12, and the Annual Jazz Brunch September 13.

I hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

Pete Andrews

### **OAKWOOD CHILDREN'S EVENTS**

Carole Scotto, Chairperson

Update, Future and Solicitation

The Fourth of July was a great success for adults and children alike, with the playground equipment receiving a full workout. In addition, we had face painting (and leg painting, and arm painting!), and a clown presented a show with magic and stories.

Our next event will be held early in October on the Oakwood Commons. We will supply boxes, decorating material and painting or coloring supplies for the kids to create whatever they envision.

Additional volunteers are needed and welcomed; the time you give is for one event only and one annual meeting. If you are still hesitant, find a friend and do an event together - I have lists and lists of ideas handed down by prior committees and all we need is a small chunk of time from you for the children.

### **OAKWOOD COMMON UPDATE**

Betsy G. Ross, Chairperson

The pre-school play area of the Common is complete. Another load of mulch will be added when compaction of the existing surface has progressed. Many thanks to all those Oakwood neighbors who helped with this most recent stage: John Clay, Bern and Rose Schwetz, Howard and Ann Miller, Wade and Brenda Brickhouse, Duane Laurence, Larry Zucchini, Keith Kapp, Doug Earp, Billy Brewer, Hugh Stohler, Doug and Sam Wellman, Ed Coleman, Robert Graham, Aimee Kendl, Tom Moran, Scott Fortenberry, Jack Wheatley, Jimmy Thiem, John Beckman, and Jeff Davis. John Beckman contributed invaluable professional services early on in the play equipment and edging installation.

The next phase includes ordering and installing several benches, a trash receptacle, and the ornamental iron fencing for the perimeter. Lastly, we will add appropriate landscaping and an entryway.

I need a volunteer to coordinate the iron fence installation. Please call me at 833-1747. We need to spend all the money in our Wake County matching funds grant by December 31.

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## **SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

Mary Hruska

The Fourth of July was our first Social Committee Event held at the Oakwood Common, and as usual was enjoyed by all who came out. Thanks to Billy Brewer for all his help.

Now summer is just about over - schools are back in session - and it's time to enjoy our next Social Committee event, which will be the Jazz Brunch on Sunday, September 13, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. We are fortunate to have Greg Gelb's group playing some great music for us. The brunch will be held at Jim Johnson's, 525 N. Bloodworth, with supervised childrens activities planned in Billy Brewer's adjoining yard. Bring a covered dish, blankets or chairs, and the society will provide beverages, plates, etc. We are asking for a \$ 2.00/person donation to help cover the music. So invite your friends and family and plan on having a great time. Notices will also be passed around.

Our Oakwood pig Pickin' will be held some time in October. Notices will be sent when the date has been determined.

## **OLD FASHION CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS**

Jackie Lurwick

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

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

Two distinct types of "Old-Fashion" Christmas decorating that should surface in the neighborhood at Christmastime are Colonial and Victorian. Even though both are quite different in presentation, they depend heavily on live greenery such as cedar, magnolia, and holly to set the mood. Emphasis is on style, not expense, on simplicity not gaudy. Fruits such as apples, oranges and berries were used for color. At one time fruit on a house was the symbol of a good harvest and a prosperous year for the family who lived there. Real candles were placed in the windows to welcome guests and serve as a beacon to family members who were far from home. This tradition is reflected today in Oakwood by placing white or clear candles in the windows instead of colored ones.

In the months to follow, we will begin to celebrate the holidays. It is a time of reflection and most of all of warm moments spent with family and friends. There will be a growing sense of excitement as we prepare for the holiday festivities. Living in a Historic District is a fantasy for many people - we live that fantasy and have the obligation to perpetuate the tradition for the thousands of visitors who pass through our neighborhood during the Holiday Season.

## **CANDLELIGHT TOUR, 1992**

Margaret Lumsden, Chairperson

Following is a list of places that will be featured on our annual Candlelight Tour, which will be held on December 12, 13, 1992. The Oakwood Inn, Tucker House, Peace College and the homes of Phil and Linda Tripp-Corbin, Karen and Davis Jones, Sue and Ken Attaway, Billy Brewer and JoAnn Sanford, Lee and Nan Grier, Robert Bush, and Shirley Girouard.

The success of the Candlelight Tour every year is dependent upon the many volunteers who give generously of their time. If you are interested in volunteering call Margaret Lumsden, 832-9464, Pete Andrews, 832-0297, or Rose Schwetz, 839-5758.

## **OAKWOOD GARDEN CLUB**

Rose Schwetz, President

The Oakwood Garden Club welcomes new Oakwood residents to our fine neighborhood. To date 25 + dinners have welcomed new families into Oakwood this year. The Club meets monthly inviting guest speakers. Topics on this years' agenda include: lighting and safety, decorative use of natural materials,perennials, landscaping with trees, and various other projects. If anyone is interested in becoming a member or wants more information please call Rose Schwetz at 839-5758.

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Dave Philbrook, Chairperson

The nominating committee will present a slate of nominees at the November meeting. If you, or someone you know, is interested in serving on the SPHO board, please call me at 821-7276.



## RALEIGH ACORN FESTIVAL

Rose Schwetz

Greenways are some of Raleigh's hidden treasures, lying nestled in woods or following gently streams. There are 32 miles of walking and biking paths, and they are all right here in Raleigh.

The Raleigh Bicentennial Foundation and several other groups celebrate this city's treasure by holding the first Raleigh Acorn Festival on September 12, 13, 1992. People from all over the city will meet on 5 greenways. Historic Oakwood will be hosting the event held at the Buckeye Trail Greenway. (Park in area off Crabtree Boulevard and walk across Raleigh Boulevard to enter trail.)

The schedule of events are as follows:

- 11:00--treasure hunt
- 11:30--picnickers set up for lunch
- 12:30--art project begins; bicycle rodeo
- 1:30--roller blade demonstrations
- 2:30--fun run/walk

At the Civic Center Plaza:

- 7:00--art project continues
- 8:30-10:30--entertainment

The festival is a wonderful way for Raleighs citizens to experience the greenways and also to give the public a sense of unity and community.

Please plan on spending a few fun-filled hours on September 12, 1992 at the Buckeye Trail. If you have any questions please feel free to call Rose Schwetz at 839-5759, and if you want to volunteer some time it would be appreciated.

## SPHO MEETINGS

September 10, 1992

October 8, 1992

November 12, 1992 (Annual Meeting; election of officers and Board Members.)

## ATHLETIC CLUB

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| September | Richard and Marilyn Smith<br>315 Oakwood Ave. |
| October   | Lynn Liles<br>700 N. East Street              |
| November  | Bern and Rose Schwetz<br>415 N. Boundary      |
| December  | No meeting<br>Candlelight Tour                |

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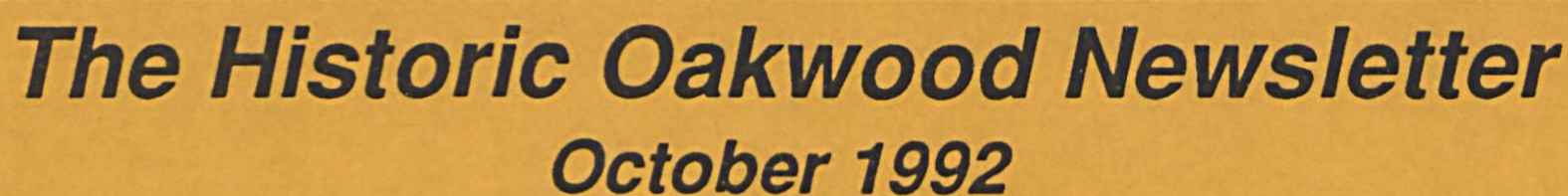
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The Society's annual general meeting and election of officers will be at 7:30 P.M., Thursday, November 12, 1992, at the Tucker House. All residents of Oakwood are encouraged to attend and vote for the candidates of their choice. Additional nominations may be made from the floor.

|                               |                   |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Chairman .....                | Pete Andrews      |
| Vice-Chairman .....           | Ann Robertson     |
| Corresponding Secretary ..... | Brenda Brickhouse |
| Recording Secretary .....     | Janet Wellman     |
| Treasurer .....               | Rusty Lurwick     |
| Historian .....               | Vallie Henderson  |
| Past Chairman .....           | Billy Brewer      |

Directors – Two Years .....Jean Earp  
Mary Hruska  
Jackie Lurwick  
David Philbrook  
Rose Schwetz

The November Athletic Club will be held November 29, 1992, 6:30 P.M. at 415 N. Boundary Street at the home of Bern and Rose Schwetz.

Please plan to attend this event.  
Pete Andrews, Chairman

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# OAKWOOD NEWSLETTER

## DECEMBER 1992

### CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS TOUR

DECEMBER 12, 13, 1992

THE 21 ST ANNUAL CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS TOUR WILL BE HELD FROM 1:00 TO 7:00 P.M. ON DECEMBER 12 AND 13, 1992. THE FOLLOWING HOMES AND BUILDINGS ARE INCLUDED:

411 N. BLOODWORTH, RAYNOR-STONACH HOUSE (THE OAKWOOD INN)  
121 N. BLOODWORTH, SHERWOOD-BATES HOUSE (ROBERT BUSH AND KIM KAISER)  
412 N. EAST, W. F. MCDOWELL HOUSE (LEE AND NANCY GRIER)  
520 POLK, WEBB HOLLOWAY HOUSE (WILLIAM FLOURNOY JR.,)  
617 POLK, ONE OF THE NEW HOUSES IN OAKWOOD GREEN (SHIRLEY GIROUARD)  
504 N. EAST, HEILIG HOUSE (LINDA TRIPP-CORBIN AND PHIL CORBIN)  
519 N. EAST, CAPTAIN WILLIAM S. BARNES HOUSE (KEN AND SUE ATTAWAY)  
620 N. EAST, OLD SCHOOL HOUSE (KARIN AND DAVIS JONES)  
824 N. BLOODWORTH, (TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH)  
318 N. BOUNDARY, ELLEN MORDECAI HOUSE (WILLIAM BREWER & JOANNE SANFORD)  
418 N. PERSON, TUCKER HOUSE (OAKWOOD/MORDECAI MEETING HOUSE)

TICKETS ARE \$6.00 IN ADVANCE, \$7.00 ON THE DAY OF THE TOUR. CHILDREN UNDER 12 ARE ADMITTED FREE.

THANKS TO ALL THOSE PEOPLE WHO HAVE GRACIOUSLY OPENED THEIR HOMES AND BUILDINGS TO THE PUBLIC FOR THIS YEAR'S TOUR.

AND THANKS TO THE MANY OAKWOOD RESIDENTS WHO HAVE HELPED PLAN AND CONDUCT THIS YEAR'S TOUR, AND SPECIAL THANKS TO MARGARET LUMSDEN, TOUR CHAIRPERSON. AND FINALLY, REMEMBER THAT IN A VERY TRUE SENSE, EVERYONE'S HOUSE WILL BE ON TOUR. WE EXPECT THAT THOUSANDS OF VISITORS WILL BE WALKING OR DRIVING THROUGH OUR NEIGHBORHOOD ON THE WEEK OF THE TOUR AND THROUGHOUT THE HOLIDAYS.

I ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO CLEAN UP HIS/HER YARD AND DECORATE FOR THE HOLIDAYS. I WILL TRY TO DO MY PART BY HIDING MY UTILITY TRAILER AND REMOVING THE BLUE TARPAULIN FROM MY FRONT PORCH ROOF.

WITH BEST WISHES FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

PETE ANDREWS, SPHO CHAIRMAN



## **"PORCH PEOPLE" NEEDED FOR TOUR**

MORE PORCH PEOPLE ARE STILL NEEDED FOR THE TOUR. PORCH PEOPLE STAND ON THE FRONT PORCH, OR FRONT STEPS, AND GREET THE VISITORS AS THEY ENTER THE HOUSE. UNUALLY PORCH PEOPLE SAY A FEW WORDS OF INTRODUCTION ABOUT THE HOUSE AND PUNCH THE VISITORS' TICKETS.

IF YOU CAN HELP FOR A 2-HOUR SHIFT, PLEASE CALL PETE OR CAROLYN ANDREWS AT 832-0297. THANK YOU.

## **NEW OFFICERS ELECTED**

THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS WERE ELECTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, NOVEMBER 12, 1992:

|                          |                   |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| CHAIRMAN .....           | PETE ANDREWS      |
| VICE-CHAIRMAN .....      | ANN ROBERTSON     |
| CORRESPONDING SEC.....   | BRENDA BRICKHOUSE |
| RECORDING SEC.....       | JANET WELLMAN     |
| TREASURER .....          | RUSTY LURWICK     |
| HISTORIAN.....           | VALLIE HENDERSON  |
| PAST CHAIRMAN .....      | BILLY BREWER      |
| DIRECTORS-ONE YEAR. .... | JUNE THAMES       |
|                          | IAN SHIELDS       |
|                          | WOODY ROBBINS     |
|                          | TOM GONGAWARE     |

|                         |                 |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| DIRECTORS-TWO YEAR..... | JEAN EARP       |
|                         | MARY HRUSKA     |
|                         | JACKIE LURWICK  |
|                         | DAVID PHILBROOK |
|                         | ROSE SCHWETZ    |

## **NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING—DECEMBER 10. 1992**

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD MAY BE HELD ON DECEMBER 10, 1992, AT 7:30 P.M. AT THE HOME OF PETE & CAROLYN ANDREWS, 319 POLK STREET., TO CONSIDER MATTERS RELATED TO THE POSSIBLE PURCHASE OF THE HOUSE AT 111 N. BLOODWORTH STREET. IF THIS MEETING IS NECESSARY ALL CURRENT AND 1993 BOARD MEMBERS WILL BE NOTIFIED. FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL PETE ANDREWS AT 832-0297.



## **THE OAKWOOD COMMON CHRISTMAS TREE**

(SUBMITTED BY BRENDA BRICKHOUSE)

ONE FRASER FIR AT THE OAKWOOD COMMON HAS BEEN GRACIOUSLY DELIVERED AND INSTALLED BY BILL STANTON OF POP'S SON CHRISTMAS TREES. OUR THANKS TO BILL.

## **OAKWOOD CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE**

CAROLE CHOTTO, CHAIRPERSON

THE CHILDREN'S EVENT AT THE COMMON ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH WAS A CREATIVE SUCCESS. BOXES AND TUBES WERE DECORATED WITH PAINT AND SCRAPS OF MATERIAL. THE CHILLY WEATHER DID NOT APPEAR TO STOP THE CREATIVE JUICES FROM FLOWING. THE CHILDREN WERE PROUD OF THEIR WORK; THIS BECAME EVEN MORE APPARENT WHEN ALL THE BOXES AND TUBES FOUND A HOME AFTER THE EVENT. I BELIEVE ALL THE ATTENDING ADULTS WOULD AGREE THAT WE HAVE A TALENTED GROUP OF CHILDREN HERE IN OAKWOOD. CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE NORTH POLE HAS CONFIRMED THAT SANTA CLAUS WILL BE VISITING OAKWOOD, AGAIN, THIS YEAR. HE IS SCHEDULED TO BE IN OUR AREA ON THE EVENINGS OF WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16TH AND THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17TH. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SANTA CLAUS VISITING YOUR HOUSE, PLEASE CALL JENNY SALDI (832-9110) TO MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT.

IF YOU HAVE NOT HEARD ABOUT THE CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES OVER THE LAST YEAR, YOU ARE PROBABLY NOT RECEIVING OUR NOTICES. TO BE SURE YOU ARE INFORMED OF FUTURE ACTIVITIES, PLEASE FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING FORM AND RETURN TO JENNY SALDI - 519 OAKWOOD AVENUE.

CHILDRENS NAME/S \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTH DATE/S \_\_\_\_\_

CHILD AVAILABLE TO BABYSIT OR BE PARENT'S HELPER - YES \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

THIS INFORMATION IS BEING ENTERED INTO A DIRECTORY AND WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO ALL CONTRIBUTING FAMILIES. IT IS A GREAT WAY TO FIND CHILDREN OF THE SAME AGE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD FOR PLAY OR PLAYGROUPS AND TO TAP INTO OUR LOCAL BABYSITTING RESOURCE. THIS IS OUR LAST CALL FOR ENTRIES, PLEASE RETURN THEM BY DECEMBER 15TH.



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