



SOUTH HULL DISTRICT ASSOCIATION NEWS

FEBRUARY 2011

SHDA HAS NEW OFFICERS

The membership of the South Hull District Association gathered at the Fairview Farmers Market on January 27, 2011, and elected new officers. **Susi Paul** is the new President, having moved up from her previous role as Secretary. Susi inherits a full plate of functions and activities as 2011 should prove to be a busy year for SHDA.

Walter Thomas was elected Vice President. Walter has served as Secretary in the past, so he is not new to the SHDA board. His addition as Vice President is most welcome. He will certainly have ample opportunity to assist President Susi Paul in the operations of SHDA.

Dorothy Slaughter and **Sarah Gay Edwards** will serve as Co-Secretaries. Dorothy has been Treasurer and is one of many long-time members and supporters of SHDA. (Our recent Christmas party, hosted by Dot and Joseph James, comes to mind, as does the going-away party for former President Lauren Dunning, also hosted by Dot and Joseph.) Dot and Sarah Gay will have plenty to do on the board.

Dicky Sanford continues as Treasurer, collecting the dues and keeping track of what SHDA has in the bank and what we spend. He has done a great job in that capacity and will continue to do so. He has also been instrumental in getting the first two South Hull District signs put up. (See article below.)

Now that we have new officers, it is time for you--the members--to come forward and volunteer to help with the many SHDA projects for 2011.

- Former Vice President **Cheryl Hardley** will continue to coordinate the South Hull Maintenance District Plan. But she needs the help of all residents of the District. If you see violations of the city code that go unresolved, contact Cheryl (ccherylathme@knology.net) with the details. She will notify the proper city agency to get in touch with the property owner(s) to remedy the situation. (See the SHDA Maintenance Plan on page four of this newsletter.)
- Soon SHDA will be planning its Spring Picnic, and *your* efforts will be needed. Someone will need to coordinate the picnic, suggest likely dates, consider possible locations (e.g., the 3100 block of South Hull Street, as last year, or Cloverdale Bottom Park, as in other years), etc. Food, entertainment, notification of the proper city agencies, etc., are tasks for which volunteers will be needed.
- Dicky Sanford and Scott Poole have thus far coordinated efforts regarding the installation of South Hull District signs at the corners of Edgemont Avenue and Norman Bridge Road and at South Court Street and Fairview Avenue. Two more signs are to be installed at the corners of South Court Street and Edgemont Avenue and at Norman Bridge Road and Fairview Avenue. Any volunteers to assist Dicky and Scott?
- Historic designation is one of the most important projects SHDA has ever undertaken. There is much more work to be done in terms of contacting property owners who have not yet signed petitions and convincing them that it is in their best interest to do so. Once again: any volunteers?
- Increasing our membership in the district is another goal that requires your help. If your neighbors are not SHDA members, encourage them to attend a meeting and consider joining the organization.
- Ideas and prospective speakers for SHDA's monthly meetings are always welcome. Contact President Susi Paul if you can think of a topic that might be of interest to the membership and/or a speaker who would be willing to talk to the group.
- Needed: one grant writer--to work on the application for a BONDS grant for 2012 and for future applications for grants that may become available.
- Also needed: someone to research appropriate and reasonable advertising rates and to solicit ads from local vendors.
- SHDA ought to have a presence on the Internet as does our neighboring Cloverdale-Idlewild Association and several other neighborhood associations in the city. How about all you budding web-masters out there? SHDA needs *you!*

This is just a short list. There is much work to be done to improve our district and make it more and more of a place where we can all "love where we live." Your assistance will be greatly appreciated!

"SOUTH HULL HISTORICAL DISTRICT"



Thanks to the efforts of **Dicky Sanford** and **Scott Poole**, the first two of four South Hull District signs have been installed at the intersections of South Court Street and Fairview Avenue and Norman Bridge Road and Edgemont Avenue. These signs have been a long time coming, but they are finally here, thanks to Dicky and Scott who worked with the vendor to get the job done.

There are two more signs to be completed: at the corners of Norman Bridge at Fairview and South Court at Edgemont. Dicky and Scott will be working with a new vendor to get the two remaining signs made and installed. Thanks also to BONDS for providing grants to SHDA to get these signs made and installed.

DISTRICT 7 CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES FORUM ON FEBRUARY 24, 2011, 6:30 p.m.

The South Hull District Association, the Garden District Preservation Association, the Old Cloverdale Association, the Cloverdale-Idlewild Association, and the Edgewood Association will jointly sponsor a forum for the candidates running for the District Seven City Council seat recently vacated by Representative Martha Roby. The forum will be held at the **Church of the Ascension**, located at **315 Clanton Avenue** in the Garden District, between South McDonough and South Hull streets, beginning at **6:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 24, 2011**. (The Garden District Preservation Association will be holding its annual membership meeting at 5:30 at the Church.)

All the announced candidates who have qualified to run in the upcoming special election, to be held on **March 8, 2011**, have been invited, and we hope all will be there. Each candidate will be allotted a time to speak. A question and answer session will follow. Our own **Cheryl Hardley** is coordinating this event and will serve as moderator.

The qualified candidates are (in alphabetical order): **Kitchener Harding, Jenny Ives, Duncan Kirkwood, Arch Lee, Isaiah Sankey, Kenny J. Smith, Stan Snyder, and Grayson White**.

Refreshments will be served as well.

This candidates forum is likely the best opportunity you will have to hear the candidates and find out what their vision for District Seven is. You may even get the opportunity to speak to some of them personally. Please be sure to submit your questions for the candidates to southhulldistrict@knology.net.

PLEASE NOTE

The candidates forum will take the place of SHDA's regular monthly meeting. There will be no meeting at the Fairview Farmers Market in February. The next regular meeting at the Market will be on March 31, 2011.

ARBOR WEEK

The Montgomery Tree Committee will observe Arbor Week with a calendar of events beginning on **Saturday, February 19, 2011.**



DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
Saturday 2/19/2011	Seedling giveaway	Earth Fare (East Chase)	8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Tuesday 2/22/2011	Seedling giveaway	Alabama Capitol grounds	11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Wednesday 2/23/2011	Downtown Tree Dedication	Lower Commerce Street	10:00 a.m.
Thursday 2/24/2011	Gunter AFS Arbor Day*	Child Care Center	9:30 a.m.
Friday 2/25/2011	LeGrand Park Tree Dedication	LeGrand Park	10:00 a.m.
Saturday 2/26/2011	Seedling giveaway	Fairview Farmers Market	8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Contact information for events listed: **Dianne Bush: (334) 281-4310.** All events are open to the public except the *Gunter AFS Arbor Day Celebration. We invite the community to attend and celebrate with us the renewal of our urban forest. MTC thanks the Montgomery Clean City Commission for their support during Arbor Week.

The mission of the Montgomery Tree Committee is to promote, enhance and protect the urban forest.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Greetings Neighbors!

First of all, thanks again to those of you—Cheryl, Mike, Dicky, and others—who kept our organization up and running after Lauren's departure. And thanks again to Dot and Joseph for opening their home to us for our annual Christmas party. Such gatherings are one of many factors that make SHDA special among neighborhood associations, and the food is so good that I think we could put together a cookbook! Thanks also to Dicky and Scott for getting our signs purchased and installed. We have had a productive year, have we not?

Regarding grant money, I visited with Regina at BONDS recently and discovered that she will not send out those applications for next year until June. The submission deadline will be August. Thus, we need, before our next meeting in March, to be thinking about what projects we might wish to continue or to begin. Mike has forwarded all of you on the email list a schedule of BONDS events for the coming year, and, yes, those we attend before we submit our grant do count towards the requisite eight meetings. So if you see something interesting, attend! I have the forms necessary to verify that attendance, and Mike has previously distributed them by email as well. Remember to save and attach the meeting's agenda.

Finally, what are our goals for this next year? What speakers on what subjects would you like me to invite? Be ready to discuss these matters in March. Do not forget February's political forum for our district. We need to meet and hear all of these candidates for City Council out. This election is most important for our future.

See you very soon,

Susie Paul, President

A MESSAGE FROM CHERYL HARDLEY

Dear SHDA Members and Neighbors:

I recently served as Acting President from October 2010 through our January 2011 meeting. I also served as Vice President of SHDA for six years. It has been my pleasure to have served in these capacities for such a committed group.

I have lived in the South Hull District since 1982 and have been part of the Association since the late 1980s. Over the years, I have tried to contribute in many ways: I introduced the idea of neighborhood yard signs for memberships. I coordinated the first street block party on South Hull Street. I developed and coordinated the Neighborhood Maintenance Plan, and I arranged for the first SHDA meeting at the Fairview Farmers Market.

I have seen much change, but I thank God that the staple that holds this community together is the good people who live here, who continue to work together to keep our neighborhood as safe as possible, by looking out for one another, and who sacrifice to keep a viable neighborhood association together. I hope we will share many more successful years together as we work to keep the South Hull District, in my opinion, the best Montgomery neighborhood in which to live.

Blessings,

Cheryl Lang-Hardley

YARD OF THE MONTH

Our "Love Where You Live" family this March is Liz and Kendrick Arrington, their son Kendrick, and their daughter Candice. Their home, a very neat taupe/gray house with white trim, offset with black shutters, is located at 3338 South Perry Street. Liz told me her family bought the house from her grandmother, Mrs. Ingersoll, about seven years ago. The Arringtons have worked on every room. They gutted the interior of the house, redid the baths, and exposed the hardwood floors. Liz says her favorite feature is the spaciousness of the home, especially the large bedrooms. An unusual feature is the maid's quarters. The Arringtons are members of our South Hull District Association.

Liz and the rest of the family keep busy. For example, she spent Saturday morning with her daughter and her daughter's friends and their Girl Scout cookies!

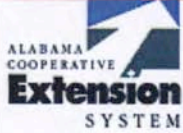
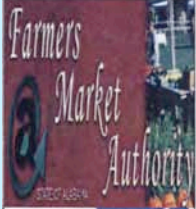
SHDA congratulates the the Arringtons on their beautiful, well-kept home and thanks them for helping make the South Hull District a place where we can all "love where we live."



The South Hull District Association News is published by the South Hull District Association: **SUSI PAUL, President** **WALTER THOMAS, Vice-President**; **DOROTHY JAMES and SARAH GAY EDWARDS, Co-Secretaries**; **DICKY SANFORD, Treasurer**. The South Hull District Association meets at 6:00 p.m. on the last Thursday of every month at the Fairview State Farmers Market, 60 West Fairview Avenue. Dates and featured speakers are announced in this newsletter. The SHDA hosts featured speakers on a variety of subjects of interest to our members and neighbors. Everyone is welcome. Please join us in our efforts to improve our neighborhood for the benefit of all residents. **MIKE FALZONE** is Editor of the South Hull District Association News. Submit articles and other materials no later than two weekends before the meeting date to southhulldistrict@knology.net

FAIRVIEW FARMERS MARKET CORNER

Workshop Partners:



Alabama A&M and Auburn Universities

SIGN UP TODAY

Topics to be discussed:

- Tips and techniques to preparing and planting a garden
- Health and monetary benefits of growing your own fresh produce
- How, what, when, where, and why do I plant?
- Youth involvement
- Cost
- Feeding others

Space is Limited!



Register Today!
Fairview Farmers Market
 Fairview Avenue
 Montgomery, AL 36108
 Contact: Flora Brown (334) 263-5759

WORKSHOP DATE and TIME TBA

Cost: Three (3) non-perishable food items per participant
Send your registration to the Montgomery County Extension Office (by February 20th): (334) 260-6206 (fax) or Two East Office Center; 400 Eastern Blvd., Suite 107 Montgomery, AL 36117-2043

PLEASE WRITE LEGIBLY

Name: _____
 Email Address: _____
 Mailing Address: _____
 Home Phone: _____
 Work Phone: _____
Questions: Contact Roosevelt Robinson at (334) 740-9682 or robinrl@aces.edu



For March 2011, the Fairview Farmers Market continues to offer winter produce and preserves of all kinds. Additionally, the Market welcomes Bubbles Bailey, with her assortment of soaps and lotions, all organic, to its lineup of vendors.

The Market also extends a welcome to its new Commissioner of Agriculture, **Mr. John McMillan**.

SHDA thanks Manager **Flora Brown** for her continued hospitality in hosting the monthly SHDA meetings and providing wonderful refreshments. The Market continues to be our neighborhood source for the finest in Alabama produce all year long.

At certain times of year, the Market conducts special activities and hosts groups of various kinds. Special programs, such as the one announced below, are also offered from time to time.



South Hull District Association
 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

DATE: _____ NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ TELEPHONE NO. _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

\$25.00 YEARLY DUES PAID ON new member 2011 renewal

Bring to the next meeting or mail to
DICKY SANFORD, Treasurer, SHDA,
 146 East Fairview Avenue, Montgomery, AL 36105.

SHDA MAINTENANCE PLAN

The South Hull District Association needs your support in maintaining the beauty and cleanliness of our Neighborhood. First, we encourage you to attend at the SHDA neighborhood meetings which are held at 6:00 p.m. on the last Thursday of the month at the Fairview State Farmers Market. Secondly, we ask you to support the SHDA Maintenance Plan, which encourages everyone to be mindful of and adhere to some key city ordinances regarding maintenance of residential property. SHDA wants to do everything possible to make the South Hull District an area people want to move into--not out of! Thirdly, we ask neighbors to report violations of city ordinances, such as loud music, parking on the grass, overgrown lawns, etc. by:

1. telephoning Eddie Hill at (334) 241-2068;
2. reporting violations on line by using the "Frequently Asked Questions" link on the City of Montgomery's Internet web site, <http://www.montgomeryal.gov/3719.aspx>.
3. reporting violations to the SHDA Maintenance Plan Coordinator who will send out the South Hull District Association Maintenance Plan Notice (see notice form below).

The SHDA works together. We recognize that sometimes a neighbor may need assistance with maintaining some of the ordinances. SHDA doesn't mind being neighborly and a blessing to someone in need. If you have a need, please attend the next meeting and let us see how we may help. Meetings are held monthly from the Fairview State Farmers Market, on the last Thursday at 6:00 p.m. If you should receive a **SHDA Maintenance Plan Notice** in the future, we hope that you will receive it in the spirit of love and appreciation for our community.

South Hull District Association Maintenance Notice

In order to keep the South Hull District neat, wholesome, and clean, the SHDA is implementing the SHDA Maintenance Plan. The Plan endorses the City of Montgomery's ordinances regarding the maintenance of residential property. SHDA kindly asks you to rectify any of the violations described below. If you need assistance in rectifying an issue, please attend the next SHDA meeting and let the Association know how we may help. Meetings are held the last Thursday in each month from the Fairview State Farmers Market at 6:00 p.m.

Thank You Kindly,
South Hull District Association

Referenced Ordinances:

Article II – General Nuisances

Sec. 12-36. Parking of vehicles on property.

- (a) *Parking in front yard.* **It shall be unlawful...to park a motor vehicle in the front yard** of any residential building including, but not limited to, rental residential buildings, boardinghouses and apartment buildings.
- (b) *Repair of motor vehicles in front yard.* **It shall be unlawful...to restore or repair any motor vehicle in the front yard** of any residential building including, but not limited to, rental residential buildings, boardinghouses and apartment buildings.
- (c) *Display of vehicles for sale on vacant property.* **It shall be unlawful...to display any motor vehicle or boat for sale, rent or lease on vacant or undeveloped property,** and no owner or occupant of vacant or undeveloped property shall allow or permit such displays.
- (d) *Displaying or offering motor vehicle for sale upon private property.* **It shall...be unlawful for any person to display and offer for sale a motor vehicle...upon any private property** within the city that is not properly zoned and upon which a business, properly licensed for the sale of motor vehicles, is situated...

(Ord. No. 28-2002, art. III, §§ 1-3, 6-4-2002; Ord. No. 15-2005, 3-15-2005; Ord. No. 5-2007, §§ I, II, 1-2-2007)

Sec. 12-37. Accumulation of litter, trash and junk prohibited and declared a nuisance.

It shall be unlawful...for any owner, occupant or person in control of any property within the city **to allow the accumulation of litter, trash, junk or...mud.** Such property shall include, but not be limited to, sidewalks, city right-of-way strips, alleys, parking lots, driveways, grounds, fences, walls, property lines, privately owned storm drains, and vacant lots within the city.

(Ord. No. 28-2002, art. IV, § 1, 6-4-2002)

Sec. 12-103. Prohibited generally and declared a nuisance.

- (a) **It shall be unlawful...**for any occupant, owner or person in control of any property within the city **to allow an abundance of overgrown grass or weeds** to exist if any of the following conditions are met:
 - (1) The grass or weeds provide breeding grounds and shelter for rats, mice, snakes, mosquitoes and other vermin, insects and pests.
 - (2) The grass or weeds attain such heights and dryness so as to constitute a serious fire threat or hazard.
 - (3) The grass or weeds bear wingy or downy seeds, when mature, that cause the spread of weeds, and when breathed, irritation to the throat, lungs and eyes of the public.
 - (4) The grass or weeds are capable of hiding debris, such as broken glass or metal, which could inflict injury on any person going upon the property.
 - (5) The grass or weeds are unsightly.
 - (6) If not grown as ornamental plant growth, **the grass or weeds exceed 12 inches in height.**

State law references: Code of Alabama 1975, § 11-67-60.

REMEMBER TO VOTE FOR THE CANDIDATE OF YOUR CHOICE IN THE SPECIAL ELECTION FOR CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT SEVEN ON MARCH 8, 2011

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UPCOMING BONDS ACTIVITIES

- ★ BONDS Gathering of Neighborhood luncheon will be held on **March 15, 2011**. There will be a conversation about public education lasting one and a half hours. The luncheon/meeting begins at 12:00 noon at the First Baptist Church Caring Center, corner of South Perry Street and Adams Avenue. Call BONDS at 241-2126 to make a reservation for lunch. the cost is \$6.00.
- ★ The Neighborhood Leadership Institute will begin in **March 2011**. Applications are now being accepted. To obtain an application and more information, please contact BONDS at 241-2207.
- ★ Neighborhoods USA (NUSA) annual conference will be **May 25-28** in Anchorage, AK. For more information regarding the conference and NUSA check out the website at www.nusa.org. This is a wonderful conference for those of you working in your neighborhoods and community. It is often helpful to talk with people that are doing the similar things for a similar purpose strengthening the quality of life.
- ★ A training session on Housing Codes, led by Thomas Karrh, is scheduled for **March 16, 2011, at 12:00 noon** at the BONDS offices located in the Intermodal Facility at 495 Moulton Street.