



SOUTH HULL DISTRICT ASSOCIATION NEWS



JULY 2011

SPECIAL SHDA MEETING JULY 28, 2011

July's meeting will *not* be a regular membership meeting at the Fairview Farmers Market. Instead, **President Susie Paul** will host a meeting at her home, **3202 South Hull Street**, at the corner of South Hull and Mt. Vernon, to work on historic designation issues, at **5:30 p.m., Thursday, July 28, 2011**. Specifically, people who wish to volunteer to go door-to-door gathering signatures on historic designation petitions, prepare correspondence to out-of-town property owners, and perform other tasks associated with helping the South Hull District achieve historic designation should plan to attend this meeting.

Susie has graciously offered to make this a supper meeting. She will provide supper and beverages. Anyone who would like to bring a dessert should RSVP to susie.paul56@gmail.com.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS AUGUST 23, 2011

It seems as though we just left the polls, having elected a new City Council Representative for District 7 in April. But once again election season is upon us, as evidenced by the political signs popping up on street corners and front yards all over Montgomery.

According to the Office of Montgomery County Probate Judge Reese McKinney, the following dates are important:

- ★ **August 12** - Last day to register to vote in August's municipal elections
- ★ **August 18** - Last day to apply for an absentee ballot
- ★ **August 22** - Deadline to hand-deliver an absentee ballot to the Probate Judge's office
- ★ **August 22** - Deadline for absentee ballots to be postmarked (they must be received at The Election Center by 12:00 noon on August 23, 2011)
- ★ **August 23 - ELECTION DAY**

Voter turnout for the District 7 special election in March and the District 7 runoff election in April was abysmal. The voting booth is our best chance to express our desires when it comes to our government and who runs it. Our democracy depends on participation by all those eligible to vote. If you are not currently registered to vote, please contact The Montgomery Election Center at **832-1281** and/or visit www.montgomeryelectioncenter.org today. Our municipal leaders should be selected with more than a single- or double-digit percentage of eligible voter turnout. Do your part and **VOTE** on August 23, 2011.

THE EDITOR

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Dear Neighbors,

As you may already know, we are organizing ourselves for a push to finish the job we started with Lauren Dunning as president to gain historic designation for our neighborhood. Such designation, all sources suggest, protects, even raises, our property values. It helps us maintain the historic character of our beloved homes. It reassures, even attracts, buyers to our area, buyers who want to live among us as members of our community.

Quite a few of our neighbors have been most generous in offering their help. **Christy Anderson**, who guided us through the initial phase of this process, will be joining us for our July volunteers' meeting. Also, **Frank Powell**, a local realtor who was part of the Capitol Heights neighborhood's successful campaign for historic designation, has asked to attend. **Sandra Nickel** has offered to find and contact out-of-town property owners for us. Finally, **Todd Kirk**, "Mayor" of Old Cloverdale, has sent out a request for volunteers from his constituency to help us seek letters of permission.

I will do my best to have the necessary tasks organized when I see you all on July 28. But we will need to hear Christy and Frank, both familiar with this process, on how to approach our neighbors, what to say, and how to answer any questions they might have. It will be a busy meeting.

If you wish to volunteer, and I sincerely hope you will, I look forward to seeing you there.

Susie Paul, President,

South Hull District Association

SOUTH HULL'S QUEST FOR HISTORIC DESIGNATION

Some time ago, former SHDA President **Lauren Dunning** spearheaded an effort to seek historic designation for the South Hull District. Much had to be done to prepare the necessary paperwork and secure the required photographs of every home in the district. All this was done and presented to the City of Montgomery's Planning & Controls Division, and the petition phase was begun.

In order to satisfy the requirements for historic designation, **60 percent of South Hull property owners must sign and submit a petition** like the one shown below. While some owners have already done so, there is a long way to go to reach the 60 percent mark. If you have not submitted a petition yet, please study the one shown below, which is a copy of the one mailed by the City to each property owner of record. The South Hull District Association strongly urges you to sign the petition and send it to the City of Montgomery for processing. You can cut the petition below from this newsletter, sign it, and send it to the City.

Securing the signatures of 60 percent of property owners is going to require much legwork and correspondence. Some property owners live out of town or even out of state. The signature of a resident is not sufficient; the signature of the *actual property owner or owners* is required. (If a property is owned jointly, *all* co-owners must sign the petition.

While efforts to pursue historic designation have been made from time to time over the years, this effort is the only one to get as far as it has. Now is not time to stop. Rather, we need to put all the effort we can into getting the necessary petitions signed and submitted to the City. **Your help is needed now!**

PETITION FOR DESIGNATION AS AN HISTORIC DISTRICT

City of Montgomery

I am a homeowner in the proposed Historic District known as "the South Hull District," a neighborhood more specifically described on the rear of this page. By signing this petition, I am asking that my neighborhood be designated a Historic District under the City's preservation ordinance, Municipal Ordinance No. 28-2004.*

This is a summary of the ordinance:

If sixty per cent (60%) of the homeowners in my neighborhood sign this petition, the Montgomery Historic Commission will consider the request for designation as a Historic District.

If the Historic Commission recommends the petition to the City Council, the Council then votes on it. If the Council approves, the neighborhood is "designated" as a Historic District. Council approval means that every house in the neighborhood is subject to the City's preservation ordinance.

If my neighborhood is "designated," construction, demolition and remodeling in my neighborhood must be approved by the Architectural Review Board (ARB.) No permit for building, demolishing, repairing or remodeling any structure within a Historic District shall be issued by the City unless plans have been approved by the ARB, or by the Circuit Court on appeal. This also applies to "landscaping" as defined below. It does not apply to interior changes of any kind.

The ARB's purpose is to preserve and protect buildings of historical and architectural value in the City's Historic Districts. Before a homeowner can demolish, repair, alter or construct any structure within a Historic District, the ARB must approve the homeowner's request**, and the homeowner must get a permit from the City's Chief Building Official. Fines for violating the ordinance can range from fifty dollars (\$50.00) to five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

Landscaping includes grading, paving, construction of walkways, driveways, pools, walls and fences, and all other surface additions and improvements. The ARB has no authority over the planting or removal of plant materials, other than removal of trees 12" or more in diameter. Removal of even such trees will be permitted unless removal would, in the judgment of the ARB, have a net material adverse impact on the character and appearance of the District.

The ARB has no jurisdiction over routine, necessary maintenance of a building or property where previously existing materials are to be replaced with identical materials, or where existing paint is to be replaced with paint of substantially the same color.

The ARB has published an extensive selection of approved body and trim paint colors and roofing materials for use on buildings within the Historic Districts. Any person using these pre-approved colors or materials on a building within a Historic District need not appear before the Board, but changes to the building other than painting with such pre-approved colors must still be approved by the Board as otherwise provided in this ordinance. Persons wishing to use colors not part of the approved selection may apply to the ARB for approval.

I ask that my neighborhood be designated as a Historic District.

Signed: _____
 Homeowner Date

Address: _____
 City, State Zip Code

Lot Block Plat Name

*You can get a complete copy of this ordinance by contacting the City Clerk at 241-2096.

**If the ARB denies the request, a homeowner can appeal to the Circuit Court.

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

CHEAP FOOD

BY SUSIE PAUL:

Food prices are escalating! At least that is my sense of things. And many of us are living on incomes that do not escalate. Or we are struggling to feed not just ourselves, but families. What can we do to stretch our food budgets beyond clipping coupons, shopping sales and big box stores, or eating in a way that diminishes our health and that of our families?

The idea of researching this issue came to me when I discovered, quite by accident, that having turned 60, I could save 5 percent on my groceries at Publix if I shopped on Wednesday! I also discovered online coupon sites like AllYou.com, where I was delivered printable coupons for all sorts of products. Every little bit helps. Then a neighbor told me about Angel Food, a program that offers much more substantial savings, if more limited choices. For about \$30 a month (and there is no contract), one can order a box of food that feeds a "senior" for a month, a family of four for at least a week. Other options are also available, including a box of complete frozen meals, an especially good option for older individuals.

Angel Food is not a program that requires that one prove need. Anyone can qualify simply by going online, finding a local distributor (there are a few in Montgomery), looking at the menu for the month, and placing an order on the website, by visiting the distribution site, or even by phone. There is a deadline each month, of course, by which one must order each box, and one must pick up the groceries. There are no home deliveries. Does it sound too good to be true? Truly, there are no strings; the only disadvantages being that the menus are fixed each month and do include some processed foods, though there are supplemental all-meat and all-produce packages. And the website even includes recipes.

Pastors **Joe** and **Linda Wingo** founded Angel Food in Monroe, Georgia, in 1994, at first feeding 34 families from their back porch. The program now feeds 500,000 families in 35 states. It is non-profit, non-denominational, and its food is distributed both through churches and community organizations. Using volume buying from suppliers, Angel Food is able to deliver roughly \$65 of food for \$30 (this a modest estimate of savings!). The boxes do not include out-of-date or inferior quality products. Check this out! Go online to **Angel Food Ministries**, Montgomery, Alabama, at www.angelfoodministries.com, visit **Grace Worship Center at 3929 Atlanta Highway**, or call **(334) 281-7516** or **(334) 590-8766**.

July's menu includes chicken breasts, hamburger, pork chops, a fettucine and chicken casserole, pancake mix, frozen green beans and other vegetables, among many other foods. Next month I will talk about *Meals on Wheels*.

FAIRVIEW FARMERS MARKET CORNER

All the summer produce is in abundance at the Market now, including many kinds of peas, beans, and squash, including pattypan, butternut, and spaghetti squash. Also, there are plenty of cucumbers, Chilton County peaches, various kinds of watermelon, tomatoes, and all the summer vegetables and fruits one could hope to find in one place.

As always, the South Hull District Association thanks **Flora Brown** for her continued hospitality to our group, which has been meeting at the Fairview Farmers Market for many years now.

Be sure to show your support for our neighborhood market and get the best and the freshest Alabama produce available anywhere. The Market is located at **60 West Fairview Avenue** and is open seven days a week.

CLOVERDALE ROAD-CLOVERDALE VILLAGE UPDATE



Although the construction on Cloverdale Road is not totally complete, the barriers have come down, and vehicular traffic can once again travel on Cloverdale Road between Felder Avenue and Norman Bridge Road. There is access to all the shops, restaurants, and other businesses in the area, and street parking has been enhanced. The intersection of Cloverdale and Graham is now a four-way stop, which will hopefully serve to reduce the speed of traffic through the area. Some work remains to be done, mostly between Felder Avenue



BUILDING OUR NEIGHBORHOODS FOR DEVELOPMENT & SUCCESS (BONDS)

BONDS RESOURCE TRAINING

- ☀ **Neighborhood Safety Tips:** July 26, 2011, at 5:30 p.m., facilitator: Derrick Cunningham, Montgomery County Sheriff's Office
- ☀ **Need Help Telling Your Story?:** August 9, 2011, at 12:00 noon, facilitator: Beth Gribble, *Montgomery Advertiser*
- ☀ **Community Development:** August 24, 12:00 noon, facilitator: Desmond Wilson, Department of Planning
- ☀ **Creating a Newsletter:** September 6, 2011, at 5:30 p.m., facilitator: Janeen Bush, Bush Signs
- ☀ **Parliamentary Procedure:** September 13, 2011, 5:30-7:00 p.m., facilitator: Sherri Cook

BONDS RESOURCE TRAINING WILL BE HELD AT
25 WASHINGTON AVENUE
3rd FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

PARTNERS IN EDUCATION NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Partners in Education is looking for volunteers: To discover the great opportunities available to help motivate a student toward a positive lifestyle, please contact Sonya Stallworth, PIE mentoring Program Director, by phone at (334) 240-0918, or by email at sstallworth@montgomerypie.org. To learn more, visit PIE's web site at www.montgomerypie.org.

BONDS' GATHERING OF NEIGHBORHOODS

The third Tuesday of every month, BONDS hosts GON. This is a luncheon forum for neighborhood association members to meet and discuss neighborhood issues. Each month features a speaker on topics important to neighborhoods and residents. The luncheons are held at the First Baptist Church Caring Center, corner of South Perry Street and Adams Avenue, at 12:00 noon. Call the BONDS office to make a reservation for lunch. (SHDA needs a representative to attend!)

YELLOW DOT PROGRAM

The Yellow Dot Program was created to assist citizens during automobile accidents when they might not be able to communicate for themselves. A Yellow Dot in the rear window of your vehicle will alert all first responders to the vital information in your glove compartment. This will help to ensure that you receive the medical attention you need during that "Golden Hour" after a crash or other vehicle emergency involving your vehicle.



The Yellow Dot Program is the first of its kind in the state of Alabama. The program is a cooperative effort between local police officers, sheriff's deputies, state troopers, emergency medical services, local fire departments, and senior groups to assist our citizens in time of need when they might not be able to help themselves. Although the program is geared primarily toward senior citizens, anyone may participate.

The Yellow Dot Program is sponsored and funded by the Governor's Highway Safety Office and the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs, Law Enforcement Traffic Safety Division.

Where to sign up:

Montgomery County Sheriff's Office: (334) 832-4980,
www.MontgomerySheriff.com
Frazer United Methodist Church

BONDS

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SHDA NOTICES

- If you have recently joined the South Hull District Association but have not received an SHDA sign for your front yard, please contact President **Susie Paul** at 220-3925 or susie.paul56@gmail.com.
- If you are a SHDA member but have not yet paid your dues for 2011, please bring your dues payment to the June 30, 2011, meeting or send a check payable to South Hull District Association to Treasurer **Dicky Sanford**, 146 East Fairview Avenue, Montgomery, AL 36105.
- Volunteers are needed for a variety of functions, from newsletter delivery to newsletter printing to canvassing for historic designation petitions to designing a South Hull District web site and much more. To donate your skills and time to your neighborhood association, contact SHDA President Susie Paul.



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