



# SOUTH HULL DISTRICT ASSOCIATION NEWS



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## SHDA SPRING PICNIC

SHDA members and neighbors gathered in the 3100 block of South Hull Street and Saturday, May 6, 2011. Our master chefs, **Joseph James** and **Tony Warner** were hard at work, grilling the best burgers, hot dogs, Conecuh sausage, and wings known to mankind. Members and neighbors brought salads, baked beans, coleslaw, macaroni and cheese, desserts, and much more. SHDA Vice President **Walter Thomas** showed up with the music and added ambiance to the event, including a tune by Nancy Wilson that this ancient editor recognized as having been performed *many* years ago by the late, great Dinah Washington.



*Best Chefs in Town!*



*Our Secretary!*



*District 7 Councilman Arch Lee*



*Hula Hoops Are Back in South Hull!*



*Enjoying the Shade!*

Many thanks to all those who helped out: President **Susie Paul** for making all the arrangements with the City; Chefs **Joseph James** and **Tony Warner** for once again serving up the best burgers, hot dogs, wings, and Conecuh sausage in town; Vice President **Walter Thomas** for the music; and all those who brought delicious dishes to share with everyone and helped set up and take down tables.

We also appreciated the opportunity to meet and get to know our newly elected District Seven City Council Representative **Arch Lee**, who attended with two of his young sons. They all appeared to enjoy themselves, and several members and neighbors took advantage of the occasion to bring some neighborhood issues to Mr. Lee's attention. We look forward to Mr. Lee being a frequent visitor to SHDA meetings and hope he will be our featured speaker for an upcoming meeting.

**CLOVERDALE VILLAGE IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS!!****Aerial Photography by Jay Taffett of JMT Aviation**

**BY OLIVER SMYTH.** Some of our neighbors seem to think the Cloverdale Village business area is closed. That is *not* the case. All the businesses on Cloverdale Road are open, accessible, and have parking available (yes, it is hectic at lunch!). Some people who have frequented Cloverdale Village over the years are confused by the blockades and have decided the road is closed to them. Most understand “LOCAL BUSINESS TRAFFIC ONLY” means area streets are open if one wants to shop, have clothes altered, cars serviced, bank, get one’s hair done, eat or drink, but through traffic on Cloverdale Road must detour to Felder Ave.

**Jay Taffett** of JTM Aviation recently took the aerial photograph (above) showing the construction underway on Cloverdale Road. It shows streets are accessible, parking is available (but underutilized), and, hopefully, all the businesses are open.

The intersection of Graham Street and Cloverdale Road is closed making

navigation more difficult. Shops on both ends of Cloverdale Road can be reached even if one’s usual route must be altered due to construction. The Brass Fountain Shoppes’ parking lot is accessible via its wide entrance, and the A&P Shoppes have street parking in front on Cloverdale Road’s 500 block accessed from Cloverdale Road and Felder Ave. There is no question about the 400 block of Cloverdale Road being open after looking at the picture with all the parked cars. Parking is also available on Graham Street.

Tang’s customers unfortunately cannot access that business from Cloverdale Road. Instead, they must turn onto Graham Street from Felder Avenue.

Cloverdale Service Center can be reached from Graham Street or Cloverdale Road. Regions Bank and the shops and restaurants in the 400 block are accessible from Norman Bridge Road and South Decatur Street.

A few of the businesses have been hurt by the misperception they are unreachable or closed due to the construction. The photo above clearly shows the streets are open, though reaching one’s destination may be more difficult than usual. Once the Cloverdale Village Project is completed, this part of the district will be more pedestrian-friendly and fully handicapped-accessible, with wider sidewalks and trees. Traffic calming techniques are being utilized to reduce traffic speeds on the streets.

Cloverdale Village is open for business. Visit your favorite shops and eateries today!

*(EDITOR’S NOTE: Oliver Smyth is Cloverdale Village’s representative on the board of Historic Southview Inc., which is involved in this project and several others in the area. He and his wife have been residents of Old Cloverdale for more than 30 years. Several districts, including South Hull, are encompassed by Historic Southview, Inc.)*

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### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Greetings, Neighbors!

Thank you to everyone who made our annual picnic so much fun. Joseph and Tony brought their grills—along with tables and chairs and other necessities—and did the cooking, hot dogs and hamburgers as well as Joseph's famous wings. The rest of our group supplied all manner of side dishes, from macaroni and cheese to apple-cranberry pie, with all kinds of salads in between. The weather was absolutely beautiful, and we sat together in the quiet, shade-dappled street, talking and laughing and watching the children climb a tree or two and generally chase around until they were exhausted.

This event behind us, however, it is time to focus on a couple of priorities. First, we need a volunteer to write our BONDS grant for 2012; the applications will be sent out next month, grants due in August. Be reminded as well that if each of us will attend one of the meetings included in Regina's regular, emailed lists (reiterated by Mike in his memos), we will not have to scramble when it is time to be held accountable for such attendance in order to get whatever money we are granted!

Given our recent close call with the post office over mailboxes, we should be reminded that we must get moving on the historical designation campaign. As Barbara and Cheryl discovered as they gathered signatures and spread information regarding the mail-box situation, going door-to-door may be the very best way to accomplish getting the required number of signed letters.

See you at the next meeting, the last Thursday in May.

Susie Paul

President, SHDA

### FAIRVIEW FARMERS MARKET CORNER

The Fairview Farmers Market, located at 60 West Fairview Avenue is *open for business seven days a week*, Monday through Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Rumors have been circulating that the market had closed. Please be aware *that is not the case*. The market is now back to full-time operations under the auspices of Alabama State University. Manager **Flora Brown** continues on at the market assisting with the transition.

At this time Chilton County peaches and strawberries are now in stock, as well as all spring vegetables, fruits, peanuts, flowers, and more. Make the Fairview Farmers Market your headquarters for all your produce needs and get the best local produce from Alabama farmers. The market needs our support!

Thanks again to Ms. Flora for her continued hospitality in hosting the SHDA monthly meetings.

### MAY 26, 2010, SHDA MEETING

On May 26, 2011, at 6:00 p.m., we expect **Corporal Watts** of the Montgomery Police Department to speak to SHDA about the Neighborhood Watch program and the annual Neighbors Night Out in June. Corporal Watts is now performing the duties formerly assigned to Officer Bettis, who spoke to SHDA several months ago.

Corporal Watts was scheduled to speak to the group at our April meeting, but in the wake of the devastating tornadoes in north Alabama, he was sent to Tuscaloosa to provide assistance to local authorities there and was unable to make it to our meeting. The MPD was unable, on such short notice, to send someone else in his place.

There are other items on the agenda as well: including SHDA's bid for historic designation, an update on the two remaining SHDA signs to be erected at the corners of Court Street at Edgemont Avenue and Fairview Avenue at Norman Bridge Road, and more.

As always, the meeting will be held at the **Fairview Farmers Market, 60 West Fairview Avenue, at 6:00 p.m. Social Hour begins at 5:30 p.m.** If you have not renewed your membership for 2011, now is the time! If you have not yet become a member of SHDA, now is the time to join.

### MORE ON CLOVERDALE VILLAGE

**BY SANDRA NICKEL.** Six years ago, a group of Montgomerians—who felt the commercial corridors in Midtown had tremendous potential to enhance quality of life and property values as well—began a series of *charrettes* to envision improvements that reflected the dreams and desires of nearby residents. The second of those design brainstormings focused on the area known as Cloverdale Village around the intersection of Graham Street and Cloverdale Road.

Today those dreams are becoming reality. The Cloverdale/Graham intersection is being reworked to include not only beautification but measures to slow traffic and protect pedestrians who will be able to wander safely from shop to restaurant to lofts.

Local merchants, however, feel the dream's realization has become something of a nightmare for them. Shoppers and diners have misinterpreted the "detour" signs to mean they cannot access their favorite commercial places. But as the aerial photo on page two clearly shows, Cloverdale Village is very much open for business! So come, shop, dine, enjoy, and participate in the achievement of the dream!

**LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE**



**BY GLENDA McNAIR.** The Yard of the Month for June 2011 is located at 3245 Wilmington Road and is owned by **Barbara Wiedemann**. When she purchased her home, there was very little landscaping other than a couple of trees. She began to fill in spaces with plants and shrubs. Six years ago she purchased the lot behind her home and created a curved brick path through a lush wilderness with two water features opening onto a spacious patio. This large area allowed her to grow delicious figs, pears, peaches, loquats, blueberries, blackberries, asparagus, and a variety of herbs. Barbara enjoys sharing her home and garden with her friends, her chickens, and her dog, Angel.

Barbara has taught American Literature and Poetry at Auburn University Montgomery for 20 years. I was amazed that her home was not filled with bookcases! Instead she has used her space to display a very interesting art collection, most done by local artists.

Her very special love is backpacking in mountains around the world. She has traveled to and hiked in Bhutan, Patagonia, the Italian Dolomites, the Pyrenees, Peru, and the Himalayas.

Knowing how busy Barbara is, we can appreciate her involvement in the South Hull District Association. When residents on Wilmington Road were notified recently that they would need mailboxes at the curb, Barbara contacted the postmaster, and she and Cheryl Chamlies circulated petitions to the neighbors, working to have this order rescinded, and they were ultimately successful. Cheryl also went to each house on Wilmington with the historic designation forms. Many residents responded to their efforts.

Well done, Barbara, and thank you for helping make the South Hull District a place where we can all *love where we live!*



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