



The DRAMTREE

The Sunset Park Neighborhood Association, Inc. Newsletter, Page 1

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DATE: April 2005

NOTICE OF MEETING

**A meeting of the Greater Sunset Park
Neighborhood Association, Inc. will
be held:**

**Thursday April 21, 2005
From 7:00 PM until 8:30 PM.
Sunset Park Baptist Church
231 Central Blvd.**

AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

**Presentation by Mr. Salvador Vasquez, of
Efficient Air Flow, regarding the fire hazards
created by lint build-up in clothes dryers. A
home was destroyed recently by fire caused
by this problem.**

**Sgt. Dyl, of the National Guard has been
invited to attend and answer questions
regarding some of their nighttime activities
that have affected our neighborhood.**

Presidents Message:

We had an excellent meeting in January, with Chief Evangelous providing candid and enlightening insight to the problems and challenges the city faces on a daily basis. Captain Hickman and Lt. Hinson were also present, and provided input

We sincerely appreciate the Chief and the total police force, and the attention they are giving to our concerns. We have an excellent relationship with the force, and communicate regularly with the officers assigned to our area.

I want to emphasize the position taken by Chief Evangelous; that all criminal activity and suspicious activity should be reported. If it is not

reported, the police cannot address the specific crime, nor can they develop an overall picture of the neighborhood.

We are in the process of awarding the contract for construction of the entrance sign on Carolina Beach Road/Central Blvd. entrance. This process should be completed within the next two to three weeks.

**Johnnie N. Henagan, President
President, 762-8596**

THE HEALING FIELD

On memorial Day weekend, at Battleship North Carolina, a tribute to our fallen servicemen and women in Iraq and Afghanistan will be conducted. The Exchange Club of Lower Cape Fear is planning the display of 1700 American women who have paid the supreme sacrifice for our country.

To buy flags: Order forms are available at all BB&T Bank branches, or online at www.healingfield.org/wilmington. The flags cost \$25. Call 791-1557 for more information.

SIDEWALK REPAIRS

Our long-awaited need for sidewalk repairs is being met. The city is expending approximately \$350,000 of our tax money to repair and replace sidewalks in our area. This is a much-needed improvement, and is sincerely appreciated.

Occupants are responsible to keep sidewalks clean, clear of litter, leaves, grass, overhanging limbs, and parked vehicles. This includes keeping the street yard (between the sidewalk and the street) mowed, raked, and clear of litter. Garbage cans, recycling containers, and yard trash are picked up on Fridays. They may be put out on Thursday evenings, and emptied containers must be put away by noon on Saturday per city code. Violations of the above could result in citations and subsequent fines.

SIDEWALK REPAIR (Continued)

Make sure you do not blow or sweep leaves, litter or debris into the storm drains. This, too, is illegal and can result in citations and fines.

POLICE UPDATE

The city recently announced that the police will be issuing citations with possible fines if you are caught throwing trash (especially cigarette butts) on the ground or street. North Carolina has littering laws, and they are now being enforced.

Please remember that the speed limit in our area is 25 miles per hour. We are seeing more and more drivers ignoring this ordinance.

The police are also concerned that so many of our homes are dark at night, making your home and the neighborhood a safety and security risk. Without adequate porch and outdoor lighting, homes are difficult to locate by emergency personnel, house numbers can't be read, and darkness provides an invitation for criminal activity. Please leave your porch lights on and trim your bushes, so when the police patrols our area at night, they can see any suspicious activities.

The number to call to report any suspicious activity is **341-4255**. In case of an emergency, always call **911**.

YARD OF THE MONTH

December – January:

Mr. & Mrs. Grover Oxendine
405 Northern Blvd.

Feb – March:

Karen Hall
901 Woodlawn Ave.

Congratulation and thanks for your hard work and dedication to the beautification of our neighborhood.

If you wish to recommend a yard for this honor, please call Jeanne Fisher at 763-2666.

HUGO NEU UPDATE

A Brunswick County citizens group has filed legal action and is now working at the legislative level to prevent the Hugo Neu landfill project. There is a website where you can sign a protest petition "No Hugo Neu Landfill": (<http://www.thepetitionsite.com/takeaction/155621293?tl+1110488309>).

Interesting information regarding Hugo Neu can be found at the following website: (<http://swampwatch.org/hugoneu.html>). If you have difficulty reaching these sites, please email me and I will provide the shortcuts. We will keep you updated as this situation continues to develop.

Your comments are invited. Please email SPNA28401@aol.com or call 762-8596.

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JOIN OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP: Please complete and return with your check for \$10.00 to: SPNA, 2022 Washington St., Wilmington, NC 28401.

Name(s) _____ Address: _____

I am interested in working on a committee.

Please contact me

Phone: _____

Email: _____ Date: _____