



The DRAMTREE

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Sharing the spirit of community since 1912

DATE: July 2006

NOTICE OF MEETING

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

Tuesday July 25, 2006

From 7:00 PM until 8:30 PM.

**Sunset Park Baptist Church
231 Central Blvd.**

AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

Our special guests will be Deputy Chief of Police David B. Conklin, Jr. and Sgt. David Register. Deputy Chief Conklin serves as the Field Operations Bureau Director of the Wilmington Police Department. In his current position, he has responsibility for the divisions that conduct uniform and vice operations throughout the city. These include the Patrol Services and Special Operations Divisions. These two divisions are staffed by nearly 200 employees.

Dave came to Wilmington in October 2005 after serving with the Virginia State Police for 25½ years. He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in charge of the Bureau of Administrative and Support Services, where he was in charge of a nearly \$250 million budget and over 600 employees. Prior to serving with the Virginia State Police, he worked for the Washington, DC Police Department and Prince George's County, MD Police Department for over 9 years. He received his AAS in Police Science from Germanna Community College, BS in Liberal Arts from Regents College and his MS in Criminal Justice from Virginia Commonwealth University. He also completed the School of Police Staff and Command at Northwestern University.

Dave and his wife Joan live in the Monkey Junction area, and have two grown sons that live in Northern Virginia.

Sgt David Register commands the traffic division. He is well known for his innovative approach to traffic problems such as speeding, erratic and aggressive driving, DUI's, and the many other problems that plague our city streets. He will address our traffic concerns and respond to questions.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

It gives me great pleasure to announce the completion of the entrance sign at the intersection of Carolina Beach Rd. and Central Blvd. After about seven years of work, the sign now stands majestically to welcome everyone to Sunset Park. This could not have been accomplished without a \$5,000 grant from the city in the form of a Block Grant, over \$8,000 worth of labor, architectural drawings, plans, etc. provided by our membership as "in kind" matching funds, a generous contribution of labor, materials and funds by Bill Bencker (Decorative Concrete Solutions) who constructed the sign. In addition, you, the membership, through your dues, provided a substantial cash contribution to the project to make it a reality. Many thanks to everyone who participated.

I must mention the importance of your membership in SPNA and what it means to our neighborhood. Over the years, your dues have made possible the following activities: The printing costs for our newsletter, "The Dram Tree"; the large bronze plaques gracing our Northern Blvd. entrance; the costs involved in the study and application for National Historic Register status; supplies for periodic clean-up projects; Street Fair/children's activities; Christmas baskets (over)

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for the homebound; our annual Holiday Luminary project; receptions and recognitions, and many others. As a result, we have been able to reach out beyond the boundaries of Sunset Park and bring our neighboring communities under our umbrella, thereby creating a stronger, more viable community, sharing in the knowledge that our strength has helped to keep our crime level low, increase our property values, and making this part of the city now one of the most attractive areas, both physically and in demand for homeownership.

A sincere, heartfelt "Thank You" to all our dues paying members. You are the backbone of the organization. An open invitation is extended to all residents of the Greater Sunset Park area to participate by becoming a member.

Johnnie N. Henagan, President
762-8596

CHANGE OF MEETING DAY

Please note that we have changed our meeting day from Thursday to Tuesday. The Sunset Park Baptist Church is conducting a special program on Thursday evenings and we sincerely appreciate the Church allowing us to utilize the Fellowship Hall on Tuesdays.

YARD OF THE MONTH

June - July:

Chris & Susan Knopf - 2066 Washington St.

Many thanks for making Sunset Park a more beautiful place! To recommend a Yard, please call Jeanne Fisher at 763-2666.

DEDICATION AND RECOGNITION

Our next meeting will be in late September and will consist of a Celebration to include a Dedication of our new entrance sign followed by a reception and recognition ceremony honoring our Police, Firemen, *Star-News*, our local Churches, local supporting business, City employees, and our faithful SPNA volunteers.

Your assistance is needed to help make this a memorable event. To volunteer as part of the committee, please call Ilse Henagan at 762-8596.

SAFETY INFORMATION

The City of Wilmington Minimum Housing Code requires that all rental units must have working smoke detectors. All windows must be screened. The only exception to the screen requirement is when the rental unit has central heat and air systems.

Please keep your porch lights on every night. Burglars tend to stay away from lighted areas. Thanks for helping to keep our neighborhood safe.

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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:_____	Please remind me when my dues are due:_____
Email:_____	Date:_____