



NEWSLETTER

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A Note from the Cottontown Board

Summer has arrived in Cottontown and we hope everyone is enjoying some well-deserved R&R and staying cool.

We had some wonderful Porch Parties this spring and thanks to everyone who attended and especially to those who hosted. Thanks also to Renee Johnson for managing all of the details!

We want to thank Zach Oyer for his valuable service on the Board and wish him, Layne and Peyton good luck as they move to Florida. You will be missed!

With the changes to the bylaws and the sad loss of Paul Bouknight who served on the Board for many years, there are some updates to the Board. For the remainder of the 2023 year, the following individuals have graciously agreed to serve as follows:

Lee Jennings – Vice-President

Rick Pace – Treasurer (Rick will also assume responsibilities of Assistant Treasurer)

Joannie Nickel – Secretary

Jeannie Aull – Assistant Secretary and Newsletter Editor

All Board positions will be up for reelection at the fall meeting, and we encourage everyone to consider self-nomination and/or nominating someone they believe would help advance the neighborhood. Look for additional information on Facebook in September.

Cottontown will be participating in National Night Out on August 1, and we hope everyone can drop by. Look for additional information in the newsletter and on Facebook.

Save the Date - National Night Out

National Night Out Block Party and Ice Cream Social

Victoria Street between Wallace and Marion

Tuesday, August 1, 2023

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Filing Police Reports Online

By Lee Jennings

In case you were not at the Spring Meeting, I spoke briefly regarding filing police reports online versus in person. We had our car broken into and several items were stolen, and "No", it wasn't locked. (My Bad.) I contacted LC Hendrix and he suggested I file a Police Report online. I had no idea this was an option. I "Googled" Columbia, SC Police Department, and on the home page was the "File a Police Report" option. I clicked and followed the instructions to fill out the report. There were a few questions that I had to look up the information to provide (VIN#, license plate number, etc.) but after a few clicks, I submitted the report. Within a few minutes, I was notified my report had been accepted and filed. Within the hour I was contacted for a little more information, but that was it!

So simple and most importantly, the police got the information. No matter how small you might think a crime may be, contact the police and file a report! They want to know!

Security Camera Database

By Joannie Nickel

I serve as your Chair for the Cottontown Crime Prevention Committee along with Donna Green and Mark Dorey. As you have seen from our last post on Facebook, crime in our surrounding area is not going down. The Crime Prevention Committee would like to create a database of residents who: 1. Have security cameras on their property and 2. Are willing to share this information with the Columbia Police Department. The purpose behind the database is to help the CPD apprehend those responsible for crimes in our areas. I have had several conversations with many members of the CPD and they are looking forward to us sharing this information.

This is how it will work. If you are interested, please reach out to me with your name, address and cell phone number. We will keep everything confidential until it is needed by the CPD. If a crime has been committed near your address, by your participation, you are agreeing to have the CPD reach out to you for your footage. That is all.

Again, this is completely voluntary but could help the CPD apprehend those responsible for crimes in our area sooner. My email is joannie_nickel@att.net. Thank you for your time. Remember to lock your doors, turn on your porch lights and stay safe!

Cottontown Cornhole Competition

Special thanks to Perry Rainey, Eric Green, Jim & Renee Johnson, Frank & Robin Spaniel and Denise Wellman for joining in the First Annual Main St. Neighborhood Cornhole Competition on June 24th at Capital City Cornhole. So proud of our 2nd place finish and look forward to a rematch. Thanks to Julie Seel, Cindy Rainey and Patti Humble for cheering the team on!



New Chair of Cottontown Historic Preservation Committee

As we wish Zach Oyer and his family well, please join the Board in welcoming Cindy Rainey as chair of the Cottontown Historic Preservation Committee. Cindy was an instrumental part of the early work to investigate the expansion of our National Register District. Her leadership, and that of the entire committee, will be important as we have just been awarded a Preservation Grant by Richland County to hire a consultant. The consultant will conduct the research and complete our application so that more of our neighborhood can benefit from being a part of a National Register District.



On July 7th, longtime Cottontown resident Agnes Felder celebrated a very special 100th birthday. Cottontown claims the month of July as **Agnes Felder Month**. Best wishes and happy birthday!


Neighbor Businesses Support CPD

Thanks to Indah Coffee for donating coffee to Columbia Police Department, North Region also to the following businesses who offer them “show your badge” discounts: Cromer’s, Rambo Fat Cat Biscuit, Hot Headz Columbia Food Truck and Warmouth.

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Upcoming Board Elections

Board elections will be held in November and anyone interested in being on the slate of officers for 2024 should notify Denise Wellman at denisew2204@gmail.com by September 15, 2023. Seek out a Board member and review the bylaws at www.cottontown.us to understand the responsibilities of each office.

Save The Date – **Cottontown Fall Meeting & Elections**

Tentatively Set for Sunday, November 12th

Another date for your calendar...

Cottontown Art Crawl

Saturday, March 9, 2024

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Cottontown and Art Crawl merchandise (T-shirts, Koozies, etc.) is available to purchase.
Contact Ginger Thrift for additional information.



Join Your Neighborhood Association

Owners and renters, please join the
Cottontown/Bellevue Historic District Neighborhood Association

Dues are per calendar year. **Resident:** \$10.00 per person, or \$15.00 per household. **Business:** \$50 per business, or \$125 with 4 annual Newsletter advertisements. Businesses interested in newsletter advertisements may contact Denise Wellman to discuss options. Checks may be made payable to "Cottontown" and mailed to:

Lee Jennings
Cottontown Treasurer
2306 Sumter Street
Columbia SC 29201

Please contact Lee at lee@bagappraisals.com for additional payment options. Members must be in good standing to vote.

I would like to join the neighborhood association. Enclosed are my dues for \$ _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

I am interested helping, and would like to join a committee:

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| Traffic | <input type="checkbox"/> | Historic Preservation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Beautification | <input type="checkbox"/> | Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Social Events | <input type="checkbox"/> | Crime Prevention | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other (please specify) | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |