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City Officials Want Your Ideas for Improving Historic District Traffic

If you've ever been mired in downtown Sanford traffic or unable to find a parking space along First Street and thought you could suggest a better way for dealing with traffic, now's your chance.

Sanford Public Works Director Tom George is guest speaker for a special Trust meeting scheduled Tuesday, August 7, and the topic is traffic in the historic district. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in the social hall of First Presbyterian Church, corner of 4th Street and Park Avenue.

George said he will bring along representatives from Kittelson and Associates, a consulting firm that specializes in traffic calming and related traffic control issues. They will gather input from members regarding traffic concerns and discuss some possible solutions. "We intend to then return in September and present our findings, along with proposed projects designed to address those concerns," George said.

Trust President Chris McLeod urges all members to take advantage of an opportunity that doesn't come along often.

"No doubt the traffic issue has been on many of our minds, and now we have the opportunity to provide direct feedback to the decision-makers," Chris said. "This chance doesn't come along very often, so I hope we have a strong turnout August 7."

Chris points out that this is not a "brainstorming" meeting. The city in fact plans to take action regarding traffic and wants to gather as much public input as possible before moving forward.

For those interested in putting their thoughts about traffic into writing, a comment form can be downloaded from the city's Web site. Access the site --- www.ci.sanford.fl.us -- and scroll down to "Public Works Traffic Calming Program" and click on the hyperlink to download the form.

**Next Trust Meeting: Tuesday, August 7, 7 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church Social Hall, corner of Oak St. and Park Ave.**

Police Need Your Help to Curb Crime Flare-Up in Historic District

Sanford Police report several attempted break-ins of homes throughout the Sanford Historic District and they are asking residents to help put a stop to it.

You can do your part by contacting the Sanford Police Department if you notice any suspicious people and/or activity in the area. For non-emergencies, call (407) 322-4141 and in an emergency call 911.

Thornton said law enforcement officials are “very aware” of the situation and says all calls are important and will be given equal consideration.

The situation is similar to a rash of break-ins several months ago.

“Let’s assist our neighbors by helping make sure those who are up to no good are quickly removed,” said Trust President Chris McLeod.

A Warm Welcome to Our New Neighbors

A warm and enthusiastic welcome to our new neighbors:

* John and Tammy Rankin, 1208 South Myrtle Avenue.

* Karen and Brian Casey, 107 West 9th Street.

* Rich and Key Durham, 414 Palmetto Avenue.

And those of us who have been in the neighborhood awhile very likely have heard Trust members reminiscing about the warm welcome they received when they moved into the historic district.

Trust member Toby Troutman would welcome the neighbors on behalf of the Trust with a warm smile and a fresh-baked pie.

Now the tradition has been reborn. Liz Darwick is our one-woman welcome committee and recently has welcomed three new families to the neighborhood on behalf of the Trust.

The very special “Welcome Bags” she distributes include her homemade pound cake, chocolate chip cookies, helpful information from the Sanford Welcome Center and a few kitchen items.

So, if you know of someone new to the neighborhood, please notify Liz: (407) 330-4033, e-mail: liveoakcottage@bellsouth.net; or Trust President Chris McLeod: (407) 322-2726. e-mail: cmcleod1@eesus.jnj.com.

You've Got a Date For the Movies

Mark your calendars for your next Cinema in the Park feature.

The next feature August 3 is "The Fortune Cookie," the 1966 Billy Wilder comedy that paired Walter Matthau and Jack Lemmon for the first time. It also won Matthau an Oscar for best supporting actor.

The featured movie September 7 is North by Northwest starring Cary Grant.



Sanford is Pressing to Create Art Memories

You could say Sanford is hard-pressed for memories these days.

City residents have been helping internationally-renowned Smithsonian folk artist Gregory Warmack create a unique work of art.

Known popularly as "Mr. Imagination," Warmack is creating an outdoor memory sculpture. In early folk tradition, such sculptures – known as memory jugs -- were created by pressing mementoes and family treasures into soft clay jugs, which were passed down from generation to generation. In the same tradition, the Sanford community is being given the opportunity to preserve community and family memories by contributing to the sculpture, which is being created at Gallery on First in downtown Sanford

Saturday, July 28, Sanford Mayor Linda Kuhn was scheduled to inaugurate the project by installing the first memento, followed by artists and members of the community. The general public was invited to drop by, meet Mr. Imagination and add their mementoes Sunday, July 29 through Saturday, August 4.

The Trust also is invited to turn out as a group and press objects into the sculpture. A house restoration theme has been suggested for the Trust contribution.

For more information about the project, contact Robin Marks at Mosaic Station: (407) 323-3555.

City Commission Notes

Listed below are selected notes on action taken at recent City Commission meetings and work sessions, courtesy of City Commissioner Art Woodruff:

- * The code enforcement department will begin systematically reviewing open cases that have fines accruing, and a policy of foreclosing on liens after a set amount of time will be developed.

- * Request for a waiver of distance separation to allow alcoholic beverage sales at 417 Sanford Avenue was approved with the stipulation that it applies to the current business, not the location.

- * Interviews to fill two vacancies on the Sanford Museum Board were held. Linda Silsby Hitt and Dr. Stephen Caldwell Wright have applied.

- * Update on City Hall parking. When City Hall was built, codes required 95 parking spaces. Current codes require 166 spaces. The parking lot has 146 spaces, with 84 reserved for employees.

- * Approval of a settlement with 20/20 Media, which had a contract with the city to install bus stop shelters. Contract was canceled due to non-performance. 20/20 sued, the dispute went to mediation and a mediated settlement calls for the city to pay 20/20 \$267,500.

- * Two members were appointed to the Sanford Museum Board and city commissioners affirmed Mayor Linda Kuhn's reappointment of Melvin Philpott to the Sanford Housing Authority

