President’s Column

We have reached the time of the year when temperatures dip and fall colors inspire. Five Points continues to be a thriving area of Huntsville to live, work and play in. The number of folks walking, running and dog walking constantly grows while I often see folks walking downtown to enjoy what our community has to offer. Residents of Five Points are concerned about how growth will impact our neighborhood whether in traffic pattern changes, new construction or changing city regulations.

Several opportunities are coming to get involved with your neighbors to make a difference. Our Fall Dinner will be Tuesday, October 10 as described below. Our speaker will be one of our neighbors, James Vandiver, who will discuss Huntsville’s BIG PICTURE. James works in the Planning Department and has been instrumental in evaluating what impacts Five Points. As Huntsville develops master plans for various areas of town, Five Points will be at the lead of a process in neighborhoods to give input and shape the future plans for development, growth and city regulations.

What do you think? On Tuesday, October 17 beginning at 6 p.m. as described in this issue of The Point you will learn about how we can have significant input to this process. If you do not participate then your voice will not be heard in the continuing process to improve our community.

Another way to get involved is to volunteer to serve as an officer. We will hold elections at the Fall Dinner. If you are interested please contact one of the current officers listed for more information. I hope to see you at the Fall Dinner on October 10th.

Fred Coffey
Vice-President

Annual Fall Covered Dish Meeting

Tuesday, October 10th at 6:00 pm

Why eat alone? Over the years your neighbors have enjoyed the covered dish dinners in the Fall and Spring. Come join your Five Points neighbors for our Annual Fall Covered Dish Meeting. You do not have to be an Association member to enjoy the fun and fellowship. Meat and drinks will be provided, so bring your favorite side dish or dessert and come meet your neighbors.

Our meeting will be held October 10th at 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall of Doctrinal Bible Church on the corner of Oakwood Avenue and Russell Street. Five Points merchandise will be available for purchase.

Our speaker is James Vandiver who will tell us about Huntsville’ BIG Picture. Please join us.

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Please contact any officer if you have any questions or comments.

Upcoming Events

Oct 10 - Annual Fall Covered Dish Dinner and Officer Elections 6pm

Oct 15 - Maple Hill Cemetery Stroll 2:00-4:30pm

Oct 17 - BIG Picture Meeting 6pm

Oct 28 - Fall Clean-Up 8:30 -10:30am

Apr 9, 2018 - Spring Dinner

Sept 15, 2018 - Historic Marker Order

For more local events, activities and eats check out this Web Site: http://www.huntsville.org/
Get with the BIG Picture

The BIG Picture is the City of Huntsville’s comprehensive plan. A Comprehensive Plan is a review of an area’s land-use, transportation, and other planning-related policies, and maps out strategies for future growth. Huntsville’s last comprehensive plan was completed in 1967. The current effort began in 2014, and has included more than 20 large-scale public meetings, over 100 meetings with various groups and stakeholders, and an active online presence. Through this public involvement, the Planning staff has identified six principles that will guide the final plan:

Build a Live/Work/Thrive Community
Expand a Sustainable, Resilient Economy
Design a Mobile and Accessible Transportation Network
Maintain a Network of Exceptional Education
Support Local Arts and Culture
Develop Healthy and Active Neighborhoods

The success of the BIG Picture’s public outreach has spawned requests for Small Area Plans throughout the City, including Five Points and Northeast Huntsville. These plans utilize the principles set forth in the BIG Picture. Small Area Plans are fully created from public input and are tailored to the unique challenges facing neighborhoods and opportunity sites. The master planning effort is important because it will inform future capital expenditures in the area. Much in the way that the Ditto Master Plan has resulted in new programming and construction on the river, and the Downtown Master Plan has fostered new developments and bike/ped infrastructure construction, an updated plan for the Five Points/Northeast Huntsville area can direct efforts toward improved connectivity and neighborhood-scale redevelopment, among other opportunities.

Join the BIG Picture on October 17th at 6PM at the Cooper House (405 Randolph Ave. SE) for a charrette, where we will use interactive exercises so residents can help us create a Small Area Plan for the neighborhoods. This event is free and open to the public. Special thanks to the Central Presbyterian Church for the use of their facility.

More information on this event and the BIG Picture can be found at http://bigpicturehuntsville.com/

Maple Hill Cemetery Stroll

This year’s Maple Hill Cemetery Stroll will be held on Sunday, October 15 (rain date will be one week later, on 10/22/17). We hope you will plan to join us for opening events, greetings from Mayor Tommy Battle, and the GRAND STROLL PARADE at 1:30 p.m. All visitors are invited to view this year’s costumed re-enactors as they promenade down Main Street towards the Erskine Mausoleum, and then move into their assigned spaces as they begin interpreting over 75 historically important past citizens of Huntsville’s history from 2:00-4:30 p.m. The cemetery Sexton rings his bell at 4:30 and a bugler will play Taps to signal the end of the Stroll.

This year marks the 20th year costumed actors have been celebrating our community’s heritage in one of the country’s largest character driven cemetery strolls. Additionally, traditional music, special exhibits, student scavenger hunts, and antique autos will enhance this family friendly event in one of Huntsville’s most beautiful autumn venues. The Stroll is a beautiful backdrop for our educational mission, but it also allows us to highlight our secondary purpose of helping to preserve, repair and restore historic sections of the cemetery through financial donations and grants. While the Stroll is free to the public, donations will be welcomed and accepted at tables throughout the cemetery.

Parking in downtown city decks is free and buses will transport Strollers to the cemetery at no cost. Be sure to listen to some traditional music or visit with our newest character, a local cotton merchant, during your short wait on the west side of the courthouse square for the next bus or trolley.

HPA would like to thank the over 150 volunteers and City of Huntsville personnel who help bring local history to life on this annual autumn afternoon of fun and learning. We hope you will plan to stroll with us through history in beautiful Maple Hill Cemetery.

For more information: www.huntsvillepilgrimage.org
☆ Stars Fell on Alabama... Litter Shouldn’t!

That’s the message on signs placed at strategic spots around Five Points. But … litter does keep “happening.” So, we fight back, as we’ve been doing for over 10 years. It’s about time to do so again. Please be part of the effort.

When: Saturday, October 28th • Time: 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Where: Lewter Family Park, corner of Wellman and Windham
How: Just show up and lend a hand!

Jerry Berg / Cleanup Coordinator
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*A joint effort of the FPHDA and Operation Green Team*

☆ Historic Marker Order

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION AND PAYMENT IS September 15th, 2018**

If you would like to purchase a Marker for your historic home it’s not too early to start thinking about it. Sometimes the research required to verify the name and date is time consuming. Our next order will be placed September 15, 2018. Please contact Judy Perszyk 256-551-2957 or micasa@knology.net if you are interested and would like more information. We need at least two Markers per order or a set up fee of $35.00 will be added.

☆ FPHDA Membership

Membership in the Five Points Historic District Association is open to anyone who shares our purpose – to preserve the historic and unique character of our neighborhood. Non-resident members are entitled to attend all functions and receive our newsletter. Members who are residents/property owners are also eligible to vote on all matters brought before the general membership and hold elected or appointed office in the Association.

Dues are renewable at the end of each year and may be paid at our annual Fall Meeting in October.
Make checks payable to: FPHDA
Mailing address: FPHDA PO Box 10120 Huntsville, AL 35801

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