Spring is breaking out all around Five Points. This is one of my favorite times of the year. As you walk through our neighborhood you will see flowers blooming, trees leaving out, grass greenup, folks walking their dogs and winter dwellers reemerging on their porches to enjoy the sunshine and warmer temps. What a wonderful area to live, work and play in.

The BIG PICTURE project of the City of Huntsville continues to evolve with input from residents of Five Points, the FPHDA and the Northeast Civic Association. Community meetings have been held for discussion and input to craft a neighborhood plan for our area. At our Fall Dinner, our neighbor James Vandiver, with the COH Planning Department presented the process and solicited our input. Please visit the BIG PICTURE website (bigpicturehuntsville.com) to see what is happening and provide your thoughts. More to come soon!!

New businesses are coming to Five Points. Please stop in to see these new stores and shop locally. Part of the BIG PICTURE includes developing the commercial areas of Five Points while preserving what has made this area unique to Huntsville.

Each month residents of Five Points gather at the home of one of your neighbors to enjoy an evening of fun, food, and fellowship. Dubbed the “Fourth Friday Gatherings” these events have been going on for eleven years and have provided a wonderful opportunity to meet new neighbors. Usually everyone just brings an appetizer and beverage to share. The time is 6-8 pm on the fourth Friday of the month. To get on the invitation list send your email address to fawcett5@att.net. I have been told these gatherings are unique to Huntsville. Hope to see you at the next gathering.

Please be on the lookout for new neighbors to Five Points. It is our responsibility to welcome these new families to what we know is a great place to live. Invite them over for dinner, to our Spring Covered Dish on the 10th and to the Fourth Friday Gatherings. Together we create the fabric which is Five Points - an area that has a storied history and a bright future. Thanks for helping make Five Points special.

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Come join your Five Points neighbors for our Annual Spring 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.

Our meeting will be held April 10th at 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall of the Doctrinal Bible Church, corner of Oakwood Avenue and Russell Street. Five Points merchandise including caps, t-shirts, banners, and coasters will be available for purchase.

Our speaker will be Penny Summers. Penny graduated from the University of Alabama with a BS in History and a MS in School Administration from Alabama A&M. She taught AP History for 20 years, was Assistant Principal of Lee High School for 4 years, and Principal for 6 years. Penny is the former Regent of the Twickenham Town Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Penny will discuss WWI – “Over There” during her slide presentation on this the 100th anniversary of WWI. Please feel free to invite your neighbors especially any new neighbors. Hope to see you on the 10th.

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

Apr 10 - Annual Spring Covered Dish Meeting

May 12 – Spring Neighborhood Clean-Up

Jun 2 – FPHDA Annual Yard Sale

Sep 15 – Historic Marker Order

Oct 9 – Annual Fall Covered Dish Meeting

Oct 21 – Maple Hill Cemetery Stroll

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

www.FIVEPOINTSHISTORICDISTRICT.org
May is National Preservation Month
Keep Faith with the Historic Character of your Home
"A house comes with responsibilities, and a historic house comes with more responsibilities. We are only caretakers of these houses, which were here before we owned them and which will be here after we are gone." Jane Powell, author

New Stores and Relocation
Two new stores have opened up in the Five Points and Lincoln Village area - Holtz Leather Company (featuring leather goods, wallets, etc.) and Preservation Company which is an architectural salvage store. Both stores are located at 1214 Meridian St N in the Lincoln Village area.

In Bloom Floral Design, which currently operates a retail shop and floral studio in Five Points, has announced plans to open a sliver of a shop downtown in the Shops at Clinton Row. It will be called In Bloom Downtown and will carry fresh flowers, plants, and unique gift items with a handcrafted feel. They hope to be up and running by mid-April.

The Toy Place-Downtown has relocated to 804 Wellman Ave NE to be more convenient to their Five Points customers.

Please visit these and all of the stores, shops, and businesses in the Five Points area. Shopping locally makes a difference for our neighborhood.

Five Points Spring Clean-Up
Saturday, May 12th, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.
It’s That Time!

If you get out and look around, you’ll notice that our neighborhood could use a little TLC again. It’s been almost six months since our last neighborhood cleanup, and – wouldn’t you know – litter happens!

Things aren’t BAD yet, but, as Ben Franklin said, “a stitch in time saves nine.”
So, let’s get together again and do something to keep our streets and other public spaces looking their best. Here’s the plan:
-- Meet at Lewter Family Park (corner of Windham & Wellman) at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday May 12th.

-- Team up with neighbors for an hour or two so we can spread out across Five Points and pick up litter & trash.
-- The only requirement is to show up, ready for some walking. Supplies will be furnished by the city’s Operation Green Team.

Thanks much, and hope to see you on the 12th.
Jerry Berg (jerry44@wowway.net)

FPHDA Website
Did you know our Association has a website? We are continually updating our information so this can become your one stop guide for living in the Five Points Historic District. Here you will find useful contact information, an interesting archive of newsletters and past events, membership information, important City phone numbers, Historic Marker information, helpful links and much more.

Please visit us!
www.fivepointshistoricdistrict.org
FPHDA Yard Sale

Saturday June 2nd  7:00 am – Until

It’s time to clean out those garages, attics and dusty closets. Every year our Five Points Historic District Association sponsors a Historic District wide yard sale. Individuals are encouraged to have a yard sale at their residence or partner with friends and neighbors. Yard sale patrons love concentrated events like this, which will bring many new faces into our beautiful neighborhood. Our Association will advertise this event in the Huntsville Times as well as post flyers at nearby businesses. If you want a sign for your yard to advertise the week prior, contact Bert Peake at bert@hgpeake.com

Historic Marker Order

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION AND PAYMENT IS SEPTEMBER 15th.

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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