

# Summer 2003 Newsletter



## From the president:

Dear Neighbors,

Congratulations to all of the neighborhood kids who raked in the “goods” at this year’s **Easter Egg Hunt**. Once again, Scottie King put on a well-executed event which everyone seemed to enjoy.

The association is still pursuing funds from the City and other organizations to replace our **neighborhood signs**. No one has committed to fund the signs at this time, but the sign committee is still pursuing all possible options.

I would like to thank all of the neighbors who have **donated a total of \$400** to the sign campaign. These donations are critical to our efforts, especially if our grant requests are turned down or if they are only partially funded. Special thanks goes to Mary Ann Welch of Hickory Trace for her fine job of renovating the existing Hickory Trace sign. She removed the sign, repainted it, and re-secured it to the brick face. Neighbors like that make our neighborhood strong - way to go, Mary Ann!

Come out once again and join us for **Sundaes on Sunday** on July 20 at 3:00 PM. **RSVP with Scottie King at 294-3662** no later than July 19. Enjoy delicious ice cream and fellowship with other neighbors.

We will also celebrate our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual **National Night Out** at the park on Tuesday August 6 at 6:00 PM. Come once again to enjoy a hot dog feast with all of the trimmings. Adults will enjoy **live music**, and the children will be entertained with the operation of fire trucks and other activities. See the enclosed flyer for details.

*Chris Conrad, President*

## Survey Results On Website

In April we completed our Neighborhood Survey campaign, generating 60 individual responses from across the neighborhood. Most notable are the following tabulations:

- ❖ Most people hold to the opinion that our neighborhood is a safe place to live and that we do not have crime or drug problems.
- ❖ Very few people are satisfied with the performance of elected officials in local government.
- ❖ There is overwhelming support for the Greensboro Neighborhood Congress and its goals.
- ❖ About 15% of the people who returned surveys were willing to help in the sign effort.

Interesting? View the entire set of the results on our website, [www.swna-gso.org](http://www.swna-gso.org).

## Neighborhood Traffic Chairperson Wanted

Many of your survey responses highlighted the need for action on various traffic concerns within our neighborhood borders. You told us about having to weave around parked cars, about excessive vehicle speeds, and about many other issues. **Help Wanted:** someone who will represent us before the police and our local government to resolve these concerns. Please contact Chris Conrad at 854-4363 if you can help.

## Neighborhood Schools Representative Wanted

Many people choose their neighborhoods based on the schools their children will attend, and discussion about school assignments popped up in survey responses. Change is in the air, friends, and we need help keeping track of the **school board’s actions**. Anyone who would like to represent the association on this very important subject must contact Chris Conrad immediately at 854-4363.

### 2003 SWNA Board

**President**  
Chris Conrad  
854-4363

**Treasurer**  
Donna Guinard  
852-8791

**Secretary**  
Scottie King  
294-3662

### **At-large members**

Steve Moore  
875-1991

Scott Edelman  
852-7375

### 2003 SWNA **Committee Chairs**

**Distribution**  
Steve Moore  
875-1991

**Membership**  
Donna Guinard  
852-8791

**Crimewatch**  
Chris Conrad  
854-4363

**Zoning**  
Peter Kauber  
852-8791

**Open:** Schools,  
Parks, Traffic

# Sign Committee Update



After further discussion and input, the design of the entrance signs was modified as shown on the right to better reflect the feel of our neighborhood. There was considerable discussion about the names on the signs. The Committee discussed the possibility of changing the three names of the neighborhoods to one name to indicate our cohesiveness, but after careful consideration we decided against that due to differences in property values in the three neighborhoods. The Committee also considered putting "Hickory Trace" along with "Beechcroft" on the sign at Eagle and Stanley. Because Hickory Trace does not extend to Stanley, or even Eagle, we felt that this may cause confusion. We also felt that if Beechcroft and Hickory Trace were to be on the sign at Eagle, all three subdivision names should appear on all entrance signs because residents from all three subdivisions use all three entrances. We felt that would look too crowded. Therefore, the committee unanimously voted to keep the names on the signs as they are currently.

We submitted grant requests to Building Stronger Neighborhoods and to the City of Greensboro's Capital Improvements Program, hoping to have funding approved for this project by now. However, Building Stronger Neighborhoods referred our request to the City's CIP. And at the last minute the City decided there were legal concerns about funding signs that would be placed on private property. Therefore, the project is on hold until either that concern is resolved, or other funding is obtained.

The Southwest Neighborhood Association would like to express its sincere appreciation to those of you who donated funds to this project. Almost \$400 has been donated by residents of all three subdivisions. That money will be kept in the SWNA Treasury until our contractor breaks ground with construction. The cost to build each sign is approximately \$2,500.

We want to offer special thanks to all who have volunteered to help demolish the old signs, haul the remains to the dump, and landscape the new signs. We will be calling you when we need you! Please submit concerns, suggestions, or comments to Donna Guinard at 852-8791 or [dguinard@triad.rr.com](mailto:dguinard@triad.rr.com).

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## SWNA 2003 Membership Form

Joining the SWNA is simple. Just fill out this membership form and write a check for \$10, made out to Southwest Neighborhood Association. Forms and the check can be mailed to:  
Donna Guinard, 1602 Pepper Hill Road, Greensboro, NC 27407.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*Your*

- Association Interests:*     Traffic                       Special events                       Yard sales  
    Parks                                       Schools                                       Zoning  
    SWNA board                       Crimewatch                                       Other (specify)

**The SWNA Annual Meeting will be on September 15 at 7:00 pm at Christ Fellowship Church!**

**The First Annual Greensboro Neighborhood Summit will be October 10-11 at the Special Events Center.**



**You bring a topping to share** (hot fudge, nuts, whipped topping, chocolate chips, etc.) We will bring the ice cream and enjoy socializing with our neighbors. Bring your lawn chairs!

**RSVP:** July 19 by calling Scottie King at 478-4763 with the number attending in your family.

Southwest Neighborhood Association event



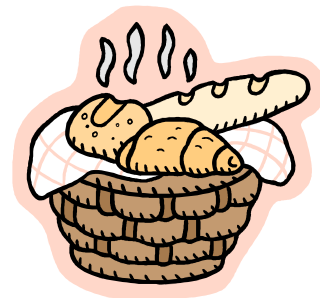
## Mark Your Calendar!

**August 5**

Come join your neighbors once again to send a strong message about our commitment to eliminate crime.

Join us for a **Cookout in the Park** on  
August 5 at 6:00 PM

### Hot Dog Feast



If your last name begins with:

A-H bring a salad or other side item/appetizer

I-N bring desserts or chips

O-Z bring drinks

Hot Dogs and paper products provided  
by SWNA.



Bring a lawn chair and flashlight for  
the walk home

**RSVP by calling Chris Conrad at  
854-4363 with your name and  
number attending by August 4**