

# Summer 2005 Newsletter

## July 2005



### From the President



Hello everyone! I hope the summer has treated you well. We've already had a few activities. The Easter Egg Hunt was a huge success with nearly 70-80 children attending; Granada Lane residents had a block party with lots of food and fun, and about 25 people enjoyed our famous *Sundaes on Sunday* on June 26. But wait! There's more to come.

**National Night Out** is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 2, 6:30 – 8:30 pm at Oaks West Park**. We'll have representatives from the Greensboro police and fire departments along with other entertainment. And, yes, SWNA will be providing the hotdogs. We're asking everyone whose last name begins with a letter from **A-M to bring a dessert to share**. Those from **N-Z, please bring a side dish or chips**. Everyone bring an appetite for food and fun!

Just around the corner is the **Annual Meeting on Monday, September 19**. At 6:30, there will be free pizza compliments of Agelia's Pizza and drinks. The meeting will begin at 7:00. We plan on there being an update by the Greensboro Department of Transportation, in addition to a talk by a police officer regarding Community Crime watch. There will be a time for open discussion and questions at the end.

*Jim Wooten*

### 2004/2005 SWNA Board

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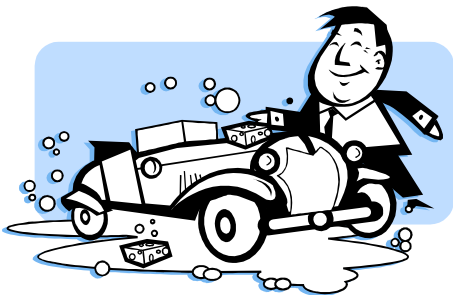
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**Open:**  
Crimewatch,  
Parks, Schools,  
Traffic, Zoning

### Friendly Reminder For Upkeep

As you can see, thus far, the sign project has been successful in improving the appearance of our neighborhood to the outside. Similarly, on the inside, we can continue to maintain the aesthetics of our properties. Regular home and yard maintenance, removing unused cars, cleaning up debris, etc. are all ways of enhancing the perception of our neighborhood. The more pride we show in our community on various levels, the more it will help to deter criminals looking for easy targets and indifferent victims.



### Entrance Signs

We have been very lucky to have the City of Greensboro Transportation Department pay for a large portion of two new signs at Pennoak & Hilltop to replace the ones they have and/or will be destroying as part of the Hilltop widening project. SWNA will still need to pay for the lettering. With prior donations and money from membership dues, we should have enough money to complete both signs (assuming there are no cost overruns). We are now just waiting for the completion of the widening of Hilltop to have the signs built. We still need money to improve the Hickory Trace sign. Please consider making a (or another) donation by completing the attached form and mailing your tax-deductible contribution TODAY! If you have any comments or concerns, please contact Donna Guinard at 852-8791 [dguinard@triad.rr.com](mailto:dguinard@triad.rr.com).



### SWNA Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws

SWNA is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the welfare of the residents of the neighborhood it serves. To better advance an understanding of the nature and mission of the organization, copies of the organization's Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws have been posted on the SWNA website. Point your browser to <http://www.swna-gso.org/>

### Membership

Your annual membership runs from September to September. If you have not yet paid your voluntary dues which support SWNA's social events (Easter Egg Hunt, Sundaes on Sunday, National Night Out, etc.) Newsletter preparation, as well as the Sign Project, please complete the membership form and mail it with your dues TODAY! SWNA needs your support in order to support you!



### 2004/2005 Membership/Sign Donation Form

Joining the SWNA is simple. Just fill out this form, check the Membership box, and write a check for \$10, made out to "Southwest Neighborhood Association". To make a donation to the Sign Replacement Fund, complete this form, check the Donation box, and the appropriate amount. Forms and checks can be mailed to: Donna Guinard, 1602 Pepper Hill Road, Greensboro, NC 27407. Both dues and donations are tax deductible. Annual dues secure your membership from September 1 through August 30 of each year.

**Become a member today!**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Volunteer Interest of:

Traffic  Special Events  Yard Sales  SWNA Board  
 Crime Watch  Parks  Schools  Newsletter Distribution  
 Zoning/City/County Board Watch  Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Membership: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my donation

\$100.00

\$75.00

\$ 50.00

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**D.H. Griffin**

Large portions of Oaks West border on D.H. Griffin. And while Griffin provides a valuable community service, the Griffin operations also affect the living environment of at least some of our residents. When issues arise between us and our neighbors, we hope to settle them in such a way that all parties win. SWNA has established as one of this year's goals the objective of working constructively with D.H. Griffin, to resolve any problems that we might have as neighbors. To this end, a questionnaire was recently mailed to 50 of the homes most directly affected by the Griffin operations, so that SWNA can obtain input from those residents. A second objective is to organize interested residents into a D.H. Griffin Committee, which will then have the responsibility of working with Griffin towards a solution.

The impact of Griffin's operations is not restricted to the residences bordering the Griffin property. Therefore we are soliciting input from any other residents of our neighborhood who wish to comment on Griffin's operations and their impacts. A copy of the questionnaire is included in this newsletter. If you wish to provide input to SWNA or wish to indicate your interest in joining the D.H. Griffin Committee, please complete the attached questionnaire and return it to Jim Wooten, 1300 Granada Lane, by July 29.

**D.H. Griffin Questionnaire**

**Note that name, address, and phone no. are optional.** Please return your completed questionnaire, by July 29, to: Jim Wooten, 1300 Granada Lane, Greensboro, NC 27407. Thanks!

**Identification/Demographic Information:**

Name (optional) \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Address (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Check one of the following: You own your residence \_\_\_\_\_ You rent your residence \_\_\_\_\_

How long (in years) have you lived at your current address? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have one or more children residing with you (Yes/No)? \_\_\_\_\_

With respect to D.H. Griffin's operations, please indicate the impact to you or your household of each of the following items, using a scale of 1 – 5, with 1 being the least impact, and 5 being the most impact. Then indicate whether this impact is positive or negative. Please feel free to include comments for any or all items.

<b>Item</b>	<b>(1 – 5)</b>	<b>Pos/Neg</b>	<b><u>Impact</u></b>	<b>Comments</b>
Noise-level -	_____	_____	_____	_____
Appearance -	_____	_____	_____	_____
Smell	_____	_____	_____	_____
Lighting -	_____	_____	_____	_____
Personnel -	_____	_____	_____	_____
Security -	_____	_____	_____	_____
Other (be specific) _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Other comments _____	_____	_____	_____	_____

**D.H. Griffin Committee:**

Do you think the SWNA should form a committee for the purpose of working constructively with D.H. Griffin, to negotiate a win-win solution for all parties involved (Yes/No)? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be interested in being a member of the D.H. Griffin Committee (Yes/No)? \_\_\_\_\_  
(If "Yes", please include your name and contact information, above.)