

# Summerville Post

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The Newsletter of the Summerville Neighborhood Association

*The Officers and Board of Directors of the  
Summerville Neighborhood Association  
are proud to announce  
the Summerville Sesquicentennial*



While not incorporated as a separate community until 1861 (with boundaries being a circle with a one-mile radius from Gould's Corner -Walton Way and Milledge Rd.), Summerville was occupied before the turn of the 19th Century. Early residents included George Walton (signer of the Declaration of Independence, soldier, senator, governor, and judge), John Milledge (soldier, governor, representative, and senator), Lord and Mrs. Sandwich (who ran Mount Salubrity School) and Thomas Cumming (patriarch of the Cumming clan of Augusta Canal and Mayoral fame), who welcomed General George Washington to the City of Augusta in 1791. ~ Source: Summerville Cemetery, Augusta, Georgia, 1990

Please renew your membership and get your family and friends to join.

# Letter From the President

Joe Neal, 2011 Summerville Neighborhood Association President



Dear Families, Friends, and Neighbors,

We have worked very hard the past two years with our membership recruitment and Tour of Homes, which were two of the most financially successful Tours on record. Consequently, we are in strong financial shape and are able to now carry out my promise to invest in new Summerville signs marking the four corners of our neighborhood and the digital archiving of prior Tour of Homes booklets and Summerville Posts. We hope to complete these two projects by June 2011, well in advance of the 2011 Tour of Homes, "The Summerville Sesquicentennial."

As I announced in the Autumn 2010 Post, this year marks the 150th Anniversary of the incorporation of Summerville as a village. In celebration of this historic year, the SNA Officers and Board of Directors are in the planning stages for what we hope will be the most memorable Tour of Homes in history. To that end, SNA will convene a Summerville Sesquicentennial Committee, the SSC, to be composed of representatives from SNA, Mayor's office, Historic Augusta, the Augusta Convention and Visitors Bureau, Augusta State University, and the Metro Chamber of Commerce to attract city, state, regional, and national interest to this year's Tour. We hope to make this year's Tour a week-long event and to attract the attention of popular Southern publications such as *Garden & Gun* and *Southern Living*, to showcase our village and city to a broader audience. We need and welcome all support you can offer to make this Tour the best ever. If you have ideas or contacts that you feel would



be helpful, please call or email me or SNA Vice President Lisa McCollum.

Our crime watch tactics are constantly a work in progress and many ideas are on the table, including private patrols, video cameras, and a pilot PDA application program (free of charge) created by Dr. Gordon Jones which will allow all residents to streamline video from their mobile devices to the 911 dispatch center during emergencies. We will work with the city and Sheriff to implement this system. Dr. Jones gave a presentation at our January 2011 meeting and hopes to launch this application in March 2011. If you are a dues paying member of SNA and are not getting our crime alerts, please contact SNA Communications Director Jack Evans at 706-306-9818 or [3doghouse@gmail.com](mailto:3doghouse@gmail.com) or David Dunagan, SNA Crime Watch Chair, at 706-294-7360 or [dunagandavid@comcast.net](mailto:dunagandavid@comcast.net).

We welcome all ideas and support to help make our neighborhood safe.

The sesquicentennial has the potential to be the best Tour ever for SNA. Please join us and lend your support and ideas. I look forward to serving our neighborhood once again in 2011 and hope to see you soon.

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## 2011 SNA Board of Directors

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Greg Boulus, Jack Evans, David Claffey, Ray Doumar, Rob Dennis, Marci Cannon, Cameron Bentley, Nicci Bush, Kathleen Barnhart, John Williams, David Dunagan, Dr. Gordon Jones (proposed)



*New Board Members*

Marci Cannon, Cameron Bentley and Nicci Bush

## 2010 Tour of Homes Update

What a wonderful weekend in Summerville for the 2010 Summerville Tour of Homes!

All of the cards were in our favor that gorgeous weekend in October from the gorgeous weather, spectacular homes and outstanding patron support. None of this would have been possible without the tireless efforts of our board.

The Summerville Neighborhood Association partnered with the Partridge Inn's 100th Anniversary celebration, and accessorized this great event by showcasing seven of Augusta's most beautiful and historic homes.

A special thank you to George and Nicci Bush, Liz and Bill Hopkins, Fred and Carol Palmer, Laura Irwin and Eric Smith, Mary and Steve Howard, Mike and Sara O'Neill, and Sloane Crawford for graciously offering to open their homes for all to enjoy.

This year's Tour attracted more than the CSRA. Patrons from Savannah, Atlanta, Charleston and Savannah traveled to Summerville to enjoy our Tour!

The Summerville Tour is SNA's largest annual fundraiser, and "largest" is precisely the financial results. 2010 was one of our most successful years in history and again, it's all thanks to our board, homeowners, community support and you.

Plans for the 2011 Tour of Homes are already underway and this year is one you will NOT want to miss. Together we will celebrate Summerville's 150th birthday!

Again, thank you and in the meantime, see you in Summerville!

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## First Thursdays

Winter weather is upon us, so come and join us for a toasty gathering of friends and neighbors at the quaint shops on Monte Sano Avenue and Kings Way. They will be serving food, cocktails and plenty of cheer. Browse the stores, meet the sales staff, and enjoy the warm hospitality which has long been a tradition of Summerville businesses.

All of the shops on Monte Sano and Kings Way offer unique and lovely merchandise, with many items on sale for the special First Thursday Event. So check your calendars and save the dates each month for First Thursdays from 5 to 8 pm. and stop, shop, and stroll along Monte Sano and Kings Way and delight in seeing your Summerville neighbors and friends!

## SNA Christmas Giving

In the spirit of the season, SNA contributed \$650 to sponsor ten children through Augusta Urban Ministries' children's Christmas program and \$500 for Christmas gifts for residents in Safe Homes of Augusta. Checks were presented at the ASU Christmas tree lighting on December 2.



In a show of our appreciation for all that local law enforcement does on a daily basis to protect our homes and property, SNA presented very nice gift baskets during the Christmas holidays to MCG Public Safety and the Richmond County Sheriff's Department.



## Membership Co-Chairs

At the January 20, 2011, Board meeting, Nicci Bush and Greg Boulus were appointed co-chairs of the Membership Committee. If you have any questions about membership, please contact Nicci at [niccibush@comcast.net](mailto:niccibush@comcast.net) or 706-799-2259 and Greg at [greg@charlestonstreet.com](mailto:greg@charlestonstreet.com) or 706-364-5128.

Nicci will also be our "Welcome Wagon" Lady. If you know of any new neighbors in Summerville who have recently moved into our village, please contact Nicci and she will bring them a friendly welcome basket from the SNA Board.



Nicci Bush



Greg Boulus



## New 2011 Officers

Mary Howard, Secretary, and  
Mike O'Neill, Treasurer

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