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Summer in the neighborhood had a mixture of sights and sounds. Flowers bloomed, the Mayor and City Manager toured the heights along with over a hundred others on the garden tour. Trees toppled and ledge shattered in preparation for the construction of townhouses on the border of the neighborhood. Firemen and policemen dropped in to share burgers and soft drinks at Night Out Against Crime. Heavy equipment clanging and clouds of dust spreading signaled the start of work on Crescent Way. Neighbors worked together to help the Chase-Miller family regroup after a fire devastated their home.

The Atlantic Heights was nominated for listing on the National Register of Historic Places by the NH Historic Preservation Office and we are excited to announce that the application was voted in on September 22nd. It's official, all of the work that heights residents and friends did to raise the funds to hire a consultant to document our history as a ship building community has paid off.

Fall brings more opportunities for Atlantic Heights residents to play together - a Halloween parade is planned for 10/28 and a harvest pot luck for 11/5 (if the renovations at the senior housing community room are complete) A celebration for our historic register status will need to be planned. There are also good reasons for neighbors to continue to work together on issues that will impact life in Atlantic Heights. The city is drafting new zoning regulations which will determine whether a development will be built off Bedford Way by The Housing Partnership. Sound barriers for bridge noise are under consideration by state authorities. Eleven heights rental properties are up for sale as a block and what happens with these units could alter the face of the neighborhood.

Whether it's helping a neighbor with a chore, working in the adopt-a-spots, making a casserole for the pot luck or attending a meeting at city hall, you can make a difference in the quality of life in the neighborhood where you have chosen to live.

-Stephanie Krenn AHANA Chairperson

CRESCENT WAY STREET IMPROVEMENTS UPDATE

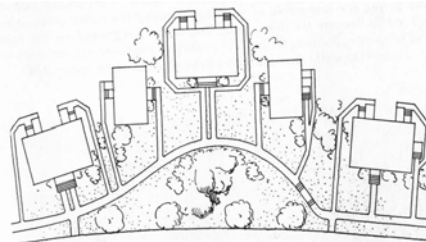
The following is a message from Tom Richter, Engineering Technician and Project Manager for the Portsmouth DPW on the Crescent Way street improvements.

"The project remains on schedule. Water line and sewer line work is nearly complete. The new drainage system will be installed within the next two weeks (end of September). During this time additional crews will prepare the road surface for the initial layer of asphalt. The month of October will bring granite curbing, concrete sidewalks, and street trees. A completion date of November 15 is still attainable. Any one with questions should call me at 766-1412. The Gove crews have been fantastic to work with and have cooperated at every turn. I've been impressed by their work."

Tom has been extremely helpful in resolving issues brought forward by Crescent Way residents. If there are concerns that come up during the completion stage of the project please contact Tom at the number listed above.

A note about future street improvements: The City has put out a bid notice for the traffic

flow study and the design stage of improvements to Raleigh Way. We look forward to the public input process on that phase of the streetscape improvements. Keep an eye out for further information.



PROTECTING THE HEIGHTS

Atlantic Heights has long been recognized by its residents as one of Portsmouth's historic jewels. With the recent completion of our application to the National Registry of Historic Places, we're hoping that the fan club will continue to grow!

But with increasing development pressures and rumors of possible building teardowns circulating, a group of residents has begun to look into options that may help protect

our neighborhood into the future.

The general feeling has been that a Historic District would be too restrictive to property owners who are challenged daily to make these tiny homes work in today's world.

We are currently researching an alternate option called a "Neighborhood Conservation Overlay District." This zoning tool allows residents themselves (with help from the experts) to define how to protect the neighborhood without unduly taxing their ability to enjoy their homes and make reasonable improvements to their homes. Also called Heritage Districts, they are much less restrictive than Historic Districts.

Is this the answer for Atlantic Heights? We don't know yet.

We know that we have a lot to learn. We know that we're the first in the state to look at using this tool. We know that the City opened the door to the possibility of applying it to the Heights in the Master Plan.

So stay tuned we'll make sure that everyone is kept in the loop and has plenty of opportunity to have their say!

Know Your Neighbors - Building Web, Community Connections in the Heights

Michael Cannon

211 Concord Way

Being a high-tech entrepreneur has enabled Michael Cannon to travel the world (his wife, Peichi, is from Taiwan), and to live in many different places in the US. But when he moved into his home on Concord Way last December, Cannon, founder and president of Cannonbase, seems to have found a port following a terrible storm.

Michael and Peichi were living in Metairie, Louisiana in 2005 when Hurricane Katrina flooded their cars. They came to the Seacoast to experience old America and, as Michael says, "The more we stayed around the area, the more we liked it."

That's a strong endorsement from a man who grew up in San Diego and whose education and career has enabled him to live in places such as Seattle, Idaho, Texas, Minnesota, and abroad.

About the Heights, Cannon says, "The homes are cozy and my wife and I both like the community feeling we're experiencing."

Cannon is experiencing the community connection firsthand. Cannon's company is building a new website for the Atlantic Heights Neighborhood Association with an intuitive content management system that will make the site easier to maintain and update. The upgraded site will enable AHNA volunteers to create pages for components such as photo galleries, calendars, newsletters, and other sections that require frequent updating. "What we provide is an easy way for clients to manage their websites," says Cannon. "We give you the power to do what you want with your own information."

Like many high-tech professionals these days, Cannon's rush hour is strictly domestic, fighting for bathroom time with his wife Peichi and Viviane, an exchange student from Germany spending her junior year at Portsmouth High School. "I work at home; I commute from the bed to the office," says Cannon.

"The ease of implementing web technologies has come a long way in a short time", Cannon says. "What I now do in half an hour used to take a month," says Cannon. In the late 1990s, only large companies could even afford content management systems, and now the AHANA will have its own, to make sharing current information much easier.

To unwind, Michael rides his motorcycle and does Tai Chi a few mornings a week. He has also studied Kung Fu, both martial arts he says provide "big-time balance, relaxation, focus, and invigoration."

He also enjoys taking walks around the neighborhood and meeting his new neighbors. So if you see him, follow his lead and make a connection.

Zoning Amendments Affecting The Atlantic Heights

The Portsmouth Planning Board is crafting a zoning amendment that will include a density bonus to planned unit developments that create work force (below market rate) housing within the City of Portsmouth. This zoning change along with a larger rewrite of the city's zoning map and regulations are part of the implementation of the city's master plan.

The density bonus for Planned Unit Developments would affect our neighborhood directly. The Housing Partnership, a non-profit group charged with creating affordable housing in the seacoast area, has the option to build a planned unit development on the parcel between the Bedford Way senior center and the railroad tracks.

What is a Planned Unit Development? Also known as a PUD, a planned unit development in plain terms is a condominium community. The PUD regulations were created to accommodate the cluster style development most commonly seen with condo complexes. Most often the PUD created a way to preserve usable open space or natural features while preserving the quantity of dwellings that would be allowable if the entire site were developed.

On September 21st there was a Planning board work session to work out the details

of the amended PUD ordinance. There will be another work session followed by a public hearing on the topic. Keep an eye on the list serve for meeting dates.

Integrated Landscaping in Hislop Park

The Atlantic Heights neighborhood has been selected by the ILP Workgroup (a partnership of NH Fish and Game, University of New Hampshire, the Jordan Institute and the NH Division of Forests and Lands) to create a demonstration site at the entrance to Hislop Park that will help pilot their state-wide guidance on Integrated Landscaping. What is Integrated Landscaping? We've all seen the rapid development sweeping across our state, posing challenges to our natural resources and unique scenic character. Integrated Landscaping helps reduce negative impacts to our remaining resources by creating and encouraging landscape features that mimic a natural ecological system. Such landscapes support biodiversity, provide services such as filtering pollutants from air and water, encourage native plants while discouraging the planting and spread of invasive exotic species, and help retain the landscape character of New Hampshire.

The Atlantic Heights Garden Club proposed Hislop Park's entrance for this unique opportunity to restore and enhance our urban forest, known within the neighborhood for

many years as "The Pines." We spent the summer taking stock of what's there and repeatedly removing invading exotic plants Japanese Knotweed and Japanese Barberry. We are working closely with the City of Portsmouth's Trees and Greenery Committee as part of the approval process for removal of selected unhealthy and unsafe invasive exotic Norway maple trees from the park entrance. These trees will be replaced by pines, oaks, red maples, and flowering shrubs.

The ILP Workgroup will assist us with site design as well as funding for plants and their installation. The AHGC and neighbors have a rare opportunity to learn about integrated landscaping and are asked to come help plant and maintain the trees.

The Garden Club will hold two informational meetings at the Park entrance for those wishing to learn more about the project: Thursday, September 28 at 5:30 p.m. and Saturday, September 30 at 10:00 a.m. This project is a unique community effort, and its success depends on neighborhood participation -- please consider getting involved. If you would like to participate or would like more information but can't make one of the informational meetings, please call Lynne Langley at 430-9537, Stephanie Krenn at 733-2246, or Karin Rubin at kbrubin@yahoo.com.

Community Connections

GARDEN CLUB: The Atlantic Heights Garden Club meets monthly on the third Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Location and reminders are posted on the list serve prior to the meeting or can be obtained by calling Stephanie Krenn at 433-2246. Meetings are informal and new comers are always welcome. Upcoming dates and topics are as follows:

October 21 Planting Bulbs in Hislop Park & the Pump Station Adopt-A-Spot
November 18 Planning the Holiday Open House Tour
December 16 Seasonal Gifts for Gardeners to Give and Get

RIDE SHARE: The state runs a little know ride share program that seems to be under used. Visit www.nh.gov/dot/nhrideshow/ for more information. Andre Cardoso would like to try to create one for the Atlantic Heights. We all come and go from the same place every day, it's likely that some of us keep similar hours and commute to the same towns. If you would like to contact neighbors interested in car pooling the list serve is a great way to make connections and in an effort to help out Andre would be glad to create a phone list for interested participants. If you are interested in a ride share to the Durham area early in the morning contact Andre Cardoso at dredog80435@yahoo.com.

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICE EXCHANGE: Need your lawn raked? Interested in learning to knit? Can you tutor a new computer user or fix a meal for a family? You can earn "Time Dollars" for each hour of service you provide and trade the "Time Dollars" you earn for services you want. The Neighborhood Service Exchange is a way for Portsmouth residents to exchange their needs and skills without spending cash. Everyone's time has equal value regardless of the nature of the service provided. You can earn "time dollars" by tutoring or gardening or preparing taxes and "spend" your "time dollars" on a massage, home repair or tennis lessons. You can "bank" your time dollars and give them to a loved one who needs errands run or a driveway shoveled. Go to timedollars.org or timebanks.org for more information. There is an informational meeting on 10/3/06 at 7pm at the Greenleaf Recreation Center.

Atlantic Heights LISTSERV (Free email informational service)

There are currently over 180 Atlantic Heights neighbors on our Atlantic Heights Neighborhood Association LISTSERV. This Yahoo Group Listserv is a resource specifically for people who 'reside' in Atlantic Heights and is open to all homeowners and tenants. This has been a valuable resource and it's highly recommended that all neighbors with internet access subscribe. It's a FREE service where you'll receive emails about everything from AHANA meeting times to construction updates and you'll even receive emails when folks have free furniture for the taking or have found your lost dog! You can contribute and send group emails about anything, or simply keep informed.

There are several ways to sign up, the easiest is to go to the Atlantic Heights Neighborhood Association website (www.AtlanticHeights.org) and click on the link for our LISTSERV. That link will take you here: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/atlanticheights/> If you are not signed in, you will be asked to enter your Yahoo! ID. If you do not have a Yahoo! ID, you can click on the link: New to Yahoo? Sign up now. Set your membership preferences. When you join, you can choose a profile you'd like to display to the group, select the email address at which you'd like to receive group messages, choose how you receive group messages, and more.

Join the mailing list only: We highly recommend you join a group via the group page. However, if you are familiar with mailing lists, you may join only the mailing list for the group. If you choose this method, you will not have access to all of the group's web features (Photos, Files, Links, Polls, Calendar.) In addition you will not have access to the My Groups page, where you can easily manage all of your memberships and email messages. To subscribe to a group's mailing list via email, send a blank email to: atlanticheights-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. You will receive a confirmation message. Just reply to this message and your subscription will be complete. Later this fall we intend to 'clean-up' our Listserv Group, stay tuned.

Atlantic Heights Events Calendar

Come and get involved in your neighborhood -- there's something for everyone! If you'd like to work on existing events or to plan something new, let us know. All events depend upon your participation to make them happen.

(CLIP AND POST)

10/1/06 - AHANA meeting 6:30pm*

10/28/06 - Halloween Parade 10:30AM Big Rock Park

If you are interested in joining in the fun or helping out with the event please contact Meghan Bowersox 373-8141 (meghanmasi@yahoo.com)

11/5/06 - Pot Luck Supper - 5pm (pending repairs at community room) AHANA meeting to follow supper at 6:30pm *

12/2/06- 1pm - Cookie Swap 13 Porpoise Way
2pm - Decorate light posts & Holiday Tree Big Rock Park
(Foul weather moves the events to 12/3)

12/3/06 - AHANA meeting 6:30pm*

12/8/06 - Deadline for submitting neighborhood winners of the Home Decorating Contest for the citywide competition. (Citywide winners to be announced on December 16th)

12/30/06 - ATLANTIC HEIGHTS OPEN HOUSE TOUR
4pm-7pm (If there are enough neighbors interested in opening their homes, we'll renew the tradition of the Atlantic Heights Open House Tour. Call Stephanie at 433-2246 or Lynne at 430-9537)

* AHANA meetings will be held at the union offices in the stores on Falkland Way until the repairs are done in the community room. Watch the sign for location.

Heights Website To Get a Facelift.

The Atlantic Heights website (www.atlanticheights.org) is getting ready to undergo a new look with more information and some exciting new features. Our neighborhood is fortunate to have it's own website, but it's been in dire need of updating. A website committee has been formed to brainstorm the changes and additions as well as implement and redesign the site! This creative team consists of neighbors; Michael Cannon, Cristy Cardoso, Stephanie Krenn, Kitter Spater and Shirley Wolf.

The objectives for this redesign are to: 1) make it more attractive and reflective of our neighborhood. 2) Update the site to reflect current Association's strategy and priorities. 3) Make it easier to use. 4) Improve the communication and usefulness of content. 5) And streamline its operations and maintenance. We needed to accomplish all these objectives at little or no cost.

Michael Cannon, a web-development company owner, has contributed the development tools to make this a wonderfully user-friendly site. Kitter Spater and Shirley Wolf will be working on the new design and will build the site. Stephanie Krenn and Cristy Cardoso round out the team with content suggestions and contributions.

We envision the new site to include all topical neighborhood news from meeting minutes to an interactive calendar of events. A 'History of the Heights' section flavored with old photos will be an interesting new feature. We'll also be including information for new residents in our 'Welcome Wagon' area, listing city and school information, where to register autos, recycling guidelines and trash pick up etc. And of course, all the great photos from our wonderful neighborhood events will be displayed at our online gallery.

Another helpful, new resource will be a 'Home Services' section. This will consist of "tried and true area contractors" that are personally recommended by Heights neighbors such as; carpenters, plumbers, electricians, landscapers etc. We'll also be offering low-cost advertising space to these contractors that will offset our internet costs. Any surplus from advertisers will be placed in a special fund to support various neighborhood causes.

We anticipate the launch of the new site before the end of the year. All ideas and suggestions are welcomed. Simply send an email to anyone on the website team, we'd love to hear your input!

AH Property changing hands

The parcel next to the stores on Faulkland Place is on the market. Many of you may have come to know this parcel through the work done by Avanti Development to obtain an adjoining city owned parcel and get approval for six town-home style units. The city planning department assures us that all site restrictions and stipulations are linked to the property so the new owners, whomever they may be will be required to abide by them.

Over the years many Atlantic Heights properties have been owned and managed as rentals by real estate groups and private trusts. The largest group remaining is owned by the Ewing Trust and is managed by the McMaster Agency. Eleven of those units have come onto the market as a group. Speculation and rumors over the future of those eleven units have been circulating but as of the release of this newsletter no news about a new owner has been confirmed.

Many residents have expressed concern about the possibility of teardowns and displaced renters. The Neighborhood Association has been looking at ways to create a dialog with the new owners so a positive relationship can be formed. Let's cross our fingers that the new owner will see the uniqueness and charm of the Heights and work with us to preserve it.

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