

THE NEHHPA NEWSLETTER



Annual NEHHPA General Membership Meeting

February 27, 2013 at 7 PM

At Noland Memorial Church

Guest Speaker: Officer Greathouse

Newport News Police Department

Sic Transit Gloria NEHHPA

The annual membership meeting is fast approaching and thus it is a good time to remind everyone of why membership in NEHHPA is so important. As it has been told in earlier editions of this newsletter, the designation of our neighborhood as a State and Local Historic District did not happen by chance. It took the efforts of many people who put in countless hours to make it happen. For example, the application for National Historic District designation was over fifty-four pages long. The application contains a remarkable inventory of the homes in our neighborhood. A project like this can seem overwhelming, but if divided by streets with each being done by a separate individual, it becomes far less daunting. This upcoming year, the Board would like to make a compilation of our neighborhood's history from the source material which right now is spread over many boxes and make it available to everyone electronically. It will take time to do so, but that time can be shortened considerably by the help of interested members.

Our neighborhood is rich in history. For example, the Post-Hiden House at 5600 Huntington Avenue was built by Walter A. Post. (see picture page 3). He was the first mayor of Newport News, having been sent here by his brother-in-law, Collis P. Huntington. He served one term as mayor, but in 1911, he assumed the presidency of Newport News Shipbuilding. After his death in 1911, the house was purchased by Philip W. Hiden who also served for a time as Mayor of Newport News.

NEHHPA's ultimate goal is create a central location to preserve our neighborhood's important legacy so that it doesn't fade away.

Calendar

February 27, 2013

NEHHPA

General Membership Meeting
Annual Business Meeting

March 19, 2013

NEHHPA Board Meeting

April 16, 2013

NEHHPA Board Meeting

June 1, 2013

NEHHPA Annual Yard Sale

NEHHPA NEEDS YOU!

North End Huntington Heights Preservation Association

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Carolyn Hughes

Now that the holidays are over and we begin a new year, let us take this opportunity to thank the NEHHPA Board for their work on behalf of the North End, and extend a thank you to all our Block Captains as well. Together their efforts have helped keep NEHHPA going and information flowing in the neighborhood.

The unity and voice of the North End is through NEHHPA. Without the strong support of its membership, NEHHPA would cease to exist and then it would be extremely difficult for us as individuals to muster the strength to fight for important issues that will impact the neighborhood in the future. There is strength in numbers. This is why we need you to renew your membership or join NEHHPA. This organization cannot run without funds and your membership is the contribution that keeps NEHHPA a viable, strong neighborhood force. Remember NEHHPA is the driving force in keeping the North End a single family neighborhood. NEHHPA began the process of establishing an Architectural Review Board which we have today. NEHHPA helped create the park where a historic designed clock stands, which was donated to the city with funds raised by NEHHPA. NEHHPA helped the residents of Newport News realize that we were their first historic neighborhood through the Historic House Tours, and NEHHPA helps keep the lines of communication open between the North End residents, the city, and the shipyard.

The North End-Huntington Heights neighborhood would not exist, as we know it today, if it were not for all the giving people who worked so hard to create and run NEHHPA.

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THE NORTH END HUNTINGTON HEIGHTS PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

The mission statement for the North End Huntington Heights Preservation Association is to preserve the historic residential character of North End Huntington Heights through advocacy, communication, and education.



Making It One

Another goal for the upcoming year is to extend the boundary of the Federal and State Historic District so that it will conform to the City defined boundaries. This will enable those who live north of 67th Street to be eligible for tax credits thus reducing their income tax liability. Rehabilitation tax credits are dollar for dollar reductions in income tax liability for those who rehabilitate their historic homes either through repairs, alterations or creating additions while preserving those features which convey its historical, cultural or architectural value. The amount of the credit is based on total rehabilitation costs. The federal credit is 20% of eligible rehabilitation expenses and the state is 25% of eligible rehabilitation expenses. In some cases a homeowner will qualify for both.

Contact:

Tidewater Regional Preservation Office

14415 Old Courthouse Way, 2nd Floor

Newport News, Va 23608

Phone:(757) 886-2818

You can also check out the State information at http://www.dhr.virginia.gov/tax_credits

Into the Future

The NEHHPA website, nehhpa.org, has been up and running for awhile now. Hopefully, many of you have checked it out. Having this website offers our preservation association many exciting new capabilities such as featuring tips, advice, general interest content and links to other sources which are related to our organization. The Internet enables NEHHPA to communicate with its members quickly and less expensively than other means. The content is accessible for a longer time, can be updated easily and can potentially reach a wider audience.

The website gives us the opportunity to tell potential residents what we are about and why they should become members. In fact, many people use the internet for pre-purchase research so that they can determine for themselves whether a particular neighborhood may be a good fit. Recognizing that there is a preservation association in place can be an important selling point to buyers who appreciate an older neighborhood, but need some assurance of stability. The website serves as a great place to refer potential members to, to show them what our preservation association is about, what it has achieved and what it can achieve in future. By offering convenience, a point of reference and being of service, we can build a strong foundation of members for our organization.

Having a website enables our organization to receive valuable feedback. Website statistics will show us how much traffic the website

receives, how the visitor got to the website and where, geographically, the visitor is from. In the future, we would like to create additional content such as visitor polls and online surveys to find out what are the concerns and interests of the membership such as what they like more and how they feel about certain aspects of organization and help determine how we can improve our preservation association.

In the future, hard copy newsletters will be available only on request to members. The website is going to become the central means of communicating with our members as well as potential members and other interested parties. We encourage you to become familiar with the website. If you, as a member, are interested in helping to build the website, you can contact us through the website, nehhpa.org and using the highlighted contact at the bottom of the homepage. See you there!

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Annual NEHHPA General Membership Meeting

February 27, 2013 at 7 PM
At Noland Memorial Church

This is a reminder to everyone that our annual General Membership Meeting is on February 27th, at Noland Memorial Unity Methodist Church. We encourage you to come at 6:45 PM to become a new member or to renew your membership. The meeting will begin promptly at 7:00 PM. The Meeting will highlight a guest speaker providing information of interest to our neighborhood, and then conduct the business meeting, which will present the items below on the agenda.

We are pleased to announce that Officer Greathouse will be our speaker and share with us information about the Neighborhood Watch program. He will describe how a Neighborhood Watch is set up, how it functions and how it promotes a safer neighborhood. As reported by several local television stations, there have been several automobile break-ins resulting in property damage and property being stolen. You and your neighbors can build our community into a safer, friendlier, and more caring place to live. Statistics tell the story. Substantial decreases in crime have been reported as a result of crime prevention efforts. An effective Neighborhood Watch program requires the participation of every member, plus a continual flow of information through the organization. The Newport News Police Department is responsible for collecting, correlating, and disseminating any information which will help to make your neighborhood a safe place to live. This is a great program which needs your help to make it work so come to the General Membership meeting and see how you can help to make your neighborhood safer.

Following the guest speaker, we will conduct our regular meeting. The Board will explain what has been done over the past year, where it would like to go in the next year, and what is hoped to be accomplished. We will present a survey for members so that they can express their thoughts and desires and hopefully it will generate more meaningful input into NEHHPA.

Nominations to the Board will then be accepted and voted upon according to the by-laws. Please check our website, <http://www.nehpa.org> for updates and information about the membership meeting.

The Board hopes to continue the rebuilding of membership effort and to establish better working relationships with the City of Newport News and its departments as well as with our biggest neighbor, Huntington Ingalls Industries. Each member who joins and participates in those efforts brings all of us that much closer to achieving these ends.

NEHHPA Q & A Forum

Last September, NEHHPA held a General Membership meeting to host a Question and Answer forum for the benefit of our members to enable them to ask questions and get answers from the City Department heads about issues effecting our Historic North End Huntington Heights Neighborhood.

This forum was held as a panel discussion so that each Department head could explain what they were responsible for and then answer our members questions as they related to their departments. The Heads of Codes, Engineering, Parks & Recreation and the Police Department were there as well as staff from their respective departments. Our City Council representative was also there.

Many questions ranging from one concerning the replanting of a Christmas Tree in Huntington Square Park to preventing the establishment of boarding houses were answered.

Various aspects of permit parking were also discussed.

The forum lasted for over three hours and enabled everyone to talk directly to our City officials at a time convenient to our members and without the need for a formal appointment. There was also an opportunity for our members to talk one on one with the various City personnel afterwards.

The Q&A Forum was well attended and very informative. The NEHHPA Board hopes to be able to sponsor more of these events and activities, but any organization needs an

active membership to sustain it and while there have been good intentions, NEHHPA has not always had such support.

During the 2012-2013 year our goal was to maintain NEHHPA and its financial stability. Going forward the Board would like to create a more informative website, a NEHHPA Welcome Packet for new homeowners, revive home tours of our neighborhood and to organize the historic records of the North End and NEHHPA by finding a permanent home for them. In the past this has been neglected and the result was the scattering of important papers and documents. If anyone has old papers or documents for the North End please contact NEHHPA through the website so that copies can be made the originals can be returned.

The Board wants to improve the relationship with the City of Newport News, its Departments and the Shipyard. Finally, the Board wants to see an increase membership and participation.

Block Captains

51st - Gene Nicholson - 340 51st
 52nd - Vacant
 53rd - Mark Shanks
 West Hunt 51-54 Linda Bordeaux 226 52nd
 54th - Bonnie Snead - 342 54th
 55th - Phil Shook 310 55th
 56th - Betty Zattiero 5601 Huntington
 57th - Virginia Gall 338 57th
 58th - Michelle Carpenter 5800 Huntington
 59th - Karen Velkey 5802 Huntington
 60th - John Hughes 335 60th
 61st - Glenn Norcutt 340 61st
 62nd - Brenda Robbins 330 62nd
 63rd - Matt Gardner 6300 Huntington
 64th - Bea Dahlen 6306 Huntington
 65th - Vacant
 66th - George Silk 6512 Huntington
 67th - Agnes Kump 314 67th
 68th - Vacant
 69th, Warwick - Kathleen McDonald 6929 Huntington
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North End-Huntington Heights Preservation Association

NEHHPA, P.O. Box 75, Newport News, VA 23607

Application for membership

Please complete this form and mail with your check (payable to NEHHPA) to the address listed above.

Please circle the category of membership below for which you are applying.

Resident Member: To be eligible, you must reside in the area from 50th Street to 70th, bounded by Huntington and Warwick, and 70th to 73rd, from Warwick to the James River.

Associate Member: This category applies to all who live outside the area described above. Associates have all rights of membership excluding the right to vote and hold office.

The cost is **\$20 per year** per household and is good February of the current year until February of the following year. Lifetime membership is also available for \$150 per household.

Number of years ____ X \$20 = Total \$_____ or purchase a Lifetime Membership for \$150

Member #1: _____ Date: _____

Member #2: _____ Phone: _____

Street: _____ Apt. # _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____

E-mail address _____

Emergency contact _____ (in case something happens while you're out of town)

Please circle below any committees with which you might be willing to assist.

Block Captain	Membership	Homes Tour	Newsletter
Preservation Forum	Web Site	Beautification	City/Shipyard Liaison
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Yard Sale	Special Events	Safety	Historical

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NEHHPA's ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

NOLAND MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH