

NEWCASTLE NEWS



"Neighbors Working Together to Improve the Quality of Life in Our Neighborhood"

GREETINGS FROM OUR PRESIDENT

President's Message

Be Kind. Be Gentle.
Be thoughtful. Be Forgiving.
Treat others
the way you would like to be treated.



March 2020 was a turning point in our lives. The Covid-19 Pandemic caused the world to pause. Some lives were rocked just a little while others were turned completely upside down. Some lives were shattered due to unexpected sicknesses and even death. It's been a challenge for so many people trying to survive under our "New" norm. So, when dealing with people, be patient and use a little TLC.

Juneteenth is now a federal holiday! Juneteenth commemorates June 19, 1865 as the end of slavery in Galveston, Texas. Juneteenth National Independence Day is the 12th legal public Holiday. Many state government agencies and offices were closed on June 18, 2021 to celebrate Juneteenth. I hope you were able to celebrate and enjoy some of the events and festivities.

As we begin to enjoy the Fourth of July weekend, summer events and outings, please be mindful that the virus is still alive and affecting unprotected people. Please protect yourself and others by getting your Covid-19 Vaccine. The shot is FREE and saves lives. If you are not vaccinated, please continue to wear your mask and use social distancing. Thanks.

Add spice to your life this week by going for a walk, trying new recipes, or surprising your neighbors with a small gift (flowers from your yard or vegetables from your garden). It's the small stuff that makes the difference in our lives. Try it.

MARY McCANTS, PRESIDENT

YARD OF THE MONTH

Awarded to

Mr. & Mrs. Leo Jr. (Brenda) Murphy
115 Saxonbury Drive

in recognition of your dedication,
passion, and hard work



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Newcastle Concerned Citizens, Inc
Community Meeting (Virtual)
July 22, 2021 at 6:00 pm

(Please Mute Your Devices)

www.global.gotomeeting.com/join/883919357

You can also dial in using your phone.
United States: +1 (646) 749-3122
Access Code: 883-919-357

2021 DUES PAID

Mr. & Mrs. Nelson K. Sr. (Janice) Squire	6621 Cartwright Drive
Mrs. Daaiyah Muhammad	124 Coolstream Drive
Ms. Jennatine Cox	125 Coolstream Drive
Mr. & Mrs. Albert (Betty) Wright	128 Coolstream Drive
Mrs. Dorothy P. Robinson	129 Coolstream Drive
Mrs. Alva T. Brown	132 Coolstream Drive
Mr. Sean Jones	137 Coolstream Drive
Ms. Ida Sutton	141 Coolstream Drive
Mr. Tommy Green	148 Coolstream Drive
Mrs. Virginia "Jean" Green	156 Coolstream Drive
Mr. & Mrs Frank (Eartha) Jones	161 Coolstream Drive
Mrs. Georgeanna Allen	128 Newcastle Drive
Mr. Ernest W. Pressley	147 Newcastle Drive
Mr. & Mrs. Albert (Michelle) Bush	169 Newcastle Drive
Mr. & Mrs. Roman (Gerturd) Creech	206 Newcastle Drive
Mrs. Shirley Williams	220 Redwood Court
Mrs. Annie C. Cooper	201 Weldwood Court



If you have experienced sickness or death in your family and would like to share this information with the neighborhood, please let us know.

Call or Text
803.500.6507 or 803.622.3955.

SICK, SHUT-IN & RECUPERATING

Mr. Joe L. Alford	212 Devoe Drives
Mrs. Minnie Blocker	249 Redwood Court
Mrs. Loretta Brown	300 Weldwood Court
Ms. Elaine Byrd	228 Devoe Drive
Ms. Maggie Fullylove	240 Redwood Court
Mr. Curtis Golston	321 Newcastle Drive
Mr. Benjamin Jackson	144 Coolstream Drive
Mr. Simon Jackson	248 Redwood Court
Mrs. Frankie V. Jones	116 Saxonbury Drive
Mrs. Loretta Lyles	168 Newcastle Lyles
Ms. D'Andra Mobley	237 Devoe Drive
Mrs. Daaiyah Muhammad	124 Coolstream Drive
Mrs. Gene Blakely Parks	150 Redwood Court
Mr. Sammie L. Parks	150 Redwood Court
Mrs. Mattie J. Smith	194 Newcastle Drive
Mr. Simuel Stevenson	224 Oakley Drive
Mrs. Marva "Pat" Terrell	256 Redwood Court
Mrs. Gloria Washington	129 Sunnydale Drive

Mr. London Tillmon Jr., 158 Weldwood Court, is in NHC Healthcare Rehabilitation Center, 2993 Sunset Blvd. West Columbia, South Carolina 29169

Mr. Herman Walker, The Harmony, 2300 Clemson Road Apt., #108 - Columbia, South Carolina 29229

Mrs. Teresa Webber, The Heritage at Lowman Homes Bethel Hall Room, 212A 2101 Dutchfork Road Chapin, South Carolina 29036

CONDOLENCES

The family of Mrs. Daisy Mae Montgomery Gladman, 420 Redwood Court

The family of Mrs. Esther McKenzie, 240 Devoe Drive

Mrs. Louise Jacobs, 332 Charwood Drive, in the death of her daughter, Ms. Linda Gallishaw

Mrs. Rebecca McKiver, 205 Redwood Court death of sister, Ms. Birdie Jones, Anderson, SC

Mr. Herman Walker, The Harmony #108 2300 Clemson Road, death of brother, Mr. Ernest J. Walker, Detroit, Michigan



NCCI GRADUATES



CAITLIN J. MOBLEY graduated Magna Cum Laude from Spelman College (Atlanta, GA) with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English. She attended Spelman on a full academic scholarship. Caitlin is the daughter of Atty. John T. Mobley and Dr. Phyllis Bryant-Mobley, and is the granddaughter of Joan Mobley.

TAMARA DENISE BRYANT, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ralph (Dorothy) Bryant, graduated from W.J. Keenan High School. Tamara will be attending Johnson & Wales University (Charlotte, NC) this fall seeking a BS in Psychology.



SHONNA A. GOLSTON graduated from Cardinal Newman High School with honors. Shonna, the daughter of Ms. Mae R. Golston, was awarded a scholarship to Clemson University.

BIRTHDAY

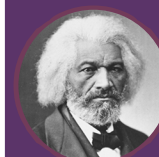
Mrs. Henrietta Taylor	07/06
Ms. Joe Gener Cox	07/07
Mrs. Virginia "Jean" Green	07/08
Mrs. Patricia Anthony	07/09
Deacon James B. Rhett Jr.	07/09
CSM Othell Terrell	07/15
Mrs. Alva T. Brown	07/20
Mr. Benjamin Jackson	07/26
Deacon James E. Parker	07/27
Mr. Alphonso Simmons	07/28



ANNIVERSARY



Mr. & Mrs. Solomon (Ella Mae) Burwick 07/24
Deacon & Mrs. James B. (Jennifer) Rhett Jr. 07/20



FREDERICK DOUGLASS ON JULY 5, 1852, DOUGLASS GAVE A SPEECH AT AN EVENT COMMEMORATING THE SIGNING OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, HELD AT ROCHESTER'S CORINTHIAN HALL. IT WAS BITING ORATORY, IN WHICH THE SPEAKER TOLD HIS AUDIENCE, "THIS FOURTH OF JULY IS YOURS, NOT MINE. YOU MAY REJOICE, I MUST MOURN." AND HE ASKED THEM, "DO YOU MEAN, CITIZENS, TO MOCK ME, BY ASKING ME TO SPEAK TO-DAY?"



Honoring Our Beloved Betty Forney

“The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, and to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Throughout our lifetime many of us have experienced challenging times, when it seems like ‘kindness’ has become an unfamiliar word to so many around us. If you watch TV or browse social media, you would most likely find that mayhem and despair are taking over every corner of the world, and even our precious country. But, for our community, there is someone who has been showing us that there are brighter and better days to come. And Our purpose today is to honor her.

Meeting Ms. Betty Forney was not a fortuitous event, but one that deeply influenced us and so we are thrilled to be here speaking about this incredible human being. We all know Ms. Forney is an extraordinary person, and she has greatly served the community for numerous years. She has spent her own money to purchase cards, stamps, fruit baskets and has furnished food and supplies to bereaved families. She is a marvelous person who has done great services without seeking recognition or praise and her actions are a reflection of unselfishness. Ms. Forney is also full of compassion and she empathizes with those who are enduring difficult times in the Benevolence Committee. Ms. Forney is a loving friend, a kind neighbor, and a dedicated mother; she cares for all neighbors who she encounters. It is not an overstatement to say that she is one of the pillars that holds this community together and we are blessed to have her as a neighbor and friend.

When the NCCI Executive Committee learned that Ms. Forney had been so graciously donating her time and resources to neighbors, the decision was made to create the Benevolence Committee for the Newcastle Neighborhood Association. Now, Newcastle Concerned Citizens Inc. takes care of all expenses of cards and postage, while Ms. Forney continues to do significant work for all of us.

In January 2021, Ms. Forney Betty, in her role of the chairperson and organizer of the Benevolence Committee, decided to step down and turn it over to the president of the community, Mrs. Mary W. McCants. However, shortly thereafter, Ms. McCants appointed Dr. Anthony Mack as chairperson of the Benevolence Committee, while Ms. Forney continues to work with our great committee.

After seeing the phenomenal work and results of Ms. Forney, Dr. Anthony Mack took the initiative to incorporate moral support for the community during difficult times in life. Now we have Chaplains and Deacons on call to serve the community with advice, prayer or just someone to talk to in a time of need.

This is a direct result of Ms. Forney’s work and we deem it necessary to take this opportunity to recognize our beloved Ms. Betty Forney for the wonderful work she has done and continues to do to make our community a better place.

Currently we have two Chaplains and four Deacons to serve our community as needed.

Dr. Anthony Mack

CHAPLAINS

Dr. Rev. Reid R. White, Jr.
Dea. James Taylor

DEACONS

Dea. James B. Rhett
Dea. Therin McCants
Dea. James E. Parker
Dea. Charles Washington

COMMITTEES MEMBERS

Dr. Anthony Mack, Chair
Mrs. Patricia Anthony, Co-Chair
Mrs. Mary Ann Bookert, Co-Chair
Mrs. Betty Forney, Chair Emeritus

Mrs. Gail Wilson
Mrs. Verlinda Burris

2021 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OFFICERS

President - Mrs. Mary W. McCants	(803) 238-7788
Vice President - Mrs. Gene Blakely Parks	(803) 754-7431
Secretary - Mrs. Nora J. Smith	(803) 414-7744
Corresponding Secretary - Vacant	(000) 000-0000
Treasurer - Mrs. Geraldine S. Parker	(803) 754-8093
Assistant Treasurer - Ms. Joan Mobley	(803) 622-3955
Chaplain - Rev. Dr. Reid R. White, Jr.	(803) 786-5860
Co-Chaplain - Deacon James Taylor	(803) 754-8264
Block Captain Coordinator - Deacon James Rhett	(803) 513-7675
Social Activities Chair - Dr. Anthony Mack	(803) 727-2177
Yard of the Month Chair - Mrs. Mary Ann Bookert	(803) 319-3038
Beautification Committee Chair - Mrs. Mattie Moses	(803) 754-8445
Benevolence Committee Chair - Dr. Anthony Mack	(803) 500-6507
Adopt-a-Highway Chair - Mr. Sammy Parks	(803) 754-7431
Newsletter Editor - Dr. Anthony Mack	(803) 500-6507

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Richland County Sheriff CAT Team Officer Deputy Perez aperez@rcsd.net	(803) 636-5261
Richland County Sheriff Dept. Non Emer.	(803) 576-3000
Richland County District 3 Councilwoman Yvonne L. McBride	(803) 904-9145
East Richland Public Svc District (bus. ofc.)	(803) 788-1570
24-Hour Service Department	(803) 788-6351
Rep. Leon Howard, SC House District 76	(803) 734-3046
Sen. Darrell Jackson, SC Senate District 21	(803) 212-6048
Newcastle Concerned Citizens, Inc. (bus. ofc.)	(803) 500.6507

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION DUES

\$30.00 per calendar year per household.
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