



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

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BIRTHDAY

Mary	W. McCants	06-Jan
John	Miller	07-Jan
Wardell	Brown	08-Jan
Sean	Mosley	13-Jan
Eugene	F. Speed	13-Jan
Priscilla	Doreh	15-Jan
Joyce	Burgess	19-Jan
Selina	Dawkins	19-Jan
Lavon	Cooper	21-Jan
Anthony	Webb	23-Jan
Gail	Wilson	01-Feb
Tanisha	Rose	01-Feb
Eddie	'Sarge" Goodwin	02-Feb
Michelle	Clifton	05-Feb
Brenda	Jackson	10-Feb
Mary	Ann Bookert	11-Feb
Joe	Alford	12-Feb
George	H. Jones	15-Feb
Shirley	Washington	16-Feb
Denise	Neal-Singleton	18-Feb
Freddie	Free	19-Feb
Dorothy	Bryant	20-Feb
Berta	Walker	20-Feb
Lanzaddy	Smith	20-Feb
Mildred	Belton	21-Feb
Jennifer	Rhett	22-Feb
Odessa	Hawkins	25-Feb
Renee	Davis	25-Feb
Fredrick	Peterkin	26-Feb

Wednesday, February 5th, 2025

Benevolence Committee Meeting

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

New Castle-Trenholm Acres Community Center

5819 Shakespeare Road

Columbia, SC 29223

Monday, February 10th, 2025

NCCI Executive Committee Meeting

5:30 PM

New Castle-Trenholm Acres Community Center

5819 Shakespeare Road

Columbia, SC 29223

Thursday, February 13th, 2025

Social Activities Committee Meeting

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

New Castle-Trenholm Acres Community Center

5819 Shakespeare Road

Columbia, SC 29223

Thursday, February 20th, 2024

Community Meeting

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

New Castle-Trenholm Acres Community Center

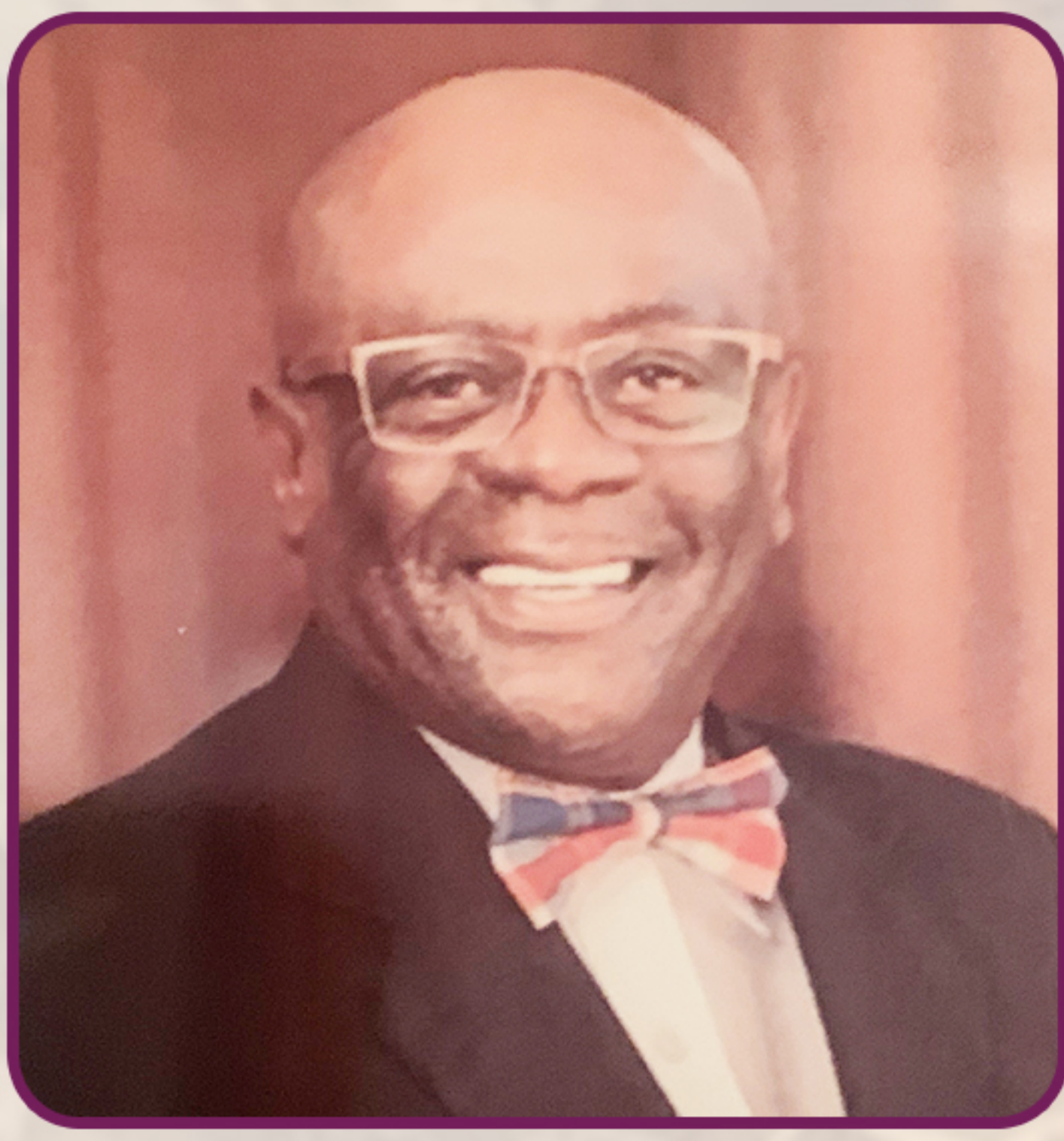
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Columbia, SC 29223

Neighborhood Dues Paid



Dea. James (Jennifer) Rhett	308 Carlton Drive
Jim (Gloria) Coples	227 Sunnydale Drive
Dr. Anthony Mack	157 Coolstream Drive
Opheli Davis	160 Coolstream Drive
Maggie Davis	109 Hyer Court
James (Geraldine) Parker	200 Devoe Drive
Elwillie Simmons	229 Devoe Drive
Sammy (Gene) Parks	150 Redwood Court
Mattie Moses	158 Redwood Court
Brenda Jackson	248 Redwood Court
Willie Mae Bowman	313 Weldwood Court



President's Deacon James B. Rhett



Deacon James B. Rhett, heartfelt congratulations on your well-deserved presidency at Newcastle Concerned Citizens, Inc.! Your unwavering commitment to our community throughout the years, combined with your deep involvement in various committee initiatives, has uniquely equipped you for this significant leadership role. Your accomplishments stand as a testament to your dedication and the successful pursuit of ambitious goals. As we look forward to 2025, we are filled with enthusiasm regarding your vision and leadership for the future of Newcastle Concerned Citizens, Inc., and we anticipate witnessing the ongoing successes that will emerge from your stewardship in "the wonderful neighborhood estled in the northeast of Columbia."

Your presidency not only marks a new chapter for Newcastle Concerned Citizens, Inc., but it also represents a critical turning point for the organization. Building on the rich legacy of service and community engagement that you have fostered; we encourage you to lead with steadfast determination and an unwavering sense of purpose. May you draw upon our history and bylaws as you guide us forward, inspired by the revitalized spirit of Newcastle, to place the well-being of our residents at the forefront of your agenda.

We hope you will champion the establishment of efficient and fair dispute-resolution processes, ensuring that all concerns are addressed swiftly and equitably. Your leadership is essential in cultivating a community that is not only safer but also more compassionate and united true embodiment of our guiding motto: "Neighbors Working Together to Improve the Quality of Life in Our Neighborhood."

****Duties Served in the Past and Present: ****

- Block Captain Coordinator
- Fundraiser Organizer
- Benevolence Committee Member
- Block Captain for Carlton Drive
- Provided flowers for all four entranceways
- Community Liaison
- Financial Contributor
- Organized free fruits and vegetables for the community twice a year
- Maintained the lawn at Carlton Drive and Newcastle Drive entryway

The various experiences you've gained throughout your career have significantly equipped you with the skills and insights necessary for this crucial leadership role.

Again, congratulations on your election.

Sincerely,

Dr. Anthony Mack

Social Activities Committee Chair

Committee Highlights

Keeping you in the know



Mary McCants,
Block Captain Coordinator

The block captains are the backbone of our neighborhood. They keep communication open and flowing between the blocks and the neighborhood. They work to keep their blocks safe and beautiful while also keeping residents informed about important issues. Block captains attend meetings and educate new residents about our neighborhood. They may hold block gatherings and maintain a block members' roster. If you would like to be an assistant on your block, just let us know. We will be happy to have you as a team member.

Celebrate Black History Month



OTHER WAYS TO CELEBRATE

- LEARN ABOUT BLACK HISTORY IN YOUR COMMUNITY
- VISIT A BLACK OR AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY MUSEUM
- LEARN ABOUT BLACK MUSIC HISTORY
- READ BOOKS WRITTEN BY BLACK AUTHORS
- WATCH FILMS OR VIDEOS BY BLACK CREATORS
- SUPPORT BLACK-OWNED BUSINESSES
- SUPPORT BLACK-LED NONPROFITS

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH: AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY SITES IN COLUMBIA SC

In honor of Black History Month, join us as we explore the myriad of significant African-American sites that make up the rich history of Columbia SC.

CULTURAL ATTRACTIONS

On Hampton Street in the heart of downtown Columbia, you will stumble upon a beautiful white building with a bright red door. Built originally as the House of Peace Synagogue in the early 1900s and later sold + relocated in 1936, this historic building became a prevalent African-American nightclub called "The Big Apple." Stroll along the 1500 block of the recently revitalized Main Street where you will notice the Kress Building—a 1935 structure that housed a "Whites Only" lunch counter. The Kress Building is one of the eight locations in Columbia where students protested and held sit-ins during the 1960s Civil Rights Movement.

From the Kress Building, head North on Main Street toward the South Carolina State House and walk the grounds where several Civil Rights demonstrations and rallies were held in the 1960s. To the left of the State House lies the African-American History Monument, which was designed (by Sculptor Ed Dwight) as tribute to the rich history of African Americans and their contributions to South Carolina.

Read more:

<https://www.experiencecolumbiasc.com/blog/post/african-american-history-sites-in-columbia-sc/>

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(803) 212-6048

OUR SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO:

Mrs. Elizabeth Adams, 216 Devoe Dr., and family in the death of her husband, Mr. Ernest Adams.

Ms. Berta Walker, 9525 S. Chelsea Rd., Columbia, SC 29223, in the death of her brother, Mr. Larry Dean Walker.

Mrs. Bessie Harrison Wood, formerly of 172 Newcastle Drive

Deacon Therin McCants, 305 Newcastle Dr., in the death of his brother, Mr. Jonathan McCants Sr.,

We are sorry for your loss. Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

You may Email your information to:

info@newcastleconcernedcitizens.com

or Jmoble2@aol.com

or send a Text Message to 803-500-6507



Congratulations



YARD OF THE MONTH
Mrs. Lavon H. Cooper
130 Sunnydale Dr.



NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION DUES

\$30.00 per calendar year per household. Make check or money order payable to NCCI

Mail to

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