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Wild Birds Unlimited has donated feeders and feed for our birds at Happy Hollow Park.

Wild Birds Unlimited is celebrating over 30 years of providing bird feed and nature products.

Thank you! Wild Birds Unlimited!



Converse Heights

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
P. O. Box 187
Spartanburg, SC 29304-0187

4th of July Parade

CHNA's 43rd Annual 4th of July Parade (led by a City Fire Truck!) and Celebration. Want to join the parade? Show your patriotic enthusiasm – decorate your bikes, wagons, pets, and more with red, white, and blue.

Meeting time: July 4, 9:30 – 10:00 a.m. (parade begins at 10:00)

Meeting location: Behind GHS at the corner of Pine St and Otis Blvd

Ending location: Happy Hollow Park

Want to watch? Cheer participants along the parade route (from start, down Otis, left on Mills, then right on Glendalyn to Happy Hollow Park).

Want to join the celebration? Enjoy icees, balloon animals, and face painting in Happy Hollow Park until noon.

Converse Heights offers Special Thanks to:

Trinity United Methodist Church for the use of its meeting rooms and Social Hall.

Pine Street Elementary School for letting us have our annual meeting there.

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From the Chair

Thanks for Your Membership

Thank you to everyone who has joined CHNA this year. Thanks also to those of you who took the time to send comments and questions with your membership donation. Answers to most of the questions are included in this newsletter.

Your membership allows us to continue to improve what we do for the neighborhood. Perhaps most visibly, our Beautification Committee worked with Roebuck Wholesale Nursery and Landscaping to enhance the four entrances we maintain. The additional pops of color create a more welcoming entry and display our neighborhood's beauty to anyone passing by.

If you haven't joined or renewed your membership this year, please consider doing so. The minimum membership level is a very affordable \$25/year. More information is available at <http://converseheights.org/join-now/>

Frequently Asked Questions

CHNA takes our mission seriously to keep Converse Heights safe, beautiful and fun. We are a voluntary neighborhood association. Unlike many newer neighborhoods with mandatory homeowners' associations, we are not governed by covenants and restrictions. We often receive questions from neighbors who we have to refer to the City, so we wanted to provide answers to the following frequently asked questions:

• Who can I contact if the sidewalk in front of my house needs repair? The City's Streets & Stormwater Maintenance Department (596-2089). More information at <http://www.cityofspartanburg.org/public-services/streets-stormwater/streets-maintenance>.

• What can I do if a house on my street is a nuisance? <http://www.cityofspartanburg.org/community-services/property-maintenance/faq>. Code violations may be reported at <http://www.cityofspartanburg.org/community-services/property-maintenance/report>.

• Don't people have to clean up after their dogs? Yes, violators may face a fine up to \$500.

• When should I put my garbage bin out? Thursday. Garbage should not be put out more than 24 hours in advance of pick up day when possible.

• Rules about green waste: <http://www.cityofspartanburg.org/public-services/solid-waste/greenwaste> (CH is Area 8). Separated into separate piles of brush, grass clippings, and leaves and placed at least 3 feet from obstacles like mail boxes, poles, cars, etc. Limbs should be shorter than 6 feet and thinner than 6 inches in diameter.

• What is the recycling schedule? Second and fourth Mondays of each month. There is an online form to request an additional bin (for \$50) on the City's website at <http://www.cityofspartanburg.org/recycling>

• What can be recycled? Aluminum, empty metal cans, plastics (nos. 1-7), paper and boxboard, flattened corrugated cardboard, and coated cartons (milk, orange juice, etc.). Glass is no longer accepted for recycling. Items should go loose into the bin, **not enclosed in plastic bags.**

Much of the information above is taken from the City's website, <http://www.cityofspartanburg.org/>, which is a great resource. The City also has an app, HeySpartanburg!, available on the Apple and Android App Stores, which can be used to report issues and request services.

Important Number: Non Emergency Police Dispatch (864) 596-2222.

Alyson Campbell, Chairperson

More info at: www.converseheights.org

2018 Social Calendar



July 4th Parade

9:30 - meeting
Parade at 10:00 am



National Night Out
October 2



Fall Social
November 9



Monty Mullen Hankinson was happy to receive the Good Neighbor of the year Award at the Annual Meeting. She is Director of the Balmer Foundation which has been very generous and kind to grant funds to plant trees in the ravine.

Neighbors Support Crystal Springs Restoration

It's been almost four years since the Converse Heights Neighborhood Association took on the task of returning the Crystal Springs Ravine—bordered by Sherwood Circle, Woodburn Road and Crystal Drive—to a natural Piedmont Forest, and we've made remarkable progress. Gone are many of the urban castoffs of old tires and beer bottles. Gone are many of the invasive plants from privet to English ivy. And added to the landscape are small trees to replace those huge oaks that are aging out.

Much has been accomplished, but much remains to be done, and none of it would have been possible without the financial support of many neighbors and the volunteers working in the spring and fall. We have raised almost \$76,000 toward the effort and would like to publicly thank our donors:

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 Balmer Foundation
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How do you like the recently enhanced landscaping at the main entrances to Converse Heights?

Earlier this spring, the Converse Heights Neighborhood Association (CHNA) approved an increase in the neighborhood's beautification budget. What you're seeing now is the result—a rich variety of beautiful flowers and new landscaping at the intersections of East Main Street and Mills, Twin Drive at Pine Street and Connecticut at Woodburn Road.

Beautification Committee members met several times with Roebuck Wholesale Nursery & Landscaping project manager Shane Knight to develop plans for the entrances that would provide greater visual impact and still be something the neighborhood could afford.

There were some problems with the plantings in early May. Shortly after the upgrades, someone was stealing plants on Twin Drive and on Connecticut. The beds were replanted, and Spartanburg City Police agreed to keep an eye on the landscaping during their night patrols through Converse Heights.

"CHNA's goal is to keep Converse Heights "Safe, Beautiful, and Fun," said Association Chair Alyson Campbell. "We think our investment in this new beautification effort is good for both neighborhood aesthetics and home values. Thanks to the generous support of our dues-paying members for making this possible."



Unsure if you've paid your dues for the year?

Go to converseheights.org, click on "Membership"; there is a link that says "2018 Membership List."

Membership Box Score						
2018						
Neighbor	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Platinum	Grand Total	
\$ 2,905	\$ 3,425	\$ 3,600	\$ 4,350	\$ 1,500	\$ 15,780	
Neighbor	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Platinum	Total Count	
116	66	36	25	3	246	
2017						
Neighbor	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Platinum	Grand Total	
\$2,837	\$4,000	\$3,625	\$2,600	\$1,500	\$14,562	
Neighbor	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Platinum	Total Count	
114	78	36	14	3	245	

This clip-out is your official request to join CHNA for 2018. Please let us know that you care about Converse Heights as much as we do by sending in your check for membership in the enclosed envelope today. If you have already sent yours in, **thank you!**

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Please join your Neighborhood Association today!
Neighbors working together get things done and make safer, more attractive communities with higher home values.

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These are our membership levels for January through December 2018:

Neighbor - \$25 Bronze - \$50 Silver - \$100 Gold - \$150 Platinum - \$500

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

What would you like to see CHNA work on in 2018? _____

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