

WE NEED YOU!

SPECIAL MEETING ~ July 10, 2008

ELECTIONS - We are looking for new members with a little time to help build our community. Therefore we are planning to elect new officers at this 6:00pm meeting. If you are interested or know someone who is, please attend this meeting. We need you!

Our community group is mainly concerned with keeping our neighborhood safe. We are loosely organized, with a President, Vice President, Secretary and a Communications Director who work together to organize events and research topics of interest for our neighborhood meetings. We are also in need of block captains and phone tree volunteers. If you can donate a few minutes a week or month we will continue to grow as a safe and happy community. Our meetings are a place neighbors can suggest ways to beautify and maintain a safer Stephen Foster community while at the same time voicing their concerns to officers and other community leaders.

We all want to live our lives in our own peaceful personal ways, help us do so. Your input and help is vital to this mission. Mark your calendar and bring a neighbor or friend.

~**Bi-monthly Meetings**~

**Second Thursday of each even month
6:00PM at the
Parkview Baptist Church
3403 NW 13th Street**

**We meet in or across from the voting area.
(Dates for 2008 – July 10, Aug. 14, Oct. 9, Dec. 11)**

HISTORY~

In 1983 Neighborhood Housing Services, in cooperation with the City of Gainesville, began a revitalization effort in the community that is now known as the Stephen Foster Neighborhood. This revitalization effort had many facets. First and foremost was to create a sense of community. Neighborhood signs were posted, community events planned, and neighborhood cleanups were scheduled. Our more recent events include creek clean ups and National Night Out walks to unify us with our neighbors.

Since property owners have a more vested interest in the neighborhood, programs were developed and funded to assist families with the purchase of first homes in the neighborhood. Over the years since that first family moved into the neighborhood, this program changed the face of our little community. An area that was made up primarily of rental homes is now a diverse community of homeowners and long term leasers.

Currently we have received a \$15,000 grant as part of the City of Gainesville Neighborhood Planning Program. They only select one or two neighborhoods per year for this grant money and neighborhood participation is the cornerstone of this project. If you would like to be included in working on this project please contact us.

For more information see our blog:
<http://stephenfoster.realtownblogs.com/>

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