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Top Tips for Fire Safety



alarm?

The Sumter Fire Department reminds you

that replacing your smoke alarms matters. Replace smoke alarms every ten years. Install alarms on each floor, in living areas, and inside and outside of sleeping areas. Test all smoke alarms at least once a month, press the test button to be sure the alarm is working.



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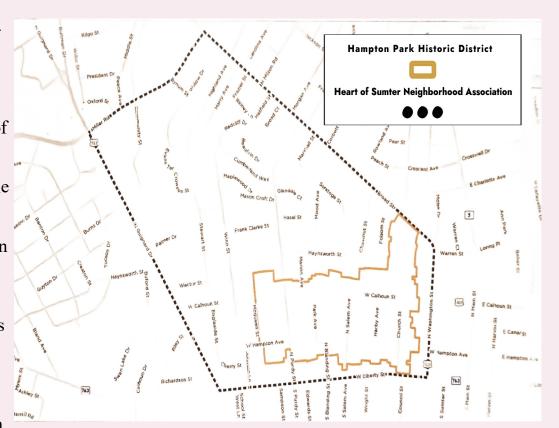
Many home fire deaths occur due to smoke alarms that aren't working. After 10 years, a smoke alarm has worked continuously for more than 87,000 hours. Does your cell phone, computer or even coffee maker work that long? How old is your



HSNA members - the Sumter Fire Department

Hampton Park Historic District

Established by Sumter County Council in January 1979, the Hampton Park Historic District is historic by virtue of its collection of turn of the century residential structures of nearly every conceivable architectural style. The Historic District is approximately 120 acres in size and encompasses more than six city blocks. It contains 268 individual parcels and is defined geographically by Church St. to the east, Hampton Ave. to the south, McQueen St. to the west and Calhoun



St. to the north. However, the Hampton Park District is threatened today by a host of local and regional factors, such as the local economy, permissive land use policies, absentee ownership, property neglect and others. The westward expansion of Sumter in recent years has taken a toll on the state of the Hampton Park Historic District.

The City of Sumter Design Review Board is a seven member committee appointed by Sumter City Council. It is tasked by the Council to implement design review for all exterior appearance and materials in two design review districts -- the Downtown Historic District and the Hampton Park Historic District. The Board uses the basic standards established in the City of Sumter Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance and locally developed Design Review Guidelines. Design Review includes buildings, landscaping, fences, and signs.

HSNA is a neighborhood association whose mission is to continue preserving, protecting and promoting our gem - "Hampton Park Historic District".



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Distinctive Properties of Historic Sumter

This is the third in a series of interviews about the many interesting dwellings in the Heart of Sumter Neighborhood. Our visit was with

Michele and Randy McDaniel (N. Purdy Street).



HSNA– When did you come to Sumter, and what brought you? M & R- We originally lived in Sumter from 2015 until 2017 and returned in 2021. The desire to be near family brought us here. HSNA – Why did you choose this house? M & R – It reminds of our first house in Sumter (on W. Calhoun Street).

HSNA – What can you share about your property's history? M & R – The house was built in 1931 for the Lawson family. They were owners of Lawson Coffee Company and Lawson Manufacturing Company (which produced Carobest Peanut Butter). The businesses were located on S. Sumter Street.

HSNA – What can you tell us of the architectural style? M & R – With features such as half-timbered gables, a prominent chimney with patterned brickwork, and an arcaded wing wall, our house is Tudor in style.

HSNA – What especially do you like about your house? M & R – Although there is a second story, we have everything needed on one level. There is a flowing floor plan. The many windows provide wonderful natural light. There is a spacious kitchen. We enjoy the colorful stained glass window



beside the front door.

HSNA – What do you like about living in the Heart of Sumter neighborhood?

M & R – We like the walkability, the variety of architecture and the proximity to downtown.

HSNA – Michele and Randy, thank you for sharing your wonderful home with us!

Sowen to most, is a Charleston Native, US Army veteran, and retired Fire Captain. Bowen retired from the North Charleston Fire Department in November 2021 with 25 years of service.



He and his wife, Pamela, fell in love with the Sumter Historic District, while passing through on a work/weekend get away. After retirement, they were lucky enough to find a home in the

Hampton Park Historic District. They closed their Park Circle store, and sold their home there. They love their W. Calhoun home in Sumter and can often be seen in their yard working hard to restore it to its original beauty.

Bowen and wife Pamela now own the Bohemian Swan, located in Sumter Historic Downtown, and they are able to enjoy work/live-all in the Historic District.

