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# Heart Beat

THE HEART OF SUMTER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

*Experience the vibrant world of art at Sumter Art in the Park 2024, Celebrating Earth Day, brought to you by the Heart of Sumter Neighborhood Association.*



Get ready for a day filled with excitement as the Heart of Sumter Neighborhood Association (HSNA) presents its annual Art in the Park event on April 20th. Now in its 16th year, this signature Sumter event will feature over 100 vendors from across South Carolina, showcasing a diverse range of artworks including paintings, sculptures, ceramics, jewelry, fiber art, glass art, woodwork, photography, folk art, and much more. Complementing the art exhibits will be a delightful array of entertainment and cuisine, promising a sensory-filled weekend experience. Join us to continue the tradition of celebrating art, food, entertainment, and fun!

We're thrilled to welcome back many of our returning vendors along with exciting new additions. Be sure to mark your calendar and join us on Saturday, April 20th, at Sumter's historic Memorial Park from 9 am to 3 pm. HSNA will transform the park into an amazing outdoor gallery featuring talented art and craft vendors. While you're here, indulge in delicious treats from our Community Corner, hosted by local nonprofits and Sumter schools, all while enjoying live entertainment throughout the day. Our main attraction includes *Johnny Hilton and Family & Friends*, promising a day of enjoyable entertainment for all ages.

Additionally, we're excited to introduce you to a few featured artists who will be showcasing their work at the HSNA 2024 Sumter Art in the Park, Celebrating Earth Day:

**Alexandria Trapp:** A passionate artist and designer from Sumter SC, currently attending Converse University in Spartanburg SC. Alex's goal is to inspire and captivate viewers with her wonderful works of art.

**Terry Ouellette** (Terry O. Designs): Born and raised in South Carolina, Terry crafts exquisite jewelry pieces, with her 'Tree of Life' pendants being a favorite among many.

**Pressa Hunter and Angie Taylor** (Embellished Art Décor): A mother-daughter duo behind Embellished Art Décor, offering unique home décor creations through repurposing and upcycling materials.

Join us for a day of art, entertainment, and community spirit at Sumter Art in the Park 2024. Visit our website [HSNASUMTERSC.COM](https://HSNASUMTERSC.COM) for an electronic park map with vendor names and an entertainment schedule. Don't forget to follow us on Facebook at Heart of Sumter Neighborhood Association for event updates. See you there!

# Hampton Park Historic District

## EFFECTIVE APRIL 15, 2024

The Hampton Park Historic District was established by the Sumter City Council in 1979 and remains the city's sole primarily residential historic district. Covering 120 acres and 268 parcels, it is bounded by Church Street to the east, Hampton Avenue to the south, and McQueen Street to the west. The district extends northward beyond Calhoun Street and includes blocks of Church Street up to Broad Street. With the growth of the downtown core adjacent to the Hampton Park District, traffic pressures have risen, prompting residents' concerns about speeding and noise from emergency vehicles. This study aimed to address these issues for Calhoun Street through focus groups, surveys, and public meetings. Stantec Consulting Services Inc., the consultant for this project, conducted thorough field surveys, including lighting assessments, crash rates (provided by Sumter/SCDOT), traffic volumes (Sumter/SCDOT), turning movement counts at six intersections, floating car studies, and speed studies. Focus groups involved residents, Prisma / Tuomey Medical Center staff, emergency responders, law enforcement, fire department personnel, and local planning staff. Two public meetings were held, one on September 1st to refine issues and another on December 8, 2015, to review proposed recommendations and gather feedback.



The Traffic Engineer for the PE District (dated September 06, 2023) indicated that SCDOT has confirmed that two traffic signals on W. Calhoun do not meet the requirements for signalization and can be replaced with 4-way stops. The Heart of Sumter and area residents encouraged the Sumter Mayor and Council to consider and vote for approval. As a trial solution, **“Starting April 15, 2024, drivers on W. Calhoun will need to observe four-way stops at the following intersections”:**

- a. W. Calhoun @ N. Purdy Street – the signal at West Calhoun St. and N. Purdy Street will be removed and replaced with a 4-way stop.
- b. W. Calhoun @ Church Street – the signal at West Calhoun and Church St. will be removed and replaced with a 4-way stop.
- a. N. Salem Street and W. Calhoun Street - a 4-way stop will be installed.

For the complete report, visit [HSNASUMTERSC.COM](https://HSNASUMTERSC.COM) and click on the HAMPTON PARK HISTORIC DISTRICT: TRAFFIC CALMING PROGRAM REPORT button.

**A Heart of Sumter Neighborhood Association Map and the Hampton Park Historic Neighborhood with the Review & Guidelines is Available at [HSNASUMTERSC.COM](https://HSNASUMTERSC.COM). can be found at [HSNASumterSC.com](https://HSNASumterSC.com).**

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A new installment featuring one of the fine houses in the Heart of Sumter will appear on our website soon.

Meanwhile, please visit us at [HSNASUMTERSC.COM](https://HSNASUMTERSC.COM) for previously featured distinctive properties of the neighborhood.

If you are interested in serving on the board of the Heart of Sumter Neighborhood Association, please send an email to [SumterHSNA@gmail.com](mailto:SumterHSNA@gmail.com).