

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT ~ Aug. 7**

**PICNIC** - This year we are organizing a picnic in the park behind the Parkview Baptist Church. Bring your favorite dish, a drink and chairs. Bruce and I will set up plywood sawhorse tables. The event begins at 5:45pm with GPD Forensics Unit, followed by the K-9 Unit and Traffic Unit (Motorcycles) arriving at 6pm. If time permits we will walk around the neighborhood and say hello to our neighbors.

**COMMUNITY MEETING ~ Aug. 9**

**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 meeting. If you are interested or know someone who is, please attend this meeting.

Our community group is mainly concerned with keeping our neighborhood safe. We are loosely organized, with a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasure who organize meetings and research topics of interest for the group. Our current president is Bruce Bugdal. The meetings are a place neighbors can suggest ways to beautify and maintain a safer Stephen Foster community at the same time voice their concerns to officers and other community members.

We all want to live our lives in our own peaceful personal ways, help us do so.

~**Bi-monthly Meeting**~

Second Thursday of each even month

6:00PM at the

Parkview Baptist Church

3403 NW 13<sup>th</sup> Street

Meeting in or across from the voting area.

(Dates for 2007 - Aug. 9, Oct. 11, Dec. 13)

**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 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 this 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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