



# The North Springs Ripples

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## Hotel Coming to the Village

A Hyatt Place hotel received approval from the Richland County Planning Commission May 5th. This will be a six story 123 room facility and will be located in the village across from our Seven Springs entrance where the construction trailers are sitting. County Council will hear public input on this May 27th at 7:00 pm in council chambers located at 2020 Hampton Street.

## 4th of July Volunteers Needed

We are in the planning stages for the 4th of July Celebration and are in need of volunteers to make the celebration a huge success. Please consider volunteering, there are many ways to help out. Please email me at [tbivey@mindspring.com](mailto:tbivey@mindspring.com) or call me at 699-6334 to find out what you would like to do to help. Hope to here from you soon.

## Residents Win Awards

Elaine Pierson and Barbara Wyatt were each recently awarded the "Sowing the Seeds of Democracy" by Councilwoman Val Hutchinson. This award is given in recognition of citizens who make a difference in their communities. Elaine was recognized for her efforts in North Springs and Barbara for her eight years as a member of the Richland County Planning Commission and her efforts in writing the land development codes.

## North Springs Yard of the Month

The winner of the North Springs Yard of the Month is the Smith family of 116 Seven Springs. Barbara Wyatt has sponsored the yard of the month since 1983 when she began the sponsorship as a way to promote and encourage residents to keep their yards in tip-top shape. She has given hundreds of dollars to the winners over the many years. This year she plans to recognize folks that have improved their lawns greatly in the last couple of years. So get out and spruce up and you may find the yard of the month sign in your yard.

## Mark Your Calendars

Richland County Council meeting - Input on location of the Hyatt Place Hotel  
May 27th at 7:00 pm at 2020 Hampton Street



## North Springs Website

[www.northspringsneighbors.com](http://www.northspringsneighbors.com)



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**NEXT DEADLINE:**

**June 20, 2008**

## Neighbor News

Welcome to Don and Annie Ball and their five year old daughter Caitlin who have recently moved to North Springs. Don, Jr., is the son of long time residents Don and Venice Ball.

One of our North Springs residents, Sharon Von Fange, 217 Springwater Drive, has written a song that was used for the Grand Opening of Palmetto Health Children's Hospital on Tuesday, May 20, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. The song is titled "A Place for Us" and features Sharon, Becca Reitz (Children's Hospital music therapist), E.T. Taylor (hospital administrator on duty) and the St. John Neumann Super Star Choir under the direction of Shelly Dunphy. This song and others will be featured on a commemorative CD of children's songs which can be purchased at the Grand Opening, the State Museum, the Columbia Convention Center and the Children's Hospital gift shop. All proceeds from the sales of the CD will benefit Children's Hospital. To listen to more original music by Sharon Von Fange, visit [www.myspace.com/sharonvonfange](http://www.myspace.com/sharonvonfange).

Allison Altman, a rising senior at UNC Chapel Hill, is a recipient of the Andy and Cindi Griffith Scholarship for Dramatic Art majors who have displayed excellence in the field and participated in extracurricular activities.

## Garden Club News

**Curb Appeal of the Month:**

Irrigation heads need attention when the system is put on "Start Up"! Run the system through all programs and observe the heads for operation. If they are not turning or popping up properly, check for being covered with mulch or sod. The mulch and sod need to be dug away from the head periodically, being careful not to disturb or break the head. If sand or gravel get into the head sleeve it may cause that head to operate improperly because it has cut a groove into that head and it will have to be replaced.

For those who do not have access to lake irrigation, you can put all outside faucets (and irrigation system) on a separate water meter, so that you do not have to pay for sewage. Call the City of Columbia Water Department for an extra meter to be installed for water usage only.

North Springs Home and Garden Club congratulates the Mandeville's, 605 Cold Branch Dr. for winning CURB APPEAL OF THE MONTH for May. Thank you Kerry and Jan for such a beautiful landscaping display, and making our community a more appealing place to live.

The Second Annual North Springs Auction held on May 17th with a bake and plant sale was a success. Thanks to Norm Ivey, auctioneer, and his wife Thresa who helped him. Thanks also to Sam and Elaine Pierson for allowing us to use their home and yard. We even "tail gated" coffee and beverages. It was a gorgeous day, and I think everyone went home with some treasure, or two or three. A lot of work goes into a project like this, which starts with advertising, planning, organizing, sales, and then here come the customers! We had a lot of fun!