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South Lake Neighborhood Strategic Plan – 2015 - 2016

STRATEGIC VISION: To enhance the lives of the neighborhood residents.

About South Lake:

Home of Hobart William Smith Colleges, serene country-like setting with large lots along Seneca Lake. This community is one of the few truly premier neighborhoods to be found in any small American city. In the area south of Hamilton there is a remarkable collection of amenities: two renowned liberal arts colleges, a historic neighborhood of outstanding houses sited near a magnificent lake, attractive homes on large lots in a nearly rural setting and desirable houses and apartments clustered near the schools. The neighborhood can boast of managed woodlands, a beautiful cemetery, and, remarkably, one of the better retail districts in the local region. While the houses are quite affordable when looked at in a national context, locally they are some of the most valuable and desirable urban properties and upkeep is at a high standard.

Neighborhood Strategies for 2015-2018:

South Lake neighborhood association leaders have defined three goals for improving the neighborhood and strengthening the neighborhood association with measureable outcomes and corresponding actions to achieve the goals. These strategies are outlined below.

GOAL ONE: To create a safe neighborhood for pedestrians in the neighborhood.

This goal will be achieved when:

- Sidewalks are installed and maintained in high volume areas
- A crosswalk with flashing lights is installed at the intersection of Pulteney and Main Streets

Actions To Support Goal One	Time Frame	Implementer(s)
Have City determine if and where sidewalk s could be installed to enhance pedestrian safety	Summer 2015	GNRC & Engineering Dept. to implement.
Research the requirements for the installation of flashing lights at the crosswalk at Main St and Pulteney Street	2015	Neigh. Assoc. & GNRC

GOAL TWO: Provide a safe place for children in the neighborhood to play.

This goal will be achieved when:

- A Neighborhood Play Park is constructed
- There are plans for a City Park in the South Lake Neighborhood

Actions To Support Goal Two	Time Frame	Implementer(s)
Have HWS students conduct a Feasibility Study of establishing a Play Park and Community Garden on HWS property	Spring 2015	HWS and Neighborhood Association
Have the Planning Board approve the plan for a Play Park and Community Garden on HWS property.	Summer 2015	Neigh. Assoc.
Clear property and construct a Play Park and Community Garden	Fall 2015	Neigh. Assoc.
Construct a Community Garden	Fall 2015	Neigh. Assoc. and Community Gardens

GOAL THREE: Linking neighbors with communications, media and supportive resources.

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This goal will be achieved when:

- A regular newsletter is produced and distributed to the residents of the neighborhood.
- A South Lake Facebook Page is established and maintained
- A directory of all residents and businesses in the neighborhood is produced
- Revival of a summer picnic
- Establish a Welcome Packet for distribution to new neighbors

Actions To Support Goal Three	Time Frame	Implementer(s)
Newsletter is produced, printed and distributed for the first month with advice to provide email addresses for future publications	Summer 2015	Neigh. Assoc. and GNRC to print
Facebook page will be established	Summer 2015	Neigh. Assoc. and GNRC
Plan a Summer Picnic for the Neighborhood at the Zion Church	Summer 2015	Neigh. Assoc.
Develop and publish a Directory of all neighbors and neighborhood businesses	Fall 2015 and Spring 2016	Neigh. Assoc. and GNRC
Put together Welcome Packets for new residents to include reiteration of relevant City Regulations i.e. Gun Laws	Fall 2015 and Spring 2016	Neigh. Assoc. and GNRC
Establish a Facebook Page for give-away, barter, services and other offers	Summer 2015 – Fall 2015	Neigh. Assoc.

GOAL FOUR: City Property for shared use by residents

This goal will be achieved when:

- Establish a City Park in the South Lake Neighborhood
- Have Shade Trees planted on City right-of-way in front of homes that desire them
- Provide input to the City Comprehensive Planning Process

Actions To Support Goal Three	Time Frame	Implementer(s)
Lobby City to install a City Park in the south Lake Neighborhood	Summer 2015 – Fall 2015	Neigh. Assoc.
Contact the City Engineering Department to have the arborist visit those properties desiring shade trees.	Summer 2015	Neigh. Assoc.
Attend Comprehensive Planning Meetings	Summer 2015	Neigh. Assoc.

Additional Interests:

Reducing the deer and squirrel population.