

### W.B. Wicker School Gains Local Landmark Status

The WB Wicker School was designated a Local Landmark at the City Council meeting on December 22, 2008 Ordinance #2008-77. The property is located at 900 South Vance Street. The Lee County Training School, better known as the W.B. Wicker School, is a one-story brick building dating back to 1927 with additions in 1934 and 1949. The school served as Sanford and Lee County's African American school from construction in 1927 until it was decommissioned as a high school in 1969. The building was renamed in 1954 after its first principal, William Bartelle Wicker, and it was built by contractor Arnold Lincoln "Link" Boykin, a leading member of Sanford's black community. Architect H.B. Hunter provided the design for the 1927 building, and Sanford architect L.M. Thompson provided technical assistance. On October 22, 2001 the property was gifted to Brick Capital Community Development Corporation, a local nonprofit. It is now a community center which houses a child care center, a community college dental hygiene program and Lee County children's dental center, a tutoring and personal development program, and a small business center. Also of note is the decorative brickwork employed in the school landscaping. Brickwork from this period is characterized by tight radial turnings and the use of white quartzite rocks as accents. The complete 2006 renovation of the facility was carried out in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings. The renovation has received final National Park Service approval indicating that the rehabilitation guidelines were successfully incorporated. The property has been entered in The National Register of Historic Places by the United States Department of Interior on December 28, 2000. The W. B. Wicker School was granted Local Landmark status on Tuesday, December 16, 2008.

### **FEATURED PROPERTY**

#### Hawkins National Register District

John Monroe House Contributing (C) also known as Dr. Dotterer's Doctors Office- located at 118 Hawkins Avenue ca. 1815. The John Monroe House is a frame two-story, three bay, double-pile dwelling with hipped roof features a hipped dormer, plain siding, one-over-one sash windows and a wraparound porch and porte-cochere supported by battered posts on brick bases. The two front glazed and paneled doors may indicate its use as a duplex. The 'oral' history also has an explanation on the front double doors. This was a segregated doctor's office: one door and waiting room was for white patients while the other was for black patients.



The double doors are clearly visible in this photograph. The door on the left was for black patients while the door on the right was for white patients.

### **Meeting Dates      COA Deadline Submission Dates**

January 26, 2009	January 12, 2009
March 2, 2009	February 16, 2009
March 23, 2009	March 9, 2009
April 27, 2009	April 13, 2009
May 18, 2009	May 4, 2009
June 29, 2009	June 15, 2009
July 27, 2009	July 13, 2009
August 24, 2009	August 10, 2009
September 28, 2009	September 14, 2009
October 26, 2009	October 12, 2009
November 23, 2009	November 9, 2009
December 28, 2009	December 14, 2009

Historic Preservation meetings are held the fourth Monday of every month (except for February, May and June) beginning at 7:00 pm in the West End Conference Room at City Hall, 225 E. Weatherspoon Street. The West End Conference Room is accessible to persons with disabilities. If auxiliary aids or directions are needed, please call (919) 775-8239.

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On behalf of the Historic Preservation Commission, I would like to welcome you to Volume 2 Issue 1 of the City of Sanford Historic Preservation Commission Newsletter. We plan to have two issues a year one in the spring and one in fall. We hope that this recurring newsletter will be one tool we can use to update you on all the Commission has been working on. This letter includes updates on the three Ad Hoc Committees: Design Guidelines Committee, Entry Signs to Historic District Committee, and a Safety and Security Committee. This issue also includes a section on Historic Preservation terms and a mystery definition.

The mission of the Sanford Historic Preservation Commission is to serve as the City Council's official historic preservation advisory body to identify, preserve, protect and educate the public about Sanford's historic resources.

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Historic District  
Resident or Property Owner

## Meet Historic Preservation Planner, Liz Whitmore

Liz was appointed to the Historic Preservation Commission on November 20, 2008. Liz has a degree from the University of Maryland in Landscape Architecture and her concentration while in school was in historic landscapes with the historic structures that accompanied them. Liz worked in Design Build for several years and worked on numerous high-end residential and national monument landscape architecture projects. She then went to work for Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC) as a Senior Urban Designer. While employed with MNPPC she reviewed projects including but not limited too:

The review of proposed plans and air rights at the Prince Georges Mall Metro Station; 1,057 acre Mixed Use Development by the Rouse Company that included 1,799 dwelling units including single family, townhomes, and apartments, a 10 acre park/school site, 350,000 square foot office, commercial, retail center, 10 miles of linear trails, a soccer complex that included 6 soccer fields and a community center, this development was the original home site of the first Governor Of Maryland, Oden Bowie, the historic structures were given adequate buffers and view sheds were also considered in the review. Additionally the streets were named after slaves that worked the property for Oden Bowie; the Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms (ATF) building located in Beltsville, MD; Center for Disease Control Building in College Park, MD. Liz moved to Southern Pines, NC April of 2003 and worked for Moore County until July of 2004 then came to work for the City of Sanford. Liz was thrilled when she was brought on board to work with David Montgomery and Historic Preservation and is looking forward to her new job duties. Liz's office is located at 226 Carthage Street, 919-775-8239 and email is [liz.whitmore@sanfordnc.net](mailto:liz.whitmore@sanfordnc.net).

## Two Ts' or not Two T's is the Question

### Summit vs. Summitt

The mystery has been solved! The Cook-Deaton Map (below) dated 1928 PC 2 pages 289-291, Lee County Register of Deeds, clearly shows that from the convergence of Hillcrest, Sunset and Summit Drives and Cross Street to Gulf Street the road in question was named **Summit** Drive, and then from Gulf Street to Steele Street the road was named **Summitt** Street. The map below clearly proves that Summit was spelled with one "T", at least in 1928 it was!



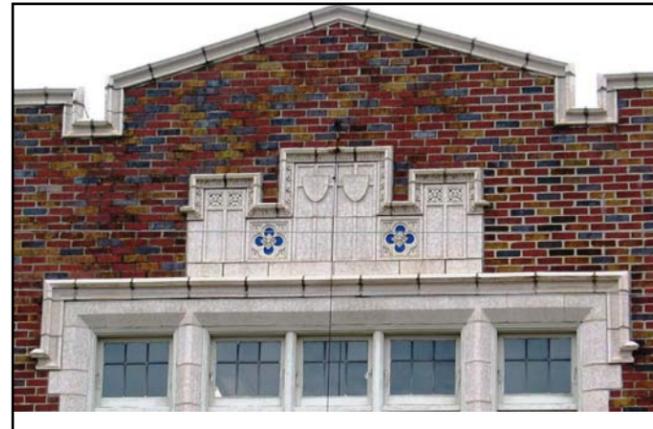
## FIRST ANNUAL MEET AND GREET

Come and meet Liz Whitmore and the rest of the staff for Historic Preservation, Historic Preservation and Appearance Commission members on Wednesday April 29, 2009 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm, 226 Carthage Street Sanford, NC. Refreshments and light snacks will be served.

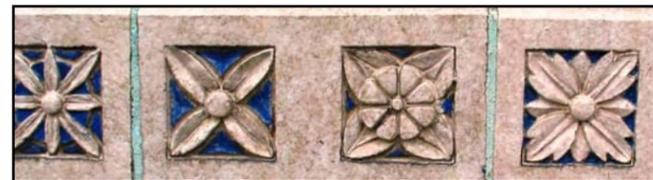
## FEATURED PROPERTY

### Downtown Sanford Historical District

Hubbard's Shoes Building Pivotal (P) – located at 112 South Steele Street ca. 1928. One of the more distinctive structures in the district, this two-story brick building features stone and terra cotta ornamentation in Tudor Revival-influenced motif. Terra cotta pilasters with pointed arch at top rise to roof line which in turn terminates in a raised gable. Entrance is topped by a leaded glass arch and flanked by copper-trimmed display windows. Below the latter are stone foundations decorated with terra cotta medallions in various floral designs.



Second floor of facade consists of five windows set in molded terra cotta surround with label lintel and crenellated sides.



Above is a panel of terra cotta with quatrefoil medallions. These medallions are located at street level make sure you stop by and take a look at this wonderful craftsmanship!

This building is now the location of Carolina Sporting Goods.

## HP Committee Updates

### Guidelines Committee

The Guidelines Committee has submitted to the Commission the final draft of the revised Guidelines for the Rosemount – McIver Historic Park District. These guidelines will be reviewed by the Commission, Historic Preservation, Current Review and Code Enforcement Staff. The Historic Commission will then make a recommendation and forward the guidelines to the City Council for review and action.

### Marketing/Communication Committee

#### Entrance Signage

The City of Sanford has budgeted money to install two historic entrance signs in each of the residentially recognized residential districts which include: the Rosemount-McIver Historic Park District (National Register and locally designated), Lee Avenue and Hawkins Avenue (National Register). We anticipate these sign to be installed by the end of June 2009.



Proposed Entrance Signage

#### Check us out on-line!

The Historic Preservations new and improved web site is up and running! Check us out at: [http://www.sanfordnc.net/historic\\_preservation/hpc.htm](http://www.sanfordnc.net/historic_preservation/hpc.htm)

#### Historic Site Inventory

Beginning in the spring of 2009 a photo inventory will be done of the two locally designated historic districts, Rosemount McIver Historic Park and Downtown. Liz Whitmore, Historic Preservation Planner and intern Erin Anglin (Western Harnett High School Junior) will be conducting the photo inventory.

#### Public Safety/Security Committee

The Historic Preservation Commission worked with the City Engineer to study traffic and accident data at key intersections within the Rosemount-McIver Historic Park and the Hawkins Avenue Historic Districts. Through this study three intersections were identified as problems. These intersections are Gulf Street/Summitt Street and Vance Street/Summitt Street in the Rosemount-McIver Historic Park District and Steele Street/Chisholm in the Hawkins Historic District. Four way stops signs have been installed at these three intersections creating safer roadways for both vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

## Neighborhood Events

### **The Farmers Market is Back!!!!!!!**

The Sanford/Lee County **Farmers Market** opening day will be April 25, 2009. The farmers will be back bright and early selling their locally grown produce from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at the North End (the fountain side) of Depot Park. Make sure you come out and support your LOCAL FARMERS!!!

### Screen on the Green

Family Friendly movies are coming to Depot Park April 2009. Be on the lookout for flyers with more information. Come out and support the movies!

## Historic Preservation Facts

### Historical Classifications

**(P) – Pivotal** those structures are considered Pivotal to the historic district. Pivotal structures are properties which, because of their historical, architectural and/or cultural characteristics, play a primary, central or “pivotal” role in establishing the qualities for which the district is significant.

**(C) – Contributing** those properties which, while not pivotal, are supportive of, and contribute to, the historical, architectural, and/or cultural characteristics for which the district is significant.

**(NC) - Noncontributing** those properties which have neither an especially positive nor an especially negative impact on the general characteristics of the district. They may be similar in form, height, and materials to contributing buildings in the district, but cannot be considered contributing because of the date of construction or radical alterations (in the case of buildings which meet the age criterion).

**(I) – Intrusive** those properties which have a definite negative impact on the historical, architectural and/or cultural characteristics for which the district is significant.

### Definition

**Double-pile dwelling:** “Double pile” means that a house is two rooms deep, front to back, as opposed to “single pile,” or one room deep. This is independent of whether a house has a rear ell, rear T, or rear shed with additional rooms, so it is used to describe the basic core form of the house. It is most often used to describe 19<sup>th</sup> century houses of traditional form. Most double pile houses also have a center passage plan.