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Rupert says, "Shoot with a Camera--Fight with a Pen—Tow with Greenwood".

This page will be hand-dropped in every mail slot on the block—it concerns the Block. It is also sent out by e-mail and posted on the WEB.

The Unit South Durham, Inc. HAS finally purchased 7 South Durham Street—the park and parking—WITH DEED IN HAND.— This is the first NEWSUNIT in over a year. First in Line to be thanked is Senator Barbara Mikulski who brought the plight of a deal lost in the weeds to the attention of Jim Kraft after we had hounded him for SIX MONTHS without even an acknowledgement that we existed as a Homestead community with a Pocket Park and Parking. Jennifer Piorkowski acted as our liaison beginning in January, 2007. The original Letter to Jim Kraft was express mailed April 14, 2006. When Mayor Sheila Dixon took office after O'malley became Governor, Surveyors appeared November 11, 2006. Kraft's office did not respond to any of our calls or letters until after The Good Senator, who was a City Council Person when the original Homestead deal was struck for the park, simply forwarded our Plea. Jennifer Piorkowski kept constant contact with us until she got another job. Things became slightly boggled after that. Personally – we became a bit lax because we were constantly assured that everything was going along as planned. Ya, Sure You Betcha. Thanks to the courage and persistence of, Lorie Mayorga, Jerry Withers and his ability to deal with bureaucrats and Merline Labisiere of the City and Nancy West's attention to the gardens. The Association, though with a considerable larger fee for the settlement THAN EXPECTED, now owns the Pocket Park and Parking.

We feel this is necessary to express since there is a turnover on the BLOCK and though it is the responsibility of the seller or the landlord to EXPLAIN THE RULES to the new tenants and one old tenant in particular -- With ownership comes responsibility. The Park can Grow, but as stated in the DEAL with the City, the eight parking slots will remain as such for the tenants to which houses the vehicles are registered. This was decided to prevent tenants from renting their space to outsiders. We the tenants are personally responsible for the Parks security. The Park and Parking belong to the UNIT SOUTH DURHAM HOMESTEAD HOUSES, INC, A 501(c) 4 non-profit.

It is the responsibility of individual residents to keep the area in front and back of their residence clear of debris. The heavy rain washes into the sewer system that runs into the harbor and Bay. Don't expect anyone else to pull your weeds or sweep up your leaves OR PURCHASE your Roundup. I assure you enough money and time is spent spraying between the bricks in the park that I'm just not that good a neighbor to do it for you. Individual dues are still being held onto for liability insurance. Personal out-of-pocket money and three represented homes are used for the upkeep of the park for now. I apologize for falling down on the mowing and pruning the past two summers – four car wrecks – people on cell phones.

The parking rules will Be enforced; "APATHY" IS HOW THE PARK WAS NEARLY LOST. Please stay inside your personal boundaries. Anyone needing a copy of the bylaws can download them at the site listed at the top of the page. Exceptions have been made with the registration rules for students who may be here for a short time. It is also necessary to keep the walkway clear in the park for the rest of the neighborhood; please do your part in asking the drug addicts and drunks to move along. This shouldn't be that difficult. Anyone needing parking instructions should get them.

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