



# THE DRUID HILLS News

**WINTER, 2011**  
**Volume 25, Number 4**  
**CONTENTS**

SALLY HARBAUGH HONORED	Pg 3
PRESIDENT'S COLUMN	Pg 3
THE DAYS OF DRUID HILLS	Pg 4
THE CAMERA DOCTOR	Pg 4
BOOK CLUB NEWS	Pg 5
CLIFTON CORRIDOR TRANSIT	Pg 5
RESTORING THE ENVIRONMENT	Pg 6
HISTORIC PRESERVATION	Pg 6
ATLANTA'S BEAUX-ARTS ARCHITECT	Pg 7
2012 HOME & GARDEN TOUR	Pg 10
THE JACKSONS OF PONCE DE LEON	Pg 10
AIEV RECEIVES PEDS AWARD	Pg 11
THE WAY THEY WERE...AND ARE	Pg 11



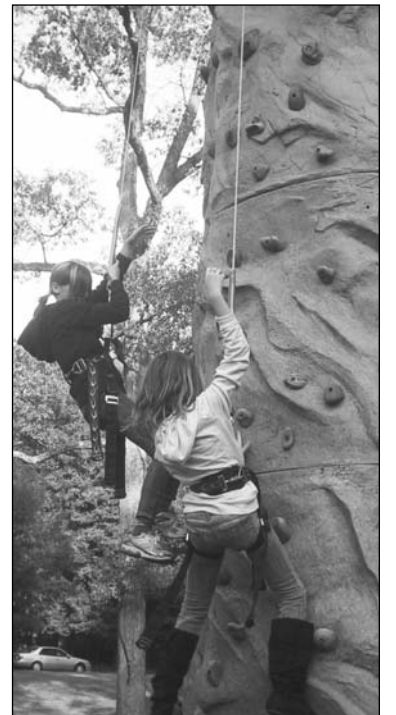
## Druid Hills Day



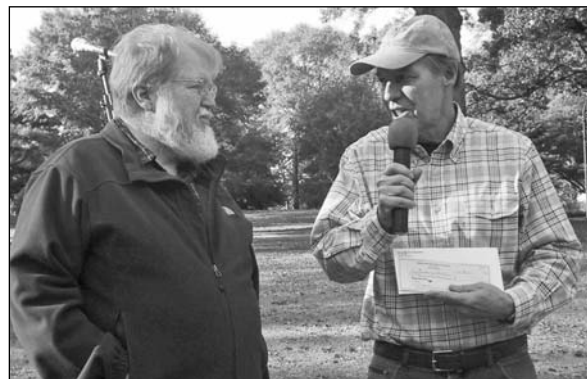
(left) The taco wagon was a hit at Druid Hills Day.

(right) The climbing wall is always popular at DH Day

(below) OLPA President Kirk Elifson, right, thanks DHCA President Bruce MacGregor for the Civic Association's generous donation to Olmsted Linear Park Alliance's park maintenance fund.



**October 30, 2011**



## Rutledge Community Park Emerges as Latest Green Triumph in Druid Hills

by **Tim Ralston**

The Druid Hills community will soon have a new park, thanks to DeKalb County and Commissioner Jeff Rader, in partnership with the Druid Hills Civic Association (DHCA). This park will be located on the former Rutledge property, which includes the last interior block parcel in private hands in Druid Hills, and is an element of the Olmsted influenced design for University Park (the original subdivision), platted in 1916.

The section of the new park that will be most visible has street frontage at 1812 Ridgewood Drive. The interior section of the park will lie behind portions of Emory Drive, Ridgewood Drive and Burlington Road. At 1.5 acres, this interior section will have similarities to the interior parks at Princeton Way and Westminster Way, and also shares characteristics with Burbank Park. Pursuant to the DeKalb County purchase agreement, the park will be named "Rutledge Park."

The first community meeting regarding the creation of Rutledge Park was sponsored by DHCA in May of 2011. At this exploratory meeting two general assumptions about the composition of the park were established by most of those in attendance – a desire to include play structures in the park for neighborhood families, and a desire to see the park maintained as a greenspace, protecting the existing and magnificent oak, beech, hickory and poplar canopy.

A steering committee was formed and met in July to explore park development options. The committee has established a relationship with DeKalb County and Park Pride to develop the park with community participation. Currently, invasive species (mainly bamboo and privet) are being removed to create an understanding of potential park design options within the Rutledge property.

*continued on page 2*

## Tour of Homes Breakfast Honors Sponsors

The 2012 Druid Hills Tour of Homes and Artist Market launched next spring's event with a breakfast honoring past and present sponsors of the tour. Pictured below are: front row- Stephanie Marinac-Dorsey Alston Realtors, Natalie Gregory -Keller Williams Realty and Decatur Living magazine, Bonnie Wolf- Harry Norman Realty, and Wendy Binns- Atlanta InTown. Second Row: Harvin Greene, Sponsor Co-Chair and Dorsey Alston Realtors, Leslie Fight - Fight's Feast Catering, Debbie McDonald-Karafotias Realty, Thomas Winn-Paris & Assoc. Realty, Rob Sorchet-Emory Village Flowers and Gifts, Tommy Greene-Greene's Fine Foods, Warner McConaughy-Hammersmith, Peggy Hibbert-Atlanta Fine Homes Sotheby's Realty, and Lisa Hill, Tour Photographer and Lisa Hill Photography.



## Save the date for the Olmsted Linear Park Gala

Next "Dream in Green" Gala is Sunday, March 11, 2012

As you travel along Ponce de Leon Avenue through the Druid Hills neighborhood, you can't help but notice the magnificent park designed over 100 years ago by famed landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted. Funding for the restoration and maintenance by the Olmsted Linear Park Alliance is supported by an annual "Dream in Green" gala. The next gala will be held Sunday, March 11, 2012, from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the Fernbank Natural History Museum.



"Dream in Green" celebrates the restoration and continued commitment to this historic park, including the last segment to be completed—the 22 acres of Deepdene. The evening will feature a live auction, hors d'oeuvres and cocktails, and live jazz. For information about tickets, visit [www.atlantaolmstedpark.org](http://www.atlantaolmstedpark.org), call (404) 377-1411, or email at [olpa.atl@att.net](mailto:olpa.atl@att.net).

## It's Time to Renew Your Druid Hills Civic Association Membership

Thank you for your support of the Druid Hills Civic Association and our community over the past year! We wanted to take this opportunity to remind you that membership expires on December 31, 2011, and we need your continued support in 2012. Druid Hills Civic Association membership has changed to coincide with calendar year, so renew or join now at [www.druidhills.org](http://www.druidhills.org) or by mailing in the membership form in this issue. All 2012 memberships expire on December 31, 2012. Be a part of the exciting things happening in Druid Hills.

### Editor's Note:

Receiving this newspaper quarterly does not mean you are a member of DHCA. Although printing and mailing 4000 copies is expensive, your civic association sends it to every house in Druid Hills. (That's why there is just an address, no name.) Please join and help us to continue to do this.

### THE DRUID HILLS NEWS

Newsletter of the  
Druid Hills Civic Association

P.O. Box 363  
Decatur, GA 30031-0363

PRE-SORT  
STANDARD  
U.S. POSTAGE  
**PAID**  
Permit No. 515  
Athens, GA

CIVIC ASSOCIATION OFFICIALS

Officers

President . . . . .Bruce MacGregor .378-6040 . . . . .president@druidhills.org  
First Vice President . . .Elliott Kyle . . . . .373-4203 . . . . .firstvp@druidhills.org  
Admin. Vice-President . .Mike Hellerstein . .212-1855 . . . . .adminvp@druidhills.org  
Comm. Vice-President . .David Hill . . . . .474-4187 . . . . .commvp@druidhills.org  
Secretary . . . . .Ken Gibson . . . . .378-8884 . . . . .secretary@druidhills.org  
Treasurer . . . . .Scott Storbeck . . .248-1100 x124 . . . . .treasurer@druidhills.org

Division Chairs

Division 1 (City of Atlanta) . . . . .div1chair@druidhills.org  
Barbara Vogel . . . . .377-1667  
Patricia Elam . . . . .  
Division 2 (Ponce Corridor in DeKalb) . . . . .div2chair@druidhills.org  
Robert Ballou . . . . .404-514-3884  
Division 3 (W. of Briarcliff & S. of University in DeKalb) . . .div3chair@druidhills.org  
Robert Vicevich . . . . .249-9215  
Division 4 (b/w Briarcliff, N. Decatur & Lullwater Ck.) . . . .div4chair@druidhills.org  
vacant  
Division 5 (Between Peavine Ck., N. Decatur, & RR Lines) . .div5chair@druidhills.org  
Elise Riley . . . . .  
Division 6  
vacant  
Division 7 ("University" Streets west of Emory University) div7chair@druidhills.org  
Scott Shulman . . . . .377-7548  
Division 8 (Emory U., N. Decatur Rd. to S. Peachtree Ck.) div8@druidhills.org  
Ron Foust . . . . .633-9932  
Division 9 . . . . .div9chair@druidhills.org  
(D.H. Golf Course, Decatur fork of Peavine Ck. & RR Lines)  
Steven Misner . . . . .373-1523

DHCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Past Presidents

Div.	Name	Phone	Email
	Cathy Vandenberg	377-4817	mail@druidhills.org
6	Dick Shuey	874-0643	mail@druidhills.org
5	Jim Morawetz	378-3784	mail@druidhills.org
5	Bruce MacGregor	378-6040	mail@druidhills.org

Ex Officio

Civic Association Network (CAN) rep			
Judy Yates			
Freedom Park			
1	Allen Bradley	373-3711	freedompark@druidhills.org
DeKalb Civic Coalition (DCC)			
4	Judy Yates	373-2112	dcc@druidhills.org
Neighborhood Planning Unit			
1	Jim Heerin	373-3626	npu@druidhills.org
Communication and Lifestyle			
4	Chad & Lacy Henderson	872-5964	community@druidhills.org
Land Use			
5	Bruce MacGregor		landuse@druidhills.org
HP Liaison Atlanta Landmark District			
1	Alida Silverman	377-9621	atlantahistoric@druidhills.org
HP Liaison DeKalb Co			
9	Chris Leeth		dekalbhistoric@druidhills.org
Greenspace Initiatives/ Peavine Watershed Alliance			
1	Becky Bracewell	378-2749	greenspace@druidhills.org
Membership			
4	Thomas Winn		membership@druidhills.org
Parents Network			
1	Claudia Edwards		parents@druidhills.org
	Beth Blaney		parents@druidhills.org
Public Safety			
2	Jeremy Turner		
2012 Home and Garden Tour & Artist Market Co-Chairs			
Homes and Garden Chair, Claudia Keenan			
Operations Co-chairs, Leslie Fight, Debbie McDonald			
Revenue Chair, Becky Evans			
Artist Market Co-Chairs, Tysie Whitman & Christin Bruce			
Transportation			
9	Mike Hellerstein		transportation@druidhills.org
Druid Hills News Editor			
5	Mary Angela Whyte	373-0291	editor@druidhills.org
Druid Hills News Managing Editor			
9	Jennie Richardson	373-1837	
NPU			
1	Jim Heerin	373-3626	
Class of 2013			
4	Max Creighton		
2	Jeremy Turner		
4	Chad Henderson		
4	David Winston		
4	Claudia Keenan		
	Kathleen Mathers		
5	Amy Powers		
9	John Zedd		
Class of 2012			
1	Justin Critz		
7	Tom Cross		
1	Claudia Edwards		
9	Tammy Ellerbe		
7	Becky Evans		
9	Douglas Grimm		
1	Miles Hall		
9	Mike Hellerstein		
5	Elise Riley		
	Scott Riley		
Class of 2011			
9	Mary Emma McConaughy		
4	Rolf Grun		
4	Thomas Winn		
2	Carolyn Riordan		
1	Joanna Stroud		
9	Chris Leeth		
	Hugh Gallagher		
7	Tysie Whitman		

Important Numbers

Ambulance/Fire/Emergency Medical Service . . . . .911  
Police – Emergency . . . . .911  
Administrative/General Info . . . . .404-294-2605  
Criminal Investigations . . . . .404-294-2550  
Police – General Information . . . . .404-294-2000  
Center Precinct . . . . .404-294-2580  
East Precinct . . . . .770-482-0300  
South Precinct . . . . .404-286-7911  
Animal Services—Stray Animals . . . . .404-294-2996  
After Hours . . . . .404-294-2519  
Atlanta Legal Aid—DeKalb . . . . .404-377-0701  
Board of Education—DeKalb . . . . .678-676-1200  
Board of Health—DeKalb . . . . .404-294-3700  
Business License . . . . .404-371-2462  
Chamber of Commerce—DeKalb . . . . .404-378-8000  
Citizen's Drainage Program . . . . .404-297-3840  
Conventions & Visitors Bureau . . . . .770-492-5000  
Code Enforcement . . . . .770-724-7940  
Deaf Teletype . . . . .404-294-2677  
DeKalb Community Relations (Police) . . . . .404-286-7955  
DeKalb Medical Center . . . . .404-501-1000  
DeKalb Medical Center – Hillandale . . . . .404-501-8000  
DeKalb Rape Crisis Center . . . . .404-377-1428  
Drainage Problems . . . . .404-297-3840  
Driver's License (State) . . . . .678-413-8400  
Drug Hotline . . . . .770-322-2540  
Economic Development . . . . .404-687-2730  
Elections . . . . .404-298-4020  
Family & Children Service (DFACS) . . . . .404-370-5000  
Gov. Office Of Consumer Affairs . . . . .404-656-3790  
Homeland Security/Gangs . . . . .770-216-4926  
Human & Community Affairs . . . . .770-322-2950  
Keep DeKalb Beautiful . . . . .404-371-2654  
Law Department . . . . .404-371-3011  
Marriage License . . . . .404-371-2262  
MARTA-Complaint Line . . . . .404-848-4800  
Mental Health Emergencies . . . . .404-892-4646  
Mobile Crisis Unit . . . . .404-294-0499  
Motor Vehicle (TAGS) . . . . .404-298-4000  
Neighborhood Watch . . . . .404-286-7955  
Planning & Development . . . . .404-371-2155  
Pot Holes—DeKalb . . . . .404-297-3840  
Recorder's Court . . . . .404-508-0368  
Automated Assistance . . . . .404-371-3272  
Records (Police Information) . . . . .404-294-2512  
Recreation, Parks . . . . .404-371-2631  
Roads & Drainage . . . . .404-297-3840  
After Hours . . . . .404-294-2523  
Sanitation . . . . .404-294-2900  
Sight Obstructions (Roads) . . . . .404-294-2041  
Sheriff's Department . . . . .404-298-8000  
Courthouse . . . . .404-371-2391  
Speed Humps . . . . .770-492-5200  
Street Lights . . . . .770-492-5200  
Storm Water Management . . . . .404-297-2570  
Tax Assessor's Office . . . . .404-371-2509  
Tax Commissioner . . . . .404-298-4000  
Property Tax . . . . .404-298-4000  
Traffic Signal Malfunction . . . . .404-297-3929  
Trees Down . . . . .404-297-3840  
Voter Registration . . . . .404-298-4020  
Water—Billing . . . . .404-378-4475  
Emergency . . . . .770-270-6243  
Women's Resource Center . . . . .404-688-9436  
Zoning . . . . .404-371-4915

Rutledge Park...continued from page 1

Park Pride will take the lead in a visioning process open to the entire community, with the intent of creating a new park that reflects community values, concerns and ideals. All agreed that the final design must accommodate the needs of adjacent property owners, the immediate neighborhood and the larger Druid Hills community. Much work will be required, and community support and participation will be critical to its success. Community residents are encouraged to participate in the development of this new park. Announcements regarding future meetings and the Park Pride visioning process will be forthcoming soon. If you are interested in being a part of the Rutledge Park planning and implementation effort, please contact Tim Ralston at (404) 370-3773 or ralstont@bellsouth.net.

The deadlines for the winter issue of the *Druid Hills News* are: Advertising — February 10 Copy — February 17 Publication will be in mid-March

Sign up for complimentary E-Alerts for news, events, neighborhood updates, and more, at [elert@druidhills.org](mailto:elert@druidhills.org).

Stay up to date in Druid Hills by signing up for computer E-lerets.

1. Go to our website, [www.druidhills.org](http://www.druidhills.org)
2. Click the "sign up today" button & complete the form.
3. Click "subscribe" button.

HELP WANTED

Two Druid Hills Civic Association Committees need volunteers! **Community and Lifestyle**

- Plan neighborhood events
- Assist with fundraising for neighborhood parks and common areas
- Create an increased sense of community in Druid Hills

To volunteer, please contact Chad and Lacy Henderson at 404-872-5964.

Membership

- Welcome new DH residents
- Assist with administrative tasks
- Create new opportunities for residents to join DHCA

To volunteer, please contact Thomas Winn at [tw1042@bellsouth.net](mailto:tw1042@bellsouth.net)

The DHCA is also looking for a **Coordinator**. To volunteer, please contact Mike Hellerstein at 212-1855 or email [adminvp@druidhills.org](mailto:adminvp@druidhills.org).

Get the Most Out of Your Advertising Dollars

The *Druid Hills News* is published in March, June, September, and December. It reaches thousands of people who live, shop, and work in Druid Hills. With thousands of copies of each issue distributed in the area, the publication's advertising rates are a bargain for businesses that want to reach Druid Hills customers. For information on ad sizes and pricing: 404-523-3422 (DHCA) [www.druidhills.org/news/advertise.htm](http://www.druidhills.org/news/advertise.htm) email: [admin@druidhills.org](mailto:admin@druidhills.org)

THE DRUID HILLS NEWS

Newsletter of the Druid Hills Civic Association

P.O. Box 363, Decatur, GA 30031-0363, Voicemail 404-523-DHCA

Published by Volunteers

NEWSLETTER EDITOR Mary Angela Whyte

BUSINESS MANAGER Barbara Morey, [admin.druidhills.org](mailto:admin.druidhills.org), 404-523-DHCA

MANAGING EDITOR Jennifer Richardson, [JJRichar@bellsouth.net](mailto:JJRichar@bellsouth.net)

TYPESETTING & DESIGN Julie Edwards

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

Faye Andresen, Clifton Community Partnership, Becky Evans, Kelly Gray, Claudia Keenan, Bruce MacGregor, Wright Marshall, Tim Ralston, Paula Refi, JJ Richardson, Sally Sears, Alida Silverman, Norman Slawsky, Mary Angela Whyte, Thomas Winn

Your Letters Are Welcome



Sally Harbaugh Honored

by Jennifer J. Richardson

Sally Higgins Harbaugh was honored last summer at a reception held at Druid Hills Golf Club, where the plaque dedicating the Deepdene Waterfall to her was unveiled. Much has been written about her work on behalf of the neighborhoods, but there is so much more to Sally Harbaugh. Sally Higgins was born in Washington, D.C., one of three daughters born into a family with three generations who served in the U.S. Navy.

She attended college at Wesleyan in Macon, and then, like her ancestors, joined the Navy. Sally entered the Navy as an ensign and was stationed at Newport, R.I., where she attended Officer Indoctrination Training. She was then stationed at Brunswick, Maine, as a naval personnel officer. Still later, she served Admiral Rickover as a reports officer and public relations officer in Washington, D.C.

It was in Washington that Sally met Norman Ross Harbaugh, who was also serving in the Navy. The two fell in love and married, and because of the times, Sally retired from the Navy. Sally and Norman produced Norman R. Harbaugh, Jr., known as “Chip.” They moved about, depending upon where Norman was stationed. Eventually, Norman attended Harvard University, earning a doctorate in business administration. After his retirement from the Navy, Norman, Sally, and Chip moved to Atlanta in 1970, where they bought a home across from Dellwood Park.

Their son, Chip, attended medical school at Medical College of Georgia in Augusta, and entered pediatrics. He and his wife are the parents of Sally’s only grandchildren, 15-year-old Ross and 16-year-old Chandler.

In Atlanta, Norman taught in the business school at Georgia State University and Sally began what was to become a more than 30-year-long quest to stop the road and save the Olmsted Linear Park. Sally founded the Olmsted Parks Society of Atlanta and was a founder of the Olmsted Linear Park Alliance. Serving on the board of OLPA, she assisted in creating a master plan and raising more than 10 million dollars to implement that plan and renovate the Linear Park.

Sally has a keen interest in American History and has traveled to historic sites throughout the U.S.A., often taking her grandchildren with her on an educational tour. She’s also traveled throughout the world, going to China, Russia, and most of Europe. Her interests are varied, including historic preservation, music, and religion. She has served in church choirs for most of her life, and her clear soprano voice is still beautiful. Sally is devoutly religious and extremely knowledgeable about the Bible; she and Norman actively live their faith.

Would the Olmsted Linear Park exist today, or be rehabilitated today, without Sally’s more than 30 years of work? My guess is no. For Sally also has long had the ability to educate others about the value of Olmsted’s work here in Atlanta and throughout the United States. Most important, she has been able to enlist others in the battle to save and to rehabilitate our historic park.



Sally and family at the reception honoring her. Left to right in back: Chandler, Ross, Chip and Norman Harbaugh, and Sally’s Aunt Christine. Front row: Sally Harbaugh and her sister, Retired Naval Captain Maria Higgins.

President’s Column

by Bruce MacGregor

THIS, THAT and THE OTHER

Since the last issue of the DHN, much has happened and much remains to happen.

On the education front: DeKalb, along with Decatur, Atlanta, and other has passed the extension of the one cent Education SPLOST sales tax. DHCA Board member Amy Power played a key role in this extension.

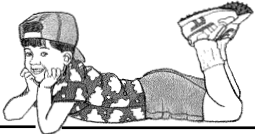
On the transportation front: Briarcliff Road has been re-striped between Callanwolde and Ponce de Leon, providing for a dedicated left turn lane on southbound Briarcliff. Initial reports are that this is working well. The Oxford Road roundabout is operational and operates better than many expected. Landscaping for the roundabout will be next. A proposed mass transit line between the Lindbergh MARTA Station and Clairmont/North Decatur has been included in the final project list submitted for the T-SPLOST referendum, to be voted on this summer. Depending on which type of transit is selected, the line will either stop at Clairmont, or continue on to the Avondale MARTA station. More about this later.

On the parks, plazas and greenspace front: DHCA made a modest donation to the Alliance to Improve Emory Village for construction of a small plaza in front of the Chevron station. This was followed by a very generous contribution by Emory University, with the result that the Plaza is now almost funded, and construction will begin soon. On Ridgewood Rd, greenspace planning has begun for the recently acquired interior block site, which will be known as “Rutledge Park.” Greenspace planning has been put on hold temporarily on the recently acquired site on Vickers Drive at Peavine Creek, generally known as the Louie and Sarah Mann property. Both of these sites contain creeks with their attendant 75’ stream buffers.

On the cityhood front, the Carl Vinson Institute has determined that the proposed city of Brookhaven would reduce taxes for its residents (while presumably raising them on the rest of us). There has been some discussion, but no action toward a city of Central DeKalb by the Civic Association Network, of which DHCA is a member. As best I can determine, community leaders prefer to make DeKalb work better as opposed to forming a new city. However, to date, no one seems to know how to make this happen.

On “The other” front: GA Power is continuing its plans to build a new electric substation, replete with new poles and wires, behind the North Decatur Building. The DHCA is continuing mediation efforts between the Frazer Center and nearby neighbors. OLPA and DHCA are continuing our efforts to get a handle on the number and type of festivals in and around the Olmsted Parks.

As always, the DHCA needs volunteers. As a volunteer organization, we are only as good as our volunteers. If you are already a member, thank you! If you are not yet a member, please join and volunteer for one of our committees.



DHCA Parents Network

Welcome to the Druid Hills Parents Network- a network for parents and families created by parents. Are you looking for summer activities for your children? Do you want to find a playgroup for your son or daughter? Perhaps your daughter babysits and wants to get the word out. Have your children attended local schools and you feel like you could give good advice to others? The Druid Hills Parents Network is a portal for these needs and many more.

Joining the Druid Hills Parents Network (DHPN) is easy. First, you must live within the boundaries of Druid Hills and secondly, you must be a Druid Hills Civic Association (DHCA) member at any level. If you qualify for these, then you can register to have access on the members-only portion of the DHPN which includes a discussion forum.

We have a few events a year- a get together in the summer and a Halloween party. There’s always room for more. Contribute your ideas and information to the discussion board today. If you have any questions about the DHPN, please email [parents@druidhills.org](mailto:parents@druidhills.org).

(For detailed information on our activities, forums, playgroups, etc., visit the Druid Hills Civic Association website: [www.druidhills.org](http://www.druidhills.org))

Atlanta Fine Homes

Sotheby's INTERNATIONAL REALTY

**Peggy Hibbert**  
Top Agent, Dekalb Board of Realtors®  
FOUNDING PARTNER  
404.444.0192

The market seems to be improving.  
I've sold most of my listings  
and I'm looking for new listings.  
Please call me if I can be of assistance.

20 Homes SOLD in 2010  
39 Average Days on Market  
95.5% Average Sold to List Price ratio

When you want your home  
SOLD...call Peggy Hibbert!

SPONSOR OF DRUID HILLS HOME & GARDEN TOUR

AtlantaFineHomes.com • 404.237.5000

© MMXI Sotheby's International Realty Affiliates, Inc. Equal Housing Opportunity. Each Office Is Independently Owned And Operated. Maisons a Pointoise, Passaro, used with permission.

Revival Construction t: 404.888.9886 [www.revivalconstruction.com](http://www.revivalconstruction.com)

## *The Days of Druid Hills*

### A Few Words About the First DHCA President

by Claudia Keenan

Soon after Henri Talmage Dobbs, Sr. became the first president of the Druid Hills Civic Association in November 1938, a notice appeared in The National Underwriter, a newsletter published for the insurance industry.

“H. T. Dobbs, executive vice-president of the Industrial Health & Life of Atlanta and chairman of the executive committee of the Industrial Insurers’ Conference, has been elected president of the Civic Association of Druid Hills, one of the most prominent suburban communities of Atlanta.”

The personage of Mr. Dobbs, his business, and the notice in the trade journal might not sound as if they would offer insight to the formative years of the Druid Hills Civic Association. But, like the stories of others who founded the organization, they tell us a bit about the currents in American culture that helped give rise to it.

The early history of Druid Hills is familiar to most local residents. In 1890, Atlanta entrepreneur Joel Hurt invited landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted to create plans for a residential neighborhood of parks, woodland, and winding roads. The property lay largely undeveloped, however, until 1908, when Asa Candler and several investors purchased the 1,492 acres from Hurt. These men formed the Druid Hills Company and wasted little time launching the community’s infrastructure. Construction companies graded and paved macadam roads, built a viaduct, installed sewage and lighting, and much more. In 1909, the first Druid Hills mansion took its place on the northeast corner of Briarcliff and Ponce, and by 1910 The American Contractor routinely listed bids for homes to be built in Druid Hills. During the years surrounding World War I, Olmsted’s design took splendid shape as tycoons, business executives, heirs and heiresses commissioned spacious estates featuring fine craftsmanship, set back on expansive lawns, each with its unique landscape and gardens. The neighborhood became known for its wealthy residents and fashionable society.

But the work of continuing and enlarging Candler’s legacy – and it did constitute a legacy, a beautiful quiet refuge with nineteenth century overtones – was not taken up by the millionaires of Druid Hills. Rather, men who were rising in business and academia, making their way in a new world of expertise and professionalism, would lead most actively. Like Asa Candler and his contemporaries, they were mostly native Southerners, some out of hardscrabble childhoods. They, too, were self-made and lived comfortably. But they would not have installed ballrooms in their homes.

Here came H. T. Dobbs of 1073 Oakdale Road, born in 1888 in Powder Springs, Georgia, one of ten children of farmers. Starting as a clerk at an insurance company, Dobbs became part of two major business trends of the early twentieth century. These were the emergence of professional salesmanship and the exploding field of insurance. Being an ambitious insurance salesman in the 1920’s and ’30’s called for a good measure of social swagger. This contrasted somewhat with the members of the committee that elected him.

“My grandfather was the quintessential salesman,” Henri Talmage Dobbs, III, noted in a recent telephone conversation. “They could be very conspicuous in those days. He loved to wear a tuxedo and a diamond stickpin, even for a photograph in which he and my father are holding a trout they had just caught.”

President for a scant year, Dobbs probably agreed to serve because Industrial Health & Life, like many companies, urged its employees to be good citizens, his grandson speculated. By the way, that is not a knock. Encouragement to perform public service was a great hallmark of American business, even into the 1960’s.

And, like the other 29 of “the most prominent residents of Druid Hills” who met to form a “permanent Druid Hills civic body,” H. T. Dobbs, Sr., surely felt concern about the public school, the expiration of residential covenants, and property values.

In the years to come, he would be followed by a remarkable group of successful, though characteristically modest presidents, 1st vice-presidents, secretaries, and so on. Like Dobbs, they chose vocations that reflected the country’s growth. Many worked in banking, construction, utilities, and manufacturing, while others pursued teaching and research at Emory, during a time of great expansion in higher education. They shared a fierce commitment to their community and followed the modern convention of performing civic duties. Together, they applied their individual strengths to the challenges of wartime and postwar Druid Hills.

## HISTORIC PRESERVATION FAST FACTS

A Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) is needed for exterior changes to houses/properties.

*Why?* To maintain the 'look' of Druid Hills. It's self-protection.

### DeKalb County Druid Hills Historic District

The Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) hears applications for COAs and approves or denies based on the Druid Hills Historic District Guidelines. There are General Guidelines and there are Character Area Guidelines (certain specific areas).

For more information, go to the Civic Association website's links to downloadable application forms. [www.druidhills.org](http://www.druidhills.org)

*Note:* A committee of neighbors reviews applications and comments to the HPC. Committee members are well versed in the Historic Preservation guidelines and are a helpful resource to help the uninitiated move through the process. [dekalbhistoric@druidhills.org](mailto:dekalbhistoric@druidhills.org)

### City of Atlanta Druid Hills Landmark District

The Urban Design Commission (UDC) hears applications for COAs and approves or denies based on the Druid Hills Landmark District regulations (Chapter 20B of the City zoning code). More information about the process is available on the UDC section of the City website ([www.atlantaga.gov](http://www.atlantaga.gov)), including downloadable application forms. This link may be found on the Civic Association website.

*Note:* The Landmark District Preservation Committee (LDPC) is a committee of neighbors that comments on applications to the UDC after on-site meetings. Consider them a helpful resource. [atlantahistoric@druidhills.org](mailto:atlantahistoric@druidhills.org)

*Planning a project?* The Historic Preservation Committee presents Q&A Sessions for those with questions about the COA, in both spring and fall. Look for the date and place in your Druid Hills newsletter, and we hope to see you there.

## The Camera Doctor

by Mary Angela Whyte

The doctor is in! “Doctor” Stephen Schwab, owner and operator of The Camera Doctor at Jack’s Cameras, has been taking photographs since he was five years old—and dismantling and assembling cameras since age 10.

The uncle who taught photography to his 5-year old nephew required him to announce the shutter speed and F-stops he set before he was allowed to make the shot! Another uncle, whose job was repairing cameras, taught him to restore and repair them--as long as he sat on a stool and watched, just listened, no talking. When he fully understood, he could attempt the task. After a year on the stool, he proved to his proud uncle that he had learned. In the store, Schwab keeps two wooden stools, like the one he perched on as a child, as a humble reminder that one can always learn. As he says, “People who think they know everything are dumb; people who know they can always learn something are smart.”

This camera doctor was general manager of Jack’s 150 stores from 1970-1996, when he became owner of his store, which neighbors knew as Jack’s. Situated at the west end of Plaza Shopping Center on N. Decatur, the store’s front is deceiving. Inside is everything a photographer could need or want, from cameras (thousands!), film (including 120, 35mm, and Polaroid pop out and pull out), filters, lenses, etc., to frames, albums, and accessories, such as camera straps and bags. Besides this array of merchandise, The Camera Doctor is the place in Atlanta for toy cameras for fun (Holgas, Dianas, Lomos, etc. ) and vintage cameras. Schwab also specializes in hard to find services, such as vintage camera restoration, black and white negatives (or color) developed onsite in seven minutes (slides in one hour), digital camera repair, and photo and slide transfers to CD or old movies to DVD.

Black and white photography classes are held in the onsite black and white lab and darkroom. These seven-week classes are limited to seven students (seven enlargers available). A plus for Schwab’s graduates only is a \$7/hour use of the class lab and darkroom. Those interested in registering for the next class, which starts January 17, 2012, must register in the store.

An email newsletter gives notice of classes, seminars, sales, and events, such as the next Camera Extravaganza, which starts the day after Thanksgiving. Thousands of cameras will cover all surfaces! Check out the website:

[www.thecameradoctor.com](http://www.thecameradoctor.com) for more information.



The Camera Doctor  
We Restore Old Cameras  
We Repair Digital Cameras

*Jack's Cameras*  
1 Hr. Photo Lab  
1 Hr. Slides  
B & W Dark Room Classes

2090 N. Decatur Rd.  
Decatur, GA 30033  
(404) 634-1252

Independently Owned  
and Operated

## RESOLUTION RE: RE-DISTRICTING

Resolved by the Druid Hills Civic Association that the responsibility for re-districting done every 10 years subsequent to the Census be returned to a non-partisan, knowledgeable committee of individuals at the Vinson Institute of the University of Georgia. Drawing the boundary lines for state and federal election districts must be based on communities of interest: neighborhoods, school districts, towns, counties, cities. Other considerations that do not focus on fair, transparent, accountable governance have no place in the process. The record of both major political parties since the process was transferred from the Vinson Institute has not enhanced confidence in government so essential to our democratic republic form of government. An up or down vote on the plan submitted by the committee is the proper role of the Legislature.

—Passed by Board of Directors at October 2011 Meeting

Opens November 16

# Winter Wonderland

Celebrations & Traditions Around the World

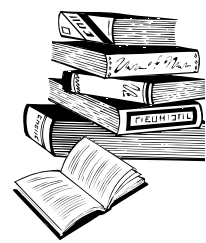
Enjoy a season of cultural celebrations.

Visit [fernbankmuseum.org/winter](http://fernbankmuseum.org/winter) for tickets and details.

**Fernbank. GET REAL.**

**FERNBANK®**  
MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY





BOOK CLUB NEWS

Readers Choice:  
From the 1600s to Today  
by Faye Andresen

The Lit Chicks first enjoyed the saga *The Far Pavilions*, by M. M. Kaye. Written in 1978, the book is set in pre-independence, pre-partition India and follows the life of a British officer, born in India, who grows up more Indian than British. They found the political wrangling in the north (Afghanistan) to be particularly interesting, given the parallels to what is happening in the region today. Next was *The Blind Assassin*, by Margaret Atwood, the winner of the 2000 Man Booker. *The Blind Assassin* is an intricately constructed work of three stories: an autobiographical reflection of the main character, a novel about two lovers contained within the autobiography, and a science fiction story within the two lovers novel. Readers loved the book, its themes, and the power of its writing. *Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption*, by Laura Hillenbrand, was their last choice. The title tells it all, for it is the moving story of an American’s capture and torture by the Japanese during WWII and his ability to forgive. It is a wonderful book.

The Last Tuesday Book Club chose an enticing title that failed to live up to its initial premise. In Aimee Bender’s *The Particular Sadness of Lemon Cake*, a young girl discovers she can taste emotion. It is an intriguing recipe that ultimately fell flat. Next read was Erik Larson’s *In the Garden of the Beasts*. They thought it to be a well-documented telling of the days of Hitler’s power through the experiences of the American ambassador, William Dodd, and his family in 1933 Germany. Then they took on a very different WWII experience in *The Book Thief*, by Markus Zusak. It is a wonderfully crafted story of a young German girl’s life narrated (unexpectedly) by Death. All agreed, the Grim Reaper tells an excellent tale. Last was the classic *Main Street*, by Sinclair Lewis. Readers were impressed how well it works today and enjoyed the book.

Wine, Women & Words read *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle*, by Barbara Kingsolver. Having her family live off local food for a year, Kingsolver’s book revealed farmer facts to this urban crowd but it ultimately got mixed reviews. Some thought it a tad heavy-handed. Their next book was well-received but... creepy. *Room*, by Emma Donoghue, is narrated by a five-year-old, and the room is where he and his mother have been held captive his entire life. Jack’s voice as narrator is very effective. Their last selection was a non-fiction piece. *Strapless*, by Deborah Davis, is a compelling story of painter John Singer Sargent and his most famous model, Virginia Gautreau. His decision to let one strap of the dress fall to the side caused the “it girl” of the time to fall from grace of Paris society.

Harvard Road Book began by reading *Life and Death under Nazi Occupation, 1940-1941*, by Charles Glass. It chronicles the lives of Americans who chose to stay behind in occupied Paris. Such notables as the millionaire who hosted the Duke of Windsor’s wedding, the owner of famed book store Shakespeare and Company, the head of the American Library, and the chief surgeon of the American Hospital thought they were safe in America’s neutrality. They were wrong. Next, they read *Caleb’s Crossing*, by Geraldine Brooks. The quality of the story is in keeping with Brooks’ past novels and is garnering national acclaim. Set in mid-1600s, it tells of the first Native American to graduate from Harvard, his journey to get there, and his efforts to balance two very different cultures. Moving up several centuries, *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*, by Rebecca Skloot, tells of a poor tobacco farm worker unknowingly achieving immortality by donating cells for the first cell cultures that remain alive today – sixty years after her death. “HeLa” cells have played a part in cancer research, polio vaccines, in-vitro fertilization, and gene mapping. Pretty cool stuff!

Clifton Corridor Transit Project  
Approved for Vote

by Kelly Gray

Metro Atlanta's political leaders convened in October to finalize a list of proposed transit projects that are intended to improve traffic congestion and connectivity throughout 10 counties. Among the list of projects that will go before voters in a special referendum next year is the \$700 million transit line, the Clifton Corridor Transit Initiative, connecting the Lindbergh MARTA station to Emory University and the Clifton Corridor. The Clifton Corridor is the largest activity center in the Atlanta region with no direct access to the interstate system or to MARTA. If voters approve funding, connectivity would be provided to one of the largest employment centers in metro Atlanta. Emory is the fourth largest employer in the Atlanta metro area, with an economic impact on the region of \$5.123 billion. The Transportation Investment Act is a special referendum that will be on the ballot in the July 2012 primary that will allow voters in communities statewide to decide if they want a 10-year one-cent sales tax to pay for transportation projects. View the final report and approved investment list. "Emory and other CCTMA organizations have worked diligently over the past 15 years to bring a rail line to the Clifton Corridor to provide an option to the automobile and provide regional connectivity greatly needed in this area," says Betty Willis, Emory's senior associate vice president of governmental and community affairs and executive director of the Clifton Community Partnership. "The unanimous vote of 21 elected officials from the 10 county region for this rail line reaffirms the strong merits of the project and the important benefits it will bring to the metro region. Their consensus vote was a historic moment in regional teamwork, and reflects the cooperative spirit needed to move the Atlanta region forward in a significant way." For more information, contact Betty Willis at 404-727-5312 or [betty.willis@emory.edu](mailto:betty.willis@emory.edu).

CLIFTON CORRIDOR TRANSIT

by Norman Slawsky

So, do you think it’s possible for a train to run from Lindbergh to the Clifton Corridor to Decatur? The Atlanta Regional Roundtable decided that the Clifton Corridor Transit Project will be included if voters approve the Georgia Transportation Investment Act (TIA Project) in July 2012. The TIA allocation is \$700 million, which covers most of the construction costs. The Light Rail Transit (LRT) Alternative and the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Alternative are proposed to go from the MARTA Lindbergh Center Station, then adjacent to the CSX rail line through the CDC/Emory University area to Clairmont Road, south to Scott Boulevard, and then north and east along North Decatur Road to DeKalb Industrial Way. Then, it would go south onto East College Avenue and terminate at the Avondale MARTA Station. The proposed stations would be at Cheshire Bridge, Morningside, Sage Hill, CDC/Emory, Emory Clairmont Campus, North Decatur/Clairmont, Suburban Plaza, DeKalb Medical Center, and Avondale. The length of both of these alternatives is 8.3 miles. The Heavy Rail Transit (HRT) Alternative would follow the same route but terminate at North Decatur and Clairmont because of the increased expense. The plan for each alternative is to construct tunnels to be bored underground and to minimize disruption. For more information, see [www.itsmarta.com/Clifton-cor.aspx](http://www.itsmarta.com/Clifton-cor.aspx) and [atlantaroundtable.com/documents/final\\_report.pdf](http://atlantaroundtable.com/documents/final_report.pdf), page 9. The Clifton Corridor Transit Project is important to the Druid Hills area because it is intended to reduce daily vehicle traffic and to increase access. The project was described at a public information meeting on October 24, 2011 at the Emory Conference Center. Watch for future meetings to learn more about this project and make sure you VOTE in the July 2012 referendum.

Emory to be Tobacco Free Campus  
(from the Clifton Community Partnership)

Nationwide, hundreds of universities, colleges and healthcare systems are eliminating the use of tobacco on their properties. Effective on January 1, 2012, Emory University and Emory Healthcare will do the same. As an institution of higher education and preventive health care, Emory decided that allowing the use of any tobacco on its property was incongruous with its overall educational and health goals. The university is investing in an expanded offering of tobacco cessation classes and discounted or free prescriptions to aid faculty, staff, and students who are trying to quit smoking. Emory will establish ‘smoking zones’ for current smokers who are trying to quit, but those will be removed after a transitional period. Learn more at [www.tobaccofree.emory.edu](http://www.tobaccofree.emory.edu).





**Serving Atlanta for Over 10 Years**

Design & Installation	Irrigation	Tree Spading
Maintenance	Drainage	Outdoor Kitchens
Hardscapes	Grading	Water Features & Pools

**Please contact us for an estimate...**  
404.373.0023 • [info@inbloomlandscaping.com](mailto:info@inbloomlandscaping.com) • [www.inbloomlandscaping.com](http://www.inbloomlandscaping.com)

**Proud Sponsor of the Lullwater Roundabout**

**Saver’s Sanctuary**



**Druid Hills’ Choice for Self Storage**  
**50% off first 2 months!**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Humidity &amp; temperature controlled</li><li>■ 24-hour surveillance</li><li>■ Over 90 security cameras</li><li>■ Clean indoor environment</li><li>■ Small to large spaces</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Covered loading area</li><li>■ Business &amp; personal storage</li><li>■ After hours access</li><li>■ Packing supplies available</li><li>■ FREE truck rental at move in!</li></ul>
--	--



**SpaceMax Storage Guarantees**

- The best customer service in the industry
- More security cameras than any other facility in Atlanta
- Continuously controlled temperature and humidity

**Emory/VaHi**  
**404.888.9688**

*Across from Sage Hill Kroger  
at the top of Zonolite Rd*  
**1248 Zonolite Road**  
**Atlanta, GA 30306**

[www.spacemaxstorage.com/DH](http://www.spacemaxstorage.com/DH)





Restoring the Environment

Druid Hills’ newest environmental conservancy is showing financial success with government and private dollars funding cleanup and trail building projects. The South Fork Conservancy counts over a million dollars in restoration and trail building work to be spent over the next three years. The money will improve the health of the watershed draining all of Druid Hills and much of central DeKalb County, the South Fork of Peachtree Creek.

This environmental repair follows the successes of the Olmsted Linear Park Alliance, which restored tributaries flowing through the Olmsted-designed park along Ponce de Leon. Several founding members of the South Fork Conservancy are board members of OLPA, with which it shares an office in the McClatchey House at Fernbank Museum.

- The Georgia DOT is using toll - road money for a trail beside the North Fork of Peachtree Creek from Cheshire Bridge to Lindbergh Drive, under new access loops for I-85 and Ga 400.
- The federal Environmental Protection Agency is requiring a manufacturer to repair environmental damage to a large flood plain along the South Fork between Emory University and Morningside/Lenox Park.

Together these 2 major projects, each over \$500,000, are building connections for more eyes on the creek and more public access to public greenways.

Closest to Druid Hills, the work at the old Zonolite Manufacturing Plant near Briarcliff and Johnson Road began on Halloween, October 31. After five days of preparation, the 13-acre DeKalb County park revealed a brownfield site about the size of two football fields, perhaps twice as large as expected. “You never know what you will find when you start a remediation project like this,” says a veteran contractor working to remove dirt long contaminated with asbestos fibers from the manufacture of vermiculite. The owner, WR Grace, closed the plant decades ago and went bankrupt. EPA coordinators sought and received permission from the bankruptcy judge to require WR Grace to fund this cleanup.

The presence of a concrete slab several inches thick, covered by topsoil ranging from inches to feet high, is another challenge to the work crews. EPA coordinator Kevin Eichinger thinks the concrete is likely the footing and parking area for the old manufacturing plant. South Fork Board Member Susan Stainback, ASLA, suspects the erosion of the South Fork where the Zonolite waters enter the creek can be explained in large part by the presence of this non-porous pad. In the photo, you can see the parking lot which regularly floods, edged with a containment fence. Beyond it is a mound of suspect dirt which will be removed. Dave Butler, DeKalb Greenspace Leader, says the county will crack and take out the pad after the asbestos removal is complete.

The South Fork Conservancy is proud of the partnerships nourished by these successes. The Lindbergh-LaVista Corridor Coalition, the merchants along Zonolite Road, and the neighbors of Medlock and Mason Mill are contributing vital volunteers and vision.

**Wordsworth  
Would Love It!**  
*(And my heart dances with the daffodils.)*

The Druid Hills Garden Club planted 100 more daffodils in Virgilee Park this fall. The club has taken on the project of planting bulbs in the Olmsted Linear Park for the last several years. They have also planted several memorial dogwood trees in Virgilee in memory of club members who have died.

Rain Barrels Revisited

By Paula Refi

During the historic drought several summers ago, many desperate Druid Hills homeowners installed rain barrels in an effort to harvest and store rainwater for irrigation. When the drought passed, the urgency to conserve eased, and many of those rain barrels no longer function. Some simply disappeared. Others tilt at odd angles, detached from their downspouts. Rain barrels, however, can play an ongoing role in water use and conservation that is often overlooked.

As tributaries of our gutter systems, rain barrels demand similar monitoring and maintenance. Clogged gutters will overflow, channel water to the foundation of the house, and flood the basement. An obstructed rain barrel can do the same thing. Leaves and small plant parts from overhanging trees collect on the top of the barrel and prevent rainfall from flowing inside. The barrel must be checked for accumulated debris, especially after a significant rain.

Many homeowners neglect to make provision for overflow from the rain barrel. Because most barrels stand near a downspout next to the house, excess water will pool at the foundation. This can be avoided by connecting a hose to the overflow opening on the rain barrel, then directing the hose to a planting bed in the landscape where plants can absorb the excess water.

DeKalb Extension agent Gary Peiffer notes that mosquitoes breed in unattended rain barrels. Proper screening where the downspout meets the barrel will minimize this. He recommends periodically inserting a Mosquito Dunk®—a small, donut-shaped cake that incorporates a bacterium to kill mosquito larvae. Jim Harrington is a horticulturist and landscape professional who suggests another mosquito deterrent. He believes that mosquitoes can find their way through ordinary screening. He places a nylon mesh scrubbing pad where water enters the rain barrel. He likes the 3/4-inch orange pads sold with floor scrubbing equipment at the big box stores. They are inexpensive and can be trimmed to fit the barrel’s opening.

This year’s late summer drought caught many of us by surprise. But watering restrictions were liberal, and I foolishly used county water instead of harvested water to keep my plants happy. The next water bill, however, told the tale. When I asked Jim Harrington what I should have done differently, he advised, “Before you turn on the hose, make sure your rain barrel is empty.”

Harrington contends that harvested rainwater should be used all year long, even when rain is abundant. He is owner of Rainwater Collection Solutions and developed the original rainwater pillow that harvests and stores several thousand gallons of rainwater. His perspective on water use is more comprehensive, with a view toward conservation and alleviating storm water runoff. Eroded landscapes and excessive runoff have a serious polluting effect. Harrington rates a single 50-gallon rain barrel as “pretty worthless” in a drought. It can, however, harvest excess rainfall during non-drought periods and redirect it to the landscape. This prevents heavy rain from surging down driveways and sidewalks into storm sewers and streams. The idea, Harrington says, is to keep water that lands on our property “at home,” instead of producing problems downhill on city streets or in a neighbor’s backyard.

Gary Peiffer would like to correct what he sees as our “summer attitude” regarding rain barrels. They are inexpensive and simple to install, and most homes can accommodate several. Their year ‘round use will result not only in a greener garden and a smaller water bill, but in the reduction of clay-tinged runoff that occurs during every rain.

**4th Annual DHHS Auction Party**  
**PITCH IN FOR THE DEVILS!**  
**Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

AUCTION ITEMS MAY INCLUDE:  
Selections from Your Favorite Local Restaurants,  
Exclusive Art Pieces and Jewelry, Guaranteed  
Parking Space for Your Senior and Much More!

PROCEEDS BENEFIT:  
**Academics, Arts & Athletics**

MAKE YOUR PARTY RESERVATION OR SPONSOR AT:  
Online – [www.dhhsauction.org](http://www.dhhsauction.org)  
TO DONATE OR VOLUNTEER:  
Contact Lorie Flacker at [dhhsauction@gmail.com](mailto:dhhsauction@gmail.com)

PARTY PLACE:  
AVONDALE COMMUNITY CLUB  
59 Lakeshore Dr.  
Avondale Estates, GA 30002

LIVE MUSIC FROM  
**Cruis-O-Matic**  
[www.cruis-o-matic.com](http://www.cruis-o-matic.com)

Brought to you by:  
Druid Hills PTA & Athletic Foundation

**DONATE  
SPONSOR  
VOLUNTEER**

- Ask your favorite restaurant, salon or repair shop to donate an item or service.
- Donate your own goods or services (sports tickets, free tax prep, etc.)
- Become an auction party sponsor and promote your business.
- Volunteer to serve on a committee.

For more information contact:  
Lorie Flacker  
[dhhsauction@gmail.com](mailto:dhhsauction@gmail.com)

Guest Auctioneer  
**Dana Fowle**  
of  
**my FOX**

**MIX & MINGLE**  
**SILENT AUCTION**  
**LIVE AUCTION**

**TICKETS:**  
**\$35 PER PERSON**  
**(ADULTS ONLY)**

**DESIGN & RENOVATION**  
**404.377.1021**  
**[www.HammerSmith.net](http://www.HammerSmith.net)**

Warner McConaughey, Owner  
and Proud Resident  
of Druid Hills



# Atlanta's Beaux-Arts Architect That Got Away

**JASON BONTA ELECTRIC, LLC**  
Licensed - Insured

**OFFICE: (678) 733-7107**  
**CELL: (404) 606-8697**

**JASONBONTAELECTRIC@YAHOO.COM**

Quality – Integrity – Reliability  
Electrical Done Right!

A standard North American duplex electrical outlet, showing two vertical slots for prongs and a ground hole. The outlet is white with a metallic faceplate.

Take Note:



Arbor Day – February 15 from Keep DeKalb Beautiful

Arbor Day is a nationally recognized celebration in which many communities take the time to plant the seeds of tomorrow today. The idea for Arbor Day originally came from Nebraska. A visit to Nebraska today wouldn't disclose that the state was once a treeless plain. Yet it was the lack of trees there that led to the founding of Arbor Day in the 1800s. In 1854, J. Sterling Morton, American pioneer from Detroit established a home in Nebraska, which he quickly planted with trees, shrubs and flowers.

As a journalist and editor, Morton advocated tree planting and also encouraged civic organizations and groups to join in and plant trees. His prominence in the area increased, and he became secretary of the Nebraska Territory, which provided another opportunity to stress the value of trees.

Georgian's recognize Arbor Day on February, 15th. Due to recent drought, recognizing the importance of trees and their impact on the environment has become vital to communities. The KDB recognizes Arbor Day in a variety of ways including showcasing outstanding existing trees in the county through Selected Tree Photo Contests and tree planting events. See our Photo Gallery.

For more information on the upcoming Arbor Day recognition event, please contact the KDB Office.

Who Knew?

Do you have a hidden talent, an unusual hobby? Were you once a rock star or indicted for laundering money? Would a friend or neighbor surprise us if we saw beneath that quiet exterior? (Think Clark Kent.) Let us know.

If it's your own horn, toot away. If it's not about you, assure us you have permission to disclose. Remember, some people prefer to keep their true identities hidden. (Again, think Clark Kent, Bruce Wayne.) Of course, The Shadow knows, but he doesn't publish.

FYI

DeKalb County is installing hourly parking in Emory Village. Parking on N. Decatur Road and Oxford Road will be restricted to one hour on weekdays, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Lullwater Conservation Garden Celebrates National Garden Week

by Trish Elam

Each year, the Lullwater Conservation Garden recognizes National Garden Week with a project or celebration in the garden. After four busy years as president of the garden, Kim Storbeck worked closely with incoming president Darlene Mashman on a great opportunity to get some kids from outside Druid Hills involved in conservation as part of this year's project. Kim coordinated with Tammy Anderson of Hillcrest Church of Christ in Decatur to have groups from their Vacation Bible Study program visit and work in the garden. Working alongside numerous garden club members and a group of neighborhood kids, they would assist in the ongoing project of removing invasive species from the garden over a three-day period.

Many of the kids involved had never participated in a garden workday, but they were game for anything. Darlene started with the basics on what a Piedmont-region forest would normally include and some background on healthy streams. They learned how to identify several non-native invasive species and the importance of removing these from the garden. Despite the critters and the summer heat, the kids did their part to help rid the forest of invasive species, like English Ivy.

The Lullwater Conservation Garden would like to thank Greg White, Director of Decatur Active Living, and all the participants from Hillcrest Church of Christ for helping make this year's National Garden Week Project a great success!

Missing any good gardening gloves lately?



This handsome golden dog on North Ponce de Leon may have 'retrieved' yours. Owner Debbie Harrison was one of two dozen neighbors planting shrubs in the swales at Deepdene Park October 22, 2011. Before Billy and Carolyn Hall's barbecue lunch caught the dog's attention, she made off with gloves from co-workers Gloria Seymour and Quigg Fletcher, behind the dog at the serving table.



good pilates changes your body.  
great pilates changes everything.™

At Studio Lotus, we think that Pilates shouldn't be the ONLY thing you do; it should be the foundation for EVERYTHING you do.

Because whether you're super-fit, semi-fit or soon-to-be-fit, a strong core makes you feel better – look better – and just be better.

So don't just change your body next year.  
**Change everything.**

STUDIO LOTUS WELCOME PACKAGES

1 initial assessment & postural analysis (75 min.)

+

3 private sessions  
for **\$265**  
(reg. \$365) \*

or

4 private sessions  
for **\$200**

Private sessions may include Pilates, Redcord or Kettlebell training.  
Must present coupon at first visit; please mention DHN when booking. Expires 3/31/2012.  
\* only available at Studio Lotus (Emory)

Been here before, but haven't been in awhile?  
**Then rediscover great pilates with a welcome package.**

For more information or to book your first appointment, please call **404.817.0900**,  
e-mail **info@studiolotus.com** or visit **www.studiolotus.com**

Studio Lotus (Emory) | 1145 Zonolite Road, Suite 13, Atlanta, GA 30306 | 404.817.0900  
Studio Lotus (Marietta) | 2000 Powers Ferry Road, Suite G7, Marietta, GA 30067 | 678.213.5000  
Studio Lotus (Forsyth) | 410 Peachtree Parkway, Suite 4106, Cumming, GA 30041 | 770.888.0048



O, Christmas Tree!

Rich's Great Tree (Now Macy's Great Tree at Lenox) once stood atop the Crystal Bridge, a four-story pedestrian bridge that crossed Forsyth Street downtown, connecting the main Rich's Department Store building and its Store for Homes.

Every Thanksgiving evening, beginning in 1948, Atlanta citizens filled the street below, listening to Christmas carols sung by choirs on the four levels, waiting for the 70' Georgia pine tree to be lit, never failing to ooh and aah...and cheer. As the crowds grew, four more choirs were added, facing the south side. The street lights were turned off to further illuminate the bridge levels, each containing a choir, lighted in upward succession as each choir performed and then darkened. Finally, all levels were lit and as a soloist hit the highest note in "O Holy Night," the tree blazed into glory.

The tradition lives on, but the downtown tree could be seen from far away through the season, a special memory for many.



Poinsettia Facts

- Poinsettias are native to Mexico.
- The Aztecs called the poinsettia Cuetzacoatl. They made a reddish purple dye from the bracts.
- Chile and Peru called the poinsettia the "Crown of the Andes."
- Poinsettias are part of the Euphorbiaceae family. Many plants in this family ooze a milky sap.
- Some people may have skin irritation from the milky sap
- In nature, poinsettias are perennial flowering shrubs that can grow to ten feet tall.
- The showy colored parts of poinsettias that most people think are the flowers are actually colored bracts (modified leaves).
- Poinsettias are priced according to the number of blooms. The more blooms, the more expensive the plant.
- The flowers or cyathia of the poinsettia are in the center of the colorful bracts.
- Poinsettias have been called the lobster flower and flame leaf flower.
- Poinsettias are not poisonous.
- A study at Ohio State University showed that a 50 pound child who ate 500 bracts might have a slight tummy ache.
- Poinsettia sap can irritate the skin and cause an upset stomach if consumed in large enough quantities.
- A fresh poinsettia is one on which little or no yellow pollen is showing on the flower clusters in the center of the bracts. Plants that have shed their pollen will soon drop their colorful bracts.
- Poinsettias represent over 85 percent of the potted plant sales during the holiday season.
- Ninety percent of all poinsettias are exported from the United States.
- In the 17th century, Juan Balme, a botanist, mentioned poinsettia plants in his writings.
- Poinsettias are commercially grown in all 50 states.
- California is the top poinsettia producing state.
- December 12 is National Poinsettia Day.
- The Paul Ecke Ranch in California grows over 80 percent of poinsettias in the United States for the wholesale market.
- Ninety per cent of all the flowering poinsettias in the world got their start at the Paul Ecke Ranch.
- There are over 100 varieties of poinsettias available.
- \$220 million worth of poinsettias are sold during the holiday season.
- Seventy-four percent of Americans still prefer red poinsettias; 8 percent prefer white and 6 percent pink.
- Eighty percent of poinsettias are purchased by women.
- Eighty percent of people who purchase poinsettias are 40 or older.
- Poinsettias are the best selling flowering potted plant in the United States. In 2004 over 61 million plants were sold.
- Poinsettias are the most popular Christmas plant even though most are sold in a 6 week period.
- An NCCA Bowl game in San Diego is named the Poinsettia Bowl.
- Poinsettias were introduced into the United States in 1825 by Joel Poinsett.



Tax Tips & Calculators From H & R Block

Before December 31, think about how you can help your tax situation for this year. By following year-end tax tips, you can prepare in 2011 to save on taxes due 2012. Compare standard versus itemized deductions — If your current or planned 2011 itemized deductions are more than your standard deduction, you'll save tax dollars by itemizing.

If your itemized deductions are close to your standard deduction in 2011, consider shifting some of your deductions to 2012, when you might be able to itemize more. Conversely, if you know you won't have as many itemized deductions in 2012 as you do in 2011, consider shifting some deductions from next year to this year.

Remember your miscellaneous itemized deductions — If the total of your miscellaneous itemized deductions subject to 2% of your adjusted gross income (AGI) is close to or more than 2% of your AGI, consider if you need any items in this category. If so, buy them before the end of the year. If the total of these expenses isn't close to or more than 2% of your AGI, postpone these expenses until 2012 if possible.

Make flexible spending work for you — If you don't have enough medical expenses to meet the amount you set aside in your flexible spending account, you'll lose the money. If you have extra money in the flexible spending account to spend, you might want to:

- Schedule end-of-year appointments
- Buy new prescription glasses, contact lenses, or hearing aids
- Buy medicines you'll need in 2012

Submit your receipts for eligible expenses within the time required by the plan. Some plans allow you extra time after the end of the year to use the unspent amount – check with your plan administrator.

Review your medical costs — Keep track of your unreimbursed medical expenses all year long. You can deduct them only if they're more than 7.5% of your AGI. If you're close to the 7.5% requirement, you might consider having an elective or necessary procedure before year-end. Check that the procedure is among the qualifying deductible expenses. Many elective procedures don't qualify for this deduction.

Get serious about retirement — Contribute to a retirement plan, like a 401(k), 403(b), Deductible IRA, SIMPLE IRA, or SEP.

Adopt a charitable attitude — Donating items to charities is a good deed that's also tax deductible. Get a receipt from the organization you're donating to. The deduction is limited to the item's current fair market value – what you could sell it for at a garage sale.

Sell off securities — If you have a large net capital gain so far this year, you might want to sell some stock to generate a loss before year end. Doing so could reduce the amount of tax you pay. However, if you sell stock to generate a loss, you're prohibited from purchasing substantially similar stock for 30 days before or after the sale that generated the loss. However, if the securities you sell are mutual-fund shares, you might be able to reinvest the proceeds in a similar – but not identical – fund, maintain your investment strategy, and deduct the loss.

Investigate before buying mutual funds — If you're planning to invest a substantial amount in a mutual fund, confirm that the fund isn't declaring a large amount of dividends in December. If you buy shares before the dividend is declared, you'll increase your income by the amount of the dividend even if you reinvest the dividend in new shares.

Give the gift of cash — You can give a gift up to \$13,000 to any one individual free of gift tax. If you're married, you each can gift a person up to \$13,000 tax free.

SAGE GARDENS  
LANDSCAPING Inc.

404-432-5352 • Sage-Gardens.com



THE COOK'S WAREHOUSE™

SHERLOCK'S  
WINE MERCHANT

Your hometown resource for:

- \* Quality Cookware and Kitchen Accessories
- \* Hand-selected Artisan Wines and Beers
- \* Culinary and Wine Education
- \* Premier Large Appliances
- \* Wine Consultation for dinners, parties, weddings, and more

180 WEST PONCE DE LEON  
404-377-4005  
FREE PARKING BEHIND BUILDING

WWW.COOKSANDSHERLOCKS.COM  
MONDAY ~ SATURDAY 10AM ~ 8PM  
SUNDAY 11AM ~ 4PM

25% OFF  
ANY ONE REGULARLY PRICED ITEM  
Excludes, electrics, gift cards, sale items, services, alcohol. All-Clad, Wusthof, Le Creuset, Big Green Egg, Swiss Diamond, Zwilling. Offer valid with printed coupon only. Not valid with any other offers or discounts. Valid until 12-31-11

## Druid Hills Home and Garden Tour and Artist Market

April 20, 21, 22, 2012

Friday & Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Sunday 1-5 p.m.

Patrons, Friends & Sponsors Gala  
Wednesday, April 18, 7-9 p.m.  
Druid Hills Golf Club – Invitation Only

Artist Market Opening Reception  
Thursday, April 19, 6:30-9:00 p.m.  
St. John's Lutheran Church  
Free and Open to all Druid Hills Residents

If you are thankful for our wonderful Druid Hills Neighborhood, please consider supporting the 2012 Tour of Homes and Gardens & Artist Market by Contributing Financially:

- Become a **Friend** - \$100 – 2 tour tickets & an invitation for the 2012 Gala
- **Patron** \$250 – 4 tour tickets, invitation for the 2012 Gala, and 2-line text in Druid Hills News listings – Contact Leslie Byars or Tara Bartelt at Friend@druidhills.org  
Deadline March 1, 2012
- If you are a business owner, become a **Sponsor** (We have levels **starting at \$250**, up to **Platinum at \$3000**)

Contact Harvin Greene or Tanya Zacks at Sponsor@druidhills.org  
Deadline January 13, 2012

### Contributing Time:

- As a **Docent** – Volunteer for a four-hour shift during the tour weekend, and receive a free tour ticket and an invitation to the Thank You Party at Everybody's on April 30
- As a **Shift Chair** – Recruit several friends and volunteer for a four-hour shift, and plan to attend the tour and lunch together! Receive same benefits as a Docent  
Contact Elizabeth Douglas at Staffing@druidhills.org

### Recommend an organization:

business, nonprofit, school, church, etc. – that will staff a shift, day, or entire weekend of the tour – and they will receive recognition as a Staffing Sponsor and publicity for their organization at the home during tour weekend.

Contact Bonnie Wolf at Recruit@druidhills.org

Questions? Contact Becky Evans at Tour@druidhills.org or call 404 524-TOUR (8687).

For more information, visit [www.druidhillstour.org](http://www.druidhillstour.org) or [www.druidhillsartistmarket.org](http://www.druidhillsartistmarket.org)

*We hope you will contact us now!  
Thank you for your support!*

Claudia Keenan – Homes & Gardens Chair  
Leslie Fight & Debbie McDonald – Operations Co-Chairs  
Becky Evans – Revenue Chair  
Tysie Whitman & Christin Bruce – Artist Market Co-Chairs  
Ann Yarbrough – Secretary  
Scott Storbeck – Treasurer

## The Jacksons of Ponce de Leon

By Jennifer J. Richardson

Mrs. Nina Jackson and her late husband, Mr. R. L. Jackson, bought their red brick home on Ponce de Leon Avenue in 1941. The couple met when Nina went to work for the Capitol City Candy Company, owned by the Jackson family. "My job was to add the red stripes to the peppermint sticks," said Mrs. Jackson. "I was supposed to get an education, but Mr. Jackson was six feet three inches tall, brilliant, and good looking. He had beautiful blue eyes. We got married on a weekend so we could both go to the candy company to work on Monday. Capitol City Candy was located at 142 Jackson Street near downtown. The candy company also made peanut brittle, and Mrs. Jackson recalled seeing black workers stir the contents of big boilers before spreading the candy out on slabs to cool.

The Jacksons raised two sons in the house: Jim Jackson, born in 1948, and Randy Jackson, born five years later. Jim Jackson continues to reside in the home—having lived there his entire life—and he's the person who has lived on Ponce de Leon the longest of anyone (63 years).

"It was a boarding house when we bought it," recalled Mrs. Jackson. "Not like a vagrant boarding house, like what we had later, but boarding homes for unmarried women who worked downtown." The Jackson house was built in 1908 and had belonged to a Dr. Campbell, who divorced his wife. In the divorce, it was said that Mrs. Campbell could live in the home for 30 years. "We bought it after that," said Nina Jackson. When the Jacksons moved in, the house still had a garage for cars and a stable for horses. "Dr. Campbell made home visits for his practice in a horse and buggy," said Mrs. Jackson.

"Years ago, we still had some of his old horse boxes in the garage," recalled Jim Jackson. "One of my boyhood memories here is of standing in the back yard and seeing the satellite 'Telstar' go by," he added. "It was dark then, just like out in the country."

Jim Jackson remembers gardens in the back yard of the home when he was a young boy. His father had hauled dirt from the old Sears store on Ponce de Leon to level out the sloping back yard. At that time, there was an old wooden cabin with a stone fireplace near the corner of the Jackson lot. "It was a one room cabin," said Jim Jackson. "There was an old black man who lived there—perhaps a migrant worker from the Johnson Farm. He drove a green wagon up and down Oakdale Road."

In addition to their home on Ponce, the Jacksons also owned a farm near Jonesboro, where they raised Aberdeen Angus cattle, horses, and sheep from Canada. The 1300-acre farm was purchased as a summer home to escape the heat of Atlanta, and also so that Jim and Randy Jackson would have an experience of growing up on a farm, as had their mother.

"In the old days, a trolley ran through the [Olmsted] park across the street," said Mrs. Jackson. "You can still see where the rails ran. The trolley helped people get to work. It ran all the way to East Lake. It cost twenty cents to ride, or you could go from my house here all the way downtown to Rich's and back for one dollar. The girls who lived in the boarding homes along here would take the trolley to Fleeman's drugstore at St. Charles Avenue and buy lime sours. Or they'd go up to the library at St. Charles or to work. The trolley really helped them get

around. This house is so well-built, we didn't even hear the noise of the trolley when it went past."

Mrs. Jackson recalls when Buddie Candler had his infamous zoo at his home "Briarcliff." "He had all these animals up there," she said. "And sometimes the lion or elephant would get out and roam around the neighborhood. The police would have to come and try and round up the loose animal. Finally, they shut it down because the animals kept getting out and scaring people."

"So many things have come and gone along Ponce de Leon in my lifetime," said Jim Jackson. "Like Plaza Drugstore, which was open all night. If you needed a last minute Christmas present on December 24, Plaza was the place to go. There were many white tablecloth restaurants in the neighborhood, movie theatres where you could stay all day and buy a Coke, popcorn, and a Charms pop for fifty cents and still have money left over for the drugstore, and mom and pop stores—all gone now. There used to be a playground with swings, a tilta-whirl, and a ball field across the street in the park, where I played with neighborhood children."

But times were not always good on Ponce de Leon. "In the 1970s, a combination of things caused the neighborhood to run down. One was the threat of I-485 and the Stone Mountain [Expressway] Road," recalled Jim.

"The suburbs became hot and the property here was hard to maintain—these big homes along Ponce de Leon," said Nina Jackson. "All the society people moved out of Druid Hills to Buckhead, which caused it to run down even more."

"We had boarding houses that were not kept up along our block—we were the only single family still here. There would be sirens all night long," said Jim Jackson. "People constantly rang our doorbell at all hours of the night, looking for a handout, or drunks would fall asleep on our porch. We had cars stolen and heard gunshots outside." After the roads were defeated, people began moving back into the neighborhood and restoring the old homes. "It's nice to see people fixing up the old houses and building on. It's given another life to the street. I like hearing the children's laughter from the private schools."

Jim Jackson proudly tells the story of what his mother has done near Jonesboro (though the modest Mrs. Jackson would probably not have told this writer). "Our land near Jonesboro was being encroached upon by development," said Jim. "All around us were bulldozers knocking down trees. My mother is quite an environmentalist. We were concerned that our land would be developed. My mother decided to give some of it away." In order to prevent development, Mrs. Jackson donated 30 acres to Clayton County to be left in a wild state.

"It can't be disturbed, cut, or developed," continued Jim Jackson. "Then, in 2003, she donated more than 17 acres near the Flint River to Clayton County, and there's a sign there with 'Nina Burnham [Jackson] Greenspace.' It was dedicated in her honor." The donated land will become part of Clayton Greenspace Trust Program. As for the old home on Ponce de Leon, Jim Jackson said, "It's like an old shoe—worn and familiar. Like an old horse that heads for the barn," said Jim. "Both my mother and I are so used to the house that we can go anywhere we want in the dark, just because we know it so well."

## Local School "LEEDs" the Way in Energy Efficiency

Springdale Park Elementary School has earned the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) gold certification by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC). This is next to the highest certification for school buildings and campuses in recognition of the unique nature of the design and construction of K12 schools.

Springdale Park Elementary School underwent a \$12.1 million total renovation and expansion recently that incorporated energy efficient and environmentally friendly, low-emissions geo-thermal technology into the school's heating, ventilation and air conditioning system.

LEED promotes sustainable building and development practices through a suite of rating systems that recognize projects that implement strategies for better environmental and health performance.

The rating process involves evaluating schools and campuses for such things as classroom acoustics, master planning, mold prevention and environmental site assessment.

## THE BEN FRANKLIN ACADEMY

Where Students Enjoy Going to School \* Where Teachers Enjoy Teaching \* Where Colleges Enjoy Recruiting

Open House  
Thursday, January 19th & February 9th  
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM



752 Houston Mill Road \* Atlanta, GA 30329

(404) 633-7404 \* [www.benfranklinacademy.org](http://www.benfranklinacademy.org) \* [bfa@benfranklinacademy.org](mailto:bfa@benfranklinacademy.org)

Ben Franklin Academy provides a non-discriminatory admissions policy



# AIEV Receives PEDS Golden Shoe Award for Emory Village Project

(Nov. 4, 2011) The Alliance to Improve Emory Village (AIEV) and DeKalb County received a PEDS Golden Shoe Award this week for the Emory Village roundabout and “road diet” project. As part of the project, a section of North Decatur Road through the Village was reduced from four lanes to three, and new bike lanes and improved sidewalks were added.

PEDS – the region’s leading advocate for pedestrians – presented its 12th annual Golden Shoe Awards at a celebration to honor the people, projects, and places that have contributed significantly this year to making metro Atlanta communities more walkable. DeKalb County Commissioner Kathy Gannon introduced the Golden Shoe winners, and PEDS President Sally Flocks highlighted their innovative design solutions that create walkable places. As an all-volunteer, nonprofit community organization, AIEV has worked for more than a decade to create a safe, pedestrian friendly, economically viable Village. Over the past decade, the alliance of local neighbors, Emory Village businesses and property owners, and representatives from Emory University developed and championed a revitalization plan, which resulted in the Village being designated as a “Livable Center” by the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) and helped attract a \$2.1 million grant to fund public improvements, such as the streetscape enhancements. The plan also attracted nearly \$1 million in matching funds from DeKalb County for traffic, street, and pedestrian improvements – including the new roundabout, which has replaced the Village’s formerly congested main intersection.

Construction is expected to be completed early next year on additional sidewalks and a new garden park next to the roundabout which will include a water feature, kiosk, and a well to provide water for the landscaping in the park including the more than 40 trees to be planted in the Village. AIEV is currently raising funds to finish the park and other greening efforts on the edges of the Village.

In accepting the award, AIEV Chair Lois Berthaume thanked DeKalb County, ARC, the LCI and the neighborhood for “bringing the village back to be the center of the community and believing that it could once again provide a safe environment for pedestrians.”

## The Way They Were...and Are

by Mary Angela Whyte

When Thomas Wolfe said “you can’t go home again,” it was understandable. He didn’t know The Singers and Swingers.

The Singers and Swingers have a long history, though the original group, formed in 1966, changed over time, as lives changed. Some of the members met in college, like Druid Hills neighbors Dannie and Rick Bell, and the five who recently made a CD performed together for 10 years, mostly in the 70s. All have impressive professional resumes, playing and singing with highly regarded orchestras and jazz ensembles. The artists they have worked with read like a musical who’s who.

The band was popular in the 70s, playing for country club dances, weddings, and corporate events. Their repertoire, which included swing, pop, country, jazz, and rock, appealed to all ages and tastes. By the mid-1980s, personal needs and obligations made it clear it was time to disband the band. All stayed in music, members of various groups, singing for commercials and in church choirs, whatever better suited their changing lives.



In the intervening years, since the breakup, the friends kept in touch, meeting for dinner, singing for their own pleasure, and remembering the past. It was that remembering that led them to make a CD of the songs they sang long ago. Rick and Dannie, with fellow Singers and Swingers Bill Csuka, Herb Kraft, Allen Stone, and guest artists Mary Sue Taylor and Bob Lewis, recreate their mellow sound in “Bye Bye Blackbird,” “Secret Love,” “All the Things You Are,” “Georgia On My Mind,” and other favorites.

All are retired now, and with 24 grandchildren among them, they prove the music never dies and neither do memories. The CD title says it all: *Seems Like Old Times*. Order your CD online at [www.cdbaby.com](http://www.cdbaby.com).

## Tips for Navigating a Roundabout

(Courtesy of PEDS, an Atlanta-based pedestrian advocacy organization at [www.peds.org](http://www.peds.org))

- Pedestrians:**
1. Never walk through a roundabout or cross through the center island (motorists expect you will use the crosswalks and will look for you there).
  2. As pedestrians approach the crosswalk, look LEFT to make sure cars stop for you.
  3. Cross to the next pedestrian island, and look RIGHT to make sure cars stop for you. Finish crossing to the opposite crosswalk.
- Cyclists:**
1. Cyclists should walk their bicycles across the pedestrian crosswalk.
  2. If riding in the roundabout, navigate it like motorists.
  3. Do not hug the curb. Ride in the middle of the lane to prevent vehicles from passing you.
  4. Stop for pedestrians in crosswalks. Signal when making turns out of the roundabout. For more information on safe cycling, visit [www.bike.emory.edu](http://www.bike.emory.edu).

- Motorists:**
1. When approaching the roundabout, slow down to the posted speed. Stop for pedestrians in the crosswalk; they have the right-of-way.
  2. As drivers enter the roundabout, yield to approaching vehicles. Wait for a gap in traffic, and merge RIGHT into the roundabout.
  3. When in the roundabout, continue until you reach your street. Never stop for other cars while in the roundabout.
  4. To exit the roundabout, signal, then bear right to exit the roundabout. Stop for pedestrians in the crosswalk while exiting.

## Bring One for the Chipper

Every year, Keep DeKalb Beautiful sponsors "Bring One for the Chipper" as part of a Statewide effort to recycle Christmas trees. This annual event continues the tradition of trading a used Christmas tree for a tree seedling, while supplies last.



Citizens have the option to submit used trees to designated drop-off points in DeKalb County. Residents who are currently serviced by DeKalb County Sanitation Division may also leave their trees (under seven feet) for curbside pick-up. Larger trees must be cut in half. The Christmas trees are recycled by chipping them into mulch for use in landscaping, or by using them as fish and wildlife habitats. Residents can also obtain free mulch by contacting Keep DeKalb Beautiful at 404-371-2654 or [kdb@dekalbcountyga.gov](mailto:kdb@dekalbcountyga.gov).

Last year, more than 200,000 trees were recycled in the State of Georgia. Over 10,000 of those trees were from DeKalb citizens. The program produces tangible environmental benefits while helping our county comply with State regulations that prohibit the disposal of yard trimmings in lined municipal landfills.

## The Historic Fourth Ward Park

by Faye Andresen

Historic Fourth Ward Park, located off North Avenue behind City Hall East, is a jewel in Atlanta’s Beltline plans. Starting just behind the Masquerade nightclub, it stretches to Freedom Parkway and the Carter Center. With dramatic tall granite walls, a pond with walking paths, waterfalls, and cantilevered overlooks is sunk deep into the surrounding landscape. At the south end is an amphitheater for relaxing or taking in special events.

Above the main pond area is a playground that could excite the most jaded pre-schooler. It has riders, and climbers, water features and more ... a bathhouse. Closer to Freedom Parkway – actually next door to the WSB antenna by the parkway- is a skate park for the pre-teen and teen skateboarders.

The Historic 4th Ward Park is one of the first completed urban parks of the Atlanta Beltline project and the Historic Fourth Ward Park Conservancy is a nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing the maintenance and security of the park while advocating for the full realization of the park plan.

Check it out – and learn more about the Atlanta Beltline and the Historic Fourth Ward Park Conservancy at <http://www.h4wpc.com/index.htm>.

### Christmas at Callanwolde

The Holiday Magic Begins!  
December 5-18

The magnificent Gothic-Tudor mansion is transformed for the holidays by Atlanta’s top interior designers

Themed Rooms · Holiday Shopping  
Callanwolde Artist Studio  
Breakfast with Santa  
Teddy Bear Tea – and More!

[www.ChristmasatCallanwolde.org](http://www.ChristmasatCallanwolde.org)

about flexibility  
about posture  
about strength

**ABout Movement**  
PILATES STUDIO

see the results

431 W. Ponce de Leon Ave., Suite 10 • Decatur, GA 30030 • 404.373.9672  
[www.AboutMovement.com](http://www.AboutMovement.com)



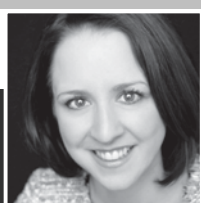
# NATALIE GREGORY

## WELCOME TO YOUR NEW HOME



508 Emory Circle  
Handsome Druid Hills Brick Tudor  
Schools: Fernbank, Druid Hills Middle, Druid Hills High  
[www.EmoryCircle.com](http://www.EmoryCircle.com)

A short walk from Emory University, this beautiful home combines historically inspired Tudor design with the luxuries and conveniences of state-of-the-art construction, including an elevator. Graceful brick archways adorn the front porch that welcomes you into the main level of this spacious three-level home. This level features a living room, with fireplace, that opens to a library and sunroom. Echoing the distinct exterior brick arches, an elegant archway separates the gourmet kitchen from the family room. The main floor also includes a dining room, guest suite, and screened porch overlooking a private backyard. The master suite and three additional bedrooms are located upstairs along with a laundry room and playroom. The basement level offers a two-car, drive-under garage, an additional guest suite and a recreation room.



*If you are considering a move or are just curious about the real estate market, please give me a call.*

**NATALIE GREGORY**, Your Home Marketing Specialist  
404 550 5113 direct • 404 564 5560 office

Natalie@NatalieGregorySOLD.com • NatalieGregorySOLD.com  
315 West Ponce de Leon, Suite 100, Decatur, Georgia 30030

Certified Luxury Home Marketing Specialist®  
DeKalb Association of Realtors® – Lifetime Pinnacle Award Member  
#1 Real Estate Sales Team for DeKalb County 2009, 2010

  
**KELLER WILLIAMS**  
REALTY  
METRO ATLANTA

Each Keller Williams® Realty Office  
is independently owned and operated.