



# THE DRUID HILLS News

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## DHCA Annual Meeting

*by Ken Gibson*

Your neighbors gathered at the Fernbank Museum of Natural History on Sunday, February 24, for a very informative Annual Meeting. As in every other year, we first gathered at the registration tables to see if the dues we last paid were for this year or the previous year! Groups of neighbors socialized around tables with information about the upcoming Tour of Homes, new Druid Hills T-shirts, and the new Rutledge Park, until our outgoing president, Bruce MacGregor, persuaded all to be seated for the start of the meeting.

Guests, including our local government representatives were recognized and many volunteers were spotlighted for their service during the year. Two special awards were presented to Bob Ballou, Volunteer of the Year, and to Mary Angela Whyte, Lifetime Achievement recipient.

The state of the neighborhood was summarized. Our community is younger, facing decisions to be made concerning cityhood, and dealing with setbacks in both the Atlanta and the DeKalb School systems. Marshall Orson, our new DeKalb County School Board member, updated us about issues concerning our schools and their administration.

Other presentations were made by the Lullwater Conservation Garden Committee and the 2013 Tour of Homes and Gardens Committee. A special Tour of Homes video was shown that previewed the homes and highlighted new additions to the tour, including a lecture series and an antique automobile show.

The work that our Civic Association has done for the neighborhood during the past year was highlighted by Bruce MacGregor’s listing of Ten Major Issues Addressed in 2013. The list includes school and Science Center issues, historic presentation guidelines, assistance with redevelopment projects, mediation with the Frazer Center, and dealing with urban Coyotes! These issues are detailed in the report from the President.

The nominating committee presented candidates for the six DHCA Officers and seven Class of 2015 Board Members who were elected by acclamation. The Bylaws were also amended to include the position of Tour Liaison on the Executive Committee.

Finally, a Special Report on Future Governance in DeKalb County was presented, which generated passionate discussion from many attendees! There is a risk that our Druid Hills community could become isolated as new cities such as Brookhaven are formed in DeKalb County. As residents we can do nothing, or proactively consider annexation with Decatur or Atlanta, or consider forming our own city with other parts of unincorporated DeKalb County. Volunteers are certainly needed to research these options, but changes are already happening at a rapid pace!

We hope many of you will be able to volunteer in at least one of the many areas our Civic Association is addressing, and we certainly hope to see you next year at the Annual Meeting.



The Druid Hills Home & Garden Tour will feature five homes and two gardens during the annual three-day event, April 19-21, 2013. One of the premiere neighborhood tours of the South, it always arrives just as Druid Hills’ flowers and trees are reaching the peak of their beauty. This year, the tour will include homes that represent the decades following 1910, 1920, 1940, 1950, and 2000, as well as a classic car show and a speaker series encompassing such topics as architecture, restoration, gardens, and Druid Hills history.



### 1 1410 Ponce de Leon Ave Classic Car Show, Lunch, Will Call and Tour Souvenirs

Beautifully restored automobiles from the Fifties, Sixties, and Seventies are on display at St. John's Lutheran Church this weekend. We are pleased to celebrate the automobiles that once drove along our streets and occupied the carriage houses and garages of our neighborhood. When Frederick Law

Olmsted, Sr. first imagined Druid Hills, he drew a linear park and roads that would follow the contours of the land. Over the years, those tree-lined streets witnessed the growing popularity of the automobile from novelty to necessity. Revisit the days when chrome was king, styling was “anything goes,” and color was not a matter of the lowest common denominator. Please join the Dogwood Chapter of the Lambda Club International and the Druid Hills Tour of Homes in recognizing the value of our architectural and automotive history.

### 2 1386 Ponce de Leon Avenue NE

#### Alpha Delta Pi

A perfect example of Southern Colonial Revival architecture, the mansion that is home to the International Headquarters of the sorority Alpha Delta Pi has graced the corner of Oakdale Road and Ponce de Leon Avenue since 1910. The second home built in Druid Hills, not far from where Frederick Law Olmsted, Sr. envisioned the parkway and linear park, it was commissioned by the farm equipment manufacturer Clyde King. With his wife Clara Belle and four children, King enjoyed the spacious house and terraced gardens for nearly three decades. When Alpha Delta Pi purchased the house in 1954, the original furnishings were gone. Nonetheless, the grand staircase and elegant rooms conjure images of the King family’s busy whirl of parties and dinners. Today, Alpha Delta Pi uses the house for meetings and special sorority events while its staff works in the 2004 addition, demonstrating that it is possible to run a 250,000-member international organization from a quiet, tree-lined residential neighborhood.



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President’s Column

by Bruce MacGregor

THE YEAR IN REVIEW, and THINGS TO COME

The year 2012 started peacefully enough, and we all hoped for a quiet year. It was not to be. Last year became the year of educational, land use, and wild animal conflict. During the past year, The City of Brookhaven was established, the District Attorney investigated the DeKalb CEO, the DeKalb County School District was put on probation (and six Board of Education Members have been subsequently removed by the Governor), and at least two proposals for a new city in Central DeKalb have been put forth.

Druid Hills has been successful in most of our endeavors this year and in many years past. However, we are at a critical point in our history. We are undergoing a major demographic shift, with the old guard leaving and younger people moving in. This is a good thing, and we welcome it; the voices of children are a joy to hear (most of the time). We do need to recruit these people and broaden both our membership and our leadership base. This can be done, but it will take work.

The governance of our schools and our county has received much attention, mostly unfavorable. The Atlanta Public Schools are recovering from a major cheating scandal, and the DeKalb Public Schools are on probation, with the likelihood of the Governor replacing two thirds of the School Board. While the Atlanta Public Schools are important to DH, the DeKalb Public Schools are critical. The DeKalb system is more than twice the size of the APS, and (I think) DeKalb residents overall are less likely to have private school options. We are truly fortunate that both the Atlanta and DeKalb public schools in our immediate area are excellent; we are affected by the condition of the two systems.

In my view, unincorporated urban counties can be an excellent vehicle for service delivery, especially those services that benefit from economies of scale, or of necessity must cover large areas. HOWEVER, counties are not well equipped to engender or foster a sense of community. Nationwide, we are seeing the resurgence of cities, large and small. Locally, we have witnessed the resurgence of Decatur. We have seen the citification of all of North Fulton county (Sandy Springs, Roswell, John’s Creek, Milton), and much of North DeKalb (Dunwoody, Brookhaven). It seems to me that the city of Brookhaven has de-stabilized DeKalb in a way that the city of Dunwoody did not. We may have reached the point where we need to look at other options, including annexation, cityhood, or cityhood light. At the annual meeting, a straw poll indicated significant interest in both annexation and in cityhood light (i.e., only a few services).

The “Top Ten” projects of 2012 include:

1. Fernbank Science Center:

The DeKalb County School District proposed closing Fernbank Science Center as a budget cutting measure. DHCA took a leadership role in reversing this decision. We are now working with the Science Center to establish a (501-c3) Charitable Foundation to supplement county funding. We believe this will allow the Science Center to better continue their excellent instruction, and will make it less likely for the School District to consider closing the center in the future.

2. Springdale Park Elementary School Addition (Ponce de Leon Ave/ Briarcliff Road):

We are working with the Atlanta Public School system on their plan to add a gym and additional classrooms to Springdale Park Elementary School (SPARK), on the site of

the former Howard School at Ponce de Leon and Springdale. This is a work in progress – the APS has gotten good reviews from our committee to date.

3. The Great Coyote War:

DHCA sponsored two neighborhood meetings at Epiphany Episcopal Church on Ponce de Leon (organized and chaired by Bob Ballou) and helped publicize a third meeting at the Fernbank Science Center. We elected not to sponsor trapping, due partly to questions of effectiveness, and partly due to internal division within the neighborhood. Private trapping efforts netted eight coyotes and one dog, and one (human) broken wrist. I’ve heard no complaints about coyotes since trapping was done. The staff at the Science Center is working on a contract proposal with the city of Atlanta to study southeastern coyotes. Interestingly, the Vinings Homeowners Association attended our meetings and took a position similar to that of DHCA.

4. Adoption of the Artwood Road Historic Preservation Guidelines:

Unlike most of Druid Hills, Artwood Road was built after World War II as ranch homes, many designed by Atlanta architects. The adopted guidelines will protect the area from inappropriate infill (McMansions) while allowing architectural flexibility in renovations and additions. Thanks to Bob Ballou, Rob Benfield, and Chris Leeth.

5. Rutledge Park Concept/Vision (1812 Ridgewood Drive):

This 1.8-acre interior block parcel was nominated by DHCA for County Greenspace acquisition and was purchased with the help of Commissioner Jeff Rader. This was the sole remaining interior block parcel in private ownership in Druid Hills. In 2012, a concept plan was developed with the help of Park Pride. Tim Ralston has served as project manager during this period and will continue in this role. A landscape architecture firm is preparing a detailed plan based on the concept. DHCA arranged for Arboguard to conduct a tree survey pro-bono (Thanks, Arboguard, and thanks, Spence Rosenfeld!). Park Pride recently awarded a \$50,000 “Community Building” grant for Rutledge Park, which has been matched by \$45,000 of county funds and \$16,000 raised by the Friends of Rutledge Park. Tim Ralston prepared the grant application and DHCA wrote a support letter.

6. Matthews Property Redevelopment (Oakdale Road at Vilenah Lane):

DHCA negotiated with the owner to revise the lot layout to better fit the Historic District. This resulted in fewer but larger lots and more even sized lots. We worked with the County to modify development requirements to make the new houses better fit the district.

7. University Inn Redevelopment (N. Decatur Road at Emory Drive):

A Florida-based developer submitted a proposal to demolish and redevelop the three parcels of the University Inn on N. Decatur Road at Emory Drive. He proposed 4-5- story student housing, which he believed would circumvent the 35’ height limit imposed by the zoning code on this site. The DHCA, Emory Drive residents, and the Clifton Condo residents effectively opposed this application. The proposal violated a number of Historic

Preservation Guidelines and espoused an especially creative (and unwelcome) interpretation of the zoning code.

This site will eventually be redeveloped, in my view. It is one of the few sites in the Historic District suitable for multifamily housing, such as townhouses, condos, or perhaps a retirement home. Druid Hills is one of the few areas in Atlanta that could actually support more condos: We have a large number of “new hires” by Emory, Emory Healthcare, and CDC, as well a many older residents ageing out of their large homes, but wanting to remain in the neighborhood.

8. The Frazer Center (S Ponce de Leon Avenue, near Lakeshore):

DHCA led an 18-month effort to resolve institutional/residential conflict at the 36-acre Frazer Center on Ponce de Leon. Issues included buffers, dumpsters, car and bus access, and amplified music at special events. DHCA sponsored several mediation sessions and later represented neighbors in negotiating conditions for the resulting Zoning Overlay District and the Special Land Use Permits (affectionately known as SLUPS). We were not able to fully resolve access issues with MARTA mobility buses or limit the total number of commercial events in the gardens. However, the most important issues, amplified music and late night events, have been addressed. We hope that the prohibition of amplified music and the earlier ending times will result in a change in the types of events.

Thanks to Bob Ballou and former DHCA President Chuck Palmer, who signed on as our volunteer attorney. (Other attorneys in the neighborhood –please take note.)

9. Georgia Power Company substation (N. Decatur Road. at Burlington Road).

Georgia Power Company will build a substation on “upper” Burlington Road, behind Emory’s North Decatur Building, to serve the Emory campus and medical complex. Discussions centered mainly on the size and location of the new, larger poles, which will be installed on North Decatur Road to carry the high tension wires to and from the substation.

10. Nunan-Buckler “Clifton Ridge” property (Clifton Road, adjacent to Burbank Park):

The 4.6-acre site adjacent to Burbank Park and overlooking the Druid Hills Golf Course has engendered 10 lawsuits and 3 appellate decisions over the past 10 years. Severn of these lawsuits were initiated (and lost) by the property owners, while the remaining were appeals by DeKalb County or the DHCA. At issue is whether a new road and a new subdivision can circumvent the Historic Preservation Regulations. In 2011, we turned back an attempt to gut the state enabling act at the General Assembly. In 2012, we turned back another two such attempts. In 2013, a similar statewide bill was introduced, but tabled in Committee. However, we anticipate efforts to attach the tabled bill (HB484, the Historic Preservation Disabling Act) onto another piece of legislation. This is quite remarkable: four attempts to throw 138 local Historic Preservation Commissions under the bus in order to circumvent Historic Preservation Guidelines on the only residential district in the Southeast designed by the Father of American Landscape Architecture.

Politically, we had setbacks at DeKalb County. Despite objections from our two commissioners, the Board of Commissioners overturned an HPC denial for two minor items, a granite wall face and a fence for a detention pond, which morphed into a full blown development permit. This permit was issued despite the lack of a COA for the subdivision, despite state law staying permits when the issue is under appeal, and despite an appellate decision that a COA is required for a subdivision.

Legally, we had more success. We had three favorable court rulings:

- A 30-day TRO (temporary restraining order) was granted in our Contempt of Court suit.
- The developer’s motion against DHCA for attorney’s fees was denied.
- The court extended the TRO until March 18, when a hearing has been scheduled.

This has been a major effort by many people. We have filled the Maloof auditorium with supporters; raised a significant legal defense fund; appeared on Ch2 (three times), Ch5, and WABE. This has been covered in the *AJC*, the *Champion*, and the *Patch*. Two sitting commissioners joined our appeal to the Zoning Board of Appeals, and the HPC members took the unusual step of writing a four-page letter opposing this project.

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# Trolley Rail Sculpture Connects Past, Present, and Future

by Marlene Goodman

Atlanta metal worker Charles Calhoun has turned history on end in Emory Village. The result is a 15-foot-high gleaming white sculpture with arms that stretch to the sky in salute to both the past and the future.

The Druid Hills resident and owner of Calhoun Design and Metal Works was approached last year by Becky Evans, a board member of the Alliance to Improve Emory Village, for ideas on how to reclaim the rusted, pitted rails that had been unearthed during the village streetscape renovation project in 2010. The rails were part of a long defunct trolley line to Emory Village. Could they be repurposed in some form for the new park in the village that was created from land left over after shifting Oxford Road to make room for the roundabout?

Calhoun salvaged several of the rails, measured them, and came up with a design for a sculpture that now graces Emory Village Park's new fountain. After Lithia Power Coating sandblasted and stripped off layers of thick flaking rust, Calhoun cut the three rails to sizes ranging from 13 feet to 15 feet and welded them to an inch-thick steel plate. The rails are coated with a durable baked-on white finish that ties in with the stone panels of the Emory gates, the park fountain, and the Emory Village sign — a juxtaposition of the neighborhood's and Emory's history and progress.

Each rail weighs about 700 pounds; together they make a hefty ton. The sculpture is mounted on poured concrete with heavy steel bolts that plunge deep into the bottom of the fountain. It was engineered by Bill Thornton of Correct Measure Services. While AIEV paid for the sandblasting and powder coating, Calhoun donated his time and company resources to fabricate,

design, and place the sculpture.

The Springdale Road resident says he loves history and often makes furniture out of old gates and other architectural elements, and found objects. "I loved this project," he says. "It was exciting to repurpose these rails which are at least 100 years old and it was a way to give back to the community. The whole park and revitalization of Emory Village has been a collaborative and tireless effort by so many people. What I did is just a small piece."

The trolley was a big piece of the history of Atlanta, Druid Hills, and the Olmsted parks. Druid Hills landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted, considered by many as the father of landscape architecture, believed that the ideal suburb should have "good roads and walks, sewer, water and gas pipes, and sufficiently cheap, rapid, comfortable transportation to the center of the city." That vision included the Atlanta street car system, which dates back to 1871 horse-car-drawn trolleys. The system originated downtown at the Butler Street Barn and by the mid-1920s extended 214 miles. A feeder bus route established in 1929 supplemented existing service to more suburban areas in and around Emory, Ponce/Druid Hills and Decatur.

The "girder rails" uncovered during the Emory Village streetscape project were part of the Emory Village line built between 1902 and 1912, when the Georgia Railway & Electric Co. (now Georgia Power) expanded the streetcar system, according to Patrick Sullivan, architectural historian with New South Associates. It terminated in Emory Village where the new roundabout now sits.

The trolleys typically ran down the middle of roads and often used double-end cars, which were the same in the front and back. When the trolley reached Emory Village, the motorman would flip the seats back the other way, and the trolley would retrace its route via Oxford Road, the Byway, and Briarcliff. In their heyday, the trolleys were heavily used, but the introduction of the automobile, labor issues, and the high cost of maintenance and operations eventually led to dismantling the system. The Emory line (Route 28), was discontinued on December 28, 1946, and was replaced by trackless trolley.

While many of the old lines were ripped up during World War II for the steel, those that survived were buried like the rails in Emory Village. New South recently mapped those buried rails for the Georgia Department of Transportation. GDOT historian Sharman Southall says the rails are considered archeological resources that provide insights into how the trolley lines worked and their influence on built environments. Read the report. The Atlanta Streetcar Geodatabase is available for download on the GA GIS Clearinghouse.

Calhoun suspects that most people won't initially recognize the sculpture as trolley tracks. "But when you look close you can see that the rails are damaged and pitted — it's part of their texture and the history of all the life that was formed by the rail cars."



Charles Calhoun with his trolley rails sculpture



## School News

We are still looking for a School News columnist. For now, we list the school websites only.

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Druid Hills Middle School:  
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Springdale Park Elementary School:  
[www.srt3.atlantapublicschools.us/springdale](http://www.srt3.atlantapublicschools.us/springdale)

## Arboguard Provides Green Solutions for Trees in Emory Village

Trees are vital to the urban environment and are an important component in Emory Village's revitalization project. However, urban design and infrastructure greatly reduce the life span of trees by typically planting them in small areas that restrict roots and prevent healthy growth. Trees planted in these conditions have very little access to the water and micronutrients they need to survive. As a result, many urban trees die prematurely. The solution is to progressively amend and enhance the root zones.

In the fall of 2012, Arboguard Tree Specialists was asked to protect, care for, and maintain the newly planted Elms and Maples that line the streets in Emory Village. A team of arborists designed an all natural custom maintenance program to help prevent premature decline and enrich the village canopy. Twice a year, compacted soil is loosened and fractured by innovative AirTech technology, while organic matter, micronutrients and living microbes are added to the soil to rebuild a rich, nutrient laden bed for tree roots. In addition, Arboguard performs general maintenance to prevent conflicts with cars, signs, and pedestrians.



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# BOOK CLUB NEWS

## A Novel History

by Faye Andresen

Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.  
—George Santayana

Historical novels may not be purely factual, but they remind us that while history may change, human behavior does not. A historical narrative can breathe life into the dusty list of dates and events we collect and catalog. Historical fiction can offer context and motivation, give us insight into past decision-making, and maybe, just maybe, a better understanding of the challenges we face today. Here is a list of historical novels clubs in the community have recently explored.

Harvard Road Book Club, in keeping with election season, read *Tension City: Inside the Presidential Debates* by Jim Lehrer. He told of his personal experiences from the last eleven election cycles and the historical make or break moments of past presidential debates. *IN THE GARDEN OF BEASTS* Love, Terror, and an American Family in Hitler's Berlin by Erik Larson offered the club his narrative of the 1933 placement of William Hobbs as the US ambassador to Hitler's Nazi Germany and the events which ensued. Then, Pulitzer Prize-winning author Robert Massie gave them a better understanding of how an obscure royal from Germany could gain and hold power for 32 years in *Catherine the Great: Portrait of a Woman*.

In *The Kitchen House* by Kathleen Grissom, the Wine Women & Words Book Club learned how indentured slaves from Ireland entered the Old South plantation system and, in this particular case, the dire consequences of such an arrangement. Malcolm Gladwell in *Outliers: The Story of Success* explained that success can be attributed to a number of opportunities and past experiences as he analyzed Mozart, Bill Gates, The Beatles, and more for the club. And the novel *State of Wonder* by Ann Patchett reminds us all we are not all powerful. Medical research comes face-to-face with Amazon jungle; modern scientists meet the tropical tribe. Things do not go as planned.

The Last Tuesday Book Club revisited the glory days of Florida's most alluring (and shall we say tacky) tourist attractions in *Swamplandia* by Karen Russell. Dad's an alligator wrestler; mom's the Indian Princess Diver at the aging Everglades tourist trap. Mom dies and the park, family, and book sink under the swampy weight of it all. On a more civilized note, *Rules of Civility* by Amor Towles was felt to be a first-effort stunner. Set in jazzy sophisticated 1937 New York City, working girl with a good head on her shoulders meets upper-crust society set in this ode to survival and success in the Big Apple.

Emory Women's Club began their history lesson with *Heresy* by S J Parris. Italian monk/spy/scientist uncovers Catholic plot to kill queen, meets a beautiful woman, and discovers a murderer is on the loose... in 1583. What's not to like? They then read the National Book Critics' Circle Award Winner *Warmth of Other Suns* by Isabel Wilkerson. It chronicles the multi-decade migration of African-Americans from the South to the North. And in *The DoveKeepers* by Alice Hoffman, the club read of four women's passionate struggles in the context of the Jewish stand against the Romans at Masada two thousand nine hundred years ago. Ancient historians noted nine hundred Jews valiantly held off Romans for months, but only two women and five children survived the conflict.

Proud Mary Book Club headed out west for a stunning account of Comanche Indians and their forty-year battle to control their territory and life in S. C. Gwynne's *Empire of the Summer Moons*. And then in *Caleb's Crossing* by Geraldine Brooks, they learned of the first Native American's route to graduation at Harvard, his friendship with a Calvinist preacher's daughter, and his struggles to balance cultural & religious beliefs in 1610 New England. Last is a richly textured and well-researched historical tale, *Mozart's Last Aria* by Matt Rees. Mozart's sister attends his funeral and is drawn into intrigue and mystery surrounding his death.

# Conservation Garden Master Plan

by Jennifer J. Richardson

Did you know that for the last 85 years the Lullwater Garden Club members have been the sole stewards of the Lullwater Conservation Garden? These ladies have made it their mission to preserve this bird sanctuary found in the center of Druid Hills for the entire community. This labor of love has resulted in the conservation and preservation of one of Georgia's few remaining untouched Piedmont Forests.

Recently, the Lullwater Garden Club commissioned a master plan for the Lullwater Conservation Garden from the firm of Tunnell & Tunnell Landscape Architecture. Spencer Tunnell designed the plans for the rehabilitation of the Olmsted Linear Park for OLPA. This green oasis surrounding Lullwater Creek was first identified as parkland by Frederick Law Olmsted in the initial master plan for Joel Hurt's Kirkwood Land Company. Tunnell calls the never-developed Conservation Garden a "miraculous survivor from the early period in the history of Druid Hills."

The major elements of Tunnell's master plan reflect the original vision of the garden as laid out in *Garden History of Georgia 1733-1933*: removing invasive species which detract from and endanger native plants; increasing the number and variety of native plants; addressing storm water run-off, creek erosion and flooding; improving the mulched path system; and repairing or replacing existing site features such as benches, bridges and other hardscapes.

The Lullwater Garden Club also has hired Terry Sutton, expert in invasive plant removal, to begin work on invasive plant control in the garden. Native plant material attractive to Georgia's birds and butterflies will replace the invasive species, thereby restoring the natural ecologic diversity of Lullwater Conservation Garden.

Rehabilitating the six-and-one-half-acre garden will take time, volunteer labor, professional labor, and money beyond the resources of the club members. As a tax-exempt (501(c)3) corporation, all gifts to the Lullwater Garden Club are tax deductible and will go toward the continued restoration of the Conservation Garden.

This year, the Druid Hills Tour of Homes will feature this unique park. As an added bonus, the garden club's annual plant sale will be held at the garden site. Drop by, purchase some native plants or heirloom tomatoes, tour the garden and see six champion trees or shrubs. Share the excitement of club members as they embark on the important work of restoring this treasure of a garden.

Watch your Druid Hills Civic Association *News* for future articles on more specific details of the master plan.



On a field trip to Lullwater Conservation Garden, members of a Girl Scout Troop enjoy a view of Lullwater Creek from a bridge. They participated in a discussion about native plants of Georgia and their role in ecosystem diversity led by a member of the Lullwater Garden Club.

# Azalea Park's "Gardener"

by Alida Silverman

Becky and Bob Lough (rhymes with ow) have stepped up to fill the role of gardener for Azalea Park, part of our Druid Hills linear park along Ponce. Azalea Park is the small planted area where East Lake Road comes into Ponce across from Deepdene.

Residents of Druid Hills since 1986, the Loughs look after maintenance – watering, mulching, weeding, and mowing. They had joined some neighbors over a year ago spreading wood chips and again this past fall. However, when Becky read Bob Ballou's plea last spring that Azalea Park really needed watering over the summer, she thought that was something she could do and knew that Bob Ballou already did so much for their part of Druid Hills. (That's Division Two in the Civic Association lingo.)

As she hooked up the hose kindly offered by the Church of the Epiphany across the street to the spigot in the park, she began to pull weeds as the water flowed. Then she realized that she could walk their mower the half-block to do the mowing of the grass around the planting beds of azaleas and the trees. It just – well – "evolved."

Interestingly, Becky grew up in Indiana where her family had 30 acres and also some other land where her father would drive his tractor to mow hiking paths for the family and friends. (Her sister's family now lives there and does that.) Becky realized that in a sense she was doing something similar for Azalea Park, though she now lives in the city. "It's my little bit of country – I enjoy it!"

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### 3 886 Lullwater Road NE Diana & Andrew Farley

From its perch above Lullwater Road, this hilltop home with far-flung views replaced a ranch house that the owners bought in 2006. Working within the footprint of the original building, the Farleys envisioned a single-story home but their architect persuaded them to add half a second floor. Today, the “tree

house” room with wraparound windows, dramatically glimpsed from the street below, is an essential component of the interior and exterior design. The gray shingles and white trim contrast with the surrounding tall trees which were carefully preserved. An intimate backyard accentuated by a pool and fireplace is a natural extension of the keeping room where the family spends much of its time. The furnishings are largely contemporary and complement such architectural features as wainscot and a coffered ceiling. Both of the Farleys enjoy playing the refurbished Baldwin piano in the great room. Well worth the climb!

### 4 845 Lullwater Road NE CONSERVATION GARDEN

The Lullwater Conservation Garden, owned and managed by the Lullwater Garden Club, exemplifies dedication to community beautification and habitat preservation. The Conservation Garden may be considered the centerpiece of the club's activities. Natural paths and stone benches mark the way through serene native woodland featuring a bird sanctuary, historic neighborhood landmarks, Lullwater Creek, and a wildflower preserve.



#### NATIVE PLANT SALE

The Lullwater Garden Club will once again hold its annual spring plant sale in conjunction with the tour of homes. Native perennials suited to Atlanta's climate and drought-tolerant succulents will be

available, as well as a variety of heirloom tomato plants for homegrown goodness in your garden. All proceeds benefit Lullwater Conservation Garden, Inc., a non-profit organization.



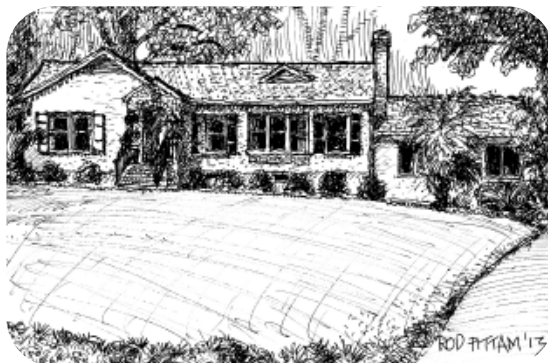
### 5 2249 East Lake Road Richard Burgess

When Richard Burgess purchased his 1925 Arts and Crafts-style house in 1998, he anticipated years of hard work. But the architect/designer could not have known to what extent the reinvention of this property would be taken, as it soon became a labor of love and expression of personal creativity. Over the years, the

house became a showcase for Mr. Burgess's eclectic collection of self-restored furnishings and decorative objects as well as his own fine craftsmanship. With twin passions for American Empire and mid-century décor, which appear surprisingly compatible throughout the first-floor rooms, he uses unusual colors and imaginative juxtapositions of paintings, lamps, collectibles, and sculpture. Behind the residence, visitors will find manicured gardens and two garages that contain vintage cars – including a completely original 1960 Chrysler Imperial. While visitors view displays of automobilia, they will enjoy hearing vintage records played on the jukeboxes.

### 6 471 West Parkwood Road Mike Galifianakis & Frances Finegan

The first house built on West Parkwood Road, this late forties ranch had been reconfigured to bring in natural light and create open space well before the owners came on the scene in 2007. It was a perfect fit – for as the couple searched for a new home in Druid Hills their first criterion was wheelchair accessibility for Mr. Galifianakis. In adapting the postwar home to create the most comfortable, negotiable environment, the owners widened doorways, changed door handles, and redesigned access from the driveway to the house. The modifications demonstrate “hidden functionality,” they like to say. That includes the four enormous wells under the front yard which provide geothermal heating and cooling. Today, the home's striking features – a tiled porch, exposed beams, and a kitchen backsplash of stone and glass – evoke various eras including the mid-1970s. Vestiges of the original house include the backyard fire pit and a play house that once housed a pony.



### 7 498 West Parkwood Road Christina & Chad Carter

Living on the park is one of the highlights of life for the Carters, who bought the house in 2011 after restoring and selling a series of homes in Atlanta. The Southern



Colonial style and solid postwar construction also appealed to the owners, who smilingly say that this house is their “growing glory.” Visitors have an opportunity to see how the owners have begun to update the space while embracing such period features as the two story balcony accessible from the guest bedroom and the kitchen, and the honeycomb bond wall that encircles part of the backyard. While working with a decorator, the

Carters also find inspiration in favorite interiors such as the W Hotel, whose style is reflected in the master bedroom. The house represents a transition from renovating for others to personalizing their new home for themselves.

### 8 Between East & West Parkwood Roads PARKWOOD PARK

Soon after the first homes arose in the postwar neighborhood of Parkwood, neighbors formed a garden club in 1952. The fifty-four founding members planned to beautify their homes with flower beds and cultivate the ravine now known as Parkwood Park. A three-acre natural forest, the ravine is situated between East and West Parkwood Roads with Peavine Creek running through its middle. The park – and the land that became building lots – originally belonged to Emory University. In 1970, the Parkwood Garden Club purchased the park from the university for one dollar. Today, the Parkwood Park Committee oversees its restoration. It is home to a variety of salamanders and is visited by red shouldered hawks, barred owls and other creatures. Among the tall trees that rise from the ravine are tulip poplars, white oak, hackberry, and a Champion Sweetgum. Native plants include hearts-a-bursting, sweet shrub, spice bush, and a variety of ferns. Grab a map and follow the trails!



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##### *The History of the Druid Hills Neighborhood*

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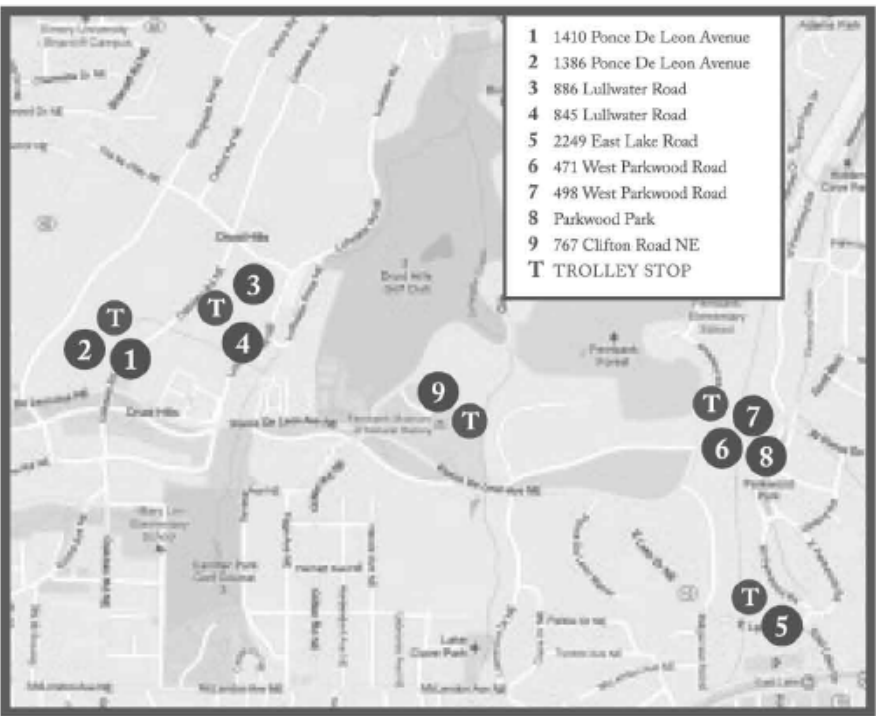
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The “Cinderella” Story of Parkwood  
Garden Club Members Dedicate Sign for New Park

by Susan Stewart

On a spectacular fall day last October, several members of the Parkwood Garden Club met to celebrate the dedication of a sign to designate the 3.2 -acre strip of land between East and West Parkwood Roads as Parkwood Park.

The area, known for many years by the neighborhood as “the ravine,” has recently undergone a massive overhaul from a thick patch of overgrown woods, usually impassable, to a park with well-laid out, safe walking trails.

This long-term dream has become a reality under the strong and able leadership of Sheri Kennedy, past President of the Parkwood Park Committee, Steve Elmore, current Chair of the Park Committee, and Karna Candler, President of the Parkwood Garden Club and member of the Park Committee. There are, of course, many other volunteers, without whom this huge undertaking could never have taken place.

With much of the woody invasive plants stripped away, the park now has sufficient sunlight to help the native plants grow along the creek, as well as throughout the park. Ivy removal remains an ongoing process. The northern edge of the park alongside West Ponce de Leon Avenue was the most egregious eyesore, filled with construction trash and a chain link fence. This area was cleared and graded, and a new aluminum fence was installed, along with the first stage of a new planting plan. It was time to plan for a sign to erect at that site to let the public know that the previous “ravine” or “patch of woods” is now a beautiful, useful park for neighbors to enjoy.

Within the Parkwood Garden Club, the Parkwood Park Committee had two additional talented members who made major contributions to the park’s sign.

Rebecca Byrd had been a very active club member, working on Membership, the club’s website, and especially identifying native and non-native plants within the park. She also identified specific plants’ species and genus names with tags that add to the enjoyment as neighbors walk the paths. Rebecca’s father had inspired her desire to learn about nature and to pursue her major in ecology, with birding as a hobby.

In 2011, Rebecca alerted club members to the frequent presence of the barred owls in the neighborhood, and we all began noticing and enjoying the sounds of the barred owls near our homes. It was Parkwood Garden Club President Karna Candler’s idea to adopt the owl as the club mascot. So when Joe Dicks, a long-time resident and architect, was asked to design the new logo for the garden club, and therefore the website and directory, he chose to use the owl for the design.

Joe produced the initial drawings and then invited his son Ben, a professional graphic artist, to collaborate with him. Joe said, “At that time Ben was in New York City with his own company, Ben Dicks Design, using his extensive software to produce work for clients. He was even able to customize some fonts.” Together, Joe and Ben designed the new logo, a stylized owl, which Joe named “POWL” (The Parkwood Owl). Joe and Ben later worked together to produce the neighborhood directory, which has “POWL” on the cover.

In September 2011, Rebecca’s father, Dr. Jerome Byrd, passed away. He had always contributed to charities and causes he believed in and she wanted to do the same. Because of his strong influence on her life, she wanted to honor him by donating funds to purchase the sign that would commemorate the park. Rebecca said, “I loved the park because it was a “green” cause, an act of conservation and community involvement on a level I felt comfortable participating in. And I was eager for the park to have an “official” identity, so that everyone who passes by can see that the old ravine has become a beautiful park.”

On October 20, 2012, Rebecca and several members of her family, Joe Dicks and wife Anne, the officers of the Parkwood Garden Club and the Parkwood Park Committee, as well as other volunteers, all gathered on that gorgeous day to dedicate a sign to commemorate an inspiring man and a dedicated group of people who turned an ugly patch of woods into a beautiful, historical, usable park. A true “Cinderella” story for the neighborhood!

We invite you to come and see our continuing progress during the 2013 Tour of Homes!



Rebecca Byrd and Joe Dicks



Front Row (L-R): Bob Stewart, Sheri Kennedy, Rebecca Byrd, Karna Candler, Parkwood Garden Club President, and Joe Foley.  
Back Row (L-R): Joe Dicks, Steve Elmore, Parkwood Committee Chair and Jim Jarboe.

LETTER TO EDITOR

Aside from being delighted to see a “Letter to the Editor” (more! more!) in our newsletter, I was interested in the topic because I had recently attended a meeting called by Commissioner Jeff Rader about the Oxford Road traffic calming proposal. One Oxford neighbor told of the experience of his previous DeKalb neighborhood with traffic calming tools: after one year, the neighborhood consensus was that the speed tables were more effective and opted for more of them to replace the bulb-outs, also installed. Evidently, the trade-offs involved with the bulb-outs were not worth it.

Nothing is simple, of course, as the discussion that afternoon showed with the County public works staffers present to provide real world points. In Druid Hills, there is also the historic layer. Bulb-outs do not fit in with the Druid Hills “look” that is the main focus of the local historic district protection. This does not mean that we in Druid Hills in general or Oxford Road in particular have to live in fear for our lives. Speed tables have proven to be effective on Fairview Road (the first to get them) as well as Lullwater Road – both in the City of Atlanta portion of the neighborhood. It was agreed at this recent meeting that speed tables would be good for Oxford Road. (I cannot speak to the “mired in county bureaucracy” point.)

Another very good point was the width of the Oxford/The ByWay intersection almost promoting a sense of speed being paramount. That double yellow line down the middle of Oxford Road sends the same message: “this is a highway not a residential street.” According to the Design Manual for the Druid Hills Local Dekalb Historic District, the width of Oxford Road is about the same as Oakdale. At the southern end of Oxford, something very different happens. Perhaps because of the trolley turning up Oxford back in the day? And, of course, Oxford Road was cut out of land between Oakdale and Springdale on the original plan - perhaps for the trolley? with homes an additional benefit? – perhaps accounting for its being straighter than the other roads. There is the wonderful hill, however. The southern end of Oxford can easily be restored to the same width as the rest of the street and that yellow line can be removed.

As noted, other streets have traffic calming issues – big time! But there are many ways to address problems. Thanks to our Oakdale Road “Mayor,” some of us participated in an exercise over a period of days holding radar guns on the block of Oakdale next to Oxford Road. This was in cooperation with the Druid Hills Patrol, which now has DATA to show the DeKalb Police Department, among others. There is nothing like enforcement, even the occasional “sting” like one we had once on the City portion of Oakdale after our block captain had the APD zone commander out to meet with us. There are many tools. Just look at what has happened in Morningside over the past few years.

We are fortunate to live in Druid Hills where the Olmsted plan has provided a residential setting of generous spatial relationships between land and structures – a sense of living in a park. We need to respect that plan and the “look” and ensure that it will endure by solving problems accordingly.

—Alida Silverman



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Everybody’s Pizza in Emory Village Closing After 41 Years

Decatur Metro, March 7, 2013

Press release from Everybody’s owner Andy Kurlansky...

After 41 great years in Emory Village, we are retiring from the restaurant business. We are proud to have served some 3 million pizzas to multiple generations of Atlantans since 1971. Here’s to all who had their first dates at Everybody’s, met their spouse at Everybody’s, or celebrated other of life’s joyous events with us.

Thanks to all in Atlanta who have been loyal fans of our pizza, and who have been guests in our “home.”

But most of all, we thank all of the wonderful folks who have worked with us throughout these 41 years, for they have been the true heart and soul of the place.

Without their dedication and love, none of it could have happened.



photo courtesy of Everybody’s Pizza website

Untangling Clematis

by Paula Refi

Gardeners know that when a bed is full, there’s always room to add a climber. No group of climbing plants presents more temptations than clematis, a genus that includes hundreds of varieties and cultivars. At local nurseries they flaunt themselves in tangled masses of writhing tendrils that reach out to unsuspecting buyers. Is it any wonder we find them so seductive?

Clematis flowers can be white, purple, pale or dark blue, pink, or red. They can be large and saucer-shaped, small and curvaceous, or charmingly bell-shaped. There’s even a fragrant clematis. Some are self climbing, with coiled tendrils; others are ground-hugging ramblers that only climb with assistance. Not every clematis likes the South, so understanding their individual characteristics and looking for local favorites will help a gardener select the types that perform best.

The large-flowered types that frequently caress mailboxes are most familiar. The deep purple Clematis ‘Jackmanii’ has been popular since its introduction in England in 1858. Its five-inch flowers appear in early summer and later with judicious pruning. No clematis is more reliable around the world. ‘Niobe’ is dark red, and its blooms are just as large. The vitacella types are native to Italy, so they don’t flinch in our heat. Their blooms are smaller, but more numerous, and they repeat bloom if cut back after the first flush. Reliable selections include ‘Etoile Violette’, a dark purple, and ‘Madame Julia Correvon’, a rich red.

The non-climbing clematis are the most long-blooming for me. Their flowers are only a couple of inches in size, but they occur non-stop all summer long. Botanically, they belong to the integrifolia group. They can be left to ramble like groundcovers or lifted up to be carried by a compatible rose or some other flowering shrub. Horticulturist and Druid Hills resident Erica Glasener lists ‘Arabella’ as her favorite. She lets it wander among perennials and shrubs. When frost occurs in fall, it dies back to the ground, where it sleeps until early spring. Erica cautions that over-zealous winter cleanup can disturb the dormant plant, so remember where it slumbers. My favorite integrifolia is ‘Rooguchi’. Its lavender-blue bell-shaped flowers are produced in masses in early summer on a wrought-iron pillar. Then I shear it back to 18 inches, and it puts on a second show. I’m especially fond of Clematis x durandii, an integrifolia hybrid with large, deep blue blossoms and an extended season. I have visions of specimens growing in every garden on my street, Durand Drive.

The evergreen clematis, Clematis armandii, is unique. Its small white flowers appear as early as late February and are deliciously fragrant. This one is a rampant grower—too big for a mailbox. The most artful placement I know is at Lynn Kerpel’s home on Emory Circle. The plant was a treasured gift from her daughter, Francesca. Lynn takes advantage of its evergreen foliage to provide privacy on her front porch. For more than 20 years, she has trained it to frame a curved brick archway. She says she has never given it “extraordinary amounts of care,” though she waters it in droughty seasons. Some years, aphids show up. If the ladybugs don’t appear, she washes the aphids away with a steady stream of water.

Clematis require at least half a day of sun, preferably in the morning, and thorough soil preparation. Prepare a hole wider and deeper than the pot. Amend the native soil with a couple of shovels full of something organic, like compost, some gritty sand for drainage, and a little fertilizer. A vigorous root system will result, leading to a long-lived vine and abundant flowers. Don’t expect a show-stopping display the first year, when important root growth is the priority.

Clematis appear every spring in local nurseries, but mail order nurseries offer the best selection. In Georgia we are fortunate to have an excellent mail order source at Brushwood Nursery in Athens (www.gardenvines.com). Locally-grown plants are better adapted to conditions here. The Brushwood web site offers detailed information on clematis culture, especially pruning.

Bees: Our Fuzzy Friends

by Judy Keenan

Let’s set the record straight right from the start. Bees are our friends. In case that wasn’t loud enough, let me say it again: BEES ARE OUR FRIENDS. “But what about when they sting?” you say. Most true bees won’t sting under normal circumstances. By normal, I mean bees don’t behave like muggers lurking in a dark alley waiting to attack, but rather more like the little old granny pushing along her cart on the way to the grocery store. Quite simply, if you mind your own beeswax, she’ll mind hers. Go mess with her hive and things could get ugly (if she’s anything like my granny was). And I don’t recommend stepping on anything with a stinger if you’re in your bare feet.

Oftentimes, people confuse bees with wasps (those alley-lurking insects). Once upon a time, bees split off from their carnivorous cousins and became the nectar-loving flower children of the hymenoptera order. To further differentiate bees from wasps, wasps have smooth bodies, whereas bees have cute little fuzzy bodies that get covered in pollen. Which leads us to why they are our friends. Bees pollinate. In fact, we can thank bees for one out of every three bites of food we take.

Honey bees, native to Europe, came over with the Colonists, most likely for their honey and wax. Over time, they have become our most important pollinator for agricultural crops. (Interestingly, many vegetables native to the Americas, such as tomatoes and squash, rely on native bees for pollination.) Unfortunately, in recent years, honey bee populations have drastically, and somewhat mysteriously, declined due to “Colony Collapse Disorder.” Several theories exist for this plight, such as parasitic mites, bee viruses, stress from overwork, and pesticide use. Many experts also suggest that Colony Collapse Disorder may be attributed to all of these factors combined. Regardless, the loss of honey bees and other native bee pollinators could have drastic consequences for our agricultural production.

So what can we do to return the favor and become friends to bees and other pollinators, such as butterflies? First, limit your use of pesticides and try not to spray on windy days. Remember, even organic, environmentally friendly insecticides will kill bees—they are insects, after all. Insecticidal soaps offer a benign alternative to bees and other “good” garden bugs, while proving lethal to plant pests. I try to shoo the bees away before I spray the aphids on my roses and handpick the Japanese Beetles in place of spraying. We also can extend our hand of friendship by planting flowers and host plants that pollinators like. As a vegetable gardener, I’ve found planting a stand of zinnias amidst my produce draws in quite a crowd of bees and butterflies. Equally important is trying to achieve a continuity of blooms. By that, I mean try to make sure something is always flowering in your garden for three seasons. This provides the nectar bees need in the spring to replenish from the winter, plenty of food for making enough honey all summer so there is enough to share, and a last blast of nourishment before winter cycles back around again.

For more information on bees and bee keeping, check out the Georgia Beekeepers Association at www.gabeekeeping.com.

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## 1122 SPRINGDALE ROAD

Handsome Druid Hills home with 2-car drive under garage, pool, and hard to find finished basement, all on estate sized lot on sought-after Springdale Road. Features include living room w/ f/plc, sep dining room, kitchen overlooking large family room w/ f/plc, powder room, four upstairs bedrooms and 3 bathrooms including large master with f/plc, walk in closet and large bath, finished basement and workshop area, all in unincorporated DeKalb County. **\$1,150,000**



## 2125 PONCE DE LEON AVENUE

Classic brick and limestone 2-story Druid Hills home offering curb appeal galore, guest house, lovely gardens, and sought after Fernbank elementary school. Dramatic limestone arches, high ceilings, living room with fireplace, oversized formal dining room, inviting fireside den with fireplace, modern kitchen and baths. Large master bedroom with sitting room plus 3 additional bedrooms and secondary bath **\$669,300**



## 546 RIDGECREST ROAD

Twelve Arches: an exceptional, 5BR/3 BA, family-size home in Fernbank elementary and prestigious Druid Hills. Wonderful side porch framed by arches welcomes you inside. Meticulous period renovation and restoration yielded a stylish home with preserved architectural details, gracious formal rooms, modern eat-in kitchen, luxurious fireside master suite and a new driveway leading to large, level backyard with plenty of space for 2-car garage **\$749,900**



## 2115 PONCE DE LEON AVENUE

This handsome, circa 1929, 2-story home on beautiful lot right across from Deepdene park in sought after Fernbank school district. Main level includes elegant foyer, formal living room with fireplace, gracious formal dining room, library, and updated kitchen overlooking enormous family room. The 2nd level features 4 large bedrooms suites (each with private bath and walk in closet), the 3rd level features separate office and a huge second family room/media room/rec room. Large, manicured backyard, 3-car carport **\$849,900**



## 1300 OXFORD ROAD

Classic two-story brick home in Fernbank elementary and literally just steps to Emory university. Traditional floor plan offers sunny formal living room with fireplace, great office, separate music room/den, separate formal dining room and modern kitchen with stainless steel appliances, granite countertops, center island/breakfast bar opening to large breakfast area. Upstairs features 4 bedrooms (master with fireplace), 2 full baths and lovely screened porch. Nice flat backyard. **\$579,900**



## 1308 PONCE DE LEON AVENUE

Gorgeous Adair Estate home facing Springdale Road, and right across the street from Olmsted Park. One of a kind townhome features foyer, oversized living room with fireplace, formal dining room, gourmet kitchen w/ separate butler's pantry, total of 4 bedrooms, and 4 baths, including master w/ fireplace and walk in closet, beautiful moldings and millwork, hardwood floors, 10 foot ceilings and wonderful outside patio and terrace space. Amenities at Adair Estate include a guest suite and a workout room. All this priced at... **\$699,900**



## 841 LULLWATER PARK LN.

End unit with extra windows and numerous upgrades. Lower level with tiled foyer, access to 2-car garage, 3rd bedroom and full bath. Main level offers large living room with fireplace, chef's kitchen with high end stainless appliances, separate dining room. Upstairs offers 2 additional bedroom suites with private baths; including an oversized master. Gated community with strong association and convenient Intown location ...near shops, restaurants and parks, walk to Olmsted parks on Ponce **\$479,900**



## 1069/1071 WOODBRIDGE HOLLOW

Unique opportunity! This super-sized townhome is a combination of two (3BR /2.5 BA) townhomes with mirrored floor plans ...great as a combination but also easily separated and available as single townhome. Main level offers dual foyers and entries, two living rooms with fireplaces, two separate dining rooms and two kitchens opening. Upstairs: oversized master with separate sitting room, his & her baths and two walk-in closets, 4 additional secondary bedrooms and 2 full baths **\$449,900 Combined or \$239,900 Each**



## 1641 SOUTH PONCE DE LEON AVE.

Wonderful stately Tudor overlooking Olmsted Parks. Walk to the Druid Hills Country Club, Paideia, Fernbank Museum and more! From the gracious entry you enter a wonderful sunken living room w/ f/rplc and French doors to covered porch, sep dining room, large family room w/ French doors to tiled patio, kitchen w/ all appliances and breakfast area. Second floor boasts four bedrooms and two baths including large master w/ f/rplc and walk-in dressing area. **Lease \$3,500/Mo**

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President’s Column...continued from page 3

The Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation, the DeKalb History Center, and the National Association of Olmsted Parks have supported our position, as have the Alliance to Improve Emory Village (AIEV) and the Friends of Burbank Park. At the state level, we have been joined by the Georgia Trust, the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) and the Association County Commissioners of GA (ACCG) in opposing statewide legislation to gut historic districts.

We are not out of the woods. However, we are holding our own and have been successful in court over the past decade. Thanks to Rob Benfield, who stepped in as volunteer attorney and got us back on track legally. Thanks also to Cathy Vandenberg , Perry Mitchell, Mark and Marlene Goldman, Cynthia Waterbury, Virginia Dupre, Karen McCown, and to all who have contributed to our Legal Defense Fund.

At our last annual meeting, we honored two of our Board Members. These were:

Volunteer of the Year: Robert Ballou

Bob has been the Chair of Division 2 for the past five years. Like many of our volunteers, he never intended to take on so much work. It's just that many things happened to fall within Division 2 last year.

During this time, he held regular neighborhood meetings, organized the crime watch, and started and maintained a neighborhood website.

He led the long effort on the new guidelines for Artwood Road, as well as a make-over of East Lake Road which, among other things, will cause it to have fewer travel lanes. GDOT plans to start work on this in 2013.

In 2012, he dealt with Georgia Power on their proposed N. Decatur Road substation, Bob's second Georgia Power issue in Druid Hills.

From 2011 to 2013, Bob has been DHCA's Point Person on the long Frazer Center dispute, which was finally resolved in January.

Bob addressed the coyote issue for Druid Hills by organizing and moderating two meetings -- one last month and one in January 2012. At the last meeting, we had three speakers, including a trapper, a biologist, and a specialist on "animal-human conflict resolution" who flew here from San Francisco (at her own expense). Close to 200 people showed up for what was a pretty lively meeting.

In 2013, Bob has turned the chair over to the very capable Anne Wallace and Jeremy Turner. Several others in Division 2 have signed on to specific neighborhood tasks.

While Bob has escaped his Divisional responsibilities, he will continue to work on the Intown Quiet Train Corridor along the Park CSX Railroad Line, an effort he began several years ago. Bob Ballou is the Poster Child for an energetic, committed, and effective Division Chair. We hope to clone him, or at least enlist his help in training others. Thank you, Robert Ballou!

Lifetime Achievement: Mary Angela Whyte

Mary Angela's involvement began innocently enough. She called a telephone number in *DH News* to offer to join the writing staff and was asked, "How would you like to be editor?" Evidently, her call came as the current editor was leaving. Her first issues were laid out on butcher paper as cut & paste and mailed to a typesetter, beginning in the spring of 1993. This spring issue is #81.

Other than write and edit submissions, Mary Angela chaired seven homes on the Tour and has been a docent on many more. She has sat endless hours in courtrooms as a protestor, cleaned up overgrown Goldsboro Park with the legendary "Roadbusters" when the Presidential Parkway was temporarily halted, put up her own protest signs in her yard (and still has sticks in the basement, just in case), and handled calls to the DHCA hotline. Her activism includes successfully opposing the University Inn plan to expand down Emory Drive in early 80s, the Presidential Parkway, and the Durand Mill development, including picketing Georgia Federal where she was seen by her then boss. Mary Angela was also active in the first planning for a revitalized Emory Village that produced a published plan in 2003 and was active in the formation of Tree Watch, participating in tree plantings in Druid Hills, including six in Durand Mill.

A quote of a memorable moment before cell phones: "On my shift in Virgillee Park during a moratorium on work (tree cutting), standing on Ponce with a "Honk to Stop the Road!" sign, I realized I had a sign and they had bulldozers."

Mostly, Mary Angela modestly describes herself as an expert sign and balloon holder. She is that and so much more. Thank you for your decades of service to our neighborhood, Mary!

This will be my last column as your president. It has been a good run. I will remain on the board as past president. I plan to continue on the Land Use Committee, and work on potential new governance for central DeKalb. There is much to be done and I look forward to teaching others how to do it!

Coyotes Among Us

The Druid Hills Civic Association sponsored a meeting on coyotes, mostly for Druid Hills and other intown communities, last month at Church of the Epiphany. Division 2 chair Bob Ballou organized and moderated the informative and lively, sometimes raucous, meeting of close to 200 people. There were three speakers: a local trapper who has been working in Atlanta for many years; a biologist from Berry College; and a specialist in "human-animal conflict resolution," who came from San Francisco to speak. There was a long Q&A period following the speakers' initial comments. A few things we learned:



- Trapping is taking place in many communities in metro Atlanta, including Druid Hills. There are many coyotes in Druid Hills and other intown communities, but no one has a good idea of the magnitude. And no one knows the rate at which the population is changing year to year.
- Neighborhood and civic associations (including DHCA) as well as local governments throughout Atlanta are generally not providing funds for trapping. Any trapping taking place is paid for by homeowners who've given permission to a trapper to operate on the homeowners' property.
- Dr. Chris Mowry, the biologist from Berry (and a former Druid Hills resident), is planning a study of coyotes in the Southeast, including Atlanta. We know a lot about the western coyote, but very little about the coyote in the Southeast, which is the product of interbreeding with wolves as coyotes moved from the west into the Southeast decades ago. Dr. Larry Wilson of the Fernbank Science Center will be teaming up with Dr. Mowry.
- The trapper explained that he only removes older coyotes who've lost their fear of humans. He does not support the idea of relentless trapping. And no one believes coyotes can be eradicated from even a single community in Atlanta, including Druid Hills.
- The specialist on conflict resolution, who is with Little Blue Society, believes that residents of intown communities and coyotes can co-exist. She outlined a plan and explained that her organization provides conflict resolution services to communities.
- A representative from the state DNR who was at the meeting said the DNR is tracking the coyote issue, but it has no plans to do anything at this time. (A coyote trapper must get a license from the DNR.) Metro counties, including Dekalb, and cities, including Decatur, are staying out of doing anything because of the contentious nature of the issue.

DHCA will be staying abreast of the coyote situation. Look for another meeting, with new findings from researchers, next January.

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1069 CLIFTON ROAD, DRUID HILLS

This 1920's gracious brick two-story features handsome architectural details including high ceilings and heavy moldings. The front entrance leads to a music room or study, formal living room with elegant fireplace, and side sunroom where you can retreat and enjoy views of the beautifully landscaped garden. The generously-sized dining room is ready for large gatherings and leads to the breakfast room with original butler's pantry and entrance to the deck and patio with fire pit below. A well-appointed kitchen with stained cabinets and granite countertops offers a breakfast bar and opens to a family room. Central staircase with beautiful banister leads to the upstairs where you will find a master bedroom with two walk-in closets and newly renovated marble bathroom that includes a double vanity, soaking tub, and separate shower. Upstairs you will find two more bedrooms plus a sleeping porch and office. As a bonus, this property also includes a detached brick two-car carriage house with a room above that is ready to be finished.

**\$925,000**



406 SPRING HOUSE COVE, DRUID HILLS

This beautifully updated Durand Mill home is perfect for entertaining with has multiple French doors opening to the large deck with pergola, providing great circulation for guests to flow from the dining room to the kitchen and great room. The grand two-story entrance invites you to a formal living room and dining room on the right or to a guest suite on the left. The back of the home is anchored by a custom kitchen overlooking the lush landscaped backyard. The great room features a fireplace with built-in cabinetry and second set of stairs leading to the bedrooms. Upstairs offers an owner's suite featuring a cozy fireplace and sitting area, two walk-in closets, two vanities, separate shower, and a whirlpool tub. Two more bedrooms are on the second level and share a jack-n-jill bathroom. The finished terrace level (with separate entrance) has a large media room, game room, guest bedroom, exercise room and a large laundry room.

**\$799,000**



1389 THOMAS ROAD, DECATUR

This spacious Craftsman offers three levels above grade plus a playroom and wine cellar in the basement. The elegant dining room, with coffered ceilings and butler's pantry, leads to the spacious kitchen, with commercial Viking appliances. The kitchen opens to a breakfast room, large great-room with fireplace, and a deck (that overlooks a large private backyard). Also on the main floor are a guest bedroom and full bathroom. The second level provides a master suite with fireplace and two more guest bedrooms that share a Jack-and-Jill bathroom. The third level includes a bonus room and full bathroom. Upper and lower porches on the front and back of the home provide a great view of the professional landscaping and a place to relax and enjoy this peaceful, quiet street.

**\$750,000**



210 N. CANDLER STREET, DECATUR

This rare circa 1900 cottage in downtown Decatur, melds turn-of-the-century charm with quality renovations that were created to accommodate your 21st century lifestyle. The basket-weave brick sidewalk and picket-fenced garden lead you to the front porch of this Georgia Vernacular that features a perfect blend of new and old—original trim, heart pine and oak wood floors, original wavy-glass windows, and two cozy fireplaces. These vintage architectural details are complemented by an expanded and renovated kitchen, and master suite with spa-like bathroom and walk-in closets. The modernized kitchen features antiqued cabinets, granite countertops, and stainless appliances. Step outside for fresh air and sunshine or to connect with neighbors on either the front porch or relax in privacy on the screened porch on the back. The brick and pebbled circular driveway bring you to a two-car garage that includes a bonus room for an office or study.

**\$589,000**



220 KATHRYN AVENUE, DECATUR

Located in Decatur's Chelsea Heights neighborhood, this delightful Cape Cod has been renovated and expanded. The main level offers a formal living room with fireplace, separate dining room, office, and kitchen (with breakfast room) that leads to an expansive deck (perfect for entertaining and overlooking the enchanting backyard). The newly expanded upper level offers a master retreat complete with a separate balcony, coffee station, spa-like bathroom and sitting room/ reading nook. The upstairs also features a walk-in closet system and additional bedroom. A large basement (with exposed granite walls and high ceilings) has both an interior and exterior entrance. It provides a guest suite that includes a kitchenette, den, full bath, bedroom, wine cellar, and large workshop.

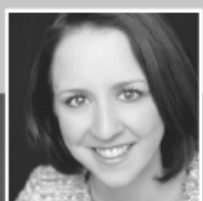
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167 COVENTRY ROAD, DECATUR

The arched front doorway welcomes you to this charming brick two bedroom, two bathroom downtown Decatur Bungalow. The formal living room features a handsome stone fireplace and large windows. Archway leads to a formal dining area and the kitchen with breakfast room. The sparkling white kitchen features shaker cabinets, black granite countertops, and stainless appliances. Just off of the kitchen is an office or den with French doors leading to the deck and flagstone patio in the fenced backyard. The large bedrooms are a treasure and the master suite features a recent bathroom renovation with walnut double vanities, wardrobes for storage, and large shower. Permanent stairs to the attic offer great expansion potential.

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