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Fernbank Elementary is 50!

By Susan Merritt Jordan

Fernbank Elementary students, parents and alumni attended a 50th anniversary celebration October 20 organized by PTA co-presidents Nancy Moore and Fernbank alumnae Mimi Karafotias , along with Principal Jason Marshall. Mr. Marshall, himself an alumnus, allowed a long line of students to try to unseat him on the dunk tank. Some of the alumni attending the celebration included (photo left to right) Ellen Adams England, Shawn Beaty, Neal Manners, Jane (Fort) Seals, Buzz Morgan and Karl Wingard. Manners, Seals and Morgan are still residents of Druid Hills. Two of the celebration’s speakers were Georgia Rep. Mary Margaret Oliver, who attended Fernbank from day one, and Ruth Manning, Fernbank principal from 1989 to 1996. On display were recently discovered scrapbooks covering most of the years from 1979-1985.



Nunan Property Update; Good News

The three lots known as the “Nunan property,” located near Clifton and Oxford Roads, adjacent to Burbanck Park and overlooking Emory Village, have been the subject of five lawsuits over four years. All lawsuits seek to densify the site over what the law allows. Three of them have been dismissed or resolved in favor of the neighborhood. On Nov 9, the Georgia Court of Appeals reversed the DeKalb Superior Court, ruling for the neighborhood in the fourth lawsuit. During this extended period, the DHCA’s volunteer legal team has worked with our attorney, Susan Garrett, to support the DeKalb County Law Department in defending the Druid Hills Historic District.

Case 4 attacked the Historic Preservation Commission, alleging the Commission must be fully complemented to issue a valid decision. DHCA, with the Georgia Municipal Association, The Association of County Commissioners, and the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation, entered a “friend of the Court” brief, arguing that only a majority of a quorum is needed for action. The Court of Appeals agreed, and the trial court was reversed. Had the appeals court affirmed the trial court, actions of all local and state boards with vacancies could have been in jeopardy.

While this recent ruling is positive, the host of issues raised in the Nunan cases have not been fully adjudicated. More information on this issue may be found on our website: www.druidhills.org.

Burbanck Park Update

In August, the DHCA released \$25,000 from the Park Pride account to Emory for most of the abatement and demolition costs for the former Burbanck home. The total demolition cost was \$28,000, which included a \$5,000 donation from the Druid Hills Civic Association, \$3,000 from Emory’s Office of Sustainable Initiatives and the other \$20,000 from individual contributors. What a wonderful affirmation of community support for the park!

The house was demolished in mid-October. Its foundation, some stairs, and a retaining wall will remain on the property and be incorporated into the Phase I development. Phase I includes putting in a walking path with a pervious surface and a seating area with benches, and planting native species. It is anticipated that Phase I will be complete by summer 2008. In order to fulfill its’ fiduciary responsibility to members and donors, the DHCA is continuing to seek a provision from Emory that will require the property to remain a public park in our community forever. We have also asked for a budget for phase 1.

On Saturday, November 17, a “Party for the Park” fundraiser was held at the home of John and Linda Robitscher, near Burbanck Park. The people most instrumental in the decision to create a park were honored: Connie Brilhart, realtor with Karafotias Realty; Bruce MacGregor, President of the Druid Hills Civic Association; and Mike Mandl, Executive Vice President for Finance and Administration of Emory University. Tours of Burbanck Park gave party-goers the opportunity to meet the neighborhood manual labor volunteers who will be laying the walking path in the early winter.

“Peavine Park”

The DHCA’s goal is for the Burbanck Park to be the first in a Peavine Creek Park system. A second potential park has been identified at 1677 Ridgewood Road. A non-profit “Friends of Peavine Park” is being established to coordinate fund-raising for this park. The 2.14 acre (potential) park site adjoins 3.31 additional acres of undeveloped property that is under consideration for a conservation easement. If combined, these sites could become a 5.5 acre natural area/park. The DHCA has committed \$30,000 in matching funds for land acquisition. Fundraising for Peavine Park will be led by Margaret Lesesne (404-384-5086) mmlesesne@aol.com), a Fernbank parent and Ridgewood resident.

Request to Remove Alcohol Restrictions in Emory Village

By Jean Luker

A proposal by Stuart Meddin, a major property owner in Emory Village and co-chair of the Alliance to Improve Emory Village (AIEV) has requested a waiver of the current distance requirements between churches and schools and businesses serving alcohol on the premises. Currently, an alcohol sales restriction applies to a number of buildings in Emory Village because of their proximity to Glenn Church and Emory University. (Everybody’s Pizza is partially exempt because it was serving alcohol before the distance restriction went into effect.) The proposal asks for an exemption from all distance requirements to allow for a district-wide alcohol pouring license (beer, wine, and liquor) for the entire Emory Village overlay district.

Those favoring the proposal say this change is needed to bring in new restaurants, and to achieve the goals of the Emory Village overlay plan. However, others are concerned that this issue did not come up for discussion before the County Commissioners approved the overlay district.

Some expressed concerns are, first, that other less lucrative businesses in Emory Village might be pushed out, resulting in a restaurant/bar district, rather than a balanced retail district. Also, it has been pointed out that a district-wide waiver may not be needed, since there are already locations in Emory Village outside the limits of the distance requirements, where alcohol can be sold. Another concern is that this change could set a precedent for similar waivers elsewhere throughout the county.

The final decision on this proposal rests with the DeKalb County Commissioners.

Request for D.H.C.A. Board Nominations

The Nominations Committee is looking for candidates to fill positions for the upcoming two year (2008-2009) term. Please forward names to the Nomination Committee members, (Mac Platt, Julie Ralston, Judy Yates, Joanna Stroud, and Rob Benfield), or to DHCA President Bruce MacGregor.

The ideal candidate would have some or all of the following attributes:

- Current or past volunteer experience in the DHCA
- Current or past board/director experience, including for profit and/or not for profit boards
- Experience in any number of activities, both professionally or through volunteerism, that would benefit the DHCA, including but not limited to: law, zoning, neighborhood preservation, and transportation.

Nomination submissions should include a short bio of the person being nominated as well as a listing of their professional and/or volunteer activities as they relate to the neighborhood and to the DHCA Board. Note that the time period for submitting applications will close the last day of November, 11/30/2007.

We thank you in advance for taking the time to come up with a name or two for nomination to your DHCA Board.

DHCA Nominations Committee

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Neighborhoods helping neighborhoods

Recently, a Dunwoody neighborhood unsuccessfully opposed the location of a Georgia Power Substation on the highest point of land within the Nancy Creek watershed, and at their neighborhood entrance The Utility's position was that only the Public Service Commission could regulate these locations, while the PSC's posiiton was “not my job.” The neighborhood filed suit and asked for support from other neighborhood associations, through the Ashford Alliance. The DHCA, the Virginia Highlands Civic Association, and others supported the Ashford Alliance.

On November 7, the court ruled that the PSC must regulate these locations. The Judge opined that ...*"This court is not aware of any construction project of the complexity of a Georgia Power Co. substation, together with all of its attendant consequences to adjacent property, which can claim to be exempt from any sort of community and thus government oversight. ... This court refuses to countenance the counterintuitive proposition that there is no agency with the authority to review where substations should go."*

Some points of local interest:

- The site of the “Druid Hills East” subdivision at the corner of North Decater Rd. and the Railroad was once considered for a Georgia Power substation.
- Unbeknownst to us, the lawfirm of former DHCA president Michael Terry sucessfully represented the neighbors in this groundbreaking case.

Atlanta Boy Choir Turns 50!

Congratulations to our neighbor, the Atlanta Boy Choir, on its 50th anniversary. The Choir has been celebrated all over the world, singing for presidents, popes, and dignitaries. We thank them for being such admired ambassadors and wish them many more years, enriching us all with their music.

Recycle at Emory

Emory Recycles encourages the community to use its 24-hour drop off site, located near the end of Peavine Creek Drive and the Lower Fields parking lot. Magazines, newspapers, white paper, tin cans, aluminum cans, plastics #1 and #2, phone books, cardboard, and green, brown and clear glass are accepted.

For more information, call 404-727-1796 or visit <http://www.emory.edu/FMD/web/Recycling/recycling.html>.

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While residents of Druid Hills receive the newsletter each quarter by bulk mail, those who leave the neighborhood often want to stay in touch. How can they do that? It’s easy—take out a subscription.

This is what you do: Find the membership application—in this issue it’s on page 11. Fill it in, joining at whichever level you choose. The least expensive is \$25. In the section entitled Membership Involvement and Interests, in the center of the application, write “DHN subscription” in the line “Other—specify.”

Send the application and your check to the regular post office box address (see the bottom of the application) and you’ll continue to know what’s going on in the old neighborhood.

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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 Thea Roeser at theafoeser@yahoo.com

The DHCA is also looking for a **Coordinator**. To volunteer, please contact Thomas Winn at 371-0670 or email adminvp@druidhills.org.

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DHCA Board Meeting Highlights

Dick Shuey, secretary

complete minutes will be posted at www.druidhills.org

Highlights of the July 18, August 15, and September 19, 2007 Board Meetings:

Lullwater Parc Condominiums

July: The project is zoned RG-3 but permitted at RG-4. GDOT will determine whether to eliminate requirements for left turn and deceleration lanes

Nunan property

July: Developer now proposes four houses. DHCA will meet with our Commissioners and the County Law Department on this. Michael Terry submitted an amicus brief to the Court of Appeals supporting County position against developer attack on the H P Ordinance. August: DHCA's reps recommend not accepting settlement of Nunan or Hummingbird litigation; it would not resolve HPC issues relevant to other cases.

Chelsea Heights/Hummingbird Lane (see article this issue for details)

Clifton Road Mixed-Use Project

July: The BOC has approved Emory's application for rezoning from O&I to PC-3, with 24 conditions. The project will have one ten-story building and others at five stories.

Private Streets Ordinance

July: The Community Council and the Planning Commission recommended denial, but it has strong support in South DeKalb. A ten-acre minimum that would prevent gated infill projects can be waived. August: Commissioner Rader explained the private streets ordinance passed by the BOC, enabling development of gated communities.

Access to Emory

July: A road from Clairmont along the railroad line was selected but is not open to the public. August: Emory has proposed a curb cut at the left side of the computer building on N. Decatur Road, presumably for running a new road into the hospital area. The Transportation Committee needs to look into that, plus Emory's plans for development of the whole Haygood Triangle area, a new rail station, and relocation of the Clifton Road-Haygood intersection. The CCP's planning includes Clifton Road from N. Decatur Road to Zonolite, and N. Decatur Road from Clifton Road to the Publix intersection.

Historic Preservation Commission

July: A vacancy on the HPC in August has no applicants. August: One opinion: a second lawyer needed for more "reasoned" decisions. Another is need for a landscape architect.

Historic House on The By-Way

July: Owner of demolished historic house on two By-Way lots wants to subdivide for two houses. DHCA position: preservation of built environment requires one house limit.

Briarcliff Mansion

July: The matter is on the August 20 HPC agenda, and Emory is being notified. If the HPC determines demolition by neglect, the owner has thirty days to remedy the situation.

Budget

July: A draft budget was presented and approved after \$1,000 was added to begin development of a long range plan for the neighborhood.

Druid Hills Master Plan

July: The neighborhood needs a plan to defend itself and should seek its County and City adoption. An ad hoc Neighborhood Master Plan Committee was established. August: Max Creighton agreed to be point person. A first issue will be the plan's scope.

Lot Merger Legislation

August: Commissioner Rader reported he and Commissioner Gannon introduced a moratorium on lot mergers requiring contiguous nonconforming lots to conform to current zoning. This is to prevent further merger until proposed legislation is introduced and hopefully enacted by the BOC. September: Steven Misner and Susan Garrett met with developers regarding opposition to proposed legislation with no resolution.

President's Report

August: Rolf Grun's position on the Executive Committee will be filled by John Hudson. Martha Porter Hall has resigned, and Elise Riley is Communications VP. Judy Yates has agreed to be the Association's representative on the Civic Association Network (CAN).

Druid Hills News

August: Jennie Richardson is the new Managing Editor.

President's Column

by Bruce MacGregor

Current Events in the SHoD

"We are very popular among ourselves" has been said of groups ranging from the Irish to American Southerners. It can easily apply to residents of our fair land, the Sacred Hills of Druid (the SHoD -also know by its pseudonym, the Shire). Given our large neighborhood, complete with homes, schools, churches and employment centers, it is tempting to become self contained. It is also a mistake. We do not exist in a vacuum, despite our fervent (delusional?) wishes.

Civic Association Network:

To this end, your Civic Association is a member of a recently formed group, the Civic Association Network (CAN). This is an organization of Civic Associations in Central DeKalb, generally between Decatur and I-85. To date CAN has been an information sharing rather than a lobbying organization. However, lobbying groups such as "Stand Up DeKalb," who are raising issues regarding the proposed Sembler development at the Briarcliff/North Druid Hills intersection, have been subsequently formed. The potential sale of school board property, including Adams stadium, has been of particular interest to the larger community, including Druid Hills.

CAN also has been active in the issue of late night bars and entertainment venues. This is one issue where the DHCA has taken a vote of supporting the earlier closing hours. Another issue is that of oversight of electrical substations by the Georgia Public Service Commission. In this case, we are supporting a neighborhood group in North DeKalb, who asked for help through CAN.

Open Space:

The DHCA has begun initial discussions of how to best address open space within the neighborhood. We are currently supporting two new parks, Emory's Burbank Park, adjacent to Emory Village, and the potential Peavine Park, to be located on Ridgewood Drive and Peavine Creek. In order to fulfill our fiduciary responsibility, we will ask that all new parks have legally binding assurance that they will remain parks in perpetuity. We have made this request of Emory for the Burbank Park and of the Daniel estate for the Peavine Park. This will assure our community that their donations will be properly utilized and will enhance our fundraising ability. Our neighborhood parks are owned, maintained and operated by at least five different entities, within two political jurisdictions. In the long term, we may want to consider developing a "Druid Hills Conservancy" to assist with park acquisition, development and maintenance. Or, we may want to look into a "Central DeKalb Conservancy," if we want to consider that larger picture.

Master Plan:

The DHCA in is the discussion phase of developing a master plan for Druid Hills. Over the years, we have sponsored numerous studies and plans ranging from traffic studies to Historic District Guidelines. Our current thinking is to look at what has been done and incorporate those things that are still valid, look at where we want to go, and build on what has been done. This is in line with the county's new Comprehensive Development Plan, which identifies numerous town, neighborhood and employment centers. We are currently working on several related land use issues, including a Character Area study for Chelsea Heights and a lot merger ordinance. The Chelsea Heights study will help preserve the land-to-building relationship, while relaxing architectural standards that are applied to other parts of the neighborhood. The draft currently available on the DHCA website will be significantly revised in order to achieve these goals without unduly restricting the ability of homeowners to renovate and enlarge their homes. The lot merger ordinance will require any lot subdivision to meet current zoning standards rather than resurrecting 100-year old non-conforming lots.

We hope the Master Plan will help result in fewer development lawsuits, although when enough money is in play, a lawsuit becomes simply another business expense. Current lawsuits on the Nunan Property (Clifton Rd), and Hummingbird Way (Chelsea Heights) are still winding their way through the legal system. These have been recently joined by a new lawsuit on The Byway. While each has some unique aspects, all relate to increased density (i.e., more houses equals more money).

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Modifications to Emory Village Design Standards Adopted

By John Hudson

At the July meeting of the Dekalb Historic Preservation Commission (HPC), their staff historical planner David Cullison recommended the Commission approve several minor changes in wording of the Emory Village Design Guidelines adopted in December 2006. His action prompted the DHCA to undertake a final in-depth review of the guidelines to ensure that other key wording and/or references were not inadvertently omitted. The final decision made by the Commissioners at their September meeting concerning this matter is very significant relative to the continued viability of the protection that the historic district designation affords Druid Hills. All residents, regardless of their position for or against the zoning overlay, should give thoughtful consideration to the potential negative impact of the Commission's decision on the neighborhood.

After carefully reviewing the guidelines, the DHCA recommended four changes in addition to Mr. Cullison's, which were presented to the Commissioners at their August meeting. The DHCA's recommendations were 1) inclusion of wording linking the Emory Village Guidelines to Part II of the Druid Hills Local Historic District Manual. The DHCA believes the legislative intent of the zoning overlay ordinance's authors was to retain the Village as part of the historic district. The language proposed by the DHCA was to clarify this linkage; 2) elimination of a clause that would be redundant after adoption of One above; 3) removal of any reference to minimum height with regard to the replacement of/ or new construction in the Village. Since its development in the 1920's, all structures in the Village have been one story; therefore, from the historical

preservation prospective, having the right to replace a one story building with a new one story building seemed logical and within the spirit of the historic preservation ordinance. Removal of the minimum height requirement of two stories would allow a property owner to construct a one story traditional historic building should that be better suited to his/her business operations; and 4) to reinstate Emory Village as a Character Area in the Druid Hills Design Manual, as it was before the manual's last revision.

After valiantly steering the discussion that included generous opportunity for public comment, the Chairman of the HPC framed the opposing views so that a motion could be made and a vote taken. The choices open to the commissioners were either to accept Cullison's amendments, which the DHCA supported, and DHCA's recommendation #4 (Emory Village character area) OR postpone the vote to allow more in depth discussion and analysis of the issues raised by the DHCA. Representatives of both the DHCA and Alliance to Improve Emory Village in attendance supported the option for delay and further study. The vote was 3 in favor of adoption of Mr Cullison's recommendation and only 1 for further study. The Chairman votes only in case of a tie.

This process highlighted several troubling aspects relating to the security of Druid Hills as a historic district and to the tenacity of the HPC to fight to defend and preserve the special historical character of our neighborhood. Druid Hills will celebrate it's 100th year in 2008! First, the process to change guidelines has two distinct steps. An initial hearing with public comment

and at a later meeting, a second hearing with public comment with the possibility of a vote by the Commissioners. This two step process was not followed when the Emory Village Guidelines were adopted in December 2006, even though the proposed guidelines were very detailed with far reaching implications. The Chairman repeatedly requested that more time be taken by the HPC to study the guidelines, but they were approved and corrections made during the open meeting. Second, one of the commissioners commented that redevelopment such as was in the zoning overlay was the county's vision for redevelopment of areas such as Emory Village, so not going along is futile. Also, at the August meeting, the DHCA asked the HPC to please provide the rationale for their decision should they not approve our recommendations, so that we could let our residents know and understand the commission's rationale. The Chairman agreed to our request. However, after the vote at the September meeting, he consulted the other commissioners and Mr Cullison and declined to give any specific reasons to support their decision. It would seem that any commission appointed to serve the community by interpreting historical guidelines that impact how owners may use their property should be required to state clearly the thinking behind their decisions. However, this is not a requirement of the Commission. One can only conclude that redevelopment trumps historic preservation. This should serve as a WAKE UP CALL for everyone who believes this wonderful neighborhood of Druid Hills should be protected and believes there are institutions in place in DeKalb for that protection.

Invitation From Lullwater Conservation Garden

Half-hidden along Lullwater Road sits a six-acre woodland open to all who care to enjoy a quiet moment under its canopy or a brisk stroll along the banks of Lullwater Creek. Once the property of Dan Johnson and then Emory University, the Lullwater Conservation Garden has been maintained by the members of the Lullwater Garden Club (LGC) since the 1920s, purchased by them outright in 1931.

This park, referred to as a "pastoral escape from city life" by Fine Living Television, now boasts an award winning "Patriot's Garden," commemorating veterans of past wars. With funds from a historic preservation grant and a lot of elbow grease, club members cleared out and planted a patch of land overgrown with invasive species. The site was near the skeletal remains of a bridge the Garden Club dismantled during World War II, donating the metal to the war effort. "The Lullwater Garden Club would like to continue its efforts to bring the garden back to its original glory. Years of aggressive growth have completely changed the landscape of this wonderful garden," states Club President Kim Storbeck.

With limited resources, human and economic, the garden club needs help. To that end, "we would like to invite folks from the community to come down and play in the dirt," adds Storbeck. Beginning in September, on Saturday, September 8, the Garden Club will be sponsoring bi-monthly clean ups. They invite all to join them from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., along with their shovels, clippers, trimmers, and energy! The Garden Club will provide food and cold drinks, as well as the opportunity for neighborhood fellowship. Come help to restore and maintain this unique refuge of green space that benefits the entire community.

Lullwater Conservation Garden Clean Up Days

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First Thursdays a hit in the Village

By Sally Sears

Druid Hills neighbors are finding each other having fun in Emory Village on the First Thursday of each month.

Starting in September, merchants, neighbors and friends began meeting at 6:30 p.m. as the Village shops stayed open late, offering special events and contests.

October's First Thursday saw more stores offering prizes and tastings. Bright green hair from Supercuts gave younger neighbors an early Halloween look. Live music on the porch at Inman Perk Coffee entertained diners waiting for a table at always-busy Everybody's Pizza. Glenn Memorial United Methodist Church sold pumpkins for its youth missions. A local natural skin care maker offered samples of Manly Man hand cream & cuticle rub to several startled but willing gentlemen of various ages.

November's First Thursday hears live music, a jazz trio sponsored by the Clifton Community Partnership.

Saba's restaurant hosts Trivia Night with juicy prizes for winners, starting at 8:30 p.m. Amy and Jeff Cromwell from Oxford Road came in second in September. They ate their second place prize, a gift certificate, the next week at Saba's. At the same time, Harvard Road's Tom Cross led the first First Thursday bike ride through Druid Hills. He has a special seven-mile route which leaves from the Peavine Creekbank by CVS at 5:30, in order to return to the Village in time for dinner.

Emory University sent its mummy wagon from the Carlos Museum and First Responder emergency medical providers to demonstrate how they react in a crisis.

Future First Thursdays will celebrate the holidays in Druid Hills style, and continue to give residents reasons to come to the Village and see their friends and neighbors.

Parking at future First Thursdays is available at Bank of America and Emory University's spaces at Fishburn and Boifeuillet Jones.

First Thursday lucky day for Julia Wynn

Long-time Springdale maven and humorist Julia Wynn loves Emory Village and was rewarded as she strolled the street sampling free offerings. She spun the wheel at Supercuts and won a free carry-all. She gained a grab-bag of books at the Emory Bookstore, enjoyed the decorations at Emory Florist, sampled cupcakes at Rise n Dine, ice cream at One Hot Cookie, and then saw the Free WiFi sign at Starbucks. So she walked in and asked the young clerk "Could I have a sample of the Wiffy? He could barely contain himself as he explained that WiFi, wireless internet service, does not come in a cup.

She was mortified at her mistake and apologized for taking up his time. But the clerk told her, "Lady, you don't need to apologize. You have made my day!"

Julia's friend Betty Asbury from Clifton Road tells the story with Julia's permission, and is proud of her friend for telling the story on herself.

BOOK CLUB NEWS: Best Sellers Abound

by Faye Andresen

The Beer and a Book Club cannot be accused of reading only trendy or contemporary literature. Their recent choices were *The Wild Swans* by Jung Chang and *Trinity* by Leon Uris. Chang chronicles the lives of three generations of women through tumultuous 20th century China. From foot-binding and brutal Japanese occupation, to the revolution and Chairman Mao's purges, the readers were fascinated with the experiences of these women. *Trinity*, Leon Uris' 1976 best seller, is an enlightening story of the Irish Rebellion against the English, and the birth of the IRA. The characters seemed a shade unbelievable to many and Uris' writing was judged not the best but the group took to the mountains for the discussion (a member's cabin) so all was not lost – the food and company were stellar.

Proud Mary Club covered their bases by choosing an assortment of reading. *A Good Man is Hard to Find and Other Stories* by Flannery O'Connor was first published in the 50's just as she had achieved fame for her first book. Two of the stories received O'Henry Awards and established O'Connor as a master story teller. Moving on to non-fiction, the group read *Mountains Beyond Mountains*, Tracey Kidder's story about Dr. Paul Farmer. Farmer, a Harvard professor, MacArthur genius, infectious disease specialist, travels the globe to rid the world of disease. He lives his philosophy – "the only real nation is humanity." He was a true inspiration to the group. Last, they read *Eat, Pray, Love* by Elizabeth Gilbert. Woman gets divorced – goes to Italy, goes to India, goes to Bali... then writes best seller about it. What a life.

Emory University Women's Club read Melissa Faye Greene's *There Is No Me Without You* followed by Thomas Mullen's *The Last Town on Earth*. Mullen writes about a small Washington logging town's efforts to quarantine itself against the 1918 flu epidemic and the events following a deserting WWI soldier's demands for sanctuary.

Last Tuesday's Club read the 1998 best seller *Midwife*. Chris Bohjalian's gripping novel is about a tragedy during a home birth, the decisions made by the midwife, and the court case that ensued. Tangled in a web of politics and told by the midwife's daughter, the ending is dramatic. They then read the current best seller *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini. This moving tale of two women, their husbands, and their bond amid the changing landscape of Afghanistan elicited discussion ranging from the repression of individuals and groups, to the oppression people experience even as governments and rulers change.

All Sylvia Plath fans, the North Decatur Road Book Club was less than enamored by *Lover of Unreason*. This book is about Assia Wevell, Sylvia Plath's rival and successor in Ted Hughes' life. The book was made possible by Ted Hughes' papers now housed at Emory. The book spurred many in the group to reconnect with their intense dislike of Hughes.

Harvard Road Book Club read the best seller *Devil in the White City* by Erik Larson about two men in Chicago during the building of the World's Fair. One is the mastermind behind the Fair; the second is a serial murderer. Their next choice, *The Road* by Cormac McCarthy is the tale of a father's love of his son in a horrific post apocalyptic world. McCarthy's world after a nuclear war is one of death, destruction, even cannibals... and faith.



Emory Approves Funding to Light Fields at High School

As days grow shorter, athletes playing fall sports at Druid Hills High School scramble to get their practices and games in before sunset—but all of this is about to change.

In September, Emory's Student Government Association approved the final funding to install outdoor lights on the athletic fields at Druid Hills High School. Emory uses the football/soccer and baseball fields for its club and intramural teams on weekends and during the summer months.



"The ongoing relationship with Emory continues to be strengthened and this is definitely a win-win situation for all," said Everett Patrick, principal of Druid Hills High School. "In the past, the high school sports teams have used Emory facilities when our space was limited."

As previously reported, the outdoor lights will have a controlled spill and glare directed downward on the fields and will be turned off by 10 p.m. Emory also agreed to the ongoing maintenance of the fields at the close of the Druid Hills High School 2006/2007 athletic season. Emory's ground maintenance staff was able to improve and maintain the quality of the high school fields to University standards, which benefit Emory students during the summer months and the high school students during their entire academic year. "Now both Druid Hills High School students and Emory students can play and practice with less risk of injury," continued Patrick.

"The new fields make our football team play better and the better traction makes us want to stay out here longer than we normally did because we can maneuver a lot easier," said senior defensive end Joshua Owens. "The physical features are the best—there are no more rocks, bugs or poison ivy on our field."

In addition to providing outdoor lighting to the football/soccer and baseball fields, Emory also supplies ground maintenance to the fields at Druid Hills High School.

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(From the DeKalb New Era of 13 October 1938)

**Organization of Permanent Druid Hills Civic Body Planned in Tuesday Forum
PROMINENT CITIZENS TO SPONSOR PROPOSAL****New Body Would Aid Matching of High School WPA Building Project***researched by Alida Silverman*

Called in connection with the long-proposed expansion program of Druid Hills School, a civic meeting in the school auditorium Tuesday night was turned into a forum on the need for a permanent civic body for Druid Hills.

The meeting assembled thirty of the most prominent residents of Druid Hills. With Mrs. W.Davis Hall presiding, the group approved the appointment of a committee to make immediate plans and recommendations for the Druid Hills organization. The committee, which will meet tonight (Thursday) for its first session is composed of:

Julian V. Boehm, W. Davis Hall, Osborne Quayle, Ernest Key, H.B. Trimble, R.B. Eleazer, G.H. Lentz, R.G. Kreiling, P.C. Paxton, David Jones, J.H. Laughlin, George West, Paul Bryan, A.C. Glenn, W.A. Dobson, Gordon Paine and C.S. Burgers, and the three trustees of the school, L.L. Gellerstedt, A.E. Foster and W.B. Baker.

Mr. Gellerstedt said yesterday in connection with the proposal:

"The need is urgent for an organization whose business it is to look after the needs of Druid Hills. At present a Druid Hills resident has no place to turn, even for information about the community."

Mr. Hayden C. Bryant, principal of Druid Hills School, commented that the school office is and has been the only place even to make a pretense of keeping up with Druid Hills affairs. Such an arrangement is hopelessly inadequate, he pointed out.

One of the first duties that would fall on the shoulders of the new civic body would be the need of raising funds for the building program urged for the school. In a bond vote last June 2, designed to make available \$25,000 to match a \$45,000 grant from the WPA, lack of interest on the part of the voters caused the bond issue to fail. It is felt by most Druid Hills residents that to allow the WPA grant to waste because of the lack of local funds would be very unfortunate.

The school authorities point out that the school facilities, designed for a much smaller enrollment than there is at present, are directly in need of expansion. Since the school is also used for other community enterprises and meetings, it is held that not only patrons of the school but all Druid Hills residents would profit by the expansion.

The proposed addition to the school building would house a gymnasium, lockers and showers, an industrial arts department, a larger cafeteria and a department of home economics.

The newly-appointed committee will consider what steps can be taken, both toward the new civic body and the raising of funds for the building program. When its recommendations are complete, interested residents will again be called together to consider the plans.

Tuesday night's meeting was called by the presidents of the Druid Hills Parent-Teachers Association; Mrs. W. Davis Hall, of the high school, and Mrs. Ernest Key, of the elementary school.

FOLLOW-UP

The DeKalb New Era of 10 November 1938 carried an article headlined *Civic League Is Formed for D. H. Section*

Board Meeting Highlights...continued from page 3**Tour**

August: The 2008 Druid Hills Home & Garden Tour will be the third weekend in April, marking the 100th anniversary of the sale of the Druid Hills project by Joel Hurt to the Druid Hills Corporation. Thomas Winn reported the Tour Committee forming includes Mary Emma McConaughy, Barbara Vogel, Joanna Stroud, and Alida Silverman.

Neighborhood Yard Sale (see article this issue for details)

Druid Hills Day

August: Druid Hills Day will be the first Sunday in November at Dellwood Park.

Freedom Park Conservancy

September: Allen Bradley reported on Park activities.

Daniel Park Proposal

September: The proposal is that DHCA facilitate acquisition and development of Daniel family property on Ridgewood as a community park. The family will sell for such use at less than appraised value and put up \$16,000 for an executive director and seed money to create a non-profit organization. The County may be induced to purchase the property for a park if sufficient community interest shown. The Executive Committee recommended the DHCA match community fund raising proceeds, up to \$30,000 over three years. Before voting, the board needs a written proposal and complete financial information.

Policy on Speaking with One Voice

September: A policy pertaining to board members' responsibilities was deferred.

Traffic Position Statement

September: The Transportation Committee proposed a position statement that Emory's comprehensive plan cannot be achieved without significant efforts by Clifton Corridor partners to reduce vehicular traffic to their facilities. It was suggested the position statement avoid inference that DHCA necessarily endorses Emory's comprehensive plan.

Emory Village

September: Of DHCA's proposed amendments to the Emory Village Historic Preservation Guidelines, the staff approved only the Character Area amendment, whereupon the HPC voted to deny the remainder.

End of Tax Year Gifts May Be Donated to Olmsted Linear Park


The Olmsted Linear Park Alliance (OLPA) urges Druid Hills residents who appreciate the results of ten years of rehabilitation in the Park along Ponce de Leon Avenue to consider making a gift in tax year 2007. In addition to providing critical financial support for park rehabilitation and maintenance, your gift can also result in appealing tax benefits for you.

The following is a partial list of the many forms such gifts can take. Please contact the Olmsted Linear Park Alliance for details on the tax benefits that may result from each.

1. Contributions of cash may be taken in the full amount of the gift and are tax-deductible up to 50% of your adjusted gross income.
2. An income tax deduction for appreciated stock may be taken for the current fair market value of donated shares, and by transferring the stock directly to OLPA, one can also avoid paying capital gains tax on the appreciation.
3. Individual Retirement Accounts (and other qualified retirement plans) may be an advantageous way to bequeath or otherwise contribute assets to OLPA. Guidance and copies of the documents needed to complete an outright gift from an IRA may be obtained from the OLPA office.
4. Other possibilities include life insurance, gifts in trust, real and personal property, and bequests provided in a will. Contact OLPA for details.

The Olmsted Linear Park Alliance, Inc. is a 501-c3 organization and contributions to it qualify for the tax deductions allowed by IRS regulations and the law. For more information, contact George Ickes, Administrator, by telephone at 404-723-3228 or 404-853-7159 or at olpa@atlantaga.gov. Mailing address is Olmsted Linear Park Alliance, Box 5500, Atlanta, GA 31107.

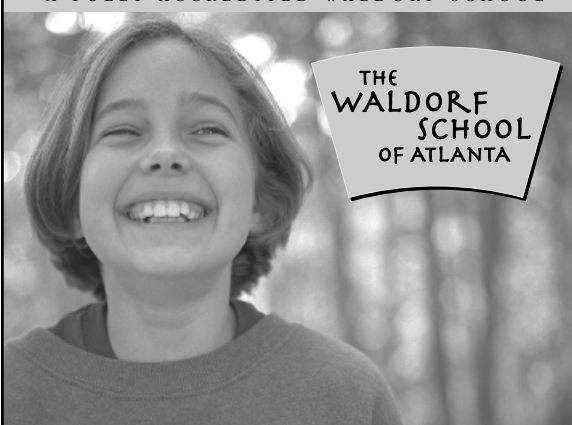
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School News

by Susan Merritt Jordan

Remarkably low community participation in a Kroger program benefiting local schools is evident from the data for the 2006/2007 academic year posted on the company's website. Paideia and Briar Vista topped the list of local schools, earning \$1716 and \$1029 in Kroger donations respectively, from 79 families participating for Paideia and 67 for Briar Vista. Donations accrue from purchases rallied on the Kroger Plus card. Mary Lin, with \$949 and 61 families participating, and Fernbank, with \$943 and 49 families, took the middle ground. Lowest earners were Shamrock with \$358 and 14 families, and Druid Hills earning \$194 with 13 families participating.

Anyone in the community can designate a beneficiary school and the procedure is short and simple. Taking into account families with divided loyalties and people who may shop at Publix exclusively, the best explanation for the small number of participants may be that the short and simple procedure must be repeated for every new academic year.

Anyone with a Kroger Plus card can take a minute to visit this page on Kroger's website: <http://www.krogerearningpluslearning.com/searchparent.php> and enter the name of the school you'd like Kroger to support. Two clicks later you'll have a page to print with a barcode for the designated school at the bottom. Have it scanned by the cashier after the cashier scans your Kroger Plus card. The designated school will receive four percent of eligible purchases for the remainder of the academic year every time the card is used.



Druid Hills High School Homecoming float

Fernbank Elementary School

Fernbank Elementary's Jason Marshall has declared he plans to be its principal "for many years to come." His comment follows reports here and elsewhere that his selection for Gov. Sonny Perdue's list of "High Performance Principals" made him eligible for three years of annual bonuses if he were to transfer to a "Needs Improvement" school.

Druid Hills High School

A "conceptual" plan for renovations at Druid Hills High School – some \$22 million from the Special Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) extension approved by DeKalb voters last March – was presented to members of the community by architects from the firm of Perkins & Will at a meeting on October 8. The biggest change on the drawing board would be a bar-shaped building across the front on the newer end, adjacent to the historic façade, which will not be altered.

The new building would be the location of new science classrooms, and an addition behind it would accommodate new technology classrooms. Planners say they intend for improvements to touch every space and every student in one way or another, with new HVAC, lighting and ceilings, a new kitchen, new accessibility for people with disabilities, new computers and furniture where deemed necessary, and a new landscape out front. The timetable offered was for the design to be completed by early summer of 2008, with a winning contractor to begin work by late summer, and the project to be completed in two years. Plans call for the school to remain open during construction, but it's anticipated some classes will be meeting in trailers or at alternate locations.

For more information on what's happening in our neighborhood schools, visit their websites, listed below:

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 Druid Hills High School -- www.dekalb.k12.ga.us/druidhills
 Fernbank Elementary School -- www.dekalb.k12.ga.us/fernbank
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How you can help:

(1) Mail or email your favorite recipe with your name and contact information and the source of the recipe or if it's your own creation.

(2) Send in historic (1920's-1960's) black and white photographs of Druid Hills, past community events, gatherings of residents, etc. Please include your name, contact information, a description of the photo and year, if known. We'll return the photos after copying..

Please email recipes to Mary Hicks at mbhicks@emory.edu or mail recipes and photos to: Mary Hicks
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Druid Hills Yard Sale Day

By Thea Roser

The first Druid Hills Yard Sale Day was a great success and loads of fun! There was something for everyone shopping: furniture, antiques, clothing, books, kitchen gadgets, children's toys, lawn equipment, art work, jewelry, china, electronics and many more treasures. Two families even sold their cars. A good profit for a \$25.00 registration fee! We'll be donating 20% of the net proceeds of this year's registration fees to the Burbanck Park. The DHCA plans on making this an annual event scheduled for the last weekend in September, so start putting things aside for next year!

The Atlanta Kidney Fund did a great job of picking up the leftover items that were marked for donation. Only one house was never picked up; pretty good for more than 100 houses requesting pick-up, especially within a three-hour window. We plan to work with the AKF next year to make sure 100% of all houses requesting pick up are covered.

We've had some very good suggestions for next year's sale and will research each one. The maps showing the locations of houses participating need to be improved and we plan to put more detailed information on the DHCA website for shoppers to access.

If you are interested in helping with the DHCA Membership Committee and working on next year's Yard Sale, please contact Thea Roeser, Membership Chair, at 404-373-6823 or theafoeser@yahoo.com.

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The gala theme – “Green Dreams” – captures the restoration vision and the joy the parks give us. The gala provides a great opportunity to connect with the local community and party with friends and neighbors, while supporting the restoration and preservation of the parks. In addition, wonderful items await at the auction, adding to the fun, great music, delicious food and open bar. The last three galas have been enormous successes – as fundraisers, but also as a way for friends and neighbors to come together and celebrate our restoration progress.



Gala co-chairs Claire Sterk and Kirk Elifson

The gala is a volunteer effort co-chaired this year by Claire Sterk and Kirk Elifson. If interested in serving on a gala committee, even for a few hours, please contact Claire and Kirk at GreenDreams2008@gmail.com. The committees focus on the auction, publicity, party planning and arrangements, and party logistics and set-up.

We owe the restoration effort of the six segments of the parks to the Olmsted Linear Park Alliance (OLPA), a nonprofit organization. Information about OLPA, the parks' history, and other interesting facts are found at www.atlantaolmstedpark.org. As the renovation of Deepdene, the last and largest segment, nears completion, we must continue to invest in the preservation of this historic green space.

We invite you to join in our “Green Dreams” by making your reservation now at www.partyfortheparksonponce.org. Tickets are \$100 each and will be available in January. To purchase a holiday gift certificate for tickets, send a check payable to the Olmsted Linear Park Alliance to OLPA, Box 5500, Atlanta, GA 31107. Orders must be received by December 15 for Christmas delivery. On this same page, you will find information to serve as a gala host or corporate sponsor or how to donate an item or services for the auction.

Please help us make this gala a real success so that all of us can continue our Green Dreams!

NATURE'S RECYCLING

By Jennifer Richardson, Georgia Master Gardener, DeKalb County

Composting may be the original form of re-cycling. Composting is the natural reduction or breaking down of organic waste into humus, aided by millions of bacteria found in organic materials. A more direct way of phrasing this is all organic matter will eventually rot. Most veteran gardeners compost because it improves soil, controls the PH and causes more vigorous growth of plant material. Other benefits of composting include saving money on fertilizers, garden soil and soil amendments, and allowing the homeowner to recycle a large portion of household waste, thus sparing our nearly full landfills.

Anyone can compost! The simplest way is to select an out-of-the way place in your yard on which to deposit kitchen and yard waste---the “compost pile.” If you wish to contain the pile, fence three sides of it with chicken wire nailed onto sticks or posts hammered into the ground. My favorite compost container is both easy and free.



Obtain four wooden pallets and set them on end in a square. Nail the back pallet to the sides. Wire the front pallet to one side and install a hook on the other side, making the front pallet a gate that you can open when you need to turn your pile. Pallets are available at home improvement stores, and in the outdoor sections of garden stores---and the stores are usually delighted to give you as many as you can carry away.

Now that you have your compost pile site, begin thinking of all the things you can put into it. High carbon material provides cellulose needed by bacteria for conversion to sugars and heat; high nitrogen waste provides concentrated protein which allows bacteria to thrive. Autumn leaves, straw, dried weeds, sawdust and brown paper bags are good examples of high carbon materials. Coffee grounds, green plant material, fruit and vegetable trimmings, and manure are examples of high-nitrogen materials. Eggshells, tea bags, freshly cut grass clippings, banana peels, stale bread, cantaloupe rinds and leftover vegetables from the family dinner table are all good examples of things you can compost. You can add shrub

clippings if they are cut into very small pieces. Cheese and meat scraps, pet waste, and tree limbs are examples of things you do not want to add to your compost pile.

A passive compost pile requires very little effort. Just turn the materials over with a pitchfork a few times a year, and make sure the pile stays damp. (When the current water bans are lifted, you can wet your pile with a garden hose; during the outdoor water ban, use gray water from your home to wet your pile.) A compost pile should be about as wet as a damp sponge.

For the homeowner who wants intense involvement in composting, there are all sorts of options: Adding store-bought compost accelerators; turning the pile once a month; and taking the temperature to determine how hot the core of the pile is. (140 degrees F will kill most weed seeds.) For the compost devotee, there are many commercial containers and drums that can be turned with a crank, resulting in humus in as little as 3 weeks. I have three compost areas in my garden: a pile for cut twigs, leaves and shrubbery trimmings; a pile for kitchen waste; and a compost drum that must be turned daily with a crank.

A passive compost pile will produce humus in from one to two years. This black, nutrient rich dirt can then be spread in garden beds, or tilled into the soil. Not only did you make it yourself, but you saved money, enriched your soil, saved a landfill, and will enjoy bigger, greener, and healthier plants. It's nature's way of recycling.

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Chelsea Heights Update and DeKalb County's Lot Merger Ordinance

By Steven Misner

The last edition of the Druid Hills News reported the Chelsea Heights neighborhood and the Druid Hills Civic Association have been seeking to limit the undesirable redevelopment of Chelsea Heights, new large, tall homes built on small lots. Particularly distressing to the neighborhood was the developers' use of a 1914 subdivision plat which showed the neighborhood subdivided into 50-foot-wide lots. Developers were buying existing lots which covered two or more of the originally platted lots, tearing down the existing home(s), and putting in two or more homes where one home previously stood. These developments galvanized the neighborhood into action, and with the DHCA providing funding and some discretionary funds from Commissioner Kathie Gannon, we hired Dale Jaeger, author of the original Druid Hills Historic District Guidelines, to draw up a special character area and guidelines for Chelsea Heights, under the Druid Hills Historic District. A draft of those guidelines is now available for review on DHCA's website, www.druidhills.org.

We have asked our neighbors to let us know how they feel about the proposed Chelsea Heights Character Area and Guidelines to consider their comments, along with those of our two Commissioners, Kathie Gannon and Jeff Rader, and those of the Historic Preservation Commission (which would enforce Guidelines on all construction or renovation in the neighborhood). We hope soon to have Guidelines acceptable to most stakeholders; we will then seek to have them adopted by the DeKalb Historic Preservation Commission. We hope adoption of those Guidelines for our neighborhood will deter unwanted, oversized development on lots too small, yet permit reasonably sized renovations and expansions of existing homes, as well as construction of reasonably proportioned new homes in our neighborhood.

Thanks to Commissioner Rader, we may soon have another weapon to fight oversized development, not just in Chelsea Heights but anywhere in Druid Hills. Jeff has proposed a lot merger ordinance which would apply to all of DeKalb County. The ordinance would provide that if a property owner of two or more originally platted lots not meeting current zoning standards has treated them as one, he cannot subdivide and redevelop them unless the new lots conform to current zoning. Such substandard lots exist in many places in DeKalb County, and Jeff Rader has recruited representatives of neighborhood groups and developer interests to draft a lot merger ordinance acceptable to all. In the meantime, the County Commission has imposed a moratorium on subdivision of substandard lots, which doesn't expire until January.

As to the Chelsea Heights neighborhood, this lot merger moratorium and Ordinance, if and when it is enacted, should effectively limit development of large homes on very small originally platted lots.



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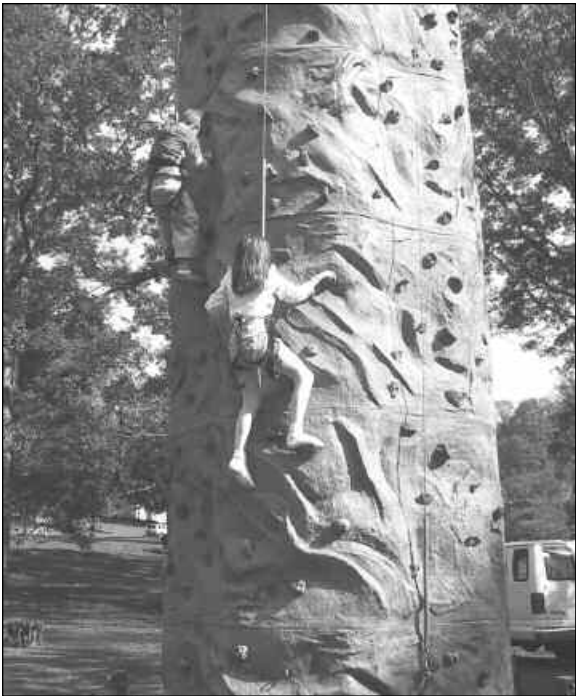


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Druid Hills Day
November 4, 2007



Mary Emma McConaughy and granddaughter Zadie operated the popcorn stand.



The climbing wall was popular with children.

A big thank you goes to the Druid Hills High School Environmental Club and Ace Intown Hardware on Scott Boulevard for their help on Druid Hills Day doing a rain barrel building demonstration. Intown Hardware ordered rain barrel hardware at cost and DHHS students showed residents how to build their own rain barrels."



Druid Hills High student and member of the DH Environmental Club Komi Nebel and DHCA Board member Thea Roeser pose in front of Komi's water conservation project.



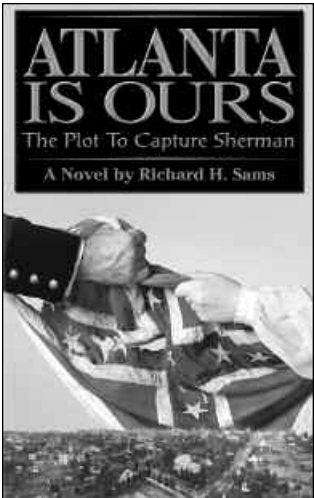
DHCA President Bruce MacGregor presents a check for ten thousand dollars from the Civic Association to (L-R) Olmsted Linear Park treasurer Doug Grimm, board member Kirk Elifson, and president Tally Sweat.

Atlanta Is Whose?

By Mary Angela Whyte

That's my snappy retort to General Sherman's arrogant claim to my town. He'll be talking out of the other side of his mouth when he's held for ransom. Oh, no, wait---that's the plot of Richard H. Sams' new book *Atlanta Is Ours*.

Richard grew up in Druid Hills, listening to family stories of ancestors caught in the middle of Civil War fighting at Clairmont and N. Decatur Road and nearby. Add to his lifelong interest in those battlegrounds a geologist's ability to picture the area as it was then, and for years a book was simmering. The final push was realizing a poorly protected General Sherman's headquarters was just up the road. What if Sherman had been captured?



Yes, the book is based on a "what if." I found myself irrationally hoping the plan would succeed! No burning Atlanta, no march to the sea---. Would Lincoln have been re-elected if his war suffered such a blow? Would we be a union or separate states? It's a big "what if."

The book is full of Civil War research, with marches and skirmishes and major battles running through the lives of civilians caught between opposing armies. Current and former names and locations of Druid Hills roads, ferries, mills, and properties abound. Even if you're not inspired to trace some of the local history yourself, you'll never look at Kinko's and Jiffy Lube the same way again.

Clifton Community Partnership (CCP) Update

By Bruce MacGregor

Hospital and Clinic Relocation

At the Nov 5 meeting of the Clifton Community Partnership Advisory Group, Michael J. Mandl, Emory's Executive Vice President for Finance and Administration, announced that Emory is taking a brief pause from its plans to redevelop the Emory Clinic and Hospital on its land on the east side of Clifton Road. During this pause, Emory will evaluate the feasibility of developing its new healthcare facilities on its Clairmont campus, instead. Planning will occur during the November-March period, with a decision expected at the end of March 2008. In answer to a question, Mr. Mandl estimated the chance of developing the healthcare facilities on the Clairmont campus was probably 50-50. Advantages include better access to Interstate 85 and more room to expand long term. Emory will consider the patient experience, financial feasibility, and ability of medical staff to balance their teaching, research, and patient care duties in each location. They will also need to ensure that the undergraduate educational and residential experience is enhanced, as well, under each scenario.

Urban Design Guidelines

The consulting firm of Goody-Clancy has completed the first draft of The Urban Design Guidelines for selected corridors and areas around Emory, and is incorporating comments from the CCP Advisory Group members.

The Guidelines address 10 areas:

- 1) Clifton/Sage Hill (including Zonolite)
- 2) Clifton/Wesley Woods
- 3) Clifton/Hilltop (Clifton corridor around CDC and the Clifton Mixed Use development)
- 4) Clifton/Emory Health Sciences (Clifton corridor between Houston Mill and the railroad)
- 5) Clifton Station (Clifton corridor between Lullwater Estate and Haygood intersection)
- 6) Clifton/Emory Core (Clifton corridor between Haygood and North Decatur)
- 7) Clifton/Druid Hills High School (Haygood corridor between Clifton and North Decatur, including the relocation of Haygood across from Druid Hills HS)

- 8) North Decatur/Haygood (North Decatur corridor between Clifton and Clairmont)
- 9) Clairmont/North Decatur (the area around the intersection, including apartments, and Clairmont corridor to the railroad)
- 10) Clairmont/Lullwater (Clairmont corridor between railroad and VA Hospital)

The Sage Hill/Zonolite and the Clairmont/North Decatur guidelines address area redevelopment and call for additional sub-area planning with DeKalb County. The other eight districts address corridor enhancement and redevelopment. In general, the guidelines envision a more urban area with intersection improvements, improved sidewalks, bike lanes, streetscapes and landscaping,

reduced building setbacks, and mixed use buildings. These design guidelines will be presented to the public at 7:00PM, Nov 27, 2007, in the Miller-Ward Alumni House on Houston Mill Road. They will also be put on the CCP website, www.cliftoncommunitypartnership.org

In summary, these two projects (one planning and one construction) will set the area's development pattern for decades. When considered together with the three recently approved construction projects (graduate housing near Sage Hill, the Clifton Mixed Use Development, and the Emory Bookstore/Admissions Center/parking deck across from Emory Village), Emory has taken major strides toward a larger, denser, and presumably more vibrant campus. The DHCA and Emory are pledged to continue our dialogue as we work through these transitions.



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The main house features a formal living and dining room, an updated kitchen with commercial grade appliances and granite counters, three spacious bedrooms, and a cozy family room. The master bathroom features a large 10 foot square sunken tub. The pool is the centerpiece of the private backyard with a functional pool house that boasts a full kitchen, bar, full bathroom, and a sauna.

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2008 Druid Hills Home and Garden Tour and Artist Market ~ April 18, 19, 20

As cool weather emerges, it is hard to imagine that plans for the 2008 Druid Hills Home and Garden Tour are well underway! We have a lot to celebrate, as 2008 marks the 100-year anniversary of the sale of the land for Druid Hills. To honor this milestone, we plan to showcase the history of our neighborhood through photographs and articles collected from a variety of sources, including you, our neighbors! As always, there will be a magnificent group of homes and gardens to visit, commemorating the centennial celebration!

The tour committee invites you to join the festivities by volunteering to help with planning, becoming a sponsor, serving as a docent, or providing photographs and articles of Druid Hills' history.

To volunteer for the tour committee, please contact Thomas Winn (404) 358-3548 or thomas.winn@earthlink.net

To become a sponsor, please contact Lisa Hill at (404) 377-4741 or lisaleu@bellsouth.net

To serve as a docent during tour weekend and receive a free ticket to the tour, please contact Nan Brinson at (404) 373-6071 or nanbrinson@sprintmail.com

To contribute photographs or articles, please contact Tory Winn at (404) 371-9833 or agora@mindspring.com

Mark your calendars for April 18, 19, and 20, 2008, to enjoy the springtime splendor of Druid Hills! For more information, please call the tour hotline at (404) 524-TOUR (8687) or visit www.druidhills.org/tour.



2007 DHCA Home and Garden Tour

The DHCA Officers wish to thank the following volunteers for their leadership and service for the 2007 Tour of Homes and Gardens

2006 DHCA Administrative VP: Becky Evans

2007 Treasurer: Clarke Weeks

Events Co-Chairs:
Barbara Vogel and Mary Emma McConaughey

Homes and Gardens: Alida Silverman

Docent Cards & DH News: Ellen Nemhauser

Parties
Homeowners Preview Tour & Cocktails:
Lynn Alexander

Patrons and Sponsors Gala:
Niki Paris, Kevin Steward

Thank You Party for Volunteers: Martha Porter Hall

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Lunch Coordinator: Sue Heerin

Artist Market: Joanna Stroud and Clarke Weeks

Operations Co-Chair: Thomas Winn

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Jim Earhart, Terry York,
Dennis Carlson, Ruth Middleton,
Kevin Steward, Niki Paris,
Myron Kramer, Leisa Presmanes

Staffing: Nan Brinson and Ivanka Jerkunica

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Publicity: Julie Ralston, Debra Brock

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Tickets: Ellen Prestia and Coleen Curry

Tour Secretary: Gretchen Smith

Thank You Notes for all committees:
Janet Weeks

Volunteer Now!

The Druid Hills Civic Association Tour Committee is looking for volunteers to work on the 2008 Home and Garden Tour and Artist Market. Volunteers would assist with the work required in showcasing our unique neighborhood and its history.

We need people to do the following:

- Plan Tour events
- Coordinate Tour sponsors and publicity
- Organize Tour operations and logistics

If you would like to volunteer for the Tour Committee, please contact Thomas Winn at either 404-358-3548 or thomas.winn@earthlink.net or visit <http://www.druidhills.org/tour/getinvolved.htm>.

Dear Druid Hills Neighbor,

The 2008 Druid Hills Home & Garden Tour needs volunteers and we are asking for your help. The tour dates have been set for Friday, April 18 through Sunday, April 20. We need volunteers to serve as docents, guiding tour guests through points of interest in the homes. There are five shift choices. Each shift will also need a chair, responsible for supervising docents on his/her shift, if that interests you. Remember, all volunteers receive a free tour ticket, a \$25 value, plus an invitation to the docent "Thank You" party after the tour. We can also provide seating for volunteers requesting it.

Listed below are the shift times for each date. If you are available to help, you can register one of three ways: mail the completed registration form below, e-mail, or call with your preference. Please register by January 21. I will confirm your registration. Thanks so much for considering the 2008 Druid Hills Home and Garden Tour.

Sincerely,
Nan Brinson
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1838 DURAND MILL DRIVE, DRUID HILLS

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495 CLAIRE DRIVE, LAKE CLAIRE

This five-bedroom, three-bath home confidently combines old world charm with modern conveniences and flair. The new construction features a professionally designed kitchen for entertaining, an attached two-car garage, and a gorgeous master suite. Arts and crafts workmanship, pocket doors, period detail and trim, and ebonized hardwood floors. Offers lovely living room, dining room, great room, deck, finished basement with office and recreation room, and level backyard. Incredible storage. Extras include wine cellar closet, pantry, mud room, energy efficient systems. Featured in magazines, it's a perfect ten on the style scale. Unbeatable location in City of Decatur, one mile from Square, Emory and CDC. \$735,000



1738 COVENTRY ROAD, DRUID HILLS

Featured on the cover of *Better Homes and Gardens*, this three-bedroom, two-and-a-half-bath tin-roof cottage brings the flavor of Key West to its convenient location near Emory. Light streams in from multiple sets of French doors in the spacious central hall. The double garage is connected to the house by a covered breezeway through the charming gardens, complete with pergola, stone patio and fountain pond. The third floor's bonus loft space is ideal for a children's playroom or home office. Nestled on a corner lot, the home also features a formal dining room, skylights and a basement with separate exterior entrance. Enjoy fires in the living room fireplace or wood-burning stove in the eat-in kitchen. \$499,000



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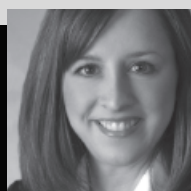
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