

# DRUD HILS NEWS

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## Trees Atlanta 10th Annual Tree Sale

October 10, 2009 8 am – 2 pm

New Location: Trees Atlanta Kendeda Center, 225 Chester Avenue, Atlanta

Contact Greg Levine, 404-681-4903 http://treesatlanta.org/ Cost: Free

The 10th Annual Tree Sale on the 10th of October! Triple tens. The sale, located this year at Trees Atlanta's headquarters (225 Chester Avenue, 30316, in Reynoldstown), will feature more than 1,000 native and unusual trees and plants. In celebration of the sale's 10th anniversary, Trees Atlanta will offer more species and varieties of trees, shrubs, and forest-safe vines than ever before. Special trees to look for include swamp chestnut oak, walnut, yellow-berried American holly, contorted weeping redbud, weeping bald cypress, dwarf bald cypress, and paw paw, to name a few. Non-invasive, unusual, and exotic tree and plant varieties include camellia, dawn redwood, ginkgo



(including 15-gallon 'Princeton Sentry'), and a variety of columnar parrotia. Plant and tree prices range from \$12 to \$150 Check our website in mid-September for details and updates.

Trees Atlanta donors of \$500 or more are invited to attend a preview shopping night the evening before the Tree Sale. And EVERYONE is invited to the new Trees Atlanta headquarters on October 10th for the best tree sale of the decade!



## **DHCA Parents Network**

by Claudia Edwards

The DHCA Parents Network always has something going on! Next is the Annual Halloween Party, October 25, from 4-7 in the Carrolls' backyard (1278 Oxford Rd). It will be potluck again and costumes are encouraged! Last year's party was a huge success, and we look forward to a larger crowd this year. More details will follow in an evite. If you are not a Parents Network member and would like to be added, please email communication@druidhillsparents.org for our updates and more information.

If you are interested in having a park/playground in Druid Hills for families, please email communication@druidhillsparents.org so we can get you involved in this effort. We would love your help and ideas.

We have a few new activities and plans for the Parents Network this fall. Stay tuned!

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## Druid Hills Neighborhood Yard Sale

Saturday, September 26 9 am-2 pm (Register Now)

Back by popular demand, our neighborhood yard sale! An easy way to get rid of your unwanted stuff and keep all the money you make from your sales. No fuss, no hassle! The Druid Hills Civic Association will advertise the sale in *The Atlanta Journal Constitution* and the surrounding neighborhood. Plus, a yard sale sign will be provided for your yard. All you have to do is drag your stuff to your front yard and start selling!

The American Kidney Fund will have trucks in the neighborhood picking up items you want to leave on the curb at the end of yard sale day. What a deal! You make money and don't have to take anything back into the house at the end of the day. The DHCA will also have a map on the DHCA website, locating all participating houses. Registration cost is only \$25.00.

Two Simple steps:

- 1. Register online at www.druidhills.org by using PayPal or download a registration form to mail to the DHCA.
- 2. Start getting your sale items ready!

## DHCA Parents Network Halloween Party

October 25, 4 pm-7 pm

The Carrolls' Backyard on Oxford Road

Potluck and costumes are encouraged!

Meet neighbors, enjoy the kid activities and have fun!

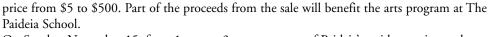
\*Make sure you are a DHCA member to receive the evite. Email *communication@druidhillsparents.org* with any questions.

# The Paideia School's 27th Annual Art Visions in New Venue on Campus

The artist market opens to the public Saturday, November 14, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday, November 15, 12 - 5 p.m.

Our fine art, craft, and jewelry sale will commence for a second time in our new and expanded space. This space allows us to display more local and regional artists and showcase more of their work. The extended venue had our show organizers spending the earlier part of the year searching the state to encourage new artists to join our show's eclectic and visionary array of artists.

This year's show will feature more than 6,000 original works of art for sale, including paintings, sculpture, photography, ceramics, textiles, jewelry, and folk art. Approximately 100 of Georgia's finest artists will be represented this year, with artwork ranging in



On Sunday, November 15, from 1p.m. to 3 p.m., a group of Paideia's resident artists and parents will lead free "drop-in" art workshops for children pre-school through elementary age, where children can choose from a variety of different crafts. As their children are immersed in art projects, parents can get a jump start on their holiday shopping, avoid the mall, and know their children are safe and having fun.

The Paideia School is located at 1509 Ponce de Leon Avenue, between Oakdale and Fairview Roads in the historic Druid Hills neighborhood near Emory University. Admission and parking are free! For more information and directions, please visit www.paideiaschool.org

## Fernbank Elementary Fall Festival

Fernbank Elementary School's Fall Festival will be on October 24 from 12 pm on the field at Fernbank School. This is an event for the whole community with rides, activities, food and fun for the whole family. All ticket sales go to benefit the Art and Science program at Fernbank Elementary.

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## In Bloom Landscaping Adopts Lullwater Roundabout

By Thomas Winn and Bill Gryboski

Wednesday, August 19, at 7:15 AM began a new era for the appearance of the Lullwater Roundabout as an army of 20 workers attacked the foot high weeds growing in the landscape areas! After years of sporadic maintenance, it is with great pleasure and high expectations that we announce In Bloom Landscaping, Inc. of Decatur, GA, with the support of the DHCA, has agreed to adopt this critical gateway to Druid Hills and Emory Village. In Bloom is providing this maintenance free as a public service to the neighborhood, and the DHCA will pay for the plants and materials. Over the next few months, In Bloom plans to install seasonal flowers and new pine straw, and continue to weed and prune. Welcome In Bloom!



#### **Recommended Services**

I would like to recommend Peter Dawkins to the Druid Hills neighborhood. I met Peter when we were both working at Emory University Hospital. He was with the maintenance department, working as a master electrician.

Peter has been coming to fix my electrical problems for the past 6 years. He is professional, answers my questions so I can understand, and then fixes the problem.

He is licensed, insured, and bonded and installs and repairs all electrical products. He can be reached at 404 933 3280.

Thanks, Sharon Sleeper

#### Let Us Know!

The post office is changing its bulk mailing software, which may cause problems. If your home is not receiving the Druid Hills News in the future, please contact us.

#### Sign up for complimentary E-Alerts for news, events, neighborhood updates, and more, at elert@druidhills.org.

Here is how to sign up for E-Alerts – the civic association's current means of keeping you up to date about current and impending events in Druid Hills.

The elert system replaces the paper notices you used to get in or on your mailbox. It is less expensive and more efficient.

- 1. Go to our website, www.druidhills.org
- 2. Click the "sign up today" button & complete the form.
- 3. Click "subscribe" button. There, you've done it!

#### Subscribing to the *Druid Hills News*

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

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 entititled 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.

As of August 3, Emory will no longer sponsor a recycling site at the Emory Village CVS. Recyclables may be taken to Whole Foods on Briarcliff, DeKalb County fire stations and libraries, and DeKalb Farmers Market.

To join the County curbside recycling program, call 404-294-2900 or visit www.co.dekalb.gov.us

## Druid Hills News deadlines

The deadlines for the winter issue are: Advertising— October 1 Copy— October 8

Publication will be in mid-December

### HELP WANTED

Two Druid Hills Civic Association Committees need volunteers!

#### Community and Lifestyle

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

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

#### Membership

- Welcome new DH residents
- Assist with administrative tasks
- Create new opportunities for residents to join DHCA To volunteer, please contact Thomas Winn at tw1042@bellsouth.net

The DHCA is also looking for a **Coordinator.** To volunteer, please contact Elliott Kyle at 770-481-1960 or email adminvp@druidhills.org.

## Get the Most Out of Your **Advertising Dollars**

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Your Letters Are Welcome

## **DHCA Board Briefs**

Complete Board minutes will be available at www.druidhills.org

#### June

#### by Ken Gibson

Kathy Gannon (Superdistrict 6) & Jeff Rader (District 2), our county commissioners representing the Druid Hills neighborhood, were present to explain the proposed alcohol ordinance. The presentation concluded with the statement that the commissioners have the authority under an existing ordinance to regulate any establishment open after 12:30 AM or with a dance floor and music by issuing discretionary permits. Voting for the new ordinance draft is deferred to the July 14 meeting and needs 4 or more votes to enact change.

#### <u>Discussion</u>

The position of the DHCA is not to limit the number of restaurants, but just to control their locations on edge next to residences outside the mixed-use overlay.

Dick Shuey reminded those present that there was much we could all agree on and suggested that we all agree that we want Emory Village developed, that most do not want late night establishments, that some want a buffer between restaurants and existing homes while others don't care, and that the proposed buffer is not going to delay development of Emory Village. There was uniform agreement to this summary and no vocal or visible opposition to his statements.

#### <u>Business</u>

Funding for Parks: The DHCA gave OLPA \$10K for 10 years, a total of \$100K. A motion was approved for the DHCA to continue supporting the Olmsted Linear Parks on a year by year basis. with a \$5K contribution this year for maintenance of the parks. A second motion was approved to continue supporting the Lullwater Garden Club with a \$500 contribution this year. The club is a 501(c)(3) organization and is requesting support for development of the southern part of park.

#### **Division Reports**

#### Division 4:

- Six of nine trees marked by the County for removal may be safe with remediation, according to an arborist retained by the Civic Association for a second opinion. Further study is needed. A motion was supported 12/3 to appropriate \$500 for further analysis of three of the condemned trees under the condition that the County will defer to our arborist's conclusion.
- Jeff Rader said there is a tree fund in DeKalb County. Trees were planted at Lions Gate on Lullwater.
- Division 4 has approval for resident-only parking for Oxford Rd. from Emory, across North Decatur, to the Byway. Each street sets its own time for restricted parking, from 8 am through 3 pm, Monday through Friday. All parked cars need to have a decal or hang tag.
- It was noted that Dorothy Dobbs died, one of oldest residents of DH, who lived on the Byway.

• The new Emory site plan for a sidewalk & bike path between Haygood and the RR includes 32 trees. However, funding is uncertain.

#### Division 9:

• The new Chelsea Heights Design Guidelines were used to prevent a massive renovation. A conference with HPC resulted in a revision of the plan. We need to communicate the existence of the historic district. Street signs no longer are topped with historic district markers.

#### Revisitation of the New Proposed Alcohol Ordinance

There was general agreement to support Kathy Gannon's proposed ordinance with a 50 foot buffer + 7 foot building set back if the buffer is measured from the building line rather than the doorway.

#### July

#### by Cathy Vandenberg

DeKalb Roads and Drainage will allow time to assess trees marked for removal by the County arborist. If neighbors with trees marked for removal don't want the trees saved. the DHCA will honor that wish.

Spence Rosenfeld with Arborguard and Sean Riggin suggested a Tree Planting program using the Tree Watch Program and have identified Oakdale Road as a target area, between Ponce de Leon and North Decatur Road. They have identified 100 possible tree locations and hope 40 neighbors will agree to host new trees in their yards. Trees Atlanta has pledged its support. November 7 is the tentative date.

The older trees have outgrown their space-- 80 years is the maximum healthy life span--and root flares are compromised.

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## President's Column

#### by Dick Shuey

It has been encouraging during the last three or four months to see the beginning of a coming-together of different groups in our neighborhood. Paying more attention to what unites us than what divides us has allowed us to concentrate our time and talent on several areas of common interest. Examples include tree canopy preservation and replenishment, revitalization of Emory Village, tackling parking problems on our residential streets, and improving the appearance of the N. Decatur Road/Lullwater roundabout. These are but a few of the recent DHCA activities and priorities, but they illustrate how the board works effectively with association members and non-members, alike, to further the interests of the neighborhood as a whole. We have also learned, sometimes to our surprise, that the ultimate goals of "opposing" groups are oftentimes essentially the same.

This is probably true of Druid Hills' emphasis on historic preservation, as well. One of the objectives of the Civic Association is "to preserve and enhance the historical heritage of Druid Hills and to maintain its unique residential character for future generations." In fact, many of us chose to live here because of that historical heritage and unique residential character. Nevertheless, some Druid Hills residents are put off by City of Atlanta and DeKalb County building and remodeling guidelines that were designed to achieve the same objective.

Recently I received an e-mail advising of a letter that "the HP committee is sending out to realtors handling property in Druid Hills. This would go on DHCA stationery as have previous letters . . . the original draft . . . has been reviewed by both county and city subcommittees . . . . " This raised a couple of questions in my mind. The letter to realtors had an officious or ministerial tone, leading me to believe that it was written by the County Historic Planning Commission (HPC) and/or Atlanta Urban Design Commission (AUDC). The mentioning of the county and city subcommittees, however, referred to subcommittees of the Civic Association's Land Use and Historic Preservation Committee, so it was actually a legitimate subject for a DHCA letter if the board approved of sending such a

A letter to realtors would fall in the "inform and assist" category, which I believe is the proper role of the DHCA with regard to historic preservation matters. Application of historic preservation guidelines, granting Certificates of Appropriateness (COAs), and enforcement are within the purview of the County HPC and the AUDC. The DHCA's role and its relationship with the commissions, especially with the HPC, are not clearly understood by everyone in the neighborhood. There are neighbors, especially the newer residents, who attribute to the DHCA any negative experiences they or their friends have had with the HPC, or what they have been told that the HPC would do in a particular situation. Every controversial decision, every questionable guideline, every inconsistency in rulings, rules and procedures seems to be blamed on the DHCA. Unfortunately, although we do not necessarily endorse all of its actions, the DHCA has gained the undeserved reputation of working in collusion with the HPC against the neighbors.

Actually, an important function of the subcommittees is "to give consultation to applicants on ways to achieve compliance" with the guidelines. I have been advised that over 80% of COA applications to the HPC are approved at the first hearing, and a total of 98% are eventually approved. I have asked for publication of a "score card" to give readers the actual numbers. It is understood, however, that despite the success rate, some applicants are simply put off by having to go through the process. I do not suggest that the DHCA should distance itself from the HPC or the AUDC, but I do believe that our relative roles should be clearly delineated and communicated. We need to dispel the notion that the DHCA is in the enforcement business. The DHCA is not a homeowners' association with contractual and statutory authority to enforce rules against residents. We can "inform and assist," but we cannot presume to tell neighbors (or real estate agents) what they may or may not do.

That said, the proposed letter to realtors is a good idea, and I am continuing to work with the subcommittees to ensure that it includes the reason why we want home buyers to know in advance about the Historic and Landmark Districts. It is not about enforcement of the guidelines, which is a function of the County and City governments; it is about protection of unwary home buyers who are our future neighbors.

## Lullwater Conservation Garden Renovations and Clean-up

The Lullwater Conservation Garden – located between Lullwater Road and Lullwater Parkway – continues its renovation efforts with a series of projects.

Please come and play in the dirt with us. We so appreciate your financial support and your time as we continue to improve this green space.

#### 2009 Community Work Day Schedule

Saturday, September 19, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM Saturday, October 3, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM Saturday, October 24, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM Saturday, November 14, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

People - We need people to manage the day laborers Equipment – We need garden rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows

We will be pulling out invasive plants, spreading mulch and removing debris.

#### Repairing the Wall



An automobile accident over the 4th of July weekend demolished part of the 100-year-old stone wall at the entrance to the garden. We will be moving forward with repairing that structure this fall.

#### Renovating the Bridge



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## Greenscapes:

## New Book on the Life of John Charles Olmsted

By J.J. Williams

In Druid Hills, Frederick Law Olmsted gets most of the glory, despite the fact that his sons, Fred, Jr. and John Charles, implemented their father's plans for the Olmsted Linear Park and Historic Druid Hills. Now a new book, Greenscapes: Olmsted's Pacific Northwest by Joan Hockaday (WSU Press, 2909) documents the life of John Charles Olmsted and his work in Washington, Oregon, and Canada.

John Charles was not actually FLO's son, but his stepson. He was the son of John Hull Olmsted, FLO's older brother. When John Charles' father died at John's age of five, he and his siblings were raised by FLO. John Charles studied landscape architecture with his stepfather at the Olmsted Firm's headquarters in Brookline, Massachussets. John Charles helped found and served as the first president of the American Society of Landscape Architects.

When he was 50, John Charles traveled to the Pacific Northwest to oversee his various landscape projects, and to procure new ones. He was astounded by the natural beauty of the area, including Mt. Hood, the Columbia River, and Hayden Lake, and incorporated views of the splendors of Mother Nature into his designs.

Greenscapes details all of the projects accomplished by J.C. Olmsted in the Pacific Northwest and is rich with illustrations and photographs of his work. In Portland, Oregon, Olmsted worked on the Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition, the University of Oregon at Eugene, and the Portland Cemetery, amongst other projects. In addition, he worked on landscape projects for private individuals, and he planned parks and parkways, including the Mt. Hood Park. In the spirit of Druid Hills, Olmsted also designed four subdivisions in Oregon and eight in Washington, and the grounds of the capitol in Washington State. In Seattle, Olmsted designed Volunteer Park, which had a huge positive influence on the entire city. In referring to Seattle, John Charles wrote in 1903: "Seattle possesses extraordinary landscape advantages in having a great abundance and variety of water views and views of wooded hills and distant mountains and snow-capped peaks. I do not know of any place where the natural advantages for parks are better than here....[and] in time [will be] one of the things that will make Seattle known all over the world."

Olmsted also designed at least 37 parks in Washington State, many private commissions, the grounds of the Seattle Public Library, and the grounds of the State University of Washington. He designed the plan for the Alaska-Union Pacific Exposition and many parks, residential landscapes, and public grounds and university plans in Spokane. Olmsted ventured as far as the islands off the Pacific coast, and into Victoria, BC, Canada.

Each of Olmsted's designs shows both his own ideas and innovations and adherence to the Olmstedian principles seen in FLO's work. In his western designs, John Charles finally emerged in triumph from the shadow of his famous stepfather, and came into his own as a landscape architect.

This handsome book, with both color and black and white photos, fills in many of the blanks in the Olmsted family story. It carefully documents how the art of landscape architecture was carried on by FLO's step-son in an entirely new venue---the Pacific Northwest---and shows how the Olmsted principles of design could be adapted to new terrain and views. It also explains why the area is so richly blessed with landscaped natural areas, subdivisions with meandering lanes, and beautiful parks---all the legacy of John Charles.

The book is a must for any Olmsted devotee. It costs \$29.95, is published in a sturdy oversized paperback format, and is available from the Washington State University Press in Pullman, Washington, or may be ordered from local booksellers.

#### Georgia's Trees Need Extra Attention in Order to Thrive Post-Drought

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division recently declared an end to the drought affecting forty percent of our region since 2007. Rainfall levels this spring are at the highest in 115 years. While Georgia's lakes, rivers and streams are recharged and returning to normal levels, trees and shrubs may take months or years to recover from the drought.

Trees and most plants require water for many primary functions of their existence – photosynthesis, cell expansion, nutrient uptake, chemical reactions, etc – and suffer when water is limited. Even when water becomes available to trees, it is possible that significant signs of the previous years' stress will continue to appear. Trees have been forced to use precious carbohydrate reserves to stay alive during the dry summers when sugars couldn't be produced through photosynthesis. Doing so year after year places trees in a weakened, compromised state. Trees have less ability to defend themselves against insects and diseases when they are fragile. They may also become structurally unstable and hazardous as heavy rains and accompanying winds pass through our region.

"With the drought officially over, people may be inclined to lower the priority they place on the care of their trees and shrubs. However, many plants will continue to feel the effects of the drought and homeowners need to maintain their awareness to the same level as before, keeping a lookout for signs of disease, infestation or other decline," said Stephen Johnston, Vice President and Division Manager of Bartlett Tree Experts. "Regular preventative care by a certified arborist will keep trees healthy and better prepared to survive the next drought."

"It is important that home and business owners care for trees of all ages in a consistent manner to ensure their longevity," said Trees Atlanta Executive Director, Marcia Bansley. She recommends having your trees evaluated regularly by a certified arborist. "Trees increase our property value by \$2,000 on average, so including them in your home improvement budget makes good economic sense," she concluded.

It is also important to monitor the health of your trees and provide them with the best possible growing conditions to recover post-drought. The best way to do this is through proper irrigation, mulching, soil nutrient management, pruning, and pest management. Trees require, on average, ten gallons of water per caliper inch (trunk diameter) per week to establish and approximately one inch of water per week during growing seasons thereafter. Mulch consists of natural materials like hardwood chips, pinestraw or other organic matter. It should be applied 2-3 inches thick around the roots of the tree out to the tips of the branches. Mulch should not be applied within three inches of the tree trunk. Soil nutrient management is not a one size fits all process. Your local County Extension Service can analyze your soil and identify which nutrients are missing. Once identified, appropriate slow-release fertilizer may be applied around your tree when rainfall is adequate. Commercially available soil amendments that introduce beneficial fungi and help retain moisture are also available. Pruning is the removal of dead or dying limbs that may harbor insects or disease. Proper technique is key, so that trimming your tree does not do more harm than good. Finally, watching your tree for any insect or disease infestation and addressing this attack is essential for optimum tree health.

Trees in the urban forest help us manage rainfall no matter what the conditions. They maximize use of rainfall during drought and reduce water flow into our waterways and municipal storm water systems during downpours. Come drought or high water, Georgia's trees are worth protecting. Contact the Georgia Urban Forest Council, Georgia Arborist Association and Trees Atlanta to learn more about how you can help protect and improve Georgia's treasure—its trees.

The Georgia Urban Forest Council works to sustain Georgia's green legacy by helping communities grow healthy trees. For more information about GUFC, visit www.gufc.org.

Trees Atlanta is a nationally recognized citizens group that protects and improves Atlanta's urban forest by planting, conserving and educating. For more information about the Trees Atlanta, visit www.treesatlanta.org.

The Georgia Arborist Association brings together tree care professionals and enthusiasts for the betterment and protection of Georgia's trees. For more information about GAA, visit www.georgiaarborist.net.

# **Druid Hills High School Class of 1969**

#### By Jennifer J. Richardson

The Druid Hills High School Class of 1969 held their 40th reunion over the weekend of July 24 and 25. The class, which was the largest ever to graduate from Druid Hills High, had good attendance at the event, despite the fact that 1969's graduates have scattered all over the United States, South America and Europe.

An informal cocktail party was held at the Emory Conference Center on Friday night where friends gathered to share news, photos, and memories and get re-acquainted after four decades. On Saturday, some students played rounds of golf at the Evergreen Conference Center at Stone Mountain. The main event was a cocktail reception and formal dinner at the Druid Hills Golf Club Ballroom on Saturday night, attended by 170 class members, spouses and teachers. Teachers attending included Coach Roger Couch, (one couple met in his study hall and have been together 43 years, including 40 years of marriage), Mr. John Hampton, who made math attainable, even for the most mathematically challenged, and Mr. Robert Morgan, who not only inspired generations of students, but also remembers all their names and circumstances.

The reunion committee, led by Betty Davis Kinnett, worked for more than four months to make sure every detail of the event was perfect....and it was. Ensuring the success of the reunion, the banquet staff and servers of the Druid Hills Club provided a festive dinner and excellent service to the class of '69.

Some of 1969's class members stayed in the immediate Druid Hills or Decatur areas. Others moved out to Atlanta suburbs such as Snellville, Marietta, and Alpharetta. Still others ended up all over the USA in Vermont, California, and New Jersey. Two class members reside in England and Belgium. The class member now living in Belgium made the trip all the way from Brussels to attend the reunion.

Though many students in the class had no children, others made up for it! Some class members had five children; many had grandchildren, including one class member with 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild, and many had been married for 30 years or more (to the same spouse).

Interesting professions from the class of 1969 included college professors, dentists, physicians, a psychotherapist, a judge, several attorneys, a jewelry designer, several professional musicians, a meat cutter, several ministers, teachers, nurses, and writers, a conservative activist, a "musical guru and historian," an antiquarian book dealer, and a high school coach. Adult interests of the class ranged from "turtle keeping" to "exotic animals and birds" to "the seventeenth century" and the usual sports, gardening, athletics, music, raising children and "loving my grandkids."

It's hard to believe that 40 years have passed since that June evening (ironically, 6-9-69) at Adam's Stadium when then Superintendent of DeKalb Schools Jim Cherry handed out high school diplomas and boasted that "nearly 100% of the class of 1969 will go on to college." Some did go, and didn't finish; some finished; and some attained advanced or professional degrees. Lives, interests, locations, and professions have diverged, but on two July days in 2009, the class of 1969 was together again—just like the old days.



## **School News**

by Susan Merritt-Jordan

An anonymous alumnus football benefactor is treating up to 600 fellow alumni of Druid Hills High School to supper at Alumni Night, October 2, at Adams Stadium. There will be tents, tables, music, and catered food, and alumni classes represented at the event will be recognized at half time. "We are on track to have the best season that Druid Hills has had in a long time," says Head Football Coach Brett "Kip" Hall. RSVP to brett\_k\_hall@fc.dekalb.k12.ga.us.

DHHS began the new school year with renovations completed on the second floor of the main building, the media center, and the technology suite. Mindee Adamson, the new principal and former assistant principal for instruction, states that work continues in the gymnasium area, the Uhry Theater, and the new building, with these areas expected to open over the next few months. As those areas open, renovations will resume in the main building.

Atlanta Public Schools' new Springdale Park Elementary opened for the new school year on the Ponce de Leon site vacated by the Howard School and renovated to achieve silver level LEED certification for green building standards.

The Paideia School over the summer was awarded the gold level LEED certification it had been seeking for the new junior high building that opened last year.

For more information about our neighborhood schools, visit their websites, listed below:

Briar Vista Elementary School: www.dekalb.k12.ga.us/briarvista
Mary Lin Elementary School: www.marylinelementary.com
Paideia School: www.paideiaschool.org
Ben Franklin Academy: www.benfranklinacademy.org
Druid Hills High School: www.dekalb.k12.ga.us/druidhills
Fernbank Elementary School: www.dekalb.k12.ga.us/fernbank
Shamrock Middle School: www.dekalb.k12.ga.us/shamrock

Springdale Park Elementary School: srt3.atlantapublicschools.us/springdale

## **Emory LaVista Parent Council**

#### By Donna Toulme

Emory LaVista Parent Council (ELPC) represents 17 member schools in the Druid Hills High School and Lakeside High School cluster. This year we welcome Coralwood School as a special addition to our existing high, middle and elementary schools. Coralwood School serves children between the ages of three and six, 50% of whom have special needs. Coralwood children typically matriculate to our cluster of schools.

After serving ELPC as an officer for six years, Faye Andresen has stepped down as president. Our new co-presidents are Sally Harrell and Marshall Orson. Our other officers are: Nancy Moore-Vice President, Donna Toulme-Corresponding Secretary and Greg Studdard-Community Relations. Marshall, Nancy, Donna and Greg's children are all in, or have attended, Fernbank Elementary which has been educating the children of Druid Hills for more than 50 years.

Please see our schedule below for our upcoming meetings which serve as an excellent source of information and communication for educational issues facing our children and our community.

All meetings on Wednesday morning with refreshments at 8:45 and the meeting begins 9:15.

DATE	TOPIC	LOCATION
9/16	Dr. Lewis/State of the System	Briar Vista ES
10/21	DCSS: How to Effect Change	McLendon ES
11/18	Your School: How to Effect Change	Henderson Middle
1/20	TBA	Evansdale ES
2/17	TBA	Pleasantdale ES
3/17	TBA	Fernbank ES
4/21	TBA	Coralwood School

Visit our web page for more information or to join our email list: www.emory-lavista.org

## Fernbank Bird Walks

Several bird walks will be conducted on Saturdays in Fernbank Forest this fall. If you have an interest in birds, the walks are a great way to see and learn about them in a wonderful old-growth forest setting. The walks are led by experienced biologists from Fernbank Science Center and begin in the parking lot at 8:00 a.m. They will last until approximately 10:30 a.m. (you may leave at any time). Please bring your own binoculars. Checklists will be provided.

Dates for Fall 2009: September 26 & October 10





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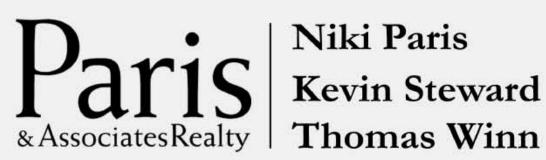
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Kelsey Mase, a 2008 Druid Hills High School graduate, will be competing in the Nation's Triathlon in Washington D.C. on September 13, 2009 on behalf of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. After the triathlon, she is challenging herself with another event, the Atlanta Half-Marathon on Thanksgiving Day, again through the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

She is doing this **in memory of her uncle**, **John Garrison**, a 1977 DHHS graduate who passed away this past December after a battle with Multiple Myeloma. In the half-marathon she will be running 13.1 miles in honor and memory of cancer heroes everywhere. She is raising funds to help stop blood cancers such as leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's lymphoma, and myeloma from affecting so many people's lives.

#### Please visit her website

http://pages.teamintraining.org/ga/atlh09/kelseymase or mail a check payable to LLS to 1306 Harvard Road, Atlanta GA 30306 to offer your support!



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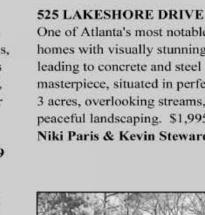
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#### 1270 BRIARDALE LANE

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#### 1274 OAKDALE ROAD

Light-filled 1929 hard-coat stucco home with 3BRs, 2BAs, desirable location on quiet end of Oakdale Road, renovated kitchen, gracious living room with granite fireplace surround and adjacent sun-room, well-designed lot, Fernbank Elementary school. \$525,000

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#### 1350 BRIARCLIFF ROAD

This spacious 2-story Dutch colonial home is move-in ready with updated kitchen, owner's suite with 2 in-bedroom closets and dressing room off bathroom, all new hardwoods on main level, freshly painted, traditional charm will delight upon entry. \$495,000

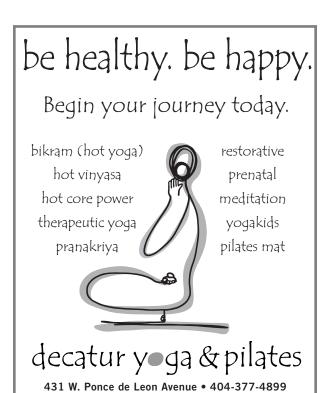
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#### 435 PAGE AVENUE

Enjoy 30307 lifestyle in this classic 3BR/2BA Candler Park bungalow, walk to neighborhood shops, eateries, grocery and park, private master bath with stand-up shower, remodeled kitchen with adjacent breakfast room, guest bath features tumbled stone tile, jacuzzi tub, and beadboard wainscoting, attractive, landscaped yard. \$459,000.

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## Check Out Our Home Page!

Need a web address for a local school or nearby neighborhood organization? What's this about a security patrol here in Druid Hills? Can't remember when your library books are due or want to renew them? All this and a lot more can be found on the Druid Hills Civic Association's website, www.druidhills.org.

Do you know who to contact about problems in your area? Your division chair. Not sure who that is, how to contact, or even what division you're in? There's a map of division boundaries (we have nine divisions) and a list of all DHCA officers, chairs, and committee chairs, with contact information. You can read back issues of *The Druid Hills News*, board meeting minutes, a history of Druid Hills, or a Calendar of Events, which lists board meeting times and dates (all are welcome) and special events, such as the September Yard Sale and the October Halloween party for members of the Parents Network. The Network also has its own link, with information and how to join.

Every year, as the Tour of Homes approaches, that link opens with information on tickets, homes on the tour, directions and a map, a sponsor list, and a link for volunteering. The Artist Market link opens then, as well, with general and artist information and its sponsor list. (The DHCA encourages all to patronize these sponsors who make this spring event possible.)

The Historic Preservation link provides information for both City of Atlanta and DeKalb County residents. This includes how to obtain a COA (Certificate of Appropriateness) and what requires one, as well as a helpline to a review committee which will work with homeowners and guide them through the process, if needed.

Among the non-profits, under Neighborhood Overview, are links to Clifton Community Transportation Management Association (including Cliff shuttles information), AIEV (Alliance to Improve Emory Village), Trees Atlanta, Olmsted Linear Parks Alliance (OLPA), and the DeKalb History Center.

And if you haven't signed up for E-Alerts, the simple process is here. Although the latest E-Alert can be seen, receiving them all in real time on your computer guarantees you are aware of current happenings important to the neighborhood, such as crime alerts.

Other links to consider are web addresses for our DeKalb commissioners and Atlanta council member, watershed issues, Fernbank Museum and Fernbank Science Center, Emory University, the Carlos Museum, and the DeKalb library system. The library site can be used to renew books, place holds, or otherwise access your account. It also lists public events (author talks, musical performances, children's programs, etc.)

All this exists to bring helpful information to Druid Hills residents, no matter what their interests or needs. The site continues to grow, so check in now and then and take advantage of all the DHCA website has to offer. While you are at it, become a member of the Druid Hills Civic Association. There's a link for that, too.

#### Board Briefs...continued from page 3

Replacement trees will be planted 7 feet past the sidewalk on private property rather than in the street space, so neighbors must agree. In 2001, the Tree Watch Program planted 350 trees on Fairview, Oxford, Oakdale, Ridgewood, and Harvard roads. Trees Atlanta sold trees for \$50. Today, those trees will cost \$75, still a big discount. The issue is how to replenish the tree canopy.

A street tree survey count (inventory and management) was proposed, as was application for a Georgia Forestry

grant to do the survey. Application deadline is May. Miles Hall and Amy Durrell will be asked to send the letters to homeowners and lead the effort on their respective blocks of Oakdale. Ron Foust volunteered to be on the Tree Watch Committee..

#### Alcohol ordinance

The revision passed unanimously with the 50-foot buffer.

#### Emory Village

Dick Shuey and Cathy Vandenberg attended a meeting with Jeff Rader, Kathie Gannon, the head of the DeKalb Planning Department, Davis Fox, Stuart Meddin, Jan Saperstein, and the owner of the SABA and Domino's Pizza buildings to discuss implementation of the mixed-use zoning overlay for Emory Village. They also discussed the BP site and its application for a COA to demolish the gas station.

#### <u>Division Reports</u>

Division 1:

• Springdale Park Elementary will be opening in August.

Division 2:

• Division has a website. The options are crime-watch, classifieds, and discussion. Division 3:

• Multiple trees fell down in the Stillwood Road area.

Division 4:

 Resident parking only signs are slated to go up on Oxford Road from Emory north of North Decatur Rd. to the Byway.

Division 5:

• The Alcohol Ordinance is the big news-Also power is going out all the time.

Division 6:

• In Edmund Park off E. Rock Springs Road 15 people have signed up for the Druid Hills Patrol.

Division 7:
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• From Cornell to Oxford, the twittens/bywalks are being paved/repaired by DeKalb County.

Division 8:

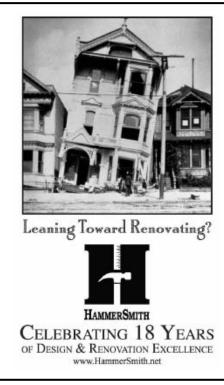
• Emory is taking down 6 houses on Haygood/Ridgewood. The Druid Hills High School construction continues.

Division 9:

• Multiple trees have come down on E. Clifton.

#### Old/New Business

Thomas Winn is the new Membership Chair. We now have 2 vacancies on the Board. Also, Divisions 3 and 8 have only their Division Chairs on the Board. The vacancies could give these divisions more representation.





## A National Register District Identifies; a Local District Protects

What is the difference between a local historic district and a National Register of Historic Places district? While they are two very different programs, they both recognize and protect historic properties. There is no direct correlation between National Register listing and local designation. In Druid Hills there are several National Register districts, as well as two local historic districts.

A National Register district does not restrict the use of property or require property owners to make improvements to their property. It is a federal recognition program. The National Register identifies, based on uniform national criteria and procedures, significant historic properties and districts for general planning purposes. National Register listing does make available specific federal and state tax incentives for preservation purposes. Listing in the National Register does provide a limited degree of protection from the effects of federally assisted undertakings.

A local historic district protects a community's historic properties and areas through a design review process that sets specific design controls. It is a type of zoning that applies to entire neighborhoods and is established by local governments. Historic district zoning can help to improve property values by stabilizing and enhancing the neighborhood's character, and it benefits property owners by protecting them from inappropriate changes by other owners that might destroy the special qualities of the neighborhood.

In order to receive a building permit for work on your property in a local historic district, construction plans must be submitted to your local governing board. A preservation commission, established by an ordinance passed by the local governing board, reviews proposed changes to properties within a local historic district. The organization, operations, and powers of the preservation commission are prescribed by state enabling legislation. The commission meets to review and approve any "material changes" to the exterior of a building, based on conformance to the local design guidelines, to ensure that work on property in districts is appropriate to the special character of that district. When the commission approves the work, a Certificate of Appropriateness is issued to the property owner, so that work may proceed.

An owner of a property that is both locally designated and listed in the National Register, who is seeking federal or state investment tax credits for a rehabilitation, must acquire a local Certificate of Appropriateness and federal or state tax certification through separate applications. Approval for one does not imply or guarantee approval for the other, though in most cases local design review guidelines and federal rehabilitation standards are in concurrence and are mutually reinforcing.

Questions? Contact the State Historic Preservation Division at www.gashpo.org or 404-656-2840; or the Historic Preservation Planner for DeKalb County at www.co.dekalb.ga.us or 404-371-2155; or the Druid Hills Civic Association, www.druidhills.org.

## Saving Seed: Stimulus for Your Flower Garden

By Paula Refi

With the relaxation of watering restrictions this year, gardeners happily purchased new plants to beautify our Druid Hills community. Market analysts report that consumers make more thoughtful purchases in the current economy. It makes me wonder if some homeowners may have overlooked a time-honored garden practice that was common generations ago and makes perfect sense today.

Busy homeowners are not so inclined to fuss with purchased seed, potting mix, sterile containers, and provision for sufficient light to nurture baby plants. But experienced gardeners know that a host of reliable annual flowers actually grow best if seeded directly in the bed. Many species resent transplanting and are rarely sold in nurseries. The only way to enjoy them is to scatter the seed yourself, outdoors. Some of the most beautiful reappear every year in gardens throughout Druid Hills.

Money plant, lunaria, produces two-foot branched spikes of purple or white flowers when the daffodils bloom in spring. The flowers are followed by silvery paper pods that look like coins and give this heirloom its common name. Countless gardeners have arranged vases of dried stems for indoor winter interest. Many years ago, Hebe and Marie Rece, who lived across from us on Durand Drive, tended an entire glade of money plant on the vacant lot next to their home. I still treasure a 30-year-old photo of our young son wading through those flowers.

Jean Wynn cultivates purple money plant in the woodland behind her and Jim's home down the block. Jean considers them "an ecstatic grower." She propagates them by vigorously shaking the dried stalks before laying them on the ground where she wants more plants. Jean's seed originally came from next-door neighbor Ann Cofer, whose own population mysteriously declined. But Ann plans to try again.

Three Southern stalwart self-seeders for spring are larkspur, cornflower, and opium poppy. They are officially categorized as cool season annuals, plants that are best seeded in fall to bloom the following spring. The tiny plantlets survive the winter, then resume growth to blossom in May. The poppies come in a range of colors from pink, through lavender, into red. Singles and doubles occur, too. I like them combined with larkspur's intense blue spikes. Cornflowers, sometimes called bachelor's buttons, follow the same schedule and are sweet companions for any rose. When temperatures rise in June, these springtime treasures cease to flower and turn their energy to seed production.

Summer's warm soil stimulates germination of another indispensible group of self-seeding annuals. Impatiens generously fills every gap in the shaded summer garden. They come in a compatible family of colors: pink, coral, red, and white. Jean Wynn reports that her impatiens went on hiatus during the drought, but happily reappeared with this year's rains. Though prolific, they are shallow-rooted and easy to pull up if they grow where you don't want them.

Wishbone flower, or torenia, and melampodium announce themselves in my garden in mid-summer. Torenia is a short blue and white tubular flower that spans the gap from sun to shade. Pink and rose versions are available as purchased plants, but they rarely re-seed for me. I find torenia volunteers in July, growing at the edges of the garden, in cracks and along paths. Melampodium is much larger. It becomes a sturdy well-branched plant covered in single yellow daisies that last until frost. It can reach 30 inches, so I pull up any that might overwhelm their neighbors. Both torenia and melampodium never flinch in the heat.

Cleome, or spider flower, can run amok in summer. Gardeners love its curious and delicate pink, lavender, and white flowers that float atop three-foot stems. But the bean-like pods contain countless seeds that might overwhelm a bed. Catherine Howett's strategy is to select for the more elegant white-flowered cleome. This means regularly patrolling the garden for errant pink forms. It's a special weeding protocol you won't find described in books.

Cleome proved to be "too thuggish" for Susan Muller's garden. She's been weeding out cleome seedlings for years. She does cultivate a population of self-seeded zinnias that originated from a packet purchased six or seven years ago. Susan planted them in her front yard garden, a delight at the bend in Springdale Road just south of N. Decatur. Today, the offspring zinnias reappear reliably in a gay mix of colors, including singles and doubles that weave agreeably among her established perennials. Amazingly, Susan's zinnias never need staking and grow without the mildew that plagues zinnas in many gardens.

Catherine and John Howett unwittingly carried a treasured Georgia wildflower from their former home in Centerville when they returned to Druid Hills several years ago. Bright yellow Stone Mountain daisy flourishes on granite outcrops, where it blooms at the end of summer and into fall. The daisy was endemic at their Gwinett County property. Seed arrived, unintended, in pots of plants they relocated to their new Ridgewood Road garden near Clifton. Although it's an annual, Stone Mountain daisy produces a woody base and long roots that ensure survival in its harsh native habitat. Catherine reports that it threatens to crowd favorite shrubs and small trees and requires effort to pull up after frost. Nevertheless, she permits the daisy to occupy a controlled space in her front yard garden atop the rise at the Ridgewood Road curve. It makes a glorious swath of gold that beautifies that bend in the road this time of year.

Each of these gardeners follows the same and simple propagation technique. Plants are allowed to mature and set seed. When seed capsules dry, plants are pulled out of the ground and shaken vigorously in the same place or wherever a new patch is desired.

Look for sources of seed from mail order catalogs, neighbors, friends in the Master Gardener community, and in the Farmers and Consumers Market Bulletin, a free publication of the Georgia Department of Agriculture (www.agr.georgia.gov.). If you see a flourishing stand of annuals growing anywhere in Druid Hills, don't hesitate to make a courteous request for a few seeds. The gardeners I know would be delighted to share.



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## **DECEMBER ARTS AT EMORY EVENTS**

Because the *Druid Hills News* is published in mid-December, we are usually unable to note early December events. Locations and websites for events are listed below. Most are free. Mark calendars now.

Schwartz Center for Performing Arts, Emerson Concert Hall, 1700 N. Decatur Rd., Atlanta, 30322, 404-727-5050, boxoffice@emory.edu, www.arts.emory.edu,

Glenn Memorial Auditorium, 1652 N. Decatur Rd. Atlanta, 30322, 404-727-5050, boxoffice@emory.edu, www.arts.emory.edu.

Performing Arts Studio, 1804 N. Decatur Rd., Atlanta, 30322, 404-727-5050, boxoffice@emory.edu, www.arts.emory.edu

Michael C. Carlos Museum, 571 Kilgo Cir., Atlanta, GA 30322, 404-727-5050, boxoffice@emory.edu, www.arts.emory.edu

Emory Visual Arts Gallery, 700 Peavine Creek Drive, Atlanta, GA 30322, mcjohn7@emory.edu, www.arts.emory.edu

#### **MUSIC**

**Emory Jazz Ensemble**, Gary Motley, director, Tues., Dec. 1, 2009, 8 p.m., (Schwartz Center) free. The Emory Jazz Program currently has four jazz chamber groups and an 18-piece big band.

Emory University Symphony Orchestra, Richard Prior, director, Thurs., Dec. 3, 2009, 8 p.m., free. (Schwartz Center) The Emory University Symphony Orchestra presents dynamic and varied performances of repertoire embracing music from the Baroque to the 21st-century.

"Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols," Emory Concert Choir, Emory University Chorus, director Eric Nelson, Fri., Dec. 4, 2009, 8 p.m.; Sat., Dec. 5, 2009, 5 p.m. and 8 p.m., (Glenn Memorial Auditorium) Tickets: \$15; Discount Category Members \$12; Emory Students \$5. The Emory tradition established in 1935 continues with this candlelit evening service of choral music and scripture, with readings by special guests from the community.

**Emory Wind Ensemble**, Scott Stewart, director, Sun., Dec. 6, 2009, 4 p.m., (Schwartz Center) free. The Emory Wind Ensemble is a select ensemble dedicated to the study and performance of literature for wind bands..

Emory World Music Ensemble, Tong Soon Lee, director, Sun., Dec. 6, 2009, 7 p.m., (Performing Arts Studio) free. Formed in Fall 2007 as a part of the world music and ethnomusicology curriculum in the Music Department. This concert features all five of our ensembles performing a range of genres from the North Indian, South Indian, Javanese, Korean, and Chinese musical traditions.

Emory Guitar Ensemble, Brian Luckett, director, Tues., Dec. 8, 2009, 8 p.m. (Performing Arts Studio) free. The Emory Guitar Ensemble is a classical guitar ensemble that studies and performs music for guitar duos, trios and quartets. The repertoire includes music from the Renaissance, Baroque, Classical, Romantic and 20th- and 21st-centuries.

"Ransom Notes," Emory Chamber Music Society of Atlanta Noontime Series, Fri., Dec. 11, 2009, 12 p.m. (Michael C. Carlos Museum)free. "Ransom Notes" with Kate (violin) and William Ransom (piano).

"Seventeenth Annual Atlanta Celtic Christmas Concert," James Flannery, director and host, Fri., Dec.11, 2009–Sat., Dec. 12, 2009, 8 p.m.; Sun., Dec. 13, 2009, 2:30 p.m.(Schwartz Center). Call for pricing. This popular event features the rollicking high spirits and mystical beauty of Celtic and Appalachian music, dance, poetry, song and story.

"Father Christmas' Favorite Chamber Music," Emory Chamber Music Society of Atlanta Family Series, Sun., Dec. 13, 2009, 4 p.m.(Michael C. Carlos Museum) Tickets: \$4 (Museum Family-level and above members receive 4 free tickets). England's Santa Claus gives out holiday treats after the Vega String Quartet performs.

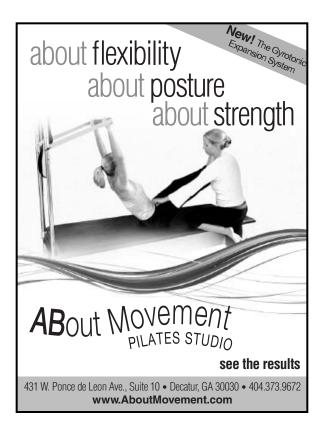
Atlanta Youth Wind Symphony, Scott Stewart, director, Mon., Dec. 14, 2009, 8 p.m. (Schwartz Center) free. The Atlanta Youth Symphony (AYWS) is comprised of a select group of the finest high school wind and percussion instrumentalists in the area and performs the best of traditional and contemporary wind band literature.

#### **DANCE**

Fieldwork Showcase, Sun., Dec. 6, 2009, 5 p.m. (Schwartz Center Dance Studio) \$7. Tickets at the door only. Showcases new works created by community artists in various disciplines.

#### VISUAL ARTS

"Picturing Home: Juried Photography Exhibition," Dec. 3–Jan. 29, 2010, (Emory Visual Arts Gallery) free. Opening reception: Thurs., Dec. 3, 5–7 p.m.; Jurors' talk at 7 p.m. This juried exhibition presents photographic works that investigate "home" in its familiarity and unfamiliarity, its pleasures and discomforts, its communal and personal aspects.





#### **Updates from AIEV**

The Alliance to Improve Emory Village

New restaurants in Emory Village:

- Wonderful World opened August 17 and features both global cuisine and hand-patted burgers and sandwiches, priced \$2.25-\$2.95.
- Octane, a coffee bar next to Everybody's Pizza, features fair trade and organic coffees, teas, pastries, desserts and other light foods. Octane operates another successful coffee bar near Georgia Tech.
- Sprouts Green Café Emory Village is getting a welcome burst of energy, from both its owner and its offerings.

The BP station at the corner of Oxford and North Decatur Road was leveled this month, and the site planted with trees and grass. The DeKalb Historic Preservation Planning Commission on July 20 approved BP's request to demolish the gas station which closed in early July. BP, which apparently is retreating from the Atlanta market, plans to sell the property.

## Alcohol Beverage Code

Update provided by Jeff Rader, District 2 Commissioner

The Board of Commissioners (BOC) formally approved a change to the county code regarding alcohol beverages. The change offers flexibility for businesses in a mixed-use development that wish to serve alcohol. In response to public feedback, the revised code requires a 50-foot buffer between any pre-existing single-family residence and any establishment that wishes to serve alcohol. The new language also specifies this option is available only for those establishments that close their doors by 12:30 a.m. On a related topic, the BOC exercised its new authority, under the late-night ordinance that I authored, to deny a Special Land Use Permit (SLUP) application from a would-be nightclub. Testimony from surrounding neighborhoods documented that they would be adversely impacted by the proposed business.

For more on the alcohol beverage code change: http://www.commissionerrader.com/issues/issue37.html.

For more on the late-night ordinance that I authored: http://www.commissionerrader.com/news/news226.html

## **Burbanck Park Report**

Submitted by Becky Evans

- Contract between Emory and Revival Construction signed in late July
- Permit denied by DeKalb County in late July
- Permit and Stream Buffer Variance re-submitted to County on August 8
- Sign placed at park as required for Stream Buffer Variance
- August 15, 9 11am Successful community workday held to prepare the site for new path and to clean out debris from the site. Thanks to James Johnson and John Wegner from Emory, Perry Mitchell and Mark Goldman, new Co-Chairs of Friends of Burbanck Park, and Wright Marshall of Revival Construction for leading the efforts of 12 volunteers.
- Niles Rado will be doing his Eagle Scout project an extension of the path, at Burbanck
- Sept 12 on Glenn UMC's "Good Neighbor" day, a group from Glenn, led by Sally Sears, will do work in Burbanck Park.

Once permit and Steam Buffer Variance are granted, work will commence and take about 3 weeks. Dedication date of Phase I Development is to be announced.

## Farmers Market at Emory Tuesdays, 2-6 p.m.

In front of Cox Hall (behind hospital)

Locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables

## Camera Bug!

#### By Mary Angela Whyte

How can so much occupy so small a space! That's an initial reaction upon entering Camera Bug in Sage Hill. And, yes, the store is still there, just in a different spot near the back entrance. According to owner Tim Nix, Camera Bug began in 1980 under owner Larry Fruhwirth, who operated it until his death in 2003. Tim, who had worked for Larry, as he says, "off and on for four or five years," bought the store from Larry's partner in 2004, moving it to the current spot in 2006. To add to the store's history, Clyde, who started working with Larry those 30 years ago, is on the job now two-three days a week.

This length of time and service in the community fits well with Tim's genial personality and interest in the personal connection with customers. As he says, mail order purchases are fine, but people need to buy what suits their purpose, and that happy outcome results from consultation. Optics, for example, should be tailored to the user, as even binoculars with the same specs are different. Tim takes customers to the parking lot to try different binoculars "the way they'll use them. Inside a store is no way to compare them!" He adds, "And you don't have to spend a ton of money to get great binoculars. Ask questions! The worst thing you can do is not ask."

For camera stores, film processing used to be the profit maker, but with digital cameras that aspect was unable to support the business. Though still stocking and selling a variety of cameras and any accessory a camera buff could ever want, Camera Bug now boasts not only binoculars but is the largest distributor of telescopes, Meade and Celestron, in the Southeast!

That designation is apparent not only by the array of telescopes of all sizes, but the astronomy books and software to augment their use and the owner's enjoyment. Filters sold for solar telescopes allow the user to see flares and surface detail, like sunspots, on the sun, while white light filters are available to view an eclipse.

Other interesting finds were small microscopes for students and astronomy charts that adjust to the date and time to plot the location of heavenly bodies, or "what's where" at the time. My favorite find was what I thought was a small spyglass but was a green laser for pointing out night sky objects without the usual difficulty. ("Next to that bright star. No, over there. Count left from the Big Dipper. Where's the Dipper?"). Just laser it!

Tim also takes used equipment to sell on consignment or recycle for the owner, often saving parts "that might help someone else someday." That attitude is a reason he's in a small space—to use the money saved to keep services. As he looks around, he adds, "You can tell I never throw away anything!"

Store hours: Monday-Wednesday, 10-6; Friday-Saturday, 10-4.

The following was taken from the Fernbank Science Center web page (fernbank@fernbank.edu). Follow the links to discover astronomy information and also "Take-Home Activities" in the Astronomical Society link where games and kits are for sale under AstroShop.

#### **International Year of Astronomy**

In 2009, the world will celebrate the International Year of Astronomy as it commemorates the 400th anniversary of Galileo's use of a telescope to study the skies, and Kepler's publication of Astronomia Nova. The year 2009 is also the anniversary of many other historic events in science, including Huygen's 1659 publication of Systema Saturnium. This will be modern astronomy's quadricentennial, and the 2009 Year of Astronomy will be an international celebration of numerous astronomical and scientific milestones.

This excerpt was taken from http://astronomy2009.us/

For activities and resources related to the International Year of Astronomy please try the following links:

Night Sky Network – astronomy education resources. This site takes your right to specific activities.

http://nightsky.jpl.nasa.gov/download-search.cfm

Monthly guides for the sky observing are free at http://www.astrosociety.org/iya/guides.html



# CALL FOR ARTISTS!

The 2010 Druid Hills Artist Market

Please vist our website at www.druidhillsartistmarket.org in early fall for updated information and application forms.



## Practical Solutions for Converting an Historic Home into a High Performance Home

Frank A. Wickstead LEED AP, CGP, CGR, CAPS

You might have the desire to increase the efficiency of your home but not at the cost of removing the elements that made you fall in love with your home in the first place. There are several systems and products on the market today that you might consider. The following are a few of my favorites.

Geo thermal heating and air conditioning is an excellent system. It will reduce the cost of comfort in your home over 50%. The only drawback in the past has been the cost. There is currently a 30% uncapped tax credit that brings the price down to earth... no pun. With the tax credit in place the system will cost twice that of a typical HVAC system. All geo thermal systems work with a series of loops that when buried transfer the constant 55 degree temperature of the earth into a comfortable 65-75 thermostatically controlled degrees in your home. Geothermal loops contain either a gas, typically freon, or water. I prefer the gas systems for a number of reasons. They are less expensive systems. They are less complicated systems. They require less maintenance and they are more efficient. The loops for a gas filled system only disturb a 5'x5' area of your yard which should remain "tree free" but can be covered with other vegetation or impervious surface. If you plan to be in your home long-term or are in current need of a system upgrade, consider geothermal. I should also mention that a terrific byproduct of geothermal heat transference is close to free hot water.

Residential greywater systems have come a long way. They have evolved from a Frankenstein-ed collection of devices just a few years ago to the self contained sophisticated but simple systems of today. Greywater can be used for several purposes including toilet water and irrigation. A typical residential greywater system will collect shower and sink water, excluding kitchen sink water, and then pump that water to be reused as toilet water. This reuse will save 30% or 30000 gallons of fresh water in the average home. The system will consist of a reservoir, a filtration system, and a pump. Excess collected water will overflow to the sewer system and municipal water will fill the reservoir when less shower water is created than is needed by toilets. The best all in one residential unit on the market today is made by PACE, Inc. Less sophisticated models have been a maintenance headache requiring a monthly filter change and bleach tablet replacement. PACE, Inc. has added an advanced filtration and cleaning system without dramatically increasing the cost of the unit which is less than \$4000 plus installation, which will vary based on your home. If you have a basement with exposed plumbing, then the installation will be less complicated than other scenarios

Hearing a lot about foam insulation? It is truly an excellent product. In existing homes foam can be installed in the rafters and in the floor system (if there is a basement or crawl space). Foam in the rafters transfers the "building envelope" from the ceiling to the roof. This shift will reduce the air temperature in the attic up to 50 degrees in the heart of the summer. Foam in the attic and the basement is the best but most expensive option. If cooling your home costs more that heating it then apply the foam in the attic. If the reverse is true then apply the foam in the basement. There are two basic types of foam insulation which are open cell and closed cell. Both will seriously outperform fiberglass and lower monthly expenses year round. Not to get too complicated; open cell in an air barrier, closed cell in an air and moisture barrier. Closed cell is a superior product but, in my opinion, is too expensive for the moment. The only time closed cell MUST be used is in the installation of a wine cellar where its moisture blocking properties will stop wood rot caused from condensation. The best open cell foam on the market is Icynene LD-R-50 which has replaced high VOC petroleum based ingredients with castor oil making it very environmentally friendly. Icynene is also the only foam on the market that is inherently fire resistant. Other open cell spray foams require the application of a fire retardant. A proper installation will include removing the fiberglass insulation from the ceiling joists to allow conditioned air to flow into the

Installing these systems will bring your home to the cutting edge of modern residential construction technology while maintaining the integrity of your historic gem. If you have questions or comments about the information offered in this article or anything having to do with residential design and construction please feel free to email me directly at frank@wicksteadworks.com.

## **Druid Hills Civic Association**

Not yet a member of DHCA? Use the form below and join today! Join online at www.druidhills.org/join/memberform.htm

#### DRUID HILLS CIVIC ASSOCIATION—MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Address:			
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Mobile phone:		Fax:	
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## **Druid Hills Discussion Forum**

Please visit our new community discussion forum, open to all Druid Hills residents.

#### http://www.druidhills.org/forum

Current forum topics include:

- General Discussion
- Community Events
- Contractor Recommendations
- Crime Alerts
- Emory Village
- Historic Preservation
- Our Parks
- Parents Network (DHCA Members Only)

Registration is required to post to this forum. Once registered, you will be automatically notified on new postings by clicking the "notify" button on any individual discussion forum.

Please e-mail commvp@druidhills.org with any feedback or issues with the forum.

## Tree Watch







By Mary Angela Whyte

At the 1999 DHCA annual meeting, a presentation by Spence Rosenfeld of ArborGuard got our attention. His slideshow of our endangered and dying street trees was a wake up call. The effect on many of us was that we never looked at those trees the same way again. The immediate effect on a few of us was the formation of Tree Watch, a committee dedicated to preserving our tree canopy.

From a small start, Tree Watch grew. Street by street, neighborhood and Trees Atlanta volunteers, represented by Greg Levine, over the years provided, planted, and mulched more than 300 young trees on homeowners' lawns, originally at a low cost of \$50 per tree. Some homeowners snapped photos of the family with their new tree. Those trees are now beautiful additions to property and well on their way to providing future tree canopy for our streets.

Now, Tree Watch is preparing to plant trees on Oakdale on November 7, with the hope other streets will follow. Amy Durrell, at whose home our fledgling group met to plan the first plantings, is a coordinator again for the Oakdale planting, along with Miles Hall and Sean Riggin. Trees cost a little more, now \$79, but the same effort and lasting result is unchanged.

Although we may not worship our trees as the druids did, we appreciate their many blessings, from cleaning our air, shading our homes, and sheltering our birds to the street canopy that gives Druid Hills a unique beauty not often found in urban neighborhoods.

## **New DHHS Principal** Is a Familiar Face

by Kelly Gray

With over 1,300 high school students to manage and a major construction project to oversee, principal Mindee Adamson hits the ground running once she arrives to her Druid Hills High School (DHHS) campus. While most administrators only oversee instruction, Adamson is overseeing both instruction and construction on her campus.

"Each day is different from the previous day, so I plan for the unexpected," said Adamson. As DHHS embarks in a multi-phase construction effort that will be completed July 2010, the new principal relies on her closest advisors to help resolve the day-to-day challenges that pop up.

Adamson started her career at DHHS 10 years ago as a teacher, when her daughter began schooling at Fernbank Elementary School. Since then, she has been promoted within the school -- first, as assistant principal for instruction and now, to principal. Last month, Adamson's daughter joined her mother at DHHS as a freshman student.

"I'm glad to be here at DHHS and extremely excited for the opportunity," added Adamson. "It's a very tight-knit community and the support that we've received from the neighborhoods and parents is invaluable."

As a first-year principal, Adamson looks forward to making sure her school runs smoothly despite the flying dust and construction noise. She also enjoys solving issues and moving forward. "Whether those issues are in facilities or instruction, it's a wonderful feeling to establish a resolution and move on."

By the time her hectic day is done, Adamson relaxes with an invigorating walk with her Border Collie in her nearby Decatur neighborhood.



## NATALIE GREGORY

## Welcome to Your New Home



224 SENECA STREET, DECATUR

Reminiscent of "Prairie" architecture, this five-bedroom, six-bathroom home is located on a double lot on a quiet street in the sought-after Great Lakes Neighborhood. This well-crafted home offers open interior spaces with builtins, natural woodwork and stone tilework. The gourmet kitchen with handcrafted cabinets has a generous eat-in area and overlooks Waddell Park. Enjoy the views of the park from the large windows or decks off of the kitchen, family room or master bedroom. Terrace level provides a separate entrance for an In-Law suite with kitchen. \$850,000



1687 EAST CLIFTON ROAD, DRUID HILLS

This classic hilltop Tudor is located on a quiet street within walking distance to Emory University. Originally built in 1922, this home has been completely renovated and expanded to offer five bedrooms, two-and-one-half baths, kitchen that opens to a separate family room and upstairs sitting area or play room adjacent to two of the bedrooms. Enjoy the privacy in the tri-level terraced backyard featuring mature lace-leaf Japanese Maple specimens that act as a focal point. Two-car carriage house has an upstairs bonus room with separate entrance ready for the finishing touches. \$725,000 — UNDER CONTRACT



1961 WESTMINSTER WAY, DRUID HILLS

Located in the desirable Emory Grove neighborhood that offers two parks with many amenities, this home was completely renovated in 2008. A welcoming front porch leads you to a beautifully renovated four bedroom, three bathroom home with all of the conveniences of brand new construction. Features include a large dining room with fireplace and gourmet kitchen that opens to a family room with surround sound and a second fireplace. Owner's suite offers a private bathroom with whirlpool tub, large separate shower and walk-in closet. \$559,000



129 SUPERIOR AVENUE, DECATUR

Located in the desirable Great Lakes neighborhood just a short walk from Clairemont Elementary, this circa 1926 three-bedroom, two-bath classic brick bungalow home offers abundant light and spacious rooms. Period details include high ceilings, solid two-panel doors, extensive moldings, beautiful hardwood floors throughout and original butler's pantry. Kitchen opens to a den which leads to a secluded garden. Upstairs owner's retreat offers a sitting area, large walk-in closet and spa-like bathroom. Sunroom on the front provides a great spot for relaxing. \$535,000



1930 DYSON DRIVE, DRUID HILLS

Located on a lovely corner lot on a quiet street, this three-bedroom, two-bathroom brick bungalow is full of charm. Character abounds in the spacious living room, light-filled library and large sunroom. The updated kitchen features granite countertops and fresh paint with entrance to a brick patio for easy entertaining. Upstairs features a large bedroom with private bath. Special features include new hardwood floors, built-in book shelves, skylights, renovated bathrooms, new heating and air and large corner lot. Ideally sited within walking distance to Fernbank Elementary, Emory University, and CDC. \$379,000



1610 PROVIDENCE PLACE, TOCO HILL

Providence Place is located in the popular Druid Hills and Toco Hills area, within walking distance to shops, restaurants, entertainment and a short drive to Emory and CDC. This executive townhome is sited in a quiet location with views of the pool and lush landscaping. Home offers three-bedrooms, three-and-a-half bathrooms and an attached garage with room for storage. The open floor plan features kitchen with views to the living room with fireplace and a rear private deck. Spacious owner's suite features a spa-like bathroom with garden tub, separate shower, double vanities and walk-in closet. \$310,000



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