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### Join DHCA & Partners for these April events!

**SATURDAY EVENING, APRIL 20, 5-9pm**

### COCA-COLA "CLEAN UP THE CREEK" CONCERT

Local favorite, The Sundogs, will be headlining this year's FREE Coca-Cola "Clean Up the Creek" Concert on the lawn in Emory Village. Brought to you by Emory Village Alliance.



**WEDNESDAY EVENING, APRIL 24**

### DRUID HILLS GALA AT CALLANWOLDE

Join us this year for another great party at the Callanwolde mansion. Joe Gransden will be back, and so will all of the great food, drinks, and fun people. Grab your tickets and book your sitter now!



**FRIDAY, APRIL 26 - SUNDAY, APRIL 28**

### HISTORIC DRUID HILLS HOME & GARDEN TOUR



### CHILDREN'S & GREENSPACE EVENTS

During this year's Habitat Helpers, children will be helping us create a new butterfly habitat in the Lullwater Conservation Garden! We will also be hosting a make-your-own garden fairy event, using natural elements found in LCG. You'll also learn more about how you can get involved in our "Eyes on the Creek" water sampling project.



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We all live in a historic community, recognized by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and protected locally – the DeKalb Local Druid Hills Historic District and the City of Atlanta's Landmark District.

We all recognize the importance of maintaining our properties, including renovation. The Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) process set up by our local protection aims to ensure that any exterior changes are appropriate, whether during routine maintenance or extensive renovation.

See the QR code to a helpful article that appeared recently in Preservation Magazine, the monthly publication of the National Trust: [https://savingplaces.org/stories/preservation-tips-tools-find-contractors-architects-historic-home-renovation?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_campaign=weekly](https://savingplaces.org/stories/preservation-tips-tools-find-contractors-architects-historic-home-renovation?utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&utm_campaign=weekly):

Even if you think you already know, you may find something new or confirming for what is definitely an adventure and a costly one.



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### The Historic Druid Hills Home & Garden Tour is back and better than ever!

Our unique neighborhood, designed by famed landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted, was almost erased by the construction of a highway. Instead, the community fought fiercely to preserve and protect Druid Hills.

Even as it has evolved with the needs of today's world, we are grateful that the spirit and soul of Olmsted's original vision for our neighborhood are still thriving. This year's Tour showcases 11 stunning examples of true Druid Hills stewardship, through clever adaptive reuse of original estate homes, meticulous restoration, and thoughtful realization of our neighborhood's historic preservation guidelines in new construction.

We can't wait to open the doors and garden gates for you!



1202 Springdale Road



1108 Oakdale Road



Lullwater Conservation Garden, 834 Lullwater Road



1324 Ponce de Leon Avenue



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865 Lullwater Parkway



1609 South Ponce de Leon Avenue



1091 Springdale Road



794 Springdale Road



1626 Clifton Terrace



971 Oakdale Road



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## Volunteer with the Tour

### *A Fun, Rewarding Way To Serve Our Community*

We may know neighbors who live on our street or the parents of our children's friends from school but in this fast-paced life, opportunities to get to know people outside our circles come few and far between. Volunteering during the Historic Druid Hills Home & Garden Tour is not only a great way to contribute to our beautiful neighborhood, but also a fantastic way to learn about its history and a perfect chance to widen those circles!

#### **TAKE A SHIFT (OR TWO!) AS A DOCENT**

The Tour cannot take place without a very large number of docents...this year we have 350 four-hour shifts to cover! Our docents are stationed around our Tour homes and gardens; they direct tour-goers through the homes, point out and explain interesting features, answer questions, and more. Don't worry - docents are given a script to guide them at the beginning of their shift so there's no pressure to memorize or have particular expertise. Plus, docents get a free ticket to the Tour to use outside of their shift(s)! And, what a great way for high-school and college students to get community service hours.

#### **BECOME A HOUSE MANAGER**



The Tour needs two "House Managers" for each home for the Tour weekend. House managers share the responsibility of managing the property and are the Tour committee's and homeowner's point of contact. They help manage the home's docents, answer questions, and more. This is a very fun way to meet new people!

All serving as House Managers are given Tour tickets and also included in all Tour-related events, including our Appreciation Party and fantastic Druid Hills Gala at Callanwolde on 4/24!

Interested? Email us at [2024tourofhomes@gmail.com](mailto:2024tourofhomes@gmail.com)

#### **TOUR COMMITTEE**

The Druid Hills Civic Association has a committee dedicated to organizing and running the Historic Druid Hills Home & Garden Tour each year.

We have several leadership roles and committee members who offer help with tasks, provide input, and more. While we have our leadership roles set for 2024, we can always use extra help! We also welcome leadership candidates to apply for a role in 2025.



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## Tour '24 Features Historic Preservation in Action

By Dawn McEarchern

The 2024 Druid Hills Tour of Homes features properties illustrating three significant ways that historic districts progress: Adaptive reuse, appropriate additions, and complementary new construction.

**Adaptive reuse** means using a historic building for a different function than originally intended. It's the creative force that makes office space in a former house, or cool loft residences in a former factory, or new condos in an old church. It can also change a single-family house into a multi-family complex.

In the City of Atlanta, multi-family dwellings are one of the permitted uses along Ponce de Leon Avenue. When the Druid Hills district was recognized, several of its large single-family properties had already been changed into multi-family complexes. Sometimes the historic home had been demolished and replaced with all new structures, and in other cases the original house was subdivided into several units and more residential units were added to the large lot. Such evolutions continue to happen under the direction of the landmark district's building code.

A shining example of preserving TWO original homes – and a carriage house -- is the Adair Estate, corner of Ponce de Leon Avenue and Springdale Road. Forrest Adair was a primary developer of Druid Hills, who owned up to 15 acres at one time surrounding his 1910 home and carriage house. He sold the corner lot next door in 1925, and the Warren Manor house was completed on it the next year. In 1998 work began to redevelop the Adair and Warren homes, as well as the Adair carriage house, into multi-family units, along with adding new



1202 Springdale - Rear Addition

buildings to the lot. The gracious 4-acre property today is home to 15 households. In 2003 the project was given an Atlanta Urban Design Commission Award of Excellence in Adaptive Reuse.

**Appropriate addition** is one of the most frequent ways historic district codes guide enlarging original houses. Both DeKalb County's Local Historic District and the City of Atlanta's Landmark District set out parameters for additions. Location and scale of additions are specified, with emphasis on a low profile for the new construction without altering the street front view. A typical tour year always includes several grand examples, and this year is no different. Two featured houses on Springdale Road have had appropriate additions built, one under DeKalb County and one under City of Atlanta.

Boxwood, at 794 Springdale, was built on three acres in 1914 for Mr. Charles & Mrs. Hattie

C. Rainwater. The house and extensive gardens evolved over the years, but the original walled garden remains. The most recent addition was in 2014, creating an open and engaging kitchen space connected to an outdoor dining area.

1202 Springdale was built in 1923 for Isaac S. Hopkins. It includes architectural elements salvaged from an 1869 mansion that stood on the site of today's Westin Peachtree Plaza. The house retains much of its original interior. Its most recent addition was an expansion at a rear corner that accommodated an existing elevator and introduced a wide kitchen and gathering space.

**Complementary new construction** refers to the rules that new construction in a protected historic district must adhere to. Those include architectural styling that blends into the neighborhood and massing and lot placement restrictions to maintain a coherent look. This year's tour features a stellar example at 865 Lullwater Parkway, another recipient of an Atlanta Urban Design Commission Award of Excellence. The lot previously contained a ranch-style house, built after the close of the historic Druid Hills period of 1895 to 1941 and before the Landmark District was recognized. That type of house is referred to as non-contributing to the district. It is the only type that is open for demolition and replacement.

A dedicated community and the protection offered by historic districts enabled Druid Hills to exist as it is for us to enjoy today. Come on out for this year's tour and appreciate how the intact fabric of the neighborhood still holds us together and provides beautiful spaces to thrive in.



794 Springdale - Rear Addition

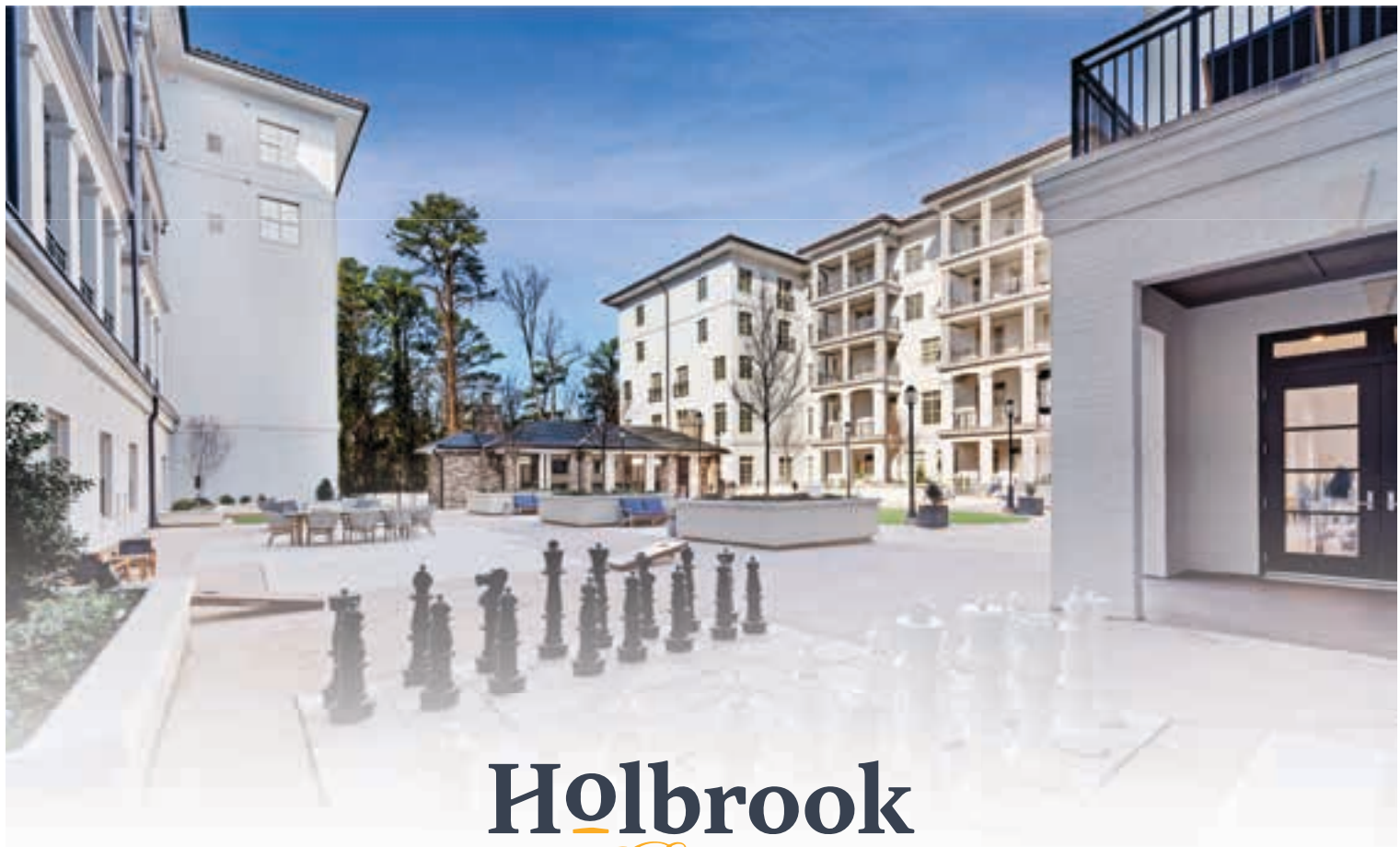


865 Lullwater Parkway – New Construction



1324 Ponce de Leon Ave. , Forrest Adair Home, Adaptive Reuse





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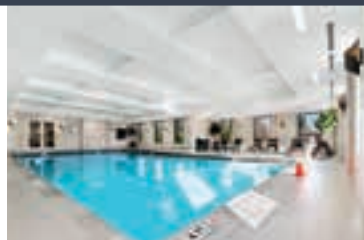
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## Druid Hills Gala Returns to Callanwolde Fine Arts Center

Callanwolde Fine Arts Center will host the 2024 Druid Hills Gala at the historic mansion on Wednesday, April 24 from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Enjoy live music from Jazz legend, Joe Gransden. Kick up your heels with your friends and neighbors while sampling delicious food from Zest Atlanta, signature cocktails courtesy of Herb Chereck at Decatur Package Store, and premium beer and wine at this black-tie-optional event.

Don't miss the Druid Hills Civic Association's largest social event of the year! The money raised from this event helps the DHCA support our local parks and green space, provide grants to neighborhood schools and other local non-profits, host or sponsor community events, provide great communication with our neighbors, and much more! Tickets may be purchased at <https://www.druidhillstour.org/tickets>.



Join your Druid Hills friends and neighbors Wednesday, April 24, 2024



## Verdi Requiem – April 26th and 27th at 8pm

The Emory University Chorus and EUSO join forces this April to present Verdi's powerful Requiem. With moments of intense drama and beautiful lyricism, Verdi's setting of the requiem mass remains one of the great choral masterworks. Additionally, the concert will feature a new orchestral work by emerging composer Johanny Navarro as part of the Composer Commission Project: EUSO @ 100. The concert is free, and no tickets are required - visit [arts.emory.edu](https://arts.emory.edu) for more information.





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*The crowd enjoying the music at last year's concert event.*

## Emory Village Alliance Presents The Sundogs

*By Sarah Banick*

The 2024 Coca-Cola Clean Up the Creek Concert will feature Atlanta's own Sundogs on Saturday, April 20 from 5 to 9 PM on the lawn, in Emory Village, as part of the Historic Druid Hills Spring Celebration. Gus' Spaghetti Junction, a neighborhood favorite, will be the opening band. Produced by Emory Village Alliance, the concert will once again offer adult beverages for sale and food from local vendors.

Brothers Lee and Will Haraway formed The Sundogs in Atlanta in the early 2000s, and quickly earned attention for the melodic Americana rock and roll sound of their records and especially for their high-energy live shows.

Long compared to Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers, the band started performing The Sundogs Present 'The Tom Petty Show' in 2008 and have played a complete Petty tribute every December thereafter.

The six-piece lineup also includes renowned Atlanta gunslinger Benji Shanks, ace Hammond keyboardist Kevin Thomas and drummer Jeff Mills. Collectively, The Sundogs have shared stages with Jason Isbell, Zac Brown Band, Derek Trucks, Warren Haynes, Jimmy Herring, Widespread Panic, Sugarland, Shawn Mullins, The Wailers, Col. Bruce Hampton, The BoDeans,



*The Sundogs will perform at the 2024 Emory Village Concert on April 20 from 5 to 9 p.m.*

Burning Spear, Gatemouth Brown, Chuck Leavell, Bill Kreutzman, Blackberry Smoke, Black Joe Lewis, Bloodkin, Lucero, and The Wood Brothers.

Spaghetti Junction makes a return appearance to Emory Village. Led by Gus Garay, Spaghetti Junction caters to eclectic tastes performing a diverse set list that includes everything from Elvis to Rush to Cake to the Eurythmics to Phish and Louis Armstrong.

VIP tables will be available. Check out [emoryvillage.org](http://emoryvillage.org) for more information closer to the event.





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## Olmsted Plein Air Celebrates

### 10th Anniversary

*April 13-21, 2024*

*By Phil Cuthbertson*

*En plein air is the act of painting outdoors, contrasting with studio painting or academic rules that might create a predetermined look.*

Over the first nine years of the Olmsted Plein Air Invitational, 120+ artists from across the United States, France and the United Kingdom have captured the beauty of our fair city in oils, watercolors, pastels and acrylics. Many of the works created now brighten the walls of homes in Druid Hills and throughout the metro area.

The 10th Olmsted Plein Air Invitational is fast approaching. You are invited to be a part of the Celebration! What is in store for 2024? Thirty top-tier painters from New York to California, Texas to Minnesota, Georgia to Maine and beyond will gather in Atlanta to inspire, amaze and exhibit their exquisite work. In addition, more than a dozen talks, demonstrations and gallery tours will be offered during the week where you can learn and interact with the artists. Here is a quick look at the schedule for the week:

- Saturday, April 13 – Competition begins at sunrise
- Tuesday, April 16 – Artist Welcome Reception
- Wednesday, April 17 – A Day in Roswell – Painting on the Chattahoochee, Bulloch Hall, Mimosa Hall and Canton Street – evening exhibit and reception
- Thursday, April 18 – A Day at the Atlanta History Center
- Thursday, April 18 – The BIG Petite Reveal



- Saturday, April 20 – Artist Awards and Collectors' Soiree
- Sunday, April 21 – PaintQuick
- Talks, Demonstrations, Gallery Tours scheduled each day
- Exhibition gallery open daily

As many Druid Hills residents are aware, the Olmsted Plein Air Invitational gained its start in Druid Hills and in partnership with the Olmsted Linear Park Alliance (OLPA). Since that time, the Invitational has gone on to become its own 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. To honor our friends at the Olmsted Linear Park Alliance, we will donate 20% of painting sales at the PaintQuick on Sunday April 21 to be held in the Linear Park at Deepdene.

How can you get involved and/or support the Invitational? A few suggestions: Volunteer, become a friend of show, sponsor an award, be an artist housing host, purchase original paintings and support living artists, tell your friends (contact phil@olmstedpleinair.com for more information or call 404-282-8283)

A full schedule of activities, artist listing, virtual gallery (during the show) and more may be viewed at [www.olmstedpleinair.com](http://www.olmstedpleinair.com).



*Painting artists in the Olmsted Linear Park during the 2023 PaintQuick.*



*Artist Ed Cahill of Marietta competed in the 2023 PaintQuick.*



*Photo op with artists holding their work from the 2023 PaintQuick.*



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## “Habitat Helpers” and other Druid Hills Spring Celebration Activities

*By Becca Raciborski*

Last year, the newly launched Druid Hills Spring Celebration featured a children’s Habitat Helpers event, “Help a Hummingbird,” allowing children to learn about and plant a nectar-producing plant to support hummingbirds as they migrate through Georgia. The event was a huge success.

This year, we’re bringing TWO children’s events to Lullwater Conservation Garden, a historical public garden that will also be featured on our Druid Hills Home & Garden Tour.

During this year’s Habitat Helpers, children will be helping to create a new butterfly habitat in the Lullwater Conservation Garden! They will have the opportunity to plant either a host plant or a nectar plant in the new butterfly garden. The plants that children plant this year will support Georgia butterflies like the Zebra Swallowtail and migratory butterflies like the endangered Monarch. And, this year, we’re giving away seed packets to take home and start your own butterfly garden!

This year’s event is co-hosted with the Intown Atlanta Chapter of the Georgia Native Plant Society with support from native plant nursery, Cottage Garden Natives. Planting will be held on Saturday, April 27 at 10 am and 11 am. Space is limited, so reserve your spot soon!

Yours isn’t the sort of child who enjoys digging in the dirt? Perhaps they would enjoy creating their very own Garden Fairy! These assemblages take a “found art” approach, using materials like acorns, seed pods, and twigs to create darling additions to hide in a flower bed or potted plant. And, if you walk through the Lullwater Conservation Garden, you might even spy a few hiding on the trails there.

Watch [druidhillstour.org](http://druidhillstour.org) for a complete listing of events, including the launch of the new Eyes On the Creek initiative that will monitor the quality of water in Peavine and Lullwater Creeks.



*Elena Parent and her son plant seedlings at last year’s event.*





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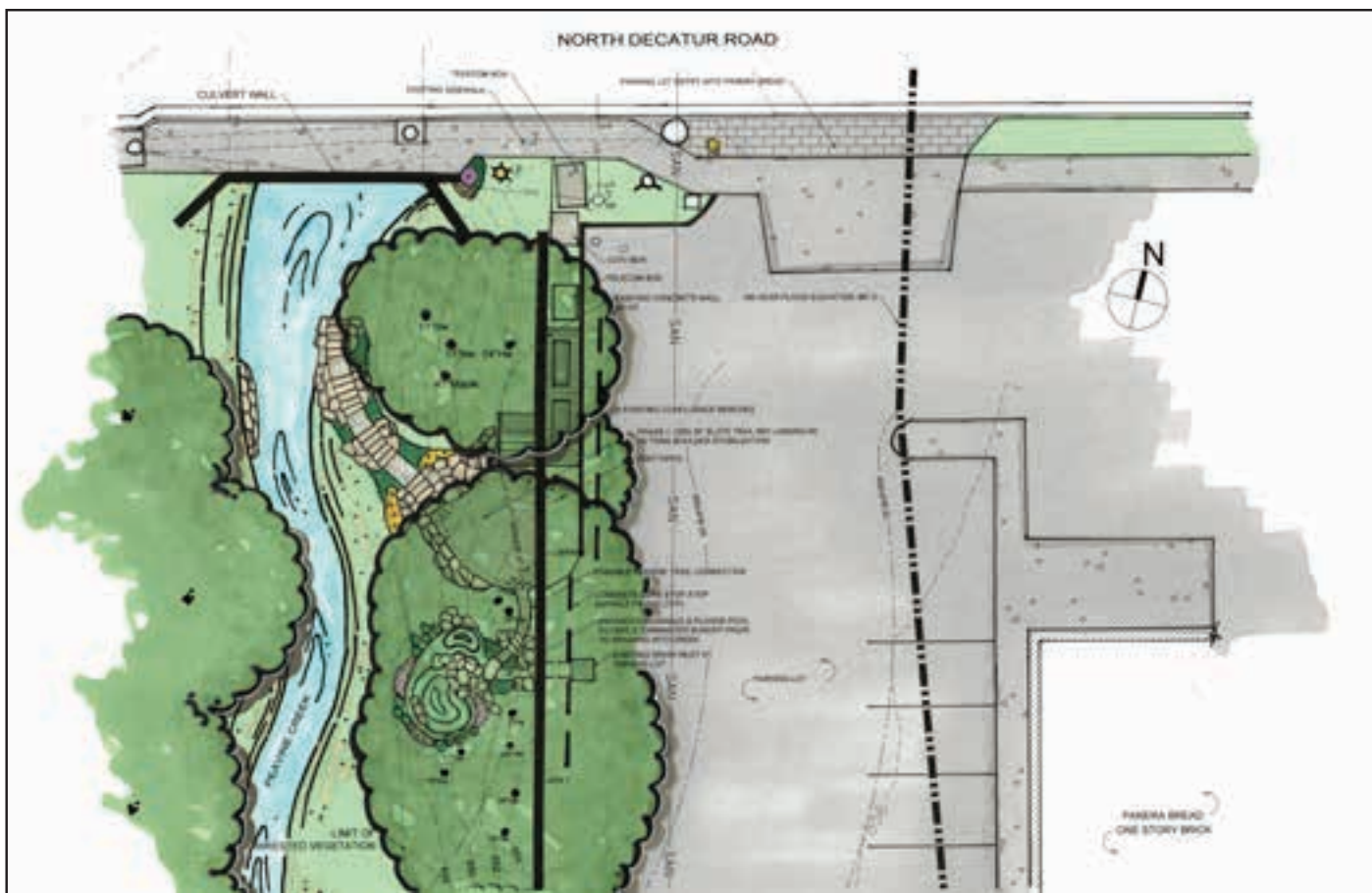
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*Transformed Peavine creekbank in Emory Village*

## SFC Leads Restoration of Creekbank in Emory Village

*By Dorothy Sussman*

If you've ever enjoyed the South Fork Conservancy's Duck Race during Emory Village's Open Streets celebration, you know about Peavine Creek. But you may not know that this tiny gem of a creek is in big trouble. That's because heavy rains have caused extensive erosion of the creek banks, dumping runoff into the creek, and setting up a cascade of events that are choking off its life.

The disrupted soil allows invasive plants, like the strangler vine kudzu, to proliferate. Consequently, access to the creek for maintenance is both difficult and treacherous, and mounds of trash and debris accumulate under the bridge at North Decatur Road. It doesn't have to be this way.

With input from Druid Hills residents, the Conservancy came up with a plan to restore a portion of the creekbank to health so that Peavine becomes a natural amenity in the village and the crown jewel of the watershed that it serves. The plan calls for 1) stabilizing the creekbank in Emory Village near the Panera Restaurant to establish safe access for maintenance; 2) installing a trash trap and rain garden to slow down and

absorb storm water; 3) planting native trees and plants; and 4) building an overlook so that people can appreciate the treasure that Peavine provides.

The Coca Cola Company, Hammersmith, the Druid Hills Civic Association, and other donors financed the initial phase of this project that produced engineering and planning documents and a topographical survey of the area. The survey includes an inventory of existing trees, land contours, and drainage patterns. It also confirmed limitations, such as easements, setbacks, and waterway restrictions, that govern how this area could be managed.

Most recently, a design team of engineers, analysts, landscape architects, regulatory officials, and volunteer advocates researched required permits. The next step is an engineering analysis of a "no-rise" certificate to confirm that implementing the plan will not adversely affect the floodway.

To make the plan a reality will require additional funding of about

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South Fork's Executive Director Kimberly Estep, and Board members Dave Butler and Mike St. Louis meet with landscape architect Patrick Hand to discuss restoration plan.

\$40,000 from local businesses and all those in the community interested in preserving, protecting, and enjoying this precious natural resource for years to come. If you would like to donate to this project, please contact the Conservancy's Executive Director, Kimberly Estep, at [kimberly@southfork-conservancy.org](mailto:kimberly@southfork-conservancy.org).

In keeping with our ongoing Clean Up the Creek Theme, this year's 2024 Druid Hills Spring Celebration will be drawing attention to Lullwater Creek in the Lullwater Conservation Garden, where bad stormwater management practices upstream have caused several sections of the creek's banks to wash out quite severely. The Lullwater Garden Club, which has faithfully stewarded the Conservation Garden since its founding in 1928, has plans to shore up some of these areas with heavy natural boulders and river rock, and could use our help in maintaining the Creek and the Garden. Coca-Cola has already graciously agreed to donate \$10,000 to the Lullwater Garden Club, and the DHCA has also approved a further grant of \$5000 to aid in this endeavor as well.

We welcome anyone in the neighborhood to take a Tour of the Lullwater Conservation Garden the weekend of the Tour (April 20th-28th), and pay witness to the natural beauty of Lullwater Creek as it winds through virgin stands of old growth oak, beech, and tulip poplar towering over a forest floor rich with native flora. And we hope you will join us in the many activities we have planned in and around the Lullwater Conservation Garden during the Tour weekend.

## Eyes On the Creek: *Druid Hills*

By Becca Raciborski

The 2024 Druid Hills Spring Celebration includes the launch of the "Eyes on the Creek" initiative. Did you know that Druid Hills is on the southern edge of the Peachtree Creek watershed? Peavine Creek, and its tributary Lullwater Creek, are the southernmost tributaries to the Peachtree. This makes the creeks that flow through our backyards and parks not just a treasure for us, but a crucial part of the larger Peachtree and Chattahoochee ecosystem.



The brainchild of Tour of Homes alumna and Emory professor, Christine Moe, Friends of Peavine Trail volunteer coordinator and South Fork Conservancy board member, Becca Raciborski, and South Fork Conservancy and Druid Hills Historical Association board member Mike St. Louis, Eyes On the Creek will collect water samples biweekly from 3 to 4 locations throughout the neighborhood. Samples will be tested for biologic contamination and Druid Hills residents will be able to monitor results.

Planned monitoring sites with at least one volunteer are marked with blue binoculars. A possible 4th site on Lullwater Creek is marked with a "?". We invite all neighborhood residents to get involved as volunteers. Know of another possible site? Want to sign up to help? Use the QR code to learn more and express interest.

And, to spice things up, we encourage you to also join the Atlanta Creek League for some friendly competition — earn points for creek care and enjoyment, from skipping rocks (1 pt) to water testing (60 pts). Check out the map (or go to [bit.ly/DruidHillsCreeks](https://bit.ly/DruidHillsCreeks)) to find out if you're in the Lullwater Creek or Peavine Creek team catchment area. A one-time \$30 joining fee gets you a team jersey, and proceeds benefit South Fork Conservancy's efforts to care for creeks here in the neighborhood. This is a great way to get involved in caring for the creeks right here in Druid Hills. Lots of activities can earn points, including some great educational ones for kids. See a list on [www.atlantacreekleague.com/how-to-earn-points](https://www.atlantacreekleague.com/how-to-earn-points). We all know Druid Hills is the best neighborhood in Atlanta; let's knock it out of the park!



Eyes on the Creek is a partnership with Chattahoochee Riverkeeper, South Fork Conservancy, Friends of Peavine Trail, and Friends of Burbanck Park.



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## What's It Like To Live In A Historic District

*By Mike Murphy*

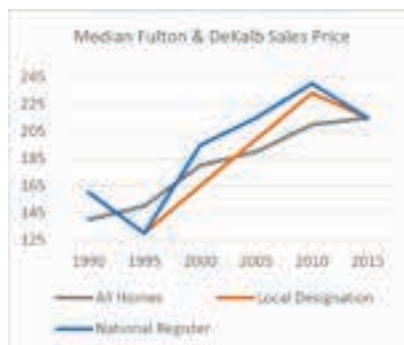
Druid Hills owes its unique character to the visionary landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted. In the late 19th century, Atlanta entrepreneur Joel Hurt enlisted Olmsted to design an “ideal residential suburb.” Olmsted, renowned for projects like Central Park in New York City and the Biltmore Estate in North Carolina, envisioned Druid Hills as a place where homeowners could return from the city to homes shaded by thriving trees, surrounded by pleasing rural scenery. His vision materialized in Druid Hills, with winding roads, diverse architecture, and a lush green canopy. Druid Hills stands as a living testament to Olmsted’s vision and the enduring spirit of community that defines this historic Atlanta neighborhood.

In 1979, the US Parks Service added the Druid Hills Historic District to its National Register of Historic Places for two reasons: (1) its significance as a well-planned and executed suburban community by one of America’s foremost urban planners, Frederick Law Olmsted and (2) the fact that an overwhelming number of original homes were still present and intact. In 1989, the City of Atlanta designated the portion of Druid Hills within the city limits as the Druid Hills Landmark Historic District, with the remaining portion of Druid Hills was named the Druid Hills Historic District by DeKalb County in 1996.

Living in a historic district has advantages and disadvantages.

### ADVANTAGES

- **Architectural Significance:** Historic homes within these districts often capture the essence of their time period, display signature architectural styles, or have associations with famous historical figures.
- **Preservation Standards:** Homes in historic districts adhere to specific rules that ensure they are maintained and restored to a certain standard. This prevents modern eyesores from replacing beautiful old houses.
- **Higher Property Values:** Due to preservation efforts and certainty about the neighborhood’s character, home values tend to be higher in historic districts. (More on this below.)
- **Community Atmosphere:** Many historic areas recreate an old-fashioned neighborhood feel, where neighbors know each other and enjoy strolls along tree-lined streets.
- **Influence on Neighbors:** Living in a historic district means having a say in your neighbors’ changes. Review boards maintain the area’s look and feel.



### DISADVANTAGES

- **Stringent Review Boards:** Some review boards can be strict, vetoing changes that deviate from the original design. This can lead to higher costs for materials or limitations on alterations, particularly when improvements are within the view of the public right-of-way.
- **Limited Structural or Landscape Changes:** Many historic districts prohibit significant structural, landscape, and hardscape modifications, limiting flexibility for property design to maintain the historic integrity of the district.

A home is typically a family’s largest investment, and it’s important that a home appreciate in value. How does owning a home in a historic district impact value?

Fortunately, this topic was recently addressed in a 2019 White Paper issued by the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies at Georgia State University entitled “The Value of Historic Districts in Georgia.” The paper analyzed all single-family homes sales in Fulton and DeKalb County between 1990-2015 and focused on the impact of historic district designation in valuing historic homes (a historic home is defined as a home in a proposed or actual National or Local Historic District). The study also compared the median price of historic homes and all homes sales during that period.

The results are reflected in the two accompanying charts. First, the study indicates historic homes appreciate 13% in value when they become designated part of a National Register Historic Designation and appreciate 7% when they achieve a State or Local Historic Designation. Secondly, the study indicates median home sale price of homes in Historic Districts in Fulton and DeKalb exceed the median sales price of all homes in those locales.

This White Paper was very helpful as it is from an unbiased source. The author’s summation follows: “Some homeowners are concerned that historic designations will impose restrictions that make property improvements or sales to potential homebuyers difficult. My research shows that demand for homes in these areas is not hurt by designation, and the value added from preserving neighborhood character outweighs any increased costs.”

My thoughts: I love living here, the comment about community atmosphere is true. But it comes with a cost, you need to work with the historic guidelines underpinning our historic district designations. My advice to prospective homeowners interested in purchasing homes in historic districts: understand how existing guidelines will impact your ability to alter your home or hardscape before you purchase a home in a Historic District...you will save yourself a lot of frustration down the road if you understand the rules upfront!



## Springtime Safety Tips from the Druid Hills Patrol

By Marilyn Geewax

A warm spring breeze encourages us to throw open the windows and push back sliding glass doors. Sunshine lures us out into the yard and garden.

All good!

But the Druid Hills Patrol's Security Team reminds us that as the weather warms, property crimes tend to increase. Thieves know that on a spring day, homeowners are more likely to leave gardening tools, leaf blowers, lawn mowers and other valuable equipment out in the open. Keeping the garage door down and the shed door locked can help protect your property.

And about those open windows: be sure to close and lock them at night.

The Druid Hills Patrol, which uses uniformed police officers to guard our streets, offers these additional springtime safety do's and don'ts.

- Don't fall for home improvement scams. If a contractor or salesman appears at your door unannounced, don't do business with that person.
- Do trim shrubbery away from doors so that intruders can't hide there.
- Don't leave ladders out after dark. Thieves can use them to reach unlocked windows on upper floors.
- Do empty your vehicle of valuables, lock the doors and roll up the windows if you park in your driveway or on the street.
- Don't ignore gaps in your fences. Get them fixed to keep your backyard more secure.

And as we all spend more time outdoors, the Patrol's Security Team reminds us to be good, attentive neighbors. Watch out for unusual activities that can lead to crime.

As you begin planning spring breaks and summer vacations, remember that, upon request, the Druid Hills Patrol conducts vacation checks of your member properties. If you are not yet a member, please consider joining. You can learn more by visiting [www.druidhillspatrol.org](http://www.druidhillspatrol.org).

And if you already belong, please consider volunteering to help maintain this non-profit organization that, for more than three decades, has been providing extra protection for Druid Hills, helping preserve our good reputation and property values. Write to [admin@druidhillspatrol.org](mailto:admin@druidhillspatrol.org).

Finally, members should be on the lookout for notice of the Patrol's annual meeting. That's when directors and officers are elected, and the past year's operations and finances are reported.



## Zero Car Break-Ins in DH in January

By Gary Tapp, DHCA Public Safety/Transportation Committee

For the first time since we began tracking Druid Hills crime data, we had zero reported car break-ins in January 2024. The total of all crimes in our neighborhood was only 11, also the lowest we've recorded since May 2018. That included six crimes in commercial/multi-family areas and five on single-family streets. We have 105 streets in the Druid Hills footprint.

Those totals are all well below our long-term monthly averages of 26.7 total crimes, 12.5 in commercial/multi-family, and 14.2 on single-family streets. The chart shows that our crime clearly fluctuates from month-to-month, but the typical holiday season surge was lower than usual and the overall trend since last July has been downward.

In a community Zoom call on Feb. 12, DeKalb Police officers said crime in the county also has been lower recently, and they attributed the decline to increased police presence in commercial areas, increased signage in retail areas warning shoppers to remove valuables, and increased awareness by residents to keep valuables out of cars. We urge Druid Hills residents to never leave valuables in cars and to remind all service workers to lock their equipment in trucks and vans.

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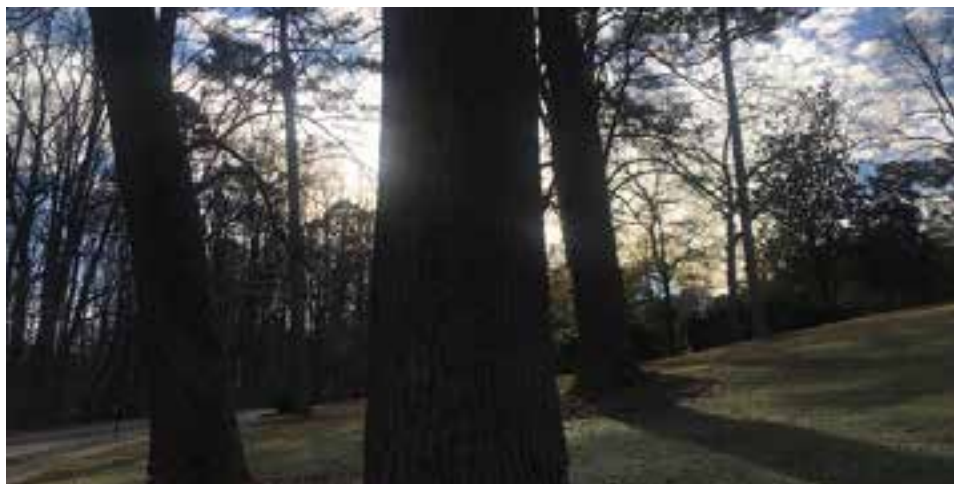
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## PARK VIEWS

### News from the DHCA Parks Committee



## Beyond Arbor Day: *More reasons to Celebrate Trees*

By Erica Glasener, Horticulturist

I grew up climbing trees as a child and later hugging them before I knew all the benefits. Research shows that (no surprise) hugging trees or just spending time with them in a forest can reduce stress, lower blood pressure and make you feel better, probably due to releasing a hormone called oxytocin.

Beyond making us feel good, trees clean the air and provide shade and critical habitat for critters including important pollinators. While Arbor Day in Georgia was celebrated from February 11-17, you don't need a special holiday to celebrate trees.

As a resident of Druid Hills for over 18 years, I have had the pleasure of getting to know some magnificent trees and visit with them on my neighborhood walks during every season. Favorites include giant tulip poplars that grace sweeping lawns on Lullwater, a champion blackgum (*Nyssa sylvatica*) in the Lullwater Conservation Garden and magnificent white oaks growing in front yards on Springdale. These are just a few of my arboreal friends. They provide so much and ask so little in return – only water during periods of drought.

If you are curious about where to see large specimen trees, visit the Trees

Atlanta website. Not only can you find out where to see the largest, tallest and biggest (in girth) of certain trees, you can nominate a champion tree. Some of these are in public parks and others are on private property, but you don't have to travel too far to celebrate many wonderful trees. Visit:

<https://www.treesatlanta.org/resources/atlantas-champion-trees/>

You can also check out Georgia's Champion Tree Program. Visit

<https://gatrees.org/learn-explore/champion-trees/> or if you want to search for national champions, visit the National Register of Champion Trees

<https://www.americanforests.org/champion-trees/champion-trees-registry/>

With spring right around the corner there is still time to plant a tree in your own yard. For the best success, plant trees from October to March. Find out more about planting and caring for your trees at <https://www.treesatlanta.org/>.

Whether you plant a tree, hug a tree or take a walk in the woods, take time this spring and in every season to celebrate trees and all they do for us.



## Park Gets Playground

In 2023 DeKalb County installed a playground in the Princeton Way park (445 Princeton Way NE) with a rubber surface that offers an interesting selection of equipment for young children.

Photo credit: Donna Shapiro



## University Inn Annexation Request

By Rich Brasher

A request for annexation from DeKalb County into the City of Atlanta was received by DeKalb County on October 30, 2023. The request addresses the University Inn site (1767 N. Decatur Road), as well as adjacent properties under the same ownership at 1775, 1779, and 1785 N. Decatur Road and at 465 Emory Drive. The request stated no reasons as the basis for the annexation.

N. Decatur Road is the current line of demarcation between DeKalb County to the south and the City of Atlanta to the north, established through the annexation of the Emory campus into the City in 2017.

The State of Georgia provides for annexation through one of three routes; the 100 percent method, the 60 percent method, and by resolution and referendum. The request received by DeKalb County is through the 100 percent method, given that the five lots are under a single ownership, and they abut the boundary of the City of Atlanta.

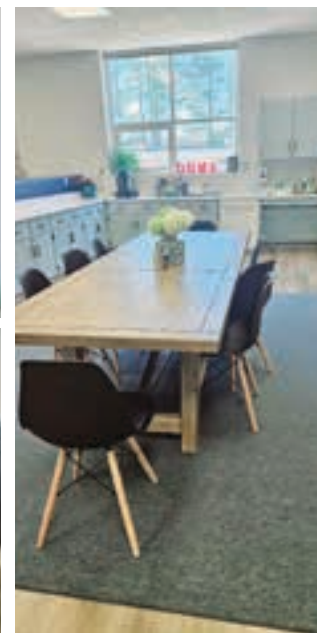
One potential obstacle to this request is a result of the Emory annexation. To mitigate the concerns by DeKalb County for such a large annexation, an Intergovernmental and Settlement Agreement was made between the two jurisdictions addressing the provision of services, zoning, land use, historic designation, and future annexations.

Of particular note in the Agreement:

*"The City agrees to adopt a written policy related to future annexations of rational areas within 250 feet of any boundary of the Annexed Area (Emory). The policy would require future petitions for annexation into the City within the affected area to include an explanation of a rational basis for the annexation."*

*"The purpose of this policy is to encourage landowners in the affected area to consider annexation of entire communities rather than piecemeal annexations that potentially de-stabilize existing residential communities and small-scale commercial developments."*

The Druid Hills Civic Association has formed a Working Group to assess and monitor the request through both DeKalb County and the City of Atlanta.



## Ultimate Teachers' Lounge Makeover at DHMS

By DHMS PTSA Enrichment Fund

For nearly five months, faculty and staff at Druid Hills Middle School (DHMS) waited with anticipation for the reveal of the remodeled teachers' lounge. During that time frame, the 2023-2024 PTSA Enrichment Fund Co-Chairs (Heather Graham, Dana Pritchard and Tarvis Thompson-Pace) outlined a detailed plan of how to promote 'The Ultimate Teachers' Lounge Makeover' and secure donations to create a more functional, inviting and collaborative space in the decades-old lounge.

DHMS Principal Sheveeta Bonner met with the PTSA at the onset of the school year and expressed her commitment to teacher well-being. After surveying teachers, the Enrichment Fund Committee moved full steam ahead with two projects: equipping classrooms with additional lighting and updating the teachers' lounge.

On January 29, 100 lamps (60 floor and 40 desk) were distributed to teachers to brighten classroom settings. "It feels like Christmas," exclaimed one teacher after picking up her new lamp. Well-lit classrooms have been established as a vital component of a student's ability to focus and learn new things.

On February 14, the grand re-opening of the lounge was held with a ribbon cutting, continental breakfast, and coffee from Corner Cup-Decatur. Faculty and staff were given their first glimpse of the remodeled lounge now equipped with a charging station for Apple and Android portable devices, DHMS student artwork, an organized workstation with shelves, a standing desk, plants, new furniture, and new paint and flooring from the Floor & Décor Cares program.

"We couldn't have done any of this without DHMS custodial staff, parents, students and volunteers who put in long hours painting, creating art, installing flooring, assembling furniture and cleaning," said the Enrichment Fund Co-Chairs. "This was a labor of love so it only made sense to have the lounge's grand re-opening on Valentine's Day. We hope the teachers utilize the space and can feel how much we appreciate all that they do for our children and school community."

To learn more about the Druid Hills Middle School Enrichment Fund, visit:

[www.druidhillsmiddle.com/donate](http://www.druidhillsmiddle.com/donate)



## Fernbank Elementary School Spring Update

By Dana Borda

Fernbank 5th grader Isabel Dupree's artwork was selected for the cover of the 2024 DeKalb County Department of Watershed Management's Calendar. DeKalb County sponsors this art contest calendar every year. We are thrilled to see her work in print!



November saw the return of another Fernbank tradition: our 4th & 5th grade musical, Once Upon A Dream. Approximately 100 students participated in this modern retelling of Cinderella.

We will be welcoming new Fernies in March at our annual Kindergarten Roundup when rising kindergarten students and their parents tour the school. We can't wait to meet Fernbank's Class of 2030!



Artwork by Fernbank student Izzy DuPree



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Druid Hills Civic Association advocates for the Historic Druid Hills community and builds relationships with the agencies & officials that govern or impact our neighborhood.

DHCA has 9 committees that work together to support Druid Hills. The committees focus on public safety & transportation, parks & greenspaces, historical preservation guidance, good communication, and community building.



**In 2023 we spent nearly 80% of our revenue funding projects right here in Druid Hills.**

We make significant financial contributions to our community's schools and other neighborhood organizations, like the Olmsted Linear Park Alliance, Fraser Center, Freedom Park, Southfork Conservancy - just to name a few! And, with funding and volunteer hours from DHCA, we organize or help our partner organizations bring you a variety of events like these:

*Druid Hills Spring Celebration Events:*

*Home & Garden Tour • Gala • Concert in Emory Village*

*4th of July Parade*

*Halloween Costume Contest & Parade*

*Park Tours & Greenspace Workdays*

*Community Yard Sale*

*Holiday Home Decorating Contest*

*Monthly Neighborhood Walks*



**We keep you informed.**



Through our email newsletter and quarterly mailed Druid Hills Mews publication, we keep the community in-the-know about what's happening in the neighborhood. We also organize townhalls and community meetings to keep you informed and get your input.

**We need your support!**

Learn more about what we do and support us through your DHCA membership.



## Druid Hills High School Update

By Sarah Boelhauwer

The second semester is off to a great start at Druid Hills High School. The Druid Hills Education Foundation recently hosted the Druid Hills Dash, a 5K and one-mile Fun Run, right here in beautiful Lullwater Preserve. We also hosted the Red Devil Bash, our annual benefit auction at Little Tree Art Studios in Avondale.

In the fall of 2023, we established the Druid Hills Fine Arts Alliance, focused on supporting DHHS students in performing and visual arts. DHHS students won the regional One Act Play competition with "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee." Shamara Williams, sponsor of Red Devil Productions, made the One Act Play competition happen with a special grant from the Druid Hills Fine Arts Alliance made possible with funding from the Druid Hills Education Foundation. Read the full story on our website: [druidhills.org/oneactplay](http://druidhills.org/oneactplay)

Red Devil Productions will perform "Mamma Mia!" as their spring musical on April 19 and 20. Come out and see the performance!

Visit our website at [druidhillshigh.org](http://druidhillshigh.org)



*The cast of "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" performs for the DHHS community prior to the state competition. (Photo credit: Stacey Parker)*

## SPARK Students Excel in Science and Technology

By Kimberly Ryan

Springdale Park Elementary has many students advancing to the districts stage of the technology and science and engineering competition due to their outstanding achievement. Their dedication, hard work, and exceptional talent have truly paid off, and we couldn't be prouder of their accomplishments. A special shoutout goes to Evie Price, Kash Wilkerson, Nina Payne, Margaret Lafollette, Ben Pouthier, and Maggie Shields for representing SPARK in the technology fair, and Norah Cardillo, Marina Shepherdson, Malcom Guise, Ryder Pumpelly, and Madelyn J. Yiadom for representing SPARK in the science and engineering fair. Their commitment to excellence has not gone unnoticed, and their success serves as an inspiration to us all.

In addition, the "Helping Hands" food initiative, as part of our whole school project-based learning, is going strong at SPARK. The school has already collected over 200 pounds of food. Students are gathering unopened milk, fruits, and vegetables that would otherwise be discarded, and donating the food to the Intown Cares Food Bank and families in need at SPARK. This initiative is not only combating food waste but also fighting food insecurity within our community.



*SPARK students are participating in the "Helping Hands" food initiative.*



## Ben Franklin Students Active in Philanthropy and Theater

*By Angela Cassidy*

The various clubs of Ben Franklin Academy have been busy this season. The Philanthropy Club supported a number of causes in the Atlanta area. Members collected and donated items for the Fulton County Animal Shelter and supported Nicholas House, which is geared toward assisting families who are unhoused. Students organized a bake sale and donation drive to raise funds for these programs.

For the past five years Ben Franklin Academy has taken part in the Angel Tree Project. Through Hagar's House, a shelter for single mothers with children who are unhoused, BFA connects with families making requests for the holiday season, including gifts for children, warm clothes for the colder months, and gift cards for groceries and other necessities. Each request is written on an "angel" and posted in a communal area of the school. Students, faculty members, and families find an angel that speaks to them and purchase the requested item(s). These are wrapped by the students and delivered to Hagar's House to be gifted to the families.

The Franklin Players kicked off their season with an original play performed in the BFA Carriage House Black Box Theatre. Though time and space shifted during the action of the play, it was still grounded in concerns of the present by touching on the effects of bullying and the pressures of social identity. It featured a mix of human and animal characters navigating the same natural and emotional space, sharing their equal fears of venturing out and remaining "caught" in numbing complacency. The play script was co-written and performed by ensemble members under the direction of Program Director Dr. Pamela Turner.

The BFA Theatre Program is an academic elective and training lab devoted to the study of theatre as an art form, profession, business, and cultural barometer. Dr. Turner is an active theatre professional and serves as a voter for the annual (Broadway) Tony Awards.

BFA continues to offer rolling admission. Please visit the website at:

<https://www.benfranklinacademy.org/admissions/getting-started>

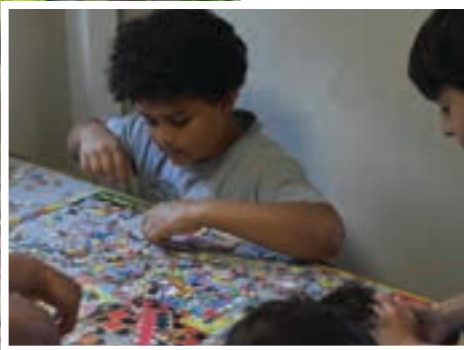


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## Paideia Summer Camp Through the Eyes of a Paideia Junior

*By Reggie Moorman*

Summer Camp has been a fixture of the Paideia School from the very beginning. The ultimate goal? To provide a relaxed atmosphere where kids can have fun during the summer months. Paideia is excited to be offering summer camp again this year beginning in June.

Providing students with the freedom to find themselves, Paideia's Framework of Values permeates all programs and activities offered by the school, including summer camp. Campers choose their own activities, giving them opportunities to explore, learn and discover options that resonate with their interests while, at the same time, allowing them enough freedom to relax and recuperate after a busy school year.

During Summer Camp, kids participate in activities like bowling, dodgeball, basketball and Ultimate Frisbee. Last year I observed young campers learn and play Kick the Can - a game that gained popularity during the Great Depression. I observed campers and counselors learning

the game and laughing together as they played.

Campers - both Paideia students and students from other schools - are invited to enroll in camp where they will meet new friends and grow together. By focusing on creating community, students and campers help shape the environment where they will play and have fun. Coach Eddie Johnson's favorite part about Paideia Summer Camp is "the opportunity for kids who do not attend Paideia to meet new friends." Summer Camp also reunites former college students with Paideia, like Collin Kennedy '22 who attends the University of Vermont. Last summer Collin returned to Paideia as a Summer Camp counselor. He said that reconnecting with the community was his favorite part of the camp.

Paideia Summer Camp is open to all children ages three to 14. To learn more about Paideia Summer Camp visit: [paideiaschool.org/summer](http://paideiaschool.org/summer).

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*A child stands in front of a sculpture of butterfly wings. Flora, Fauna & Flight is full of different larger-than-life photo ops that show how different plants and animals fly. Photo credit: Fernbank Museum.*

## Spiders, Bees, Polar Bears and More at Fernbank Museum

This spring, Fernbank invites you to get tangled in our web of exciting exhibits, events, films and more.

The highlight of our spring programming is the new special exhibit, “Spiders — From Fear to Fascination.” Come eye-to-eyes with over 250 spider specimens both live and preserved, as well as digital displays, interactive elements, dioramas and more. Guests will learn all about spider anatomy, reproduction and life cycles, webs and silk, and much more in this exhibit, which is open until May 5. This exhibition was created by the Australian Museum.

Additionally, the outdoor exhibit, “Flora, Fauna & Flight,” will return to WildWoods starting March 23. Discover how plants and animals defy gravity as you walk along the boardwalk in WildWoods, passing larger-than-life displays and sculptures of birds, bees, butterflies, dandelions, flying fish and more.

To celebrate the warmer season, Fernbank is hosting its Little Critters Discovery Day from 10 AM – 1 PM on Saturday, April 20. Join us and several different baby animals as we welcome spring by having quality time with furry friends, as well as themed crafts and activities.

Looking to explore different corners of the globe without the travel hassle? Fernbank has two films showing in the Giant Screen Theater that will allow viewers to embark on a journey to far-off lands. Discover a forgotten ancient world in “Angkor: The Lost Empire of Cambodia,” where audiences will learn why this medieval metropolis was abruptly abandoned. Then, bundle up to view “The Arctic: Our Last Great Wilderness” and join photographer Florian Schulz as he captures impressive footage of wildlife in the northernmost point of Alaska.

Then, as always, the second Friday of every month is our adults-only series,

Fernbank After Dark, from 7 – 11 PM. Up next is Fernbank After Dark: Elemental, where you can be one with nature and explore the different elements of the world with a cocktail in hand. This event will take place on Friday, March 8. Drinks and light bites are available for additional purchase. You must be older than 21 to attend, and IDs will be checked at the door.

For more information about everything Fernbank has to offer this spring, please visit our website at [www.fernbankmuseum.org](http://www.fernbankmuseum.org).



*A peacock spider lifts its legs in a dance. This is one of the spiders featured in Spiders — From Fear to Fascination. Photo credit: Fernbank Museum.*



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## Callanwolde Makes Arts More Accessible

By Andrew Keenan, Callanwolde Fine Arts Center Executive Director

You may be familiar with Callanwolde – the historic and stately mansion nestled among beautiful grounds on Briarcliff Road that once belonged to the Candler family and is now a thriving nonprofit arts center and special events location. But did you know that two years ago Callanwolde strengthened its commitment to community outreach through the development of programming tailored to veterans, seniors, and underserved youth populations? In fact, the organization updated its mission to provide the Atlanta community with premier, accessible arts education, especially to the underserved, while promoting enjoyment of the arts at the historic and inspiring Callanwolde estate.

Each year, Callanwolde serves over 12,000 people through classes, performances, community outreach, gallery exhibitions, artist markets, wedding rentals, and historic tours. Callanwolde provides high-quality classes in ceramics, textiles, dance, jewelry making, photography, painting and drawing, creative writing, blacksmithing, and wellness arts. The arts bring people together through the capacity to tell a community's shared story and form connections that transcend differences.

At Callanwolde, we believe the entire community should benefit from the arts. There is a growing body of research and data that supports the advantages for students and the health benefits for veterans and seniors. Callanwolde's outreach programs have been immensely popular and provide enriching and life-changing opportunities to local students who qualify for Title I or Title III assistance, veterans – including those transitioning out of homelessness or experiencing PTSD – and low-income seniors.

For students, Callanwolde's Art Scholars program is a full-day art-enrichment program designed to support low-income elementary school students during teacher workdays. Today, 52 percent of DeKalb County elementary school-aged children qualify for Title I assistance. Additionally, Art Scholars Summer Camp offers five full days of art enrichment designed to support low-income elementary school students during the summer. And the Expressions program provides a half-day fine arts and cultural immersion program for high school refugees and recent immigrant students. Creating art in a space as beautiful as the Callanwolde mansion is an enriching and empowering experience that allows students to begin to see bigger possibilities for themselves.

The Dance Progressions Partnership program offers free after-school dance classes for 3rd through 5th grade students in under-resourced communities.



Callanwolde partners with Title I elementary schools to teach weekly classes for 12 weeks. Classical ballet and jazz classes offer the full Callanwolde dance experience brought to students at their school – instructors, dance attire and footwear, marley floors, and a recital complete with costumes to be performed along with the rest of the Callanwolde dancers at the Emory Performing Arts Center in May.

For veterans, Callanwolde offers therapeutic art programs through a year-long series of 8-week art classes with some courses specifically designed for veterans with PTSD and others specifically designed for veterans escaping homelessness. Veterans who show a particular talent and interest in art “graduate” from group classes and can sign-up for free individual classes.

More than 14 percent of the DeKalb County population is over the age of 65, making this an important community for Callanwolde. Low-income seniors take part in two-hour workshops and group art classes specifically designed for seniors who demonstrate a variety of skill levels and physical abilities.

Callanwolde's plan for the future includes serving more low-income seniors, veterans living with PTSD, veterans and families transitioning out of homelessness, and students who qualify for Title I and Title III assistance while still providing access to amazing arts classes and programs for our neighbors in Druid Hills and surrounding neighborhoods. Creating access to the arts with a high degree of authority and excellence is the contribution and significance Callanwolde brings, and we are grateful for the community support.

## Druid Hills Residents Participate in Senior Learning

Looking for some educational enrichment? Sandra Thornton, a longtime Druid Hills resident, has participated in the Senior University of Greater Atlanta (SUGA) for many years and has taught classes based on her experience as a Georgia Tech political science professor and attorney. She has presented SUGA classes on Eastern European history and politics and US constitutional jurisprudence. Norman Slawsky, another longtime resident, has also participated in SUGA for many years and has presented classes on Georgia and federal law, Georgia authors, climate change, and current events.

SUGA has offered classes for 45 years. Classes are offered for four quarters (winter, spring, summer, and fall). Tuesday and Thursday classes are presented remotely via Zoom. Wednesday and Friday classes are presented in person at Rehoboth Baptist Church just outside I-285 on Lawrenceville Highway. The membership fee is \$225 per calendar year for as many classes as you want to take. You can join any time at [su-ga.org](http://su-ga.org). Fees are prorated if you join later in the year. (You can attend as a guest to try out a class.)



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