

Secret Tour of Callanwolde

By Andrew Keenan

I love old houses, and hosting tours of the Candler mansion is one of the best parts of my job as Executive Director at Callanwolde. Beyond the history and dramatic beauty of the mansion, there is so much to see that is not widely publicized: secret rooms in the attic; bullet hinges on almost every original door; the unique lock on the front door; and 1920s state-of-the-art bathroom fixtures. The list goes on and on. Because my job routinely takes me all over the mansion, I get to explore every nook and cranny (a never-ending obsession). I've found some areas of the house so fascinating that I decided to share the experience with board members and donors, which I unofficially call the "secret tour."

Recently, I had the pleasure of hosting the Lullwater Garden Club for a tour. Because many of the Club's members are historians, I learned as much from them as they did from me. I figured we would stick with just the standard tour of the first two floors, but when I mentioned my "secret tour," their eyes lit up. That's when I learned that historians have a passion for adventure, no matter their age.

So up we climbed to the attic, where their first surprise was the concrete floor. The Candler's built the mansion like a fortress with steel-reinforced terracotta block and cement walls and floors. Every doorway and entrance is perfectly square and every floor is level (unlike my 102-year-old house). The structure is so strong that Callanwolde served as the official fall-out shelter for our neighborhood during World War II.

Our Aeolian pipe organ is the beating heart of the mansion. Getting to see the pipes up close is fascinating. The house was literally built around four chambers of the organ, which hold its 3,742 pipes. The chambers are accessed through the attic and



The Aeolian pipe organ is the beating heart of the mansion

their burnished concrete walls were designed to reflect sound into three unique zones. Each chamber has rows and rows of pipes that must be tuned at least once a year. The larger wooden bass pipes extend two-stories high. You can squeeze through one of the chambers and cross a small bridge that allows you to look down through the large star pattern above the Grand Staircase. On the other side of the bridge is a large set of chimes and another chamber that feeds sound into the Winter Living Room.

Most people are surprised by the vast size of the attic and its number of different rooms. There are still stacks of wood and roof tiles that were used to build the house. In one very small room I discovered a 17-inch diameter concrete core leftover from the air conditioning installation in 1996 (thanks to the Italian Olympic Committee); 88 holes had to be cut out of the floor of the attic to accommodate the duct

work that feeds the air conditioning to the ceiling of the second floor. Rumor has it that the installers lost a lot of money because they didn't know they had to drill through ten inches of concrete for each hole!

The secret tour ends in the basement where, back in the day, the Candler Family enjoyed their Duckpin bowling alley (pre-air conditioning, I imagine it was the perfect place to get relief from the summer heat). Although the bowling alley is gone, you can still see the walk-in vault (if anyone knows a safecracker who'd like to donate their time to get it open, I'd be grateful).

I don't charge a fee for the secret tour but instead request donations to support financial aid for our disabled veterans program. The ideal group size is no more than six people. If you want to have a unique experience, email akeenan@callanwolde.org, and I'd be happy to show you around.

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Greetings from the President

By Kit Eisterhold

Every spring, for over a half century, Druid Hills Civic Association has held its annual Druid Hills Tour of Homes & Gardens, as residents of the neighborhood open their doors to the public, allowing thousands of people over the years to tour some of the most beautiful and architecturally significant homes in the South.

Like many who attend the Tour, I love the homes. As a young man fresh out of college years ago, I'd occasionally treat myself to an extemporaneous detour, a slow drive down Lullwater in my beat-up '69 Volvo, staring at the stately mansions on the heights overlooking the golf course, wondering what they must be like on the inside, and how amazing it would be just to have a peek.

Every year the Tour provides just that to the public, and since moving to Druid Hills I have never missed an opportunity to be a part of it: touring the homes, attending the Gala, joining the Tour committee, and even sponsoring some of the homes. It has been an amazing experience, and I have never regretted a moment of it.

This year I have the honor of sponsoring a spectacular Italian Renaissance Revival/Mediterranean situated on the heights above Lullwater, with a commanding view of the golf course to the West. I have

admired it from afar for many years and, to this day, when I pass by it with my wife and child in the car, I will still point to it and say, "That's the one..." I would encourage anyone who loves architecture as much as I do to come see it. It's at 992 Lullwater Road and it is not to be missed.

The Tour will feature a half dozen outstanding homes this year, each with its own story and architectural provenance, and each with its own particular appeal to the public. At 1102 Springdale we have what is, for the neighborhood, a relatively rare reprise of a Greek Revival, built a hundred years ago in 1919 with an exceptional level of architectural authenticity, including Ionic columns salvaged from an Antebellum plantation in Savannah.

At 1090 Oakdale we have a 1920s brick bungalow with an historically sensitive carriage house addition that was featured on HGTV, as well as an impressive collection of folk art assembled by the owners throughout the years. We have an elegant Italian Renaissance Revival at 1274 Ponce de Leon with a gorgeous interior, featuring original plaster ornament and detailing by Steinchen and Sons. The shade garden at 1269 Oxford Road, filled with ferns, hellebores, hydrangea, and nearly twenty different Japanese Maples, should be in full Spring stride.

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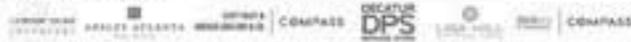
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This champion American Beech tree (*Fagus grandiflora*) was located in the Lullwater Conservation Garden. After review by two arborists, the beech was determined to be sick with a virus and dying. The Lullwater Garden Club reluctantly agreed to have the tree cut down. Some of the wood may be salvaged and turned into bowls by local wood turner, Robert Marshall.

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Be sure to drop by and enjoy the music of The Wood and Wind Chamber Players as well as the Obsidian Duo, who will be playing at 992 Lullwater. Don't miss out on the morsels that will be provided throughout the Tour by Doux South Pickles, Saba, The Greater Good BBQ, Marlow's Tavern, and Zoe's Kitchen. And if you have the means, do not miss our annual Gala, an evening under the stars in the Cator Woolford Gardens at the Frazer Center on the night of April 5th, with a New Orleans/French Quarter theme courtesy of C. Parks Catering.

Lastly, while you're out and about, treat yourself to a tour of the Lullwater Conservation Garden, which is one of the last few old growth forests left in the neighborhood. There you can take a leisurely stroll under the soaring canopy of 100-plus-year-old poplars, oaks, and beeches, while listening to the rustling of the leaves in the breeze overhead, and to the trickling and gurgling of Lullwater Creek as it winds its way through the garden. This is literally the living, breathing heart of one of the most beautiful areas in Druid Hills.

As the steward of the only neighborhood in the Southeast designed by Frederick Law Olmsted, the DHCA has worked tirelessly for over eighty years in its ongoing effort to preserve the unique character and historical heritage of Druid Hills.

As our main fundraising effort for the year, the Druid Hills Tour of Homes & Gardens is what makes all the work we do for the neighborhood possible. So if you are considering buying a ticket, thank you! I would also like to especially thank all of you who are considering volunteering — whether as a docent, a house manager, or a member of the Tour Committee. We need your help. Come join us and be a part of it all!

And I look forward to seeing all of you on the Tour!

Frazer Celebrates 70 Years of Service

By Dina Shadwell

The Frazer Center is having a birthday bash! "Gather in the Gardens" is on May 4, 2019, in Cator Woolford Gardens and will feature a cocktail reception, seated dinner, wine pairings, live auction, and "bubbles & bling!" We'd love to have our Druid Hills neighbors join in celebrating Frazer's 70 years of service to people with disabilities.

It all began in 1948 when Anne Lane was searching for a program for her daughter, Anita, who had cerebral palsy. Best practices of the day recommended institutionalization. Wanting more opportunity for her daughter, Anne Lane joined forces with her friend and civic leader Rebecca Frazer to create the Cerebral Palsy Center in 1949 in the basement of St. Luke's Episcopal Church on Peachtree Street. In 1952, the Frazers and Lanes led a community-wide fundraising campaign to acquire the former 39-acre estate of Cator Woolford (founder of the Retail Credit Company, now Equifax), located in the Druid Hills/Lake Claire neighborhood. The estate was put into a trust, and the Cerebral Palsy Center moved into "the big house" that is now home to the Atlanta Hospital Hospitality House.

Frazer's current building was dedicated in 1961. Thanks to a federal law that passed in 1975, ensuring that children with disabilities received a free public education, Frazer shifted its focus to serve children under five and adults over 17. In 1989, a new wing was dedicated for the Adult Program which provides community access and supported employment for adults with disabilities. Today in the Children's Program, Frazer partners with the Adaptive Learning Center to provide an inclusive early education environment where all children, with and without disabilities, have room to flourish.

As for the community greenspace, Frazer has developed partnerships with Trees Atlanta, Eco-Addendum, and the neighborhood volunteer group, Friends of Frazer Forest, to help restore and maintain the old-growth forest. Cator Woolford Gardens

was dedicated as Frazer's social enterprise in 1998, with a redesign by Cooper Sanchez in 2017. It's a "hidden gem" among engaged couples and photographers looking for an enchanted backdrop, and all proceeds from rental of the gardens support the programs of the Frazer Center as well as the upkeep of the gardens and forest.

A Gala Fundraiser
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Frazer continues its commitment to fostering inclusive communities for all people and works toward the day when inclusion is the accepted norm in educational, vocational, residential, and social environments.

For more information about Gather in the Gardens, visit our new website (thanks to Nebo Agency): www.fraziercenter.org/gather-in-the-gardens-2019.



If You Leave It, They'll Retrieve It

By Thea Roeser, DHCA Public Safety Committee, and Ellen Meshnick, Druid Hills Neighborhood Watch Leader

Last year, The Druid Hills Civic Association Public Safety Committee introduced our campaign motto, “If you leave it, they’ll retrieve it” — which means don’t leave anything in your vehicle because the crooks will take it!

*Car break-ins are frequent, we all know that’s true,
But many of us are not sure what to do.*

*One way to discourage the crooks from embarking,
Is empty your vehicle when you’re done parking.*

*No laptops, no gym bags, not even a dime,
Together let’s try to diminish this crime.*

*The crooks may get bored if there’s nothing to loot,
And leave Druid Hills to its peaceful pursuits.*

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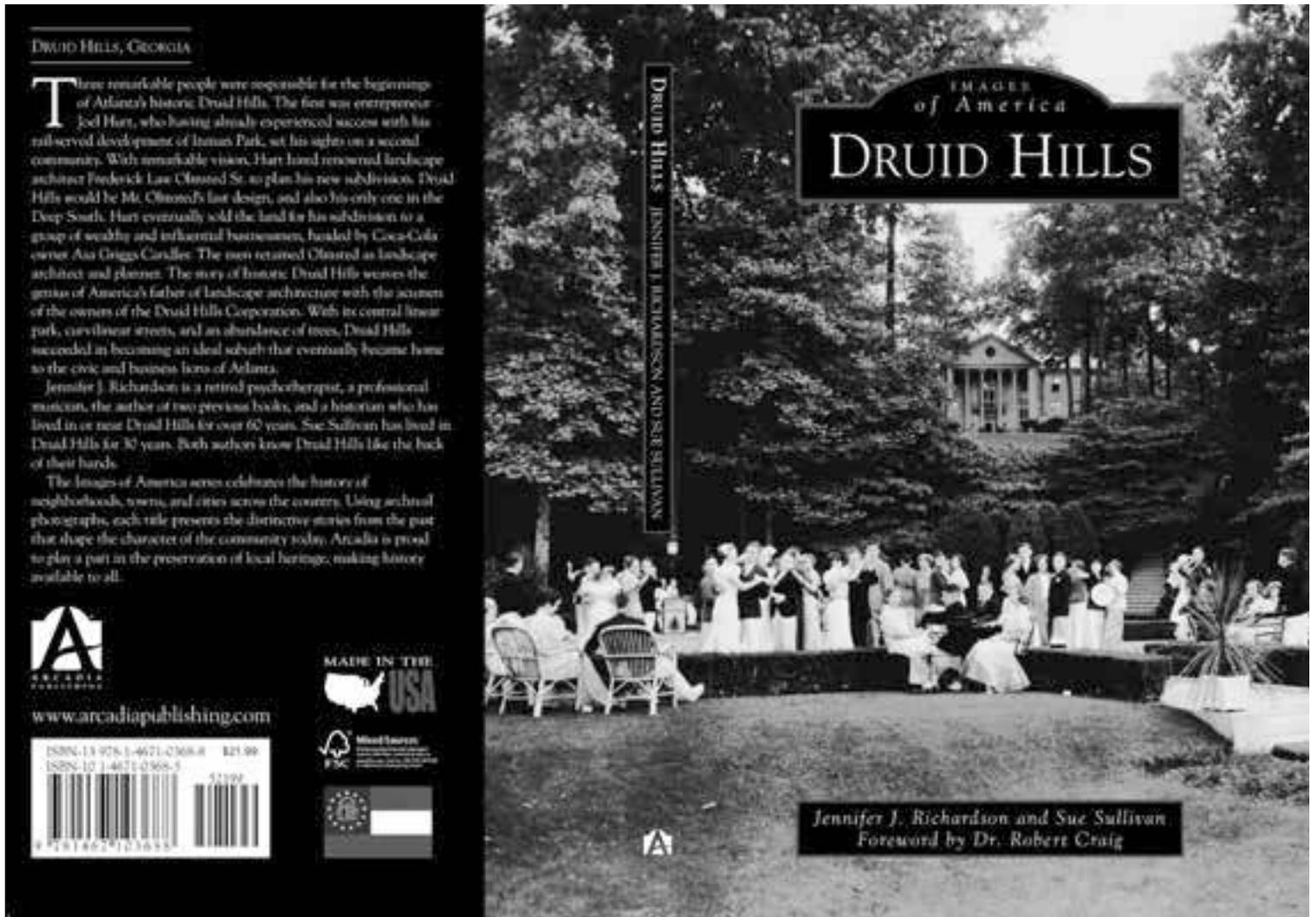
We focused on working with different police groups covering our community, gathering facts and information on car break-ins and car thefts, listing ways to prevent these crimes.

Druid Hills residents are becoming more conscientious about clearing out their cars at

night — not leaving car keys inside cars, protecting their keyless car fobs and installing better outdoor security monitoring equipment, like Ring video doorbells and security cameras.

Now, we’d like to focus on another group targeted by thieves: visitors to your property. This includes out-of-town guests, dinner guests, party events, yard maintenance companies, and construction companies. It’s up to us to inform them of the importance of clearing out their cars and trucks, securing their tools, and locking the doors of their vehicles.

“Leave nothing in your vehicle” means nothing a thief can use. Not even a nickel. There’s a major bartering system on the streets of Atlanta where thieves exchange stolen items with each other or pawn them. For example: laptops, flashlights, blankets, clothing, credit cards, purses, backpacks, and even coins can purchase a cigarette, a joint, a hit of cocaine, sex, and so forth. A clean car means nothing inside is visible. A locked truck can’t be broken into quickly. If crooks consistently come up empty in our neighborhood, they’ll go elsewhere.



The Druid Hills History Book is Coming!

By Jennifer J. Richardson

Sue Sullivan and I are pleased to announce that the results of a year of hard work, research, interviews, and gathering historic photos and documents will be available to all in our new book, *Historic Druid Hills*. The book, being published by Arcadia Press, will be available for sale in late July of 2019. The book tells the story of Druid Hills, using historic photos and captions that illustrate the many aspects of our unique community. In fact, we gathered so much material, that we'll soon be starting on part two of the Druid Hills story.

We'll be participating in many book

signings, lectures, and other events after the book is released so watch your *DHCA News* for dates, times, and locations.

Our thanks go out to the many residents who loaned photos, gave interviews, and shared stories about historic Druid Hills. We also thank the Druid Hills Civic Association, the Olmsted Linear Park Alliance, and the Landmark District Preservation Committee of the DHCA for their support, assistance, and enthusiasm.

We can't wait for you to see and enjoy the fruits of our labor!

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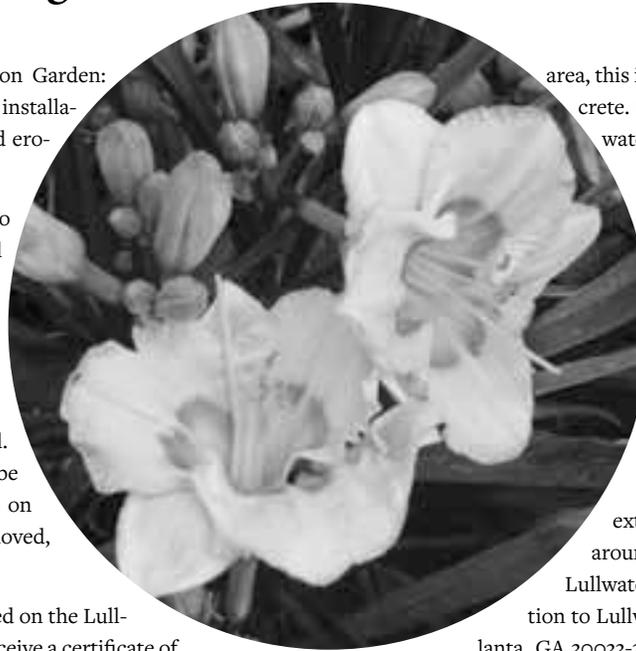
Positive Change Coming to Lullwater Conservation Garden

By Jennifer J. Richardson

Coming soon to the Lullwater Conservation Garden: Removal of invasive plants and dead trees and installation of granite curbing to control flooding and erosion!

The Lullwater Garden Club is pleased to announce that a donation from a wonderful anonymous donor has enabled massive clean-up and non-native invasive plant removal in the Conservation Garden. If you visit the site now, you'll see the garden much more open (as it was in the 1930s), with considerable progress in removing inappropriate plant material. Resulting stacks of wood and plant debris will be taken away soon, ground, and used as mulch on the interior trails. Seven dead trees will be removed, and seven trees will have dead limbs trimmed.

In the spring, granite curbing will be installed on the Lullwater Parkway side of the garden. We had to receive a certificate of appropriateness from the Urban Design Commission (UDC) to install curbing because two-thirds of the garden is in the Landmark District. Because the UDC required us to install granite rather than concrete curbing in the historic



area, this is costing us about \$100,000 more than the concrete. Curbing will be installed in two phases — Lullwater Parkway and then main Lullwater.

HUGE thanks go out to our cherished anonymous donor and our partners in this endeavor: the Downey Trees group, who will cut the dead trees; John Critz and his Tilting Windmill Landscape Company crew, who are removing invasives; and famed landscape architect, Spencer Tunnell of Tunnell and Tunnell, for managing our beautification and landscape plans once the invasives are cleared.

If you wish to make a donation toward the extra \$100,000 needed to complete the curbing around the entire garden, visit our web site: www.LullwaterConservationGarden.com or mail your donation to Lullwater Conservation Garden; P.O. Box 133135; Atlanta, GA 30033-3135. Then come and visit the garden and enjoy your part in helping us preserve and beautify this historic garden and old growth forest. And thank you!



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Happenings at Fernbank Museum

By Jessica Shock



Explore the Crest Gallery featuring a variety of pterosaur crests and a humerus cast of one of the largest pterosaurs to date, the Quetzalcoatlus. © AMNH/C. Chesek

Spring is in the air, and there's no better place to take advantage of the seasonal weather than Fernbank Museum, which offers indoor and outdoor discoveries, rain or shine. March marks the beginning of spring wildflower season in WildWoods and Fernbank Forest, featuring 75 acres of towering trees, blossoming native vegetation, migrating birds, and immersive trails.

Indoors, the special exhibit *Pterosaurs: Flight in the Age of Dinosaurs* includes rare fossils, digital interactives, enormous life-sized models, and stunning dioramas. It also features iPad stations that investigate these flying reptiles that flew with their fingers, walked on their wings, and ruled the skies. Explore this

exhibit further by pairing *Flying Monsters*, a 3D giant screen movie, with your museum ticket.

During any visit to Fernbank, families have plenty to discover through multiple children's exhibits, including Adventure Outpost and Nature Stories in WildWoods, and NatureQuest inside the museum.

Fernbank also features adults-only programming on select Friday nights, giving guests ages 21 and older new ways to enjoy the museum after hours. Visit FernbankMuseum.org for tickets and more information.

Events

Fernbank After Dark (ages 21+)

March 8 and April 12, 7pm-11pm

Double Feature: Pterosaurs and Jurassic Park (ages 21+)

March 15, 7pm-11pm

STEM Day (all ages)

March 16, 10am-1pm

Little Critters Day (all ages)

April 13, 10am-1pm

City Nature Challenge (all ages)

April 26-29

David Rogers' Big Bugs Outdoor Exhibit (all ages)

Opens April 27

Druid Hills Patrol: Visible and Detering Crime in Our Neighborhood

By Claudia Edwards

Druid Hills Patrol (DHP) is very proud to announce that our Officer-In-Charge has been promoted in the Atlanta Police Department. He is now Captain Tony Singh and manages all of Zone 2 Precinct operations. Congratulations Captain Singh! We know that you serve Atlanta well and that Druid Hills is in great hands with you and the other officers who spend several hours every day of the year on our streets preventing crime and advocating for DHP members.

DHP provides distinguishable and responsive security to help deter crime. The officers have arrest powers in both DeKalb and Atlanta jurisdictions. In the past few months, the DHP police officers have helped motorists and residents with stalled vehicles. They have issued citations and warnings for stop sign violations, speeding, and illegal parking. They have visited every member's home who requested vacation patrol and have followed up with notifications of suspicious persons and vehicles.



Join DHP on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter for crime prevention tips and information. Become a DHP member by visiting www.druidhillspatrol.org and help keep crime away.

If you have any questions or inquiries about the Druid Hills Patrol, please email us at admin@druidhillspatrol.org.



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The tour takes place Friday, April 12, 1:00 – 5:00 pm; Saturday, April 13, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm; and Sunday, April 14, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm. Individual and discounted group tickets may be purchased in advance on the website: druidhillstour.org. Proceeds from the tour benefit the Druid Hills neighborhood, which is on the National Register of Historic Places. Tickets purchased online will be available during tour hours at Will Call at Lucky's Burger & Brew in Emory Village (1569 North Decatur Rd. Atlanta, Ga 30307). Online ticket sales will end at midnight on Thursday, April 11. Tickets can be purchased at Will Call or homes on the tour after that time.

History Happens Here

Steven Mathias, Chair of the Druid Hills Civic Association Tour Committee, announces the 2019 Druid Hills Tour of Homes & Gardens April 12-14, 2019. "The vibrant tradition continues as the historic Druid Hills neighborhood welcomes neighbors and visitors alike to tour homes featuring architecture from renowned architects and experience award winning interior and landscape design. 'History Happens Here' through the vibrant community culture of Druid Hills where tour goers will find inspiration, celebration, and a focus on preserving and extending the vision of noted landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted."

As always, this year's Tour includes homes that showcase the diverse architectural and design styles of Druid Hills homes and gardens. From the stately home now occupied by Springdale Park Elementary on Ponce de Leon and one the first homes built on Oxford Road to a recent build on Briardale Lane and an urban goat farm on Lullwater, the six homes and one garden on the 2019 tour are an exhibition of modern living in our century-old neighborhood.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

WOOD & WIND CHAMBER PLAYERS

1:00 – 3:00 pm | 992 Lullwater Road

Long time tour contributor and Druid Hills resident, Jennie Richardson, will be playing classical music on harp and keyboard as well as a show tune or two.

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

MARLOW'S TAVERN

11:30 – 3:00pm | 1297 Briardale Lane Pool House

Specializing in scrumptious, house-made, fine American tavern fare will be offering samples.

ZOE'S KITCHEN

11:30 – 3:00pm | 1180 Oxford Road

Serving savory, fresh, wholesome Mediterranean fare to families, from our own Emory Village location will be offering samples.

SABA

11:30 – 3:00pm | 1102 Springdale Road

Emory Village's own cozy Italian go-to spot featuring a full bar and a wide variety of pastas for every taste will be offering samples.

TOUR OF 1200 PONCE

10:00 – 5:00pm | 1200 Ponce De Leon Avenue

Mid-construction tour of one of Atlanta's most unique new urban re-use projects. This is an excellent example of the evolution of Druid Hills — modernizing, while retaining the historic character that we all love.

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

DOUX SOUTH PICKLES

1:30 – 4:30pm | 1090 Oakdale Road

Offering tour goers a taste of their southern pickled vegetables made with only natural ingredients and never a preservative. Each brine has been created to bring out the natural flavor of each vegetable.

OBSIDIAN DUO

1:00 – 4:00pm | 992 Lullwater Road

This piano and violin playing duo presents a variety of jazz, classical, and popular favorites as well as original compositions for your listening pleasure.

THE GREATER GOOD BBQ

11:30 – 3:00pm | 1090 Oakdale Road

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LULLWATER CONSERVATION GARDEN PLANT SALE

Open Tour Hours | 1022 Lullwater Road

Native perennials suited to Atlanta's climate and drought-tolerant succulents will be available, as well as a variety of heirloom tomato plants. All proceeds will benefit the Lullwater Conservation Garden, Inc., which recently launched an ambitious revitalization of the 6.5-acre garden that it has tended since 1931.

One of the longest running and premiere tours of homes in the nation, the 2019 Druid Hills Tour of Homes & Gardens celebrates its 51st year with six homes and one garden that feature the work of master architects, interior designers, general contractors, and landscape designers. Perennial tour-goers will delight in the walkability of this year's featured sites. Mostly contained within the long, parallel roads that wind through the heart of the neighborhood — Springdale, Oxford, Oakdale, and Lullwater — guests are welcome to walk, ride bikes or scooters, or drive to the Tour's seven featured sites, as a trolley service will not be offered this year.

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992 Lullwater Road “Goat House” *Steven Colby & Christy Hutcherson*

Built in 1918, this traditional brick home exhibits Italian and Mediterranean detailing. Renovated and redecorated in 2018, the home maintains its original stairs and bannister, leaded glass windows, front door, and hardwood floors and boasts a new chef’s kitchen, master suite, and garden room. The home is filled with artwork and treasures from the 17th century onwards, and has a small goat farm in the back. Be sure to visit “Moose,” the famous Superbowl goat!



1090 Oakdale Road “Folk Art House” *Mark and JoAnn Herold*

Situated on one of Druid Hills’ famed twittens — the paths cutting through some of the neighborhood’s long blocks—the Folk Art House was built in 1923. The homeowners’ extensive collection of American and international folk art highlights the home’s bungalow architecture. The patio, pool and guesthouse were designed by Atlanta architect Jay Jones and the construction was featured on HGTV’s Ground Breakers program.

1102 Springdale Road “Centennial House” *David and Katherine Decker*

One of the most distinctive homes on Springdale Road, this Classical Revival home was built in 1919. Incorporated into the original design of the home are four historic porch columns and a fireplace mantel salvaged from an antebellum plantation in Savannah. Other distinguishing features are the numerous leaded glass windows, the round kitchen, and the “Rock House” in the rear of the home.



1297 Briardale Lane “Black Sheep House” **Homeowners wish to remain anonymous**

A rare contemporary home amongst the historic homes of Druid Hills, the “Black Sheep House” was built in 2015 and possesses traditional massing and Tudor overtones. The new 6,000-square-foot, six-bedroom, six-bathroom home combines large open light-filled spaces with traditional features. Moldings, fireplaces, and herringbone floors give a nod to the historic neighborhood while modern conveniences and ample space for entertaining suit today’s lifestyle. The neutral palette and generous amounts of wall space are perfect for displaying the family’s art collection.

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1108 Oxford Road “The Azalea House”

Greg & Lindsey Swartzberg

The “Azalea House” is an Oxford Original Home! Built in 1920, it was one of a handful of the first few homes build on Oxford Road. It is believed to be built by H. W. Nichols, who was a prominent developer in the area. Atlanta natives, the owners purchased the home in 2018 and are celebrating its rich history through their design choices. Their paternal grandparents met on the same Atlanta streetcar line that once ran along Oxford Road.



1269 Oxford Road – Garden only

“The Secret Garden”

Chris Roblyer

When Mr. Chris Roblyer purchased this 1929 property in 2001, the landscaping was in need of a complete renewal. Chris had never had much of an interest in gardening until he became inspired by this property. All the landscaping and hardscaping are the work of Chris and his good friend landscape designer David Elis. The resulting shade garden is made up of close to twenty Japanese maples, many fern varieties, viburnam, helleboris, holly, hydrangea, crytome-ria, fatsia, and hydrangeas.

1274 Ponce de Leon Ave – “Springdale Park Elementary”

Preston Ladds - Vice President, SPARK

Take a walk through history as a local elementary school gets transformed to its original grandeur for the tour weekend. Built in 1924 by J.N. Hirsch, a lawyer from Coca Cola, this home was designed to entertain the Atlanta Opera community. The home features elaborate plaster ornament and detailing created by Steinchen and Sons. The original property included Mr. Hirsch’s son’s home at 774 Springdale, the two homes joined by a formal garden. Learn about this property’s rich history while taking in some of the finest architectural details the roaring 20s had to offer.



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- ½ cup pecans
- salt & pepper

INSTRUCTIONS:

Trim any roots from greens and then combine all ingredients in a food processor or blender until paste forms. Enjoy as a topping for chicken or fish, mixed in with pasta, as sauce for a pizza, or as a spread for sandwiches. Freeze your extra pesto in ice cube trays to use later. The possibilities are endless!

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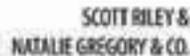
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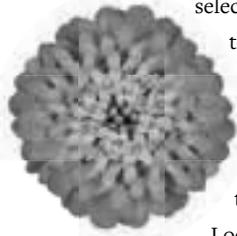
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Lullwater Garden Club Plant Sale

The Lullwater Garden Club will host their annual Plant Sale at 1022 Lullwater Road in conjunction with the Druid Hills Tour of Homes & Gardens: April 12-14, 2019. Sale times are 12 to 5 on Friday, 10 to 5 on Saturday, and 10 to 5 on Sunday. Garden Club members will be selling our special selection of perennials and native plants, heirloom tomatoes, some annuals, and homegrown plants from members' yards.



All proceeds will support the Lullwater Conservation Garden, a 6.5 acre woodland maintained by the Lullwater Garden Club since 1931.

Located in historic Druid Hills, the Conservation Garden is a historical green space, bird sanctuary, and park in the heart of the Druid Hills community. It is open to the public year round. Visit the website at <http://www.lullwaterconservationgarden.com> or follow on instagram.

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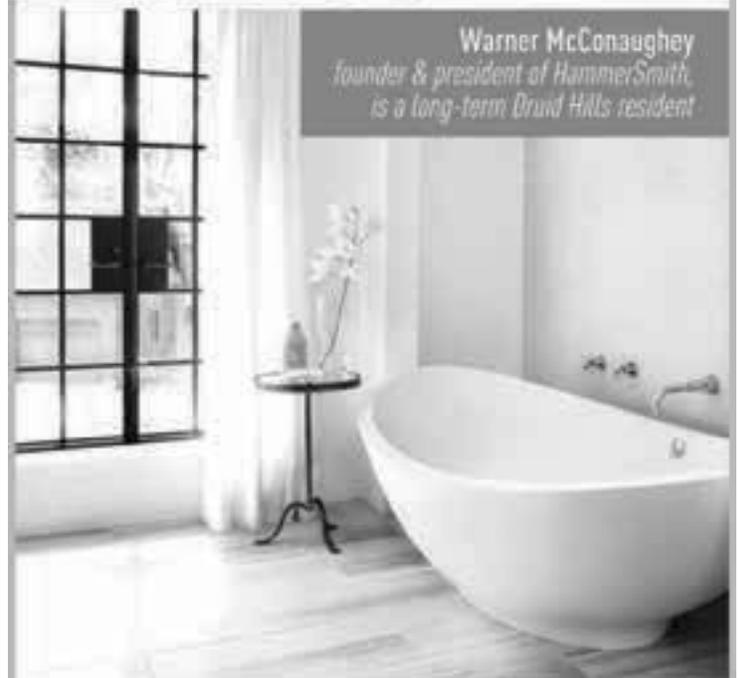
Will Call will be set up at Lucky's Burger & Brew Emory Village (1569 N. Decatur Road) during tour hours for ticket pick-up and purchase. When touring homes and gardens, please observe "No Tour Parking" signs. Parking is available near the homes and in the Emory parking decks on Saturday and Sunday (fees may apply). Parking is not allowed in the Emory Village business lots.



Restroom facilities are available in Emory Village throughout the tour weekend. Shuttle service is not part of this year's tour due to the small geographic footprint of the tour properties.

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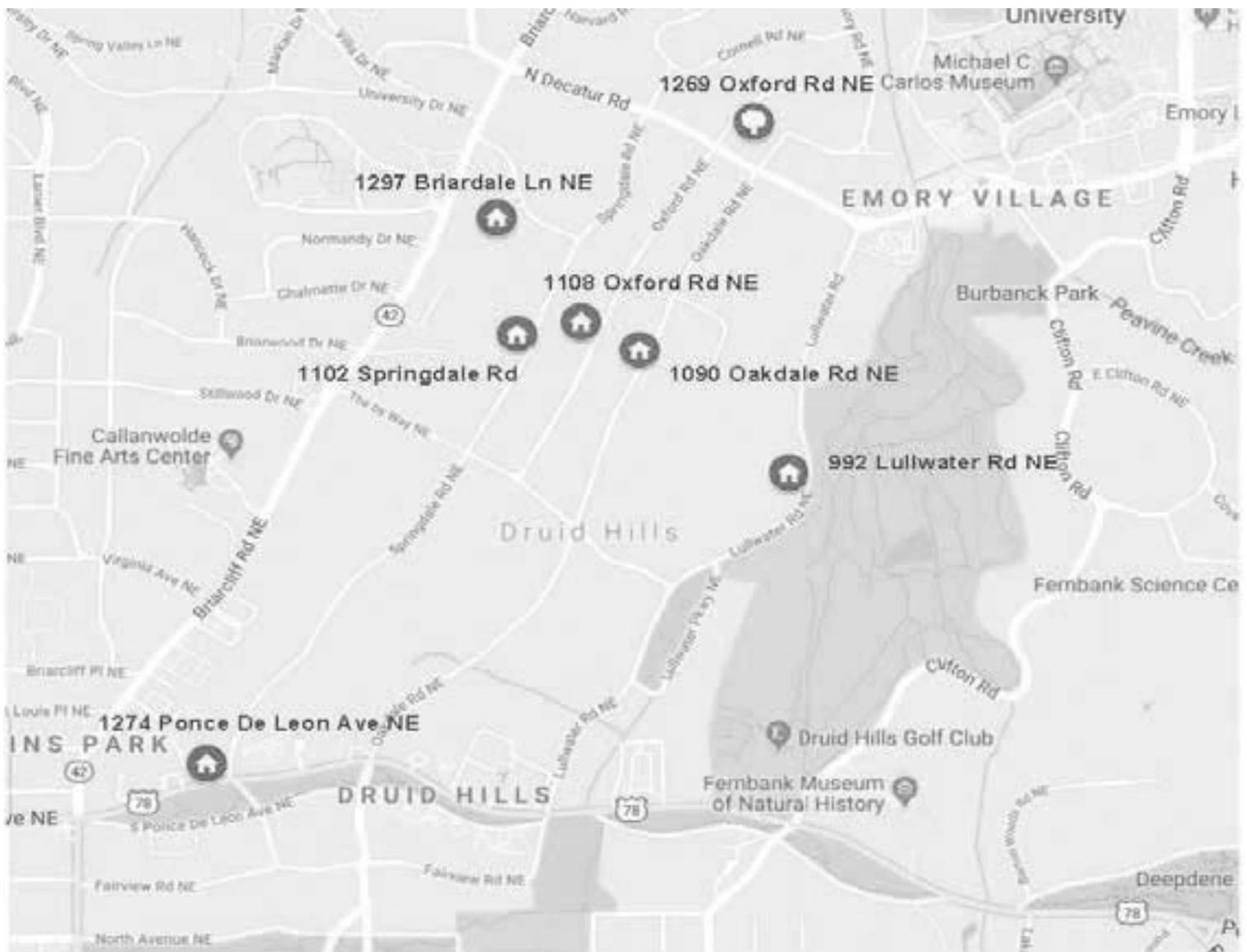
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Current GA Department of Transportation Projects on Ponce

By Toby Brooks, President of OLPA

There has been quite a bit of action at Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) regarding Ponce de Leon Avenue. Right now, there are three projects in the Olmsted Linear Park area, which will have some impact on the park. The first two, storm drains along Deepdene and improvements to the crosswalks/intersections along Ponce de Leon from Clifton Road to Springdale Road, have been around for several months and discussed in some detail at Board meetings. The third, which has just arisen in the last couple of weeks, involves the proposed widening of Ponce de Leon to the east and west of Clifton Road to create 12-foot travel lanes and dedicated left turn lanes. This last project is quite undefined at this time, but would presumably have some meaningful impact on the park. OLPA has been actively engaged with GDOT on these projects and will share as much information as possible so that the OLPA Board can engage in effective and efficient conversations. Please feel free to reach out individually with questions or concerns.

1. GDOT P.I. #001474, DeKalb County, SR 8 from S. Ponce de Leon to N. Ponce de Leon – Phase III

This project call for “improving the insufficient storm drain systems that allow excess water to pond on the existing roadways during significant rainfall events along SR8 from South Ponce de Leon to North Ponce de Leon” (eastern end). Project elements include: replacement of existing drainage structures and addition of drainage structures; new and/or reset granite curbing 2 feet from current curbing; replacement of pipes with larger pipes and addition of new pipes; replacement of existing side-

walks on south side; possible removal of tulip poplars and relocation of path along Deepdene.

Right-of-way (ROW) is a major issue: Who owns the ROW is not settled and OLPA is asking that the project be put on hold until this question is settled. Impact on the Historic Park is another major issue. GDOT is required to do what is called a Section 106 review of this project because Deepdene (and Ponce de Leon) is part of the Druid Hills linear park, which is part of the Druid Hills National Register Historic District. The National Historic Preservation Act (1966) requires projects using federal funds to undergo review of effects of the project on the historic resource. GDOT does this review with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), head of the state Historic Preservation Division of the Department of Natural Resources. OLPA is a consulting party to this review as are the Druid Hills Civic Association and Fernbank, Inc.

2. GDOT P.I. #0012824, Dekalb County, GA, HP #170310-002

The proposed project consists of upgrading traffic signals and pedestrian accommodations at four intersections along Ponce de Leon Avenue in the City of Atlanta within DeKalb County: Clifton Road at Ponce de Leon Avenue; Lullwater Road/Fairview Road at Ponce de Leon Avenue; Oakdale Road at Ponce de Leon Avenue; and Springdale Road at Ponce de Leon Avenue. The proposed improvements at the four intersections include the replacement of the existing traffic signal span wire with mast arms, installation of new pedestrian poles, new signal cabinets, additional signage, striping/pavement markings, and/or trimming of vegetation

for improved visibility. Improvements to the existing pavement, drainage, and/or curbing may also be undertaken as part of the proposed project, limited to the existing intersection corners. The total project length is one mile, and the existing right-of-way (ROW) ranges 60-68 feet. The acquisition of additional ROW is not anticipated; however, temporary easements are required for the removal of existing equipment.

OLPA agrees that these improvements are necessary for the safety of pedestrians and drivers but will continue to monitor.

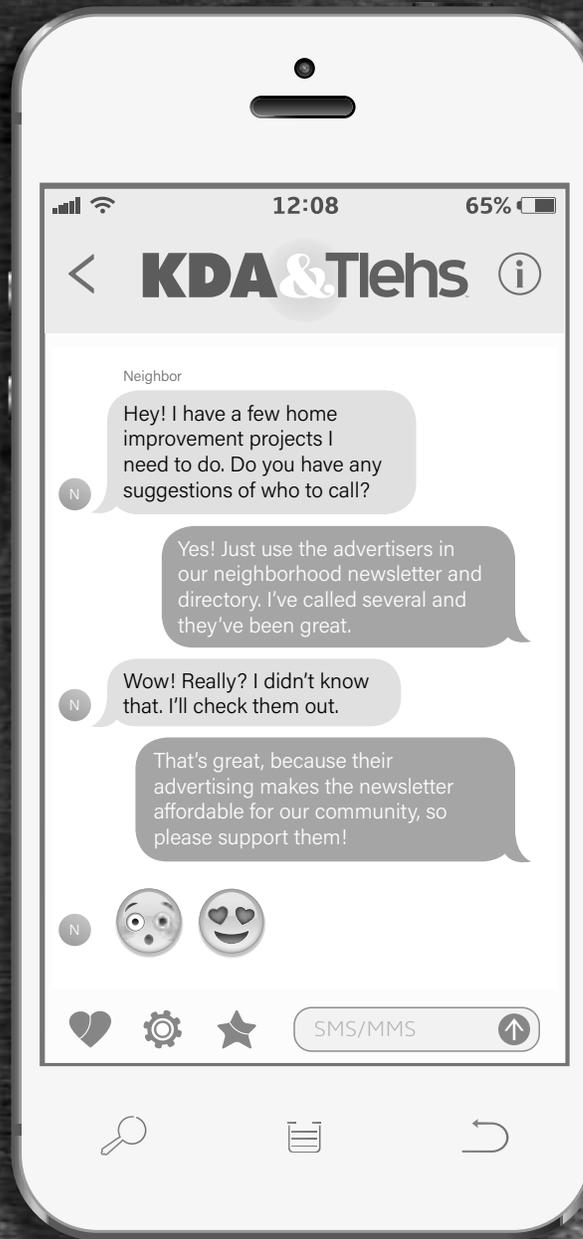
3. GDOT P.I. #0015681, SR 8 Ponce de Leon Avenue at Clifton Road, DeKalb County

The proposed project, at the intersection of Ponce de Leon Avenue and Clifton Road in DeKalb County, would include widening the four 9-foot travel lanes of Ponce de Leon Avenue to provide 12-foot travel lanes and left turn lanes in both directions. The widening of Ponce de Leon Avenue through the intersection would also require the reconstruction of the southbound approach of Clifton Road, the installation of new pedestrian facilities and lighting at the intersection, and the re-striping of both Ponce de Leon Avenue and Clifton Road within the project limits. The total length of the proposed project area is approximately 1800 feet. The existing right-of-way (ROW) is 50 feet on SR 8/Ponce de Leon Avenue to the intersection with Clifton Road, and 60 feet on Clifton Road. The proposed ROW would be approximately 87 feet on SR 8/Ponce de Leon Avenue and 82 feet on Clifton Road. OLPA has requested to be a consulting party on the project.

Parent Network

The Druid Hills Parents Network had a great time hosting its first event of 2019 — A Valentine Party hosted by Emily and Andrew Webb. With over 12 families in attendance, the children enjoyed creating valentine crafts, making new friends, and eating all of the snacks. Parents were able to make connections with new neighbors, and to catch up with familiar faces. We would love for you to join the Parents Network for our next event on March 16th — a St. Patrick’s Day Treasure Hunt. Location and time to be announced soon. To stay up-to-date on all of the Parent Network happenings, be sure to join the DHCA at any level, and log in to the Parent’s Network password-protected page. We will also be posting event information on NextDoor. As always, feel free to email Emily and Ginger Ann with any suggestions or questions at parents@druidhills.org.





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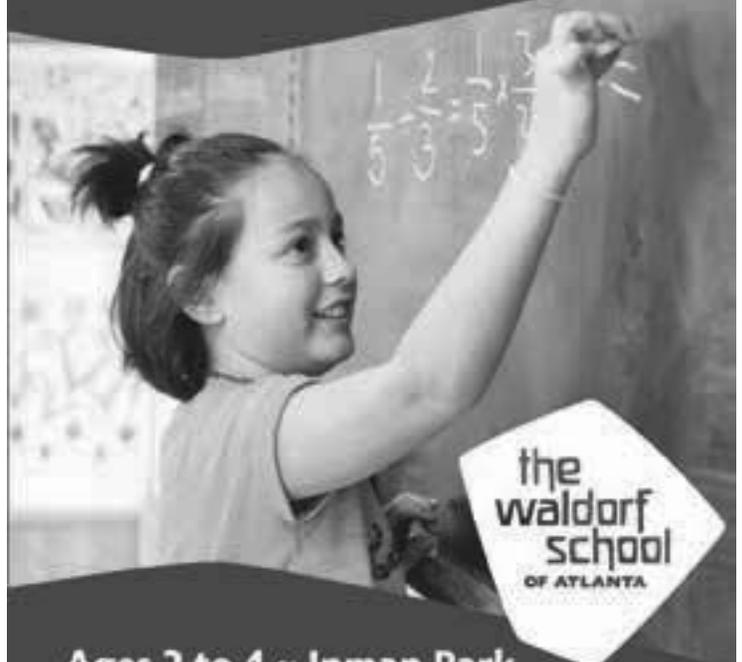


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School News

SPARK



Springdale Park Elementary, serving the Virginia Highlands, Druid Hills, Poncey-Highlands, and Midtown communities, has a diverse student population with students from all across the globe! The school recently hosted its 2nd annual International Night. Over 300 students and family members attended to learn more about and celebrate the diverse cultural heritage of the student body! Attendees circulated through over 20 stations to get their “passport” stamped as they learned more about cultural and family traditions in a variety of nations including Ireland, Mexico, Australia, China, Spain, Turkey, Greece and more. Participants were able to see pictures, touch artifacts, and sample traditional foods such as vegemite, traditional tea and biscuits, and Dubliner cheese. After visiting each station, participants settled in to experience live performances of traditional dances and songs from various cultures. It was a wonderful way to share and celebrate the diverse backgrounds of the families that make up the school community. Springdale Park PTO would like to thank two community partners, Doc Chey’s and Steel City Pops, for attending and donating to the event. If you are a community member that would like to participate in, or donate to, future events, please reach out to Amanda Curran with the Springdale Park PTO at fundraising@springdaleparkelementary.org.

Druid Hills High School

Druid Hills High School has had an exciting year with our new principal, Mr. Mark Joyner. An alumni committee was formed to plan events for the 100-year celebrations and to improve school outreach to all alumni. There is over 100% increase in the number of students enrolled in the 9th and 10th pre-IB Program. The Druid Hills Education Foundation is being established currently.

Druid Hills High School conducted its 11th annual auction on February 2nd to raise funds for the PTSA and the Athletic Association. This annual event brings together parents, faculty and staff to eat, drink and be merry, while raising critical dollars for high school programs. There was an extensive effort to reach out to alumni to include them in the celebration and we had over 40 alumni come, from eight different decades! It was a rich celebration of past and present at the Miller-Ward House at Emo-

ry, a huge shout out to Emory for partnership with DHHS!

Our seniors are receiving their college acceptances; so far we have had 19 early actions acceptances to UGA and 5 to GA Tech. Matthew Dacey-Koo had a perfect ACT and SAT score and is our STAR Student for the 2019 Senior Class. He has selected Ms. Rebecca Brown as the STAR Teacher. Matthew has also been selected as a candidate for the United States Presidential Scholars Program.

Emmanuel Zelalem received the POSSE Scholarship to George Washington. In addition, so far we have had a lacrosse scholarship to St. Andrews and early admittance to many schools, to name a few: Ohio Wesleyan, Agnes Scott, UNC Chapel Hill, Howard, and Baylor.

Paideia School

The Paideia high school Academic Bowl team will compete in the National Academic Quiz Tournaments Small School National Championship Tournament in Chicago in May. The team qualified for the tournament based on their showing at the North Atlanta High School Quiz Bowl Classic on January 12. Team members are: Rohan Leveille ‘22, Miles Kirsh ‘22, Reese Harward ‘22, Amit Kamma ‘22, and Grant Alpern ‘22. Contributing members were Javier Pardo ‘21, Sean Zheng ‘22, and Sophie Lyman ‘22.

Thirty-six Paideia students were honored recently with Regional Scholastic Art and Writing gold key, silver key, and honorable mention awards. The 17 students awarded gold keys will go on to the national judging in New York in March.

Three Paideia high school students have been selected to play in the Georgia All-State Orchestra. Jordan Leslie ‘20 was named principal cellist for the 11th and 12th grade full orchestra. Evan Nicholson ‘21 was named assistant principal cellist for the 10th and 11th grade full orchestra. David Chung ‘22 was selected for the first violin section for the 9th and 10th grade full orchestra.

The Paideia high school robotics team will compete in the state tournament in February, and the CREATE Foundation U.S. Open Robotics Championship in Council Bluffs, Iowa, in April. The team competed in the VEX Robotics High School Competition at Kennesaw State on January 19, where it won the Design Award. The team members are: Max Stein, Chip Miller, Sisay Tadesse, and Rakibul Chowdhury.

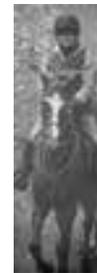
Paideia senior Ahalya Ramgopal was named to the Atlanta Intown “20 under 20” list honoring students who give back to the community. Ahalya has volunteered with the international refugee community for several years, teaching English, civics and history, and helping individuals prepare for the U.S. citizen-

ship test. Three other Paideia students were named runners up for the list, including Alana Mermin-Bunnell, Kendall Seefried, and Thuan Tran.

Ben Franklin Academy

This month alumni parents, Maria Saporta and Michael Cassidy, each received the amazing distinction of being inducted into the Georgia Trend Hall of Fame. Maria is a longtime Atlanta business, civic and urban affairs journalist with a deep knowledge of our city, region and state. Michael Cassidy, past president of the Georgia Research Alliance, is now the Director of BioMedical Catalyst at Emory University. Congratulations to both Maria and Mike for this well-deserved award!

Ben Franklin Academy (BFA) congratulates civic leader and alumni parent, J. Rex Fuqua, for his well-deserved recognition as Philanthropist of the Year by the Atlanta Chapter of the Association for Fundraising Professionals at this year’s National Philanthropy Day luncheon at the Georgia Aquarium. BFA particularly thanks Rex and Duvall for their steadfast support of Ben Franklin Academy and so many other nonprofit organizations in Atlanta.



Ben Franklin Academy sophomore, Kira Francklin, recently participated in a national equestrian competition where she came in 1st place for all Juniors and 5th place for pure Arabians. Kira has been competing for three years now through the American Endurance Ride Conference and the Arabian Horse Association. Kira also did very well at the Georgia Arabian Horse Association end-of-year Award Ceremony, where she was Grand Champion and Endurance and Competitive trail riding Reserve Champion for English Pleasure.



BFA students and faculty recently welcomed two new employees — “Benjamin” and “Franklin” — beautiful and talented Ragdoll kittens. They follow our wonderful and wise “Clark,” who passed away last month at 16 years of age from cancer. “Benjamin” and “Franklin” are doing their best to encourage students to do their schoolwork with their cute kitten antics, e.g., untying shoe laces and performing aerial tricks.



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Fifty Years Later: *The Road, 1968 Version*

By Jennifer J. Richardson

While doing some recent research, I came across an interesting letter from the Civic Association to the citizens of Druid Hills. The year is 1968 and the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) has been proposing the Stone Mountain Expressway (F—for Free-way—061) since 1961 (though it had been on the planning books as early as 1947). The author (who remains unidentified but was probably the DHCA president) states that the DHCA may have won the “first skirmish” but “it was just the first skirmish and we cannot let up now.” The road was finally stopped by an order of Judge Clarence Seeliger in 1992 — 22 years after the letter was penned. Fifty years have transpired since the letter, and 58 years since expressway plans were announced in 1961.

Route of the Stone Mountain Expressway is in middle of the map, crossing from Stone Mt area on the right to in-town neighborhoods on the left.

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The stand taken by the DeKalb County Board of Education, Mr. Roy K. Wood of the Interior Department and others, is very encouraging. All in all, it can safely be said that we came out of the first skirmish in good shape. BUT, let us remember that it was just the first skirmish and we cannot let up now.

Recent news articles indicate that we have won an extensive postponement of action on the expressway leg through Druid Hills. We are not sure this is the case, so we plan to pursue our efforts as vigorously as we have in the past.

On the one hand, the DeKalb Board of Education is trying to protect the Fernbank Science Center and Fernbank Elementary School. The U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare also have a big interest in both. It supplied funds of the Science Center and of course has an interest in all schools. The Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Department of the Interior are dispensing funds to create parkland and otherwise beautify urban areas.

On the other hand, the Georgia State Highway Department and the DeKalb traffic engineer seemingly do not consider the adverse effect of the proposed route to be of sufficient weight to give serious consideration about and detailed study to possible alternate routes. We hope the Bureau of Public Roads will recognize the absurdity of destroying the unique forest of Deep Dene Park, the Fernbank Science center, the natural beauty of 1.50 miles of Ponce de Leon Avenue (Atlanta's loveliest boulevard-type thoroughfare) and Fernbank Elementary school.

Talk to your neighbors again, keep them informed and get them to join you in writing the appropriate public officials. You might also secure their membership in this association.





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The Woman Who Started It All: *Sally Higgins Harbaugh, 1930 - 2018*

By Jennifer J. Richardson

Sometimes, when you least expect it, a gift arrives in the form of a new friendship or experience. That person or event opens wide the doors of new interests and the pursuit of new endeavors. For me, Sally Harbaugh was one such gift.

I met Sally and her husband, Norman, after they moved into their Owen Southwell-designed home on South Ponce de Leon. She introduced me to historic preservation and Frederick Law Olmsted Sr.; when she started the Olmsted Parks Society (OPS), I joined. At the time, we were fighting to save our historic neighborhood from a proposed expressway that would bisect several in-town neighborhoods, including Druid Hills, and would, at worst, destroy the linear park or, at best, severely compromise it. OPS was formed to educate the public about Olmsted's work and to be politically active in defeating the road. Sally was OPS' first president and Norman its perennial treasurer.

When you drive past the magnificent Linear Park, or walk within it, stop and give thanks to the remarkable woman who, with others, saved Olmsted's treasure for the enjoyment of all.

One of my favorite Sally stories is when she held up a color photograph of Leonardo Da Vinci's "Mona Lisa" at a Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) meeting. Then she ripped it up in front of everyone saying, "This is what you plan to do. You plan to destroy a treasure." At another GDOT meeting, Sally came face-to-face with GDOT Commissioner Tom Moreland. Despite her much smaller stature, she wagged her finger in Moreland's face and scolded him for some of the Presidential Parkway scandals and attempting to destroy her beloved park. Sally and Moreland were on very different sides in the road fight, but I know he respected her and maybe even admired her tenacity to fight for what she believed in.

Sally was an unlikely protester. She was always fashionably dressed and meticulously well-groomed, a "Druid Hills matron." One could visualize her sitting amongst her elegant antiques and family heirlooms, sipping tea from a beautiful china cup, while carrying on polite conversation with friends. But Sally was feisty! Her exterior look baffled many, for inside she did not suffer fools gladly. She was outspoken to the point of bluntness at times and fought for what mattered to her: history, her country, and her faith.

I have hundreds of Sally stories, as do most who knew her. Suffice it to say that the Olmsted Linear Park would no longer exist if Sally hadn't started the Olmsted movement, creating awareness of the treasure we had in our midst. She had a fearless devotion to stopping an expressway that would have destroyed that treasure. Later, she, Tally Sweat, and others masterminded the capital campaign



Sally Harbaugh, (left), with her friend Tally Sweat, on a bench in Oak Grove Park. Sally always said, "I had the dream to restore the park and Tally raised the money to realize my dream." We are all the beneficiaries.

that raised more than ten million dollars to restore the park to its 1905 glory. It's there today for all of us to enjoy—a most fitting tribute to Sally Harbaugh. Our neighborhood and many lives, including mine, are far richer for having been touched by Sally's friendship, passion, and gifts.

- Graduated from Wesleyan College in Macon with a BA in History
- Served as a Lieutenant in the United States Navy; worked for Admirable Hyman Rickover in the Navy's Nuclear Program
- Married to the late Captain USN, Dr. Norman Harbaugh. Mother to Dr. Norman Ross ("Chip") Harbaugh Jr.; grandmother to Adam Lee Harbaugh, Chandler Heilman Harbaugh, and Norman Ross Harbaugh III; sister to Captain USN Maria Higgins
- Served on the Druid Hills Civic Association Board for 20 years
- Became a nationally recognized Olmsted scholar
- Served on the National Alliance for Olmsted Parks board
- Founded the Olmsted Parks Society of Atlanta, Inc., in 1983
- Was one of several founders of the Olmsted Linear Park Alliance
- Honored with awards from the Atlanta Urban Design Commission, DeKalb County, and the Olmsted Linear Park Alliance (Lifetime Achievement Award)
- Was a devout lifetime member of the Baptist Church, where she sang in several church choirs

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