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## Join us for our annual Fourth of July Parade

- ★ The parade starts at 11:00 am at 948 Oakdale Road and The By Way.
- ★ Come early at 10:15 am to decorate bikes, wagons and strollers!
- ★ All past, and current musicians of all ages are invited to join the band that leads the parade. No rehearsals and no recent experience required.
- ★ Water, lemonade and a sweet treat will be provided. 🍹



photo: MK Hill



## EVA's first annual spring concert was a BIG HIT for Druid Hills!

The weather couldn't have been more perfect for Emory Village's first annual spring concert. Music lovers of all ages enjoyed the beautiful evening, hanging out with neighbors, and, of course, the entertainment. The concert, featuring Atlanta folksinger Shawn Mullins and acoustic trio John Willingham and Friends, capped off our week-long Olmsted 200 celebration. (And what a week it was! Read more inside...) Olmsted 200 won't be happening next year, but looks like we can count on another spring concert in Emory Village!

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By DHCA Chair, Van Biesel



In the days and weeks since the wrap up of the 2022 Druid Hills Homes and Gardens Tour and the bicentennial celebration of the birth of Frederick Law Olmsted, I've thought about the interesting conversations I had with those who

attended the tour, many of whom were visiting from other neighborhoods throughout the metro area. As we enjoyed the beauty of springtime in Druid Hills together, conversations centered around the questions: "What makes Druid Hills different?" "What makes it so special?"

Of course, there are many things that make Druid Hills great, but what makes it different from nearby neighborhoods also blessed with an array of beautiful historic homes and gardens is, in large part, due to Olmsted's brilliance and vision. His design—with its large lots, deep setbacks, and linear parks—ensured, and continues to ensure, a sense of openness and space rarely found in modern cities.

We, at DHCA, are grateful for the efforts of Mr. Olmsted as well as those of our members, neighbors and partner agencies who strive to maintain his legacy in our unique and wonderful neighborhood.



## DRUID HILLS ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY PARADE

The Druid Hills Annual 4th of July Parade, (started in 1976) will once again kick off at 11 am on (Monday) July 4th. Parade starts and finishes at 948 Oakdale Road and The By Way (Phil and Caroline Moise's house.) Come early at 10:15 am to the children's bike, wagon and stroller decorating event with July 4th supplies provided by local organizations and the Druid Hills Civic Association.

All past, and current musicians of all ages are invited to join the band that leads the annual 4th of July parade. No rehearsals and no recent experience required. Please contact Phil Moise (404-281-1496) if interested.

Refreshments (lemonade, bottled water and cookies) provided by the DHCA, Phil and Caroline Moise.

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### DEADLINES

The Druid Hills News is mailed to be received in homes during the second week of the month of the issue. The following are the deadlines for the next two Druid Hills News issues:

#### SEPTEMBER 2022

DEADLINE – AUGUST 10

#### DECEMBER 2022

DEADLINE – NOVEMBER 10

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## Baker Dude Bakery Café Opens in Emory Village

*By Claudia Edwards*

Emory Village has a new addition: Baker Dude. Come here for breakfast, baked goods, lunch and dessert! Have you been looking for that place where you can meet your friend to catch up? Does everyone in your home want a cupcake or a delicious pastry? Is it time to treat yourself to a specialty sandwich? Need boxed lunches for a meeting? Is your palate craving something sweet after dinner? Baker Dude can help you with those cravings and much more.

Orran Booher, founder of Baker Dude, who is known for his sweets and savory items, opened his third location—and first dine-in spot in Emory Village. This brunch-erie, casual lunch spot also features a to-go marketplace. Booher said, “My team and I are thrilled to open our third location in the Emory Village community. We are particularly excited to offer in-cafe dining so our guests can delight in the whole Baker Dude experience. The local Emory area folks are unique to our team. We enjoy working with Children’s Healthcare to provide catering to their hard-working staff. Many parents already use us to send treats and birthday cakes to their children studying at Emory University. We look forward to offering great food and efficient service to this hard-working community!”

Born and raised in Kingston, Jamaica, Booher’s parents were interior decorators and taught him all he needed to know about the design trade. The matriarch of the family, Booher’s mother, baked Jamaican Christmas cakes every Christmas, so he was involved since he could stand on his own two feet. Once old enough, Booher started baking on his own—his first cake was a box of pineapple upside down mix (I know, a box), and it came out great. Next, he started baking cupcakes that became so popular via online sales that he had to open a commissary kitchen.

In his Emory Village location, Booher has created



*Baker Dude founder Orran Booher in front of the recently opened Emory Village café.*

the endearing feel of a French cafe in the early morning, complete with fresh baked French-inspired selections such as quiche, croissants, and other pastries. Freestanding coolers are stocked with to-go items, including a variety of deli meats and cheeses. Guests can purchase them to take home or ask Baker Dude to create a charcuterie board with their purchases.

Additional take-home offerings include cakes for last-minute occasions -- classic, vegan, and gluten-free and unbaked pizzas and additional baked goods. Guests can download the Baker Dude app, select their store location, and place a pick-up order. All pick-up orders will be ready at the counter inside.

Don’t wait any longer. Come check it out. Recent guests, the Morris family said, “We had a great experience at Baker Dude. We ordered breakfast sandwiches and a stack of pancakes. Everything came out to perfection. The service was prompt, the food offerings were plentiful, and the employees are very friendly.”

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## Know Tree Removal Ordinance in City District

*Submitted by Alida Silverman, Landmark Historic District Committee*

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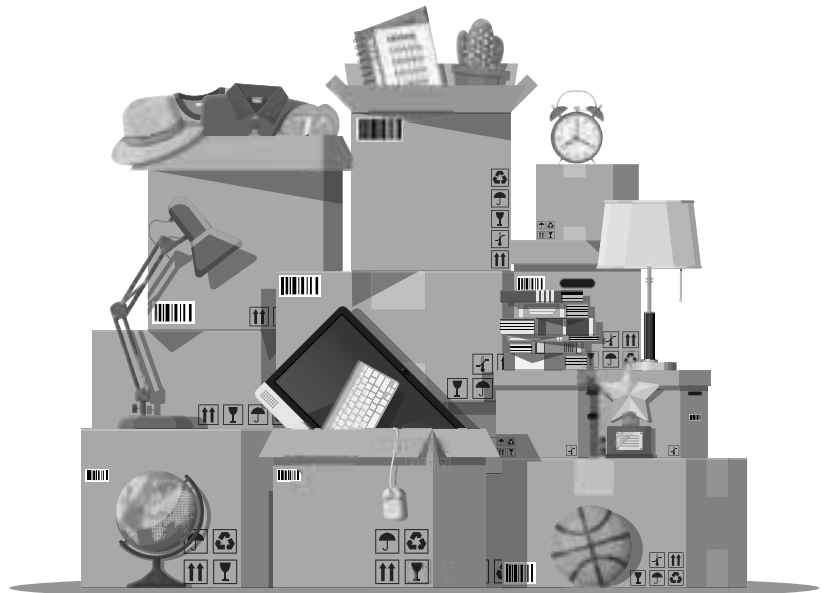
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*Other permits.* Permits to remove, destroy, or injure trees for safety, landscaping, silvicultural or other purposes shall be obtained by making application to the city arborist. All permits shall be posted for public inspection on site.

When a tree is approved for removal, it must be replaced with a tree of one and one-half inches caliper in Druid Hills. Druid Hills had the first residential "tree ordinance" in the City. You don't protect an Olmsted neighborhood without valuing its trees!



## Sell Your Stuff Sept. 24

*By Thea Roeser, DHCA Membership Committee*

It's back! The Druid Hills Civic Association is planning its annual neighborhood-wide yard sale, "I'M SELLING MY STUFF!" -- a rain or shine event taking place on September 24, 9-2 pm. Registration is set to open on the Druid Hills Civic Association website ([www.druidhills.org](http://www.druidhills.org)), August 28 and closes on September 16. The registration fee is \$25. You sell in front of your home and keep your sale proceeds.

DHCA will advertise the sale in the Atlanta Journal Constitution, Craig's list, NextDoor.com and will place signs in the neighborhood, starting August 28. The weekend prior to the sale, DHCA will place a small "I'M SELLING MY STUFF!" sign in the yards of residents who have registered for the sale. A map of participating houses will be located on the DHCA website starting Sept. 19.

As in years past, all registration fees raised from this community event will be donated to a local community organization or school. Previous recipients have been Fernbank Elementary School Art Department to help purchase its kiln, and Medlock Park to help replace youth baseball equipment destroyed by flooding. The registration form will give the information on which organization will receive this year's registration fees.

There is one major change to this event. In the past, DHCA has arranged for the Atlanta Kidney Foundation to pick up unwanted unsold items. Because of worker shortage, the AKF and other organizations will no longer provide this service. So we ask the question: Would you still be interested in doing a yard sale if you have to make your own arrangements to dispose of any unsold items? Please email me at [theafoeser@yahoo.com](mailto:theafoeser@yahoo.com) and type yes or no. Based on community response, the DHCA will decide whether to continue forward with the Druid Hills Neighborhood-Wide Yard Sale. Stay updated on the sale by subscribing to the monthly e-newsletter, available to all residents and located on [www.druidhills.org](http://www.druidhills.org).

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# Stylish Olmsted Birthday Gala Turns into a Homecoming

Callanwolde had the honor of hosting Fredrick Law Olmsted's 200th Birthday Party with neighbors and dignitaries from all over Druid Hills. The April 26th Gala was attended by more than 300 guests dressed in their finest clothes enjoying live music, delicious food, and specialty cocktails served in the beautiful and historic Callanwolde mansion. "It felt like a neighborhood Homecoming with old friends catching up after a long hiatus," said Andrew Keenan, Executive Director of Callanwolde.

Herb Chereck from Decatur Package Store did an outstanding job keeping the conversations "fluid" with specialty drinks, "Go With the FLO" and "The Olmsted." Special thanks to Cathy Vandenberg and DHCA for obtaining the liquor license! Thanks to Laura Iarocci's creative team at Faith Flowers, the mansion looked spectacular. Dana Harris from Zest Atlanta Catering personally attended to a spectacular spread of food that included a shrimp and grits station, carving station, salmon station, plus what seemed like a pyramid of fresh fruit, veggies, and dips in the Mediterranean station.

Of course, no Gala would be a success without great music. As guests entered the mansion they were treated to the soothing sounds of Jennie Richardson on her harp. Later, Atlanta Jazz legend, Joe Gransden had the crowd on their feet dancing, with a fantastic show in the indoor courtyard.

Gala Chair Bonnie Wolf deserves credit for the event aided by a wonderful planning team who helped make the evening a huge success, including Sandra Kruger, Anne Wallace, Julie Ralston, Cathy Vandenberg, Kit Eisterhold, Alida Silverman, Jennie Richardson, Tina Hart, Don Walter, Connie Weimar, Gale Walldorf, Andrew Keenan, Paige Kubik, and Sally Sears.

Sincere appreciation to DeKalb County Commissioner Jeff Rader for presenting the Olmsted 200 Proclamation commemorating April 26, 2022, the 200th anniversary of the birth of Frederick Law Olmsted.

A special thanks to our sponsors who helped make the event a financial success: Keller-Knapp Realty, Tunnell & Tunnell; The Coca-Cola Company, DTJ Design, Druid Hills Garden Club, GA ASLA, Harry Norman, Realtors, Alida & Stuart Silverman; Atlanta Intown Magazine, Sprint Print, Callanwolde Fine Arts Center, Decatur Package Store, Zest Atlanta Catering, Truist, Greene's Fine Foods, Little Otter, and Jennifer Richardson.

Two years in the making, the event kicked off what is hoped to be a long-term partnership with Druid Hills Civic Association, Druid Hills Golf Club, Emory Village Alliance, Frazer Center, Olmsted Linear Park Alliance, Olmsted Plein Air Invitational, and South Fork Conservancy.

"It would be our pleasure to host this homecoming event every year," said Keenan. If anyone would like to volunteer to be part of planning the next Gala, please contact Bonnie Wolf (bonnie.wolf@harrynorman.com) or Anne Wallace (awallace@tloffices.com).



*Members of the Gala 200 Planning Committee (left to right): Jennie Richardson, Cathy Vandenberg, Tina Hart, Bonnie Wolf, Andrew Keenan, Sandra Kruger, Anne Wallace, Gale Walldorf and Julie Ralston. Not pictured: Don Walter, Kit Eisterhold, Van Biesel.*





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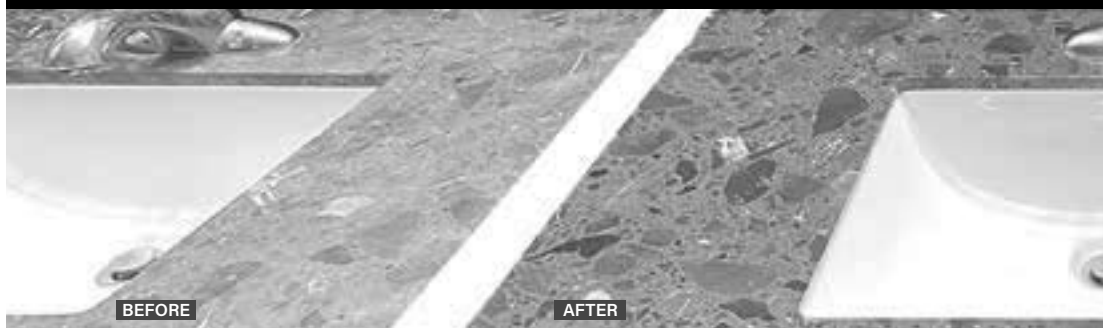


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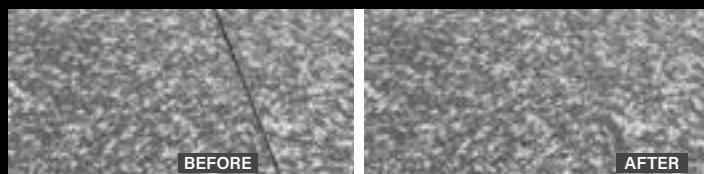
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## Thanks to Many, Tour Weekend Was Huge Success

*By Kit Eisterhold*

Words have been hard to come by, and I've struggled to find sufficient inspiration to write an article about the Tour these last couple of weeks. Truth be told, the Tour was a bit of a blur. As Chair you mostly miss the Tour as it is happening. You're mostly too busy running around like a chicken with your head cut off putting out fires -- staffing issues, traffic jams, and chasing down missing signs -- to sit down and savor the moment.

I had that moment, however, Saturday night in the Village. It had been an interminable day full of the usual disasters, and I was more than a little beat, and riddled with anxieties concerning the forecast, which at one point predicted an 80% chance of thunderstorms, right at the moment Shawn Mullins was to take the stage. I'd imagined the whole event would be rained out, that no one would show up, and that it would all have been for naught.

But as I crested the rise near the roundabout, and the lawn finally came into view, all those anxieties were dispelled. I could clearly see that the whole neighborhood had turned out. Hundreds of people were there. Blankets were spread out on the lawn, and people were picnicking with a bottle of wine or a cooler of beer, as their kids ran around the field laughing and playing. I sat there lapping it up with old friends and new, healthily overserving myself as is my habit when I'm having a good time, and finally letting myself relax for the first time in what seemed like months. The weather was gorgeous and Shawn Mullins put on an amazing show, sunglasses shielding his eyes from the light of a picture perfect sunset.

It was only then, on my walk back home, that I finally allowed myself to think out loud that WE ACTUALLY PULLED IT OFF.

There were times I had serious doubts that it would happen at all. I'd been hearing for some time that the Tour was dying. I had just finished a contentious term as DHCA President and taking over the Tour was the last thing I had in mind. I had no idea what I was doing. I had no organizational skills. I had no plan. So, like Clarence in "It's a Wonderful Life," I basically threw myself into the river, with the faith that my neighbors (who I knew loved the Tour just as much as I did) would jump in and fish me out.



## Tour Weekend ...continued from page 10



And you did.. Hundreds of you. And in doing so you saved a living legacy and helped elevate it to something even greater.

I am sincerely grateful to you all. To the Homeowners and their hospitality. To the generosity of our Sponsors, Benefactors, Friends & Patrons. To the hard-working members of our Tour Committee, who worked miracles in the 11th hour to pull this off, and to our Docents and their hours of often thankless drudgery. And finally, thanks to the "Olmsted 200" Committee, under the auspices of which we were able to put together something much greater than a Tour alone, and

which brought the neighborhood together in a way I haven't seen before.

That feeling I had Saturday night -sitting there with all my friends and neighbors, with all the kids running around playing and laughing and having a good time, with a drink in my hand and a smile on my face, with music wafting through the air, and with a perfect sunset bursting through the clouds off in the distance, and that feeling that all's right with my world -- that's what it's all about.

I hope you are all up for doing it again next year. God knows I am....

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## Olmsted 200 Celebrations Continue

By Alida Silverman

The “blowout” week of celebration of Olmsted 200 in Druid Hills the last week of April is over. BUT the celebration continues all year long in Olmsted cities and towns across the country.

Chicago celebrates with its own Birthday Party in June as well as walks and talks.

- Riverside, IL the ‘first suburb’ keeps the Olmsted Exhibit created by the Oak Spring Garden Foundations in shareable form in its Library till Halloween.
- Olmsted Plein Air, born in Atlanta, keeps its Olmsted 200 Virtual Gallery of paintings LIVE until December 31.
- The Biltmore Estate in Asheville has a special program “Olmsted at Biltmore” now through December 31: <https://www.biltmore.com/our-story/olmsteds-biltmore/https://www.biltmore.com/olmsted200>
- Launched on April 26, The Cultural Landscape Foundation’s “What’s Out There” Special Olmsted Edition stays up for one year and will be issued in print form in the Fall.
- And in Atlanta? Stay tuned. . .

Along with a Calendar of Events across the country and in Canada, the Olmsted 200 website has a section called “Shared Spaces” covering all things Olmsted. Did you know there is a children’s musical called “Olmsted the Musical”? You can catch the YouTube on the website. And, it seems that Frederick Law Olmsted had a connection to “Hamilton” the musical. If you are curious, check out [olmsted200.org](http://olmsted200.org)



*The birthday cake for Frederick Law Olmsted served at the Birthday Party in Central Park in New York City. You can imagine the colors if you remember the “Head” design created especially for the bicentennial of his birth. Also appearing in New York City was the “Head” constructed by a puppeteer and worn by someone wandering Central Park and attracting lots of attention. After all, Central Park was the beginning.*

## Let’s Keep Vacation Season Crime Free

*Here Are Some Tips from DH Patrol*

By Marilyn Geewax

As we head into peak vacation season, the Druid Hills Patrol is urging neighbors to keep homes and possessions safe. Officers will be making frequent safety checks at the homes of vacationing members, and as always, they will be patrolling our streets to help prevent crime.

Here are some tips they recommend for a crime-free vacation:

**Don’t advertise your absence on social media.** Resist the urge to post photos, status updates and “check ins” while on vacation. Criminals look for tips to identify empty houses. Even when you use the highest security settings on Facebook and Twitter, burglars can come across your personal information.

**Do tell trusted loved ones where you are going.** While it’s a bad idea to post information on social media, it’s a good idea to let someone you trust know where you are going and when you plan to return. And Druid Hills Patrol members should be sure to update their online profiles to let officers know how to get in touch in an emergency.

**Keep your Druid Hills Patrol sign and any home-security signs in very visible places.** The signs really do help discourage burglars. But FAKE security signs are easily spotted by criminals.

**Use timers on lights and radios.** Try to keep your home looking and sounding occupied. A house that is totally dark and silent at 8:30 pm may look inviting to burglars. Don’t set all timers to come on and off at the exact same moment. Have them turn on and off in unpredictable patterns.

**Stop mail and newspaper delivery.** Having newspapers sitting on the driveway or mail spilling out of your mailbox are big hints for burglars.

**Don’t hide spare keys.** You may think your hiding place is clever, but criminals are creative too. They have a knack for finding hidden keys.

**Have someone take care of the yard.** If you will be gone for a long time, make sure your yard looks like you are still there with mowing and trimming.

**Prepare for wacky weather.** It’s Atlanta! We could have a drought or a tornado or flooding rains or all of the above. Secure your patio furniture and look around your yard for possible problems before you leave town.

**Join the Druid Hills Patrol if you aren’t already a member.** The officers will help make sure you return to a crime-free home. Annual dues are prorated. Just go to [www.druidhillspatrol.org](http://www.druidhillspatrol.org) to sign up and help make your home safer.







## Eradicating Invasives in Deepdene Park

By Ann Vandenberg

Early one chilly April morning, I visited Deepdene to see efforts there to eradicate invasive plants. Deepdene is the easternmost of the six-part Olmsted Linear Park along Ponce de Leon Avenue, the only segment on the north side of it, the largest at 22 acres, and so old that one of its white oaks dates from before the American Revolution. The terrain ranges from steep impassable banks on the north side, to the rocky creek bed, to the pristinely landscaped grassy Mead. A mound of red cedar mulch spiced the air near the east entrance, and dogs with owners meandered from the Mead into the Vale. Progressing into the Lower Dene, the landscaping grew increasingly overgrown and tangled. Staked signs around a fenced-off area in the interior marked efforts to clear trails and restore native plants.

The park needs “army boots on the ground,” says Sandy Kruger, the executive director of the Olmsted Linear Park Alliance, because “we want to preserve Deepdene for generations.” From 2016-2017, OLPA partnered with the Georgia Audubon Society on the 2016 Five Star and Urban Waters grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) to remove invasive plants and plant native ones to restore bird habitats within the forests. Since then, OLPA maintenance employees and volunteer work groups continue to partner with Georgia Audubon Society in removing invasive species.

Where do the invasives come from? In part, according to Kruger, from water runoff, birds, and from landscape companies blowing yard debris into the park segments; a good example is the deep-rooted ornamental grass *Liriope*

(*spicata*) which is extremely hard to eradicate. Other invasives might be historic mistakes, shrubs that were promoted decades ago that the Druid Hills Design Manual now classifies as “aggressive exotics” (e.g., privet, *Ligustrum sinense*).

Kruger discussed focusing on these main invasives to be eradicated in Deepdene:

- English ivy (*Hedera helix*)
- Privet (*Ligustrum sinense*)
- Chinese wisteria (*Wisteria sinensis*)
- Cherry laurel (*Prunus caroliniana*)
- Bush honeysuckle (*Lonicera maackii*)
- Japanese chaff flower (*Achyranthes japonica*)
- Liriope (*Liriope spicata*)
- Heavenly bamboo (*Nandina domestica*)
- Wax leaf ligustrum (*Ligustrum japonicum*)
- Leatherleaf mahonia (*Mahonia bealei*)

Once the invasives are cleared away, the native plants can take care of themselves, she explains: “When we started clearing out English Ivy, privet and other invasives, native plants just started popping up. They’re all over the forest but get suffocated underneath the invasive plants.” Restoration efforts in the forest fosters healthy wildlife habitats, which allows native birds to thrive. One may also see salamanders scampering on the forest bed.

Deepdene delights year-round. In the fall you

could stumble upon mushroom colonies – morels, chanterelles, or oysters – and walk among the beech trees whose leaves turn yellow but do not drop. Kruger calls the Deepdene’s winter lighting “spectacular.” Then the blooming season begins. Come to Deepdene to see these native flowers:

- Bloodroot (*Sanguinaria canadensis*) – late winter and early spring
- Sweet shrub (*Calycanthus floridus*) – spring
- Elderberry (*Sambucus canadensis*) – spring
- Solomon’s seal (*Polygonatum odoratum*) – late spring to summer
- Mayapple (*Podophyllum peltatum*) – late spring/May
- Wild iris (*Iris grandiflora*) – spring and summer
- Wild ginger (*Hexastylis arifolia*) – summer
- Beautyberry (*Callicarpa americana*) – summer
- Hercules club (*Zanthoxylum clava-herculis*) – summer

Deepdene, Kruger notes, really needs ambassadors for the forest who frequent these trails, know the park well and can report on issues that arise, as well as a robust training program to certify volunteers to lead the volunteer groups. Volunteers work monthly and usually on Saturday mornings (see the Druid Hills Civic Association website for announcements). We invite you to join us in Deepdene!

# 100 Year-Old DHHS in Critical Need of Repairs

By Susanna MacKenna

When I tell people I attend Druid Hills High School, they say they've heard about my school on the news. Is it really that bad? If I am being honest, no, it is so much worse. It is awful to sit in a boiling classroom for hours with a splitting headache from the mildew and the mold. The walls are cracking and crumbling from water damage, the bathrooms might not be open, and the wifi most likely is down. Smoke detectors are broken and fire alarms do not work. DHHS is a hazard to everyone who walks the halls. It is impossible to focus on learning at Druid Hills High School. As you can see from the pictures, it has many hazards.

This is how I began my speech to the DeKalb County Board of Education on May 9. In this speech I hoped to persuade the Board to include DHHS in its Local Facilities Plan for submission to the Georgia Department of Education. They did not, and the problems at my high school, the school that is the zoned high school for much of our community, remain unaddressed.

The State Superintendent of Schools recognizes how bad things are. Mr. Woods has stated that he will not approve DeKalb's plan for improvements without addressing the problems at Druid Hills High. Georgia has funds available to pay some costs to modernize schools that are 40+ years old, and Druid Hills High is almost 100 years old. The U.S. Department of Education might have funding for renovations at Title One schools, which would include Druid Hills High School. Mr. Woods has been firm in the position that conditions at Druid Hills High School must be addressed. Now, the state has sent another letter restating that DHHS's deplorable conditions must be addressed. Just last week, the state appointed a special advisor to oversee the actions in DeKalb County Schools.

Why is fixing Druid Hills so important? DHHS serves the entire county with our lottery School Choice IB program, so students from all over DeKalb are suffering. The school also sits in a highly populated area, and its dangers can impact the whole community. On May 6, we had a level two lockdown at DHHS, but the facility is so broken that the exterior doors could not be automatically locked. One of the suspects escaped into the surrounding area and led to a four-hour hard lockdown on Emory's campus, including the daycares and Glenn School for Young Children. Tens of thousands of additional people, including young children, were put in danger.

So, what can Druid Hills residents and DHCA members do to help? Please, become involved in the Red Devil Task Force. The Task Force is focused on how to bring about change in DeKalb County Schools. All facilities are in dire need of repairs; but Druid Hills is one of the worst. You can learn more about the Red Devil Task Force by visiting the DHHS PTO website at [dhhspto.org](http://dhhspto.org).

Everyone, regardless of their background, deserves a school that supports their education. By preventing necessary repairs and modernization for DHHS, the DeKalb County School Board is putting the people I see every day at risk



*A ceiling that is deteriorated and molding  
(Photo by Peter Green)*



*This is a roof, not a garden  
(photo by Allie McQuiston)*



*A scary pipe (Photo by Clara Kropp)*

and hurting everyone around us. Druid Hills High School has been a vital part of this community for over one hundred years. It has educated so many people who have gone to great fame and also many people who have made a great difference just in their corner of the world. I dearly love DHHS. The students and teachers and staff there, and also our community, deserve better.

*Susanna MacKenna is a rising senior at DHHS.*

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## 2022 Legislative Reflections

The Druid Hills News asked our local state legislators, Senator Elena Parent and Representatives Mary Margaret Oliver and Becky Evans, to share some highlights of the 2022 legislative session which convened on January 10 and ended on April 4. Our thanks to each of them for these reports.

### **Senator Elena Parent**

**(District 42 - [www.elenaparent.com](http://www.elenaparent.com))**

The 2022 Legislative Session brought many controversial bills to implement policies Georgians simply don't agree with, but this is an election year, and the Governor and many members of the General Assembly are running for office and face tough Republican primaries. These bills were designed to appeal to the right wing of their base.



Many of these bills focused on education, aimed at manufactured issues, that could still have real consequences for schools and children. Republicans passed a bill to censor teaching about race, including teaching about systemic racism in the United States. In a flurry of last-minute shenanigans, this bill was amended to, albeit in a roundabout way, ban transgender girls from playing high school sports. Other bills purported to give parents rights they already had to review school curriculum, the purpose of which were to feed 'culture war' fears. The slightly good news here is that there were 22 bad education bills this session, but only a few passed.

Republicans also passed a law to eliminate the Weapons Carry License requirement currently in Georgia code, which will allow gun owners to carry a loaded gun in public without a background check. This dismantles one of the few controls we have had to protect the public. The majority of Georgians do not support loosening restrictions on gun owners, but this was a primary election priority.

A voting bill was passed that will allow the GBI to investigate allegations of voter fraud, but an omnibus voting bill did not pass. The bill would have risked undermining election

workers, made it harder to conduct elections, and allowed for a flood of hands-on sham ballot reviews. We also successfully blocked bills that would severely restrict protests, criminalize homelessness, and expand the use of cash bail. Some of the good news is what didn't pass.

Other good news from this legislative session includes passing a budget that includes pay raises for teachers and state employees, record funding for k-12 schools, colleges, and mental health programs. We expanded coverage for mental health disorders and expanded post-partum Medicaid for low-income mothers to one year from six months. Additionally, for the first time in a long time, we fully funded the Special Institution Fees at Georgia Colleges and Universities and increased Hope Scholarship funding to 90 percent for all institutions. This will reduce college costs for many this year. We also passed and funded a pilot program to provide need-based completion grants for students who have completed 80 percent of their degree program but face financial hardship.

### **Rep. Mary Margaret Oliver**

**(District 82 - [www.marymargaretoliver.org](http://www.marymargaretoliver.org))**

The 2022 Session was fraught with partisan tension. Many bills had my attention, but none more so than the Mental Health Parity Act. Speaker Ralston invited me to work with Republican Rep. Todd Jones of Forsyth on the Act, which passed both chambers unanimously. The Act brings significant reforms to Georgia's mental health and substance abuse systems of care.



Under this new law, mental health and substance use insurance coverage must be no more restrictive than coverage for other health care ("parity"). Also, insurance companies under contract to the state will be required to spend a minimum of 85% of their collected premiums on direct care services, and failure to do so will trigger enforcement from the Office of the Insurance Commissioner. To increase our workforce, the bill offers cancellable educational loans for

those mental health professionals serving needy areas. Chronic sufferers who are frequent users of emergency departments and crisis units, have repeated encounters with law enforcement and the courts, and often are incarcerated rather than receiving appropriate treatment are addressed by provisions for Assisted Outpatient Care, accountability courts, and trained co-responders.

Work on this bill began over two years ago when the Governor appointed the Behavioral Health Reform and Innovation Commission -- experts in mental and behavioral health and representatives from the General Assembly, the courts, and law enforcement and the medical communities. Under the leadership of former representative Kevin Tanner, Commission subcommittees continued to work even after the report was filed with the Governor in January 2021. The new Act continues the work of the Commission to fulfill its intention and develop further reforms.

On the last day of the Session, we passed one of the bills in my long effort to shed light on the processes used by Georgia's over 700 development authorities. HB 923 caps the per diem amounts directors of authorities in the four largest metro counties can pay themselves, and gives a state agency jurisdiction over complaints of ethics violations against any development authority or its members.

The bill does not address the tax incentives and abatements routinely granted by authorities to developers, and Georgia law does not currently define or regulate such abatements. Often stakeholders like school systems do not know about development deals that will have a financial impact. A Senate committee will study development authorities and report by year end, and I am working on a similar effort in the House.

Please sign up for my legislative newsletter if you want more details on the Session---each of my 2022 newsletters are available on my web site [www.marymargaretoliver.org](http://www.marymargaretoliver.org) or call me anytime you have questions at my law office 404 377 0485. THANK YOU!



**Rep. Becky Evans****(District 83 – [www.beckyevans.com](http://www.beckyevans.com))**

The 2022 Legislative Session was a roller coaster ride. The session began with the lows of extreme partisanship on local redistricting; moved to the highs of a record budget funding many bipartisan priorities; back to the lows of culture war legislation, especially in education; back to the high of bipartisan, comprehensive mental health reform and events honoring the career (48 years!) of the “Dean” of the House, Calvin Smyre.



The last day, Sine Die, was quiet, and lulled us into thinking we had stopped the remaining harmful bills, only to end with a quick sharp dip late that evening, fulfilling the Governor’s checklist of campaign issues, one making the GBI the initial, primary investigator of potential election fraud, and the other targeting young female transgender athletes. Sprinkled throughout the session were

countless and many emotional “goodbye” speeches, of legislators who are choosing not to return, either retiring or running for higher office. At least 40 House seats are open, and that’s not including those who may lose their seats by election - next session will be a “fruit basket turnover” with many new faces.

The local redistricting process, for county commission and school districts, and for the statewide Public Service Commission, dominated much of the first half of the 2022 legislative session. This turned out to be a painful, tense and fractious process and unprecedented, according to longtime legislators, in its partisanship.

In local redistricting, the county commissioners and school board create maps, and usually, according to our House rules, the state delegation passes the map. These maps pass through a consent agenda through the Intergovernmental Coordination committee, onto the House on a local agenda, where bills are voted on all up or down. But in counties that have gone from majority white to majority minority in the past decade, where the commission and school board members are majority minority, such as Cobb, Gwinnett, and Richmond counties, the Republican(s) in

the state delegation for the county drew their own maps, ignoring our House rules, to preserve partisan power. These maps were passed out of the Governmental Affairs committee and onto the House floor, where they passed by a partisan vote.

Basically, since the Republican party in Georgia’s state legislature is essentially white, and the Democratic party, especially in these diverse counties, is essentially people of color, this partisanship resulted in the white minority holding control over the black majority. These examples make it hard to make the case that structural racism does not exist in Georgia.

On a more positive note, here are some additional accomplishments of the 2022 session: Improving recruitment of high-quality teachers by allowing retired teachers to return to the classroom and still collect their pension; Providing State of Georgia retirees their first cost of living pension raise since the Great Recession; Helping businesses and working families by penalizing bad companies who falsely report workers as contractor to avoid paying benefits and fair pay; Strengthening the testing and abatement standards to reduce childhood lead poisoning.



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## OLPA Receives Park Pride Grant to Renovate Playground

Friends of Olmsted Linear Park have announced that a grant received from Park Pride in the amount of \$150,000 will help fund the renovation of the Springdale park playground and repair the surrounding paved paths.

Park Pride and members of the Druid Hills community recognize that great parks increase the quality of life of residents by supporting healthy people, strong neighborhoods, vibrant business districts, a robust economy and a healthy environment. This grant will help OLPA address stormwater drainage issues around the playground, upgrade all the play structures that are designed for all abilities, install new plant materials and repair the paths around the playground area.

“Play is such a vital element to a child’s development. Playgrounds are where children learn social skills and develop their motor skills,” said Sandra Kruger, OLPA executive director. “There are several schools in the vicinity where children utilize the playground on daily basis. We want to encourage positive childhood development, and the new play structures will promote this development while enhancing their experience in the park.”

“Park Pride has been an incredible partner and resource for many years,” said Weslee Knapp, OLPA president. “They were very supportive during the restoration efforts of the park in the 1990s, and we share the same philosophy that everyone deserves a clean, safe and beautiful park so that communities may thrive.”

Park Pride is active in greenspace advocacy and educating both civic leaders and the public about the benefits of parks. The organization currently works with over 100 local Friends of the Park groups in the City of Atlanta and DeKalb County. “Play is a key aspect of building a positive relationship with the outdoors. Park Pride is excited to support Olmsted Linear Park Alliance in their efforts to make the playground at Springdale Park an enjoyable experience for all,” said Park Pride Program Manager Kayla Altland.

A community engagement session will be scheduled later this spring to review the playground design. If you want to volunteer in the park or an event, visit [www.atlantaolmstedpark.org/volunteer](http://www.atlantaolmstedpark.org/volunteer). This year marks the 200th birthday of Frederick Law Olmsted, Sr. who designed the Olmsted Linear Park and the historic Druid Hills neighborhood. For more information about this national celebration, visit [atlantaolmstedpark.org](http://atlantaolmstedpark.org) or [olmsted200.org](http://olmsted200.org). Follow us on Facebook and Instagram - @olmstedlinearpark!

The Olmsted Linear Park Alliance mission is to protect and preserve Olmsted Linear Park by engaging and educating the public to treasure and invest in the improvement of this historic, landmark asset; and to champion the teaching and the legacy of Frederick Law Olmsted, Sr. in creating a thoughtful, well-designed greenspace to enhance urban living.



## Frazer Forest Benefits from Grant Award

*By Dina Shadwell*

The ongoing partnership between the Frazer Center and Trees Atlanta has been fortified by a grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF). The Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Grant Program supports the next phase of the Frazer Forest long-term restoration plan that Trees Atlanta and the Frazer Center began in 2016.

Frazer Forest was originally Muscogee territory and is part of a tract of old-growth remnants—including Fernbank Forest, Lullwater Conservation Garden, and Deepdene Park—that were protected from commercial logging. Over time, invasive species have come to threaten the forest’s large native overstory trees, shrub species, and herbaceous ground cover. With four creeks and nearly eight acres of floodplain, Frazer Forest also suffers from creek bank erosion and flooding.

With the grant award from NFWF, Trees Atlanta and Frazer Center are moving forward with a five-year management plan to restore 9.7 acres within Frazer Forest through suppression of the most pressing invasive plant species, continued maintenance, and replanting procedures to ensure the future health, functionality, and resiliency of the site.

As of May, hundreds of plantings have already happened in Frazer Forest as a result of the grant award, and invasive removal is ongoing. This summer, the Trees Atlanta Youth Tree Team, a high school summer employment program, will be on board to boost the grant project. Fifty students will work on different aspects of the project, such as completing surveys of all plants in the pertinent zones; categorizing plants and compiling fun facts about the native species; finding, measuring, and estimating the age of champion trees in Frazer Forest; and brainstorming ideas for signage in the forest and possible curriculum lessons for Frazer Center’s nature-based learning program.

No part of the Frazer Forest long-term restoration plan could happen without the help of volunteers, many of whom live in the Druid Hills, Lake Claire, and Candler Park communities. The Frazer Center relies heavily on these dedicated volunteers who show up on the first Saturday of each month to put this plan into action so that generations to come will be able to access and enjoy this beautiful, old-growth greenspace.

If you would like to be a part of the Frazer Forest restoration team, sign up to receive information about upcoming volunteer events at [frazercenter.org/volunteers](http://frazercenter.org/volunteers).



*Volunteers work to restore Frazer Forest.*



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## Tyrannosaurs Exhibit Opens at Fernbank Museum

This summer Fernbank Museum will welcome its newest exhibit, “Tyrannosaurs: Meet the Family.” This exhibit spotlights the Tyrannosaur family tree – from the small, feathered creatures of the early Jurassic period to the top predators of the Cretaceous – and will stomp through Fernbank from June 11 through September 5.

“Tyrannosaurs: Meet the Family” will feature several different tyrannosaurs, including the small-statured Dilong and the long-armed Guanlong, and highlights the evolution that took place over time by allowing audiences to engage with the species through a variety of activities. This exhibit showcases the entire family tree and teaches visitors that there’s more to the tyrannosaurs family than what’s shown in the movies!

Guests will be able to examine over 30 exhibit objects, including life-size skeletons, models and real fossil specimens. There are also several unique, engaging experiences designed to keep the attention of even the youngest of dinosaur enthusiasts. This includes the chance to virtually hatch a dinosaur egg, an augmented reality experience that allows the user to interact with a now-extinct dinosaur and an art Projection Tunnel, which gives guests the chance to witness first-hand what it would look like if dinosaurs were to wreak havoc throughout Atlanta. A T. rex skeleton, which is set at a life-size scale, will be on display and give museum goers an up-close and personal sense of what it would have been like to walk among the dinosaur icon in real life.

What sets the “Tyrannosaurs: Meet the Family” exhibit apart, however, is the groundbreaking science that initiated a revision of the tyrannosaur ‘family tree.’ Walk the timeline of the tyrannosaurs’ life and observe real change through a comparison of tyrannosaur traits during specific eras. Guests will also learn where each of the dinosaur fossils was located, all across the world, and how far apart each new stage in development stands from one another. These discoveries have resulted in a radical change toward our ideas regarding how and why these feared creatures evolved.

“The geologic record is vast and provides fascinating new discoveries that shed light on the lives of some of our favorite prehistoric creatures, including dinosaurs,” said Fernbank Educator and Volunteer Manager Miranda Shealy. “‘Tyrannosaurs: Meet the Family’ highlights some of the newest paleontological findings about the many fearsome tyrannosaurs that roamed our planet during the Cretaceous period.”

Fernbank will host exhibit-related programing, including a Take on the Tyrannosaurs Family Discovery Day on June 11 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. This event is included with general admission. There is more dinosaur fun to be found with Fernbank’s DINO-mite adventures, featuring immersive exhibits and unique activities.

Don’t miss Dinosaurs of Antarctica as scientists deep-dive into the history of the now-frozen continent that was once home to an array of dinosaur species. Specific showtimes vary by date. One giant screen movie is included with general admission (subject to availability).



*Visitors will see life-sized skeletons and real fossil specimens.*



*This interactive exhibit allows visitors to learn about the entire Tyrannosaur family tree.*

Tyrannosaurs: Meet the Family is included with general admission at Fernbank and with CityPASS. General admission also includes all indoor exhibits, daily programs and a Giant Screen film as well as outdoor explorations in WildWoods and Fernbank Forest. Online tickets are available at a discount of \$22.95-\$24.95 and are free for Fernbank members. Fernbank offers hourly timed tickets online at [FernbankMuseum.org](https://www.fernbankmuseum.org). Online tickets are recommended, as walk-up pricing is not discounted and availability varies.

This is an exhibition developed by the Australian Museum and toured internationally by Flying Fish. To learn more, please visit [fernbankmuseum.org](https://www.fernbankmuseum.org).





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## **Springdale Park Elementary School (SPARK)**

*Submitted by Kim Ryan*

Over the last few years, Springdale Park Elementary School has worked hard to provide all students with quality STEM learning opportunities that integrated curriculum in all content areas. In April, SPARK received the Cognia STEM certification. We are the first Midtown school to receive this honor. The evaluation team was impressed with SPARK's community involvement and commitment to equity. They also commended the teachers on consistently developing engaging lessons that give students authentic experiences resulting in a love of learning. We are so very proud to be recognized as a STEM certified school!

We have had a wonderful 2021-22 school year and we look forward to starting the 2022-23 school year on August 1, 2022!

## **Fernbank**

*Submitted by Dana Borda*

Things have been in full swing at Fernbank Elementary this spring! Our students celebrated spring with outdoor field trips to places like the Atlanta Botanical Garden, the Wylde Center, Decatur Legacy Park, and Zoo Atlanta. Our fifth graders even participated in an overnight trip to the Fortson 4-H Center in May, which was a huge success.

Field day in May was a success as well: tug of war, hula hoop contest, and the three-legged race live on!

On May 18, we held an in-person outdoor ceremony to honor our 5th graders who are moving on to middle school. It was wonderful to be together with parents to celebrate our students. We also started the tradition of the "Senior Walk" where Fernbank alumni who are graduating from high school come back to walk the school, inspire the younger students, and are cheered on by our faculty, staff, and students. We wish our alumni well as they move on in life. Once a Fernie, always a Fernie!

## **Druid Hills Middle School**

*Submitted by the DHMS PTSA*

As Druid Hills Middle School wraps up an outstanding year, we look back at some of our wonderful students' accomplishments with pride:

- DHMS student Taylor Koning was named Georgia State Champion in the National History Day competition for her research paper entitled "No Victory For Either Side": Diplomacy Prevails at the End of the Troubles. She will be representing Druid Hills Middle School (and the state of Georgia!) at the National Competition in June.
- The DHMS Academic Bowl team went undefeated (9-0) at its year-end tournament at North Gwinnett Middle School, claiming 1st place in the 24-team field.
- DHMS student Oliver Francois Watkins took 1st place overall in the regional MathCounts competition, marking the third consecutive year the champion has been a DHMS Dragon.

DHMS students continue to enjoy their newly-constructed sports field and track, and our wonderful PTSA supporters generously provided air purifiers and outdoor tables to protect our students as we hopefully emerge from the Covid-19 pandemic. Principal Jacqueline Taylor has proved to be an able leader, guiding the school through the difficult era of virtual learning and bringing back a sense of normalcy and school pride as our 8th graders move on to Druid Hills High School and we prepare to welcome next year's new middle schoolers.

## **Paideia School**

*Submitted by Anne Dukes*

- The Paideia high school Science Olympiad team finished first in the A/AA division in the Brookwood Invitational Tournament. The team finished 13th overall.
- Nine students in Paideia's middle and high schools will be honored by the United Nations International School haiku contest in a virtual ceremony in June. There were four winners and five honorable mentions.
- Nine Paideia seniors were named National Merit Scholarship Finalists: Amit Kamma, Garrett Brand, Andrew Guthrie, Jack Geryol, Charlie Maxson, Rohan Leveille, Khari Payne, Wesley Stone, and Sean Zheng.
- Three Paideia music students were selected for the Georgia Music Educators Association All State Band for 2021: Raja

Hoffmeister (trumpet), Jake Lairson (euphonium) and Calliope Cutchins (trumpet).

- Georgia High School Soccer named Paideia varsity soccer goalie Geoffrey Halpern Single-A Private School Boys Player of the Year.
- Kenan Orlovic, Rohan Chanani, and Alex Crowley, representing Paideia at the Vex Robotics World Championships, finished in the top quarter of teams in the Skills competition, capping off the most successful season in Paideia robotics history.
- All five Paideia nominees were selected for the Governor's Honors Summer Program: Cassie Boulis, Rohan Chanani, Bahiyyih Grant, Luca Horn-Morawa, and Phillip Salzinger.

## **Ben Franklin Academy**

*Submitted by Angela Cassidy*

Ben Franklin Academy is excited to continue to offer in-person education, while protecting the safety of our students, faculty and staff. The high school is accepting applications for admissions for the 2022/23 school year and is currently offering tours, on an individual basis.

The Class of 2022 received their graduation yard signs in March along with senior T-shirts. They celebrated together with a fun Senior Luncheon recently, with games and prizes. Graduation was held at the Glenn Memorial Methodist Church on the Emory University campus. Professor Claire Sterk, immediate past president of Emory University, delivered the commencement address.

Ben Franklin Academy enjoyed the performing arts with the Franklin Players' production of Neil Simon's Star-Spangled Girl this spring under the direction of Dr. Pamela Turner. The annual Visual Arts Show, displaying students' artwork was recently held on Zoom as well as an in-person show at the school. The annual William H. Izlar, Jr. Poetry Contest showcased five prize-winning young poets: Maya Boulden, first place; Katie Thompson, second place; Ava Brackett, third place; and Avi Belcher and G. Slezinger, who tied for fourth place.

Ben Franklin Academy was very excited that student, Ella Greenbaum, recently earned Eagle Scout rank and was named the Hank Aaron Role Model by the Atlanta Area Council of Scouts.

# Re-Thinking the Legacy of Joel Hurt (1850-1926)

By Jennifer J. Richardson

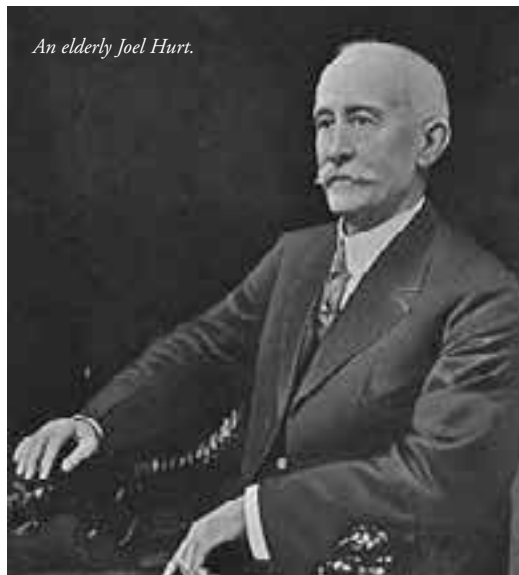
One of the visionaries behind the Druid Hills Linear Park and subdivision was businessman and entrepreneur Joel Hurt (1850-1926). Trained as an engineer, Hurt began speculating in loaning money, constructing buildings and establishing street railway systems (trolleys.) Without Hurt, it is doubtful that Frederick Law Olmsted, Sr. would have come to the Atlanta area to design a park; and it's also doubtful that the Druid Hills Corporation, headed by Coca Cola Company founder Asa G. Candler, would have purchased Hurt's property. Hurt's love of horticulture meshed well with Olmsted's and Hurt hired Olmsted to realize his plans. When money became tight for Hurt, Candler and his syndicate provided the necessary capital to actually build the park and subdivision and all the infrastructure that would be needed for the project.

Joel Hurt was born in Alabama in 1850. He graduated from the University of Georgia with a degree in civil engineering in 1871. Hurt started his career with several different railroads, acting as a surveyor. In 1875 he left the railroads and moved to Atlanta where he formed the Atlanta Building and Loan Association, which he operated for over 30 years. In 1895, he founded the Trust Company of Georgia (now a part of SunTrust) and served as its president. He formed the East Atlanta Land Company, the developer of Atlanta's first suburb, "Inman Park," in 1886, named for his friend Samuel Inman. Inman Park contained over 130 acres. Hurt then formed Atlanta's first streetcar or trolley company known as the Atlanta and Edgewood Street Railway in 1886 to serve the Inman Park subdivision. It was a brilliant idea because people who lived in Inman Park could pay to take the trolley to their intown jobs and pay to come back home. By 1891, Hurt had six trolley lines and merged them as well as electrifying them into one company called the Atlanta Consolidated Street Railway.

Joel Hurt married Annie Bright Woodruff (1855-1942), the sister of Atlanta entrepreneur Ernest Woodruff. The couple had six children: George, Virgilee, Mabel, Eva Lou, Joel and Sherwood. Virgilee died one month before she turned four years of age of a "disease of the hip joint." Virgilee is buried in Oakland Cemetery, and one of the linear park segments is named in her memory. The Hurts first lived in Hurt Cottage in Inman Park, and later moved into a palatial mansion on Elizabeth Street, also in Inman Park. One of Hurt's close neighbors, living at Callan Castle, was Coca-Cola president Asa. G. Candler.

In 1891, Hurt constructed the Equitable Building in downtown Atlanta (circa 1891-1971.) The Equitable, also known as the Trust Company, was Atlanta's first skyscraper and stood 8 stories tall. It was designed by Burnham and Root in a triangular shape to fit the land available.

In 1895, Hurt began an interest in underground mining and bought and mined several sites in North Georgia. In 1889, Hurt donated land for a pet project: Springvale Park—the centerpiece of Inman Park. The park contained a lake and was beautified by plantings, many selected by Hurt himself. Hurt was said to be the first to introduce evergreens into planting schemes in Atlanta.



In 1902, Hurt formed the Kirkwood Land Company to develop 1400 acres of land he owned south and east of Inman Park. In 1906, Hurt established the Atlanta Home Insurance Company. In 1911, Hurt built the first totally fireproof theatre in downtown Atlanta, known as the Atlanta Theatre (1911-1954). In addition to playing movies, the theatre also hosted trade shows, wrestling matches and burlesque. The Hurt Building (built between 1913-1926 and still standing) was Joel Hurt's masterpiece. It was triangular in shape and designed by J. E. W. Carpenter and stood 18 stories tall, making it the tallest building then in Atlanta.

Hurt's life was not always exemplary. When Hurt began to expand his business empire to include mining interests, he relied on a legal arrangement (begun in 1868) used throughout the south after reconstruction, known as "convict

leasing". This was a system where convicts, who were unable to pay their fine, were sentenced to prison until their meagre pay at prison could pay the fine. Some of these convicts (usually African-American men) were leased to businesses or individuals as workers.

When Hurt began his interest in coal and other mining enterprises in North Georgia, he purchased mines from former Governor Joseph E. Brown. Hurt also purchased the convicts that Brown was leasing to work in his mines. The convicts lived in camps with very little medical care, inadequate clothing and food, and were often beaten for minor infractions. With Hurt in charge, these conditions continued and included brutality and even murder.

As word about the horrors of convict leasing got out to the legislators, clergy and the public, a Legislative Inquiry was initiated in 1908. Joel Hurt and his son were called to testify before the inquiry, but were rigid and unrepentant about their actions. That same year, the Georgia Legislature outlawed any form of convict leasing, but the practice continued in other southern states.

Though Joel Hurt has been shown to have been involved in the deplorable and state-sponsored program of leasing convict labor, and to have known about and been directly involved with brutality toward convicts, no evidence has been revealed to date that suggests that Hurt utilized convict labor in his work building either Inman Park or Druid Hills. Still, this does not exonerate a man who was so forward thinking, visionary and constructive in other parts of his life. Hurt's involvement with convict leasing tarnishes his otherwise laudatory achievements.

Though convict leasing in Georgia was outlawed in 1908, it took until 1941 to outlaw the practice nationwide. That year, Franklin Roosevelt signed an act that ended convict leasing throughout the USA.

[For more information about convict leasing, consult *Slavery By Another Name*, by Douglas A. Blackmon, NY: Doubleday: 2008.]



Flame Azalea. Photo credit: Laura Markson



Virginia Dupre showing tour visitors mayapple flowers, *Podophyllum peltatum*. Photo credit: Laura Markson

## Native Plant Society Hosts Successful First Tour

By Amelia Aidman

Something beautiful is happening in Atlanta. More and more Atlantans are embracing a new vision of gardening that encourages nurturing plants native to the local environment. Ideas are spreading like wildflowers and, among other groups and initiatives, the newly formed Intown Atlanta chapter of the Georgia Native Plant Society (GNPS) is helping this growing trend bloom.

On Saturday, April 2, the chapter held its first public event with an inaugural annual Native Plant Tour. The tour featured: Native azaleas in blazing colors, a scarlet buckeye in full flower, blueberry bushes with still tiny berries, enormous trillium, an old growth forest with some of the tallest trees in the area and a natural waterfall, innovative hardscaping created by a can-do attitude with resources that might otherwise be seen as yard waste. Six sites in the Druid Hills and Decatur areas were included in the tour—two nature centers at homes on private land. More than 300 people participated.

Barefoot in her garden, as she often is, Virginia Dupre, one of the homeowners and an accomplished gardener, called the mood one of “curiosity, appreciation, awe and wonder.” Visitors expressed gratefulness for her garden’s beauty, her knowledge and her work over decades to create her garden. Fallen leaves on her property are used in her yard—gently raked into the plant beds. Since beneficial pollinator insects overwinter in the leaves, she is careful not to chop them up or otherwise disturb what is living and reproducing in them. If she doesn’t have enough of her own leaves, she will use the leaves of neighbors who otherwise leave them out for county curbside pickup.

Leaving the leaves is a common practice among those who are gardening with natives. In lieu of a yard of manicured lawn they create native habitats featuring mostly, or all, indigenous plants. Those going in that direction find little need for the noisy and toxic landscaping practices in use by much of the lawn care industry. Aside from the benefit to the urban environment by not polluting with heavy machinery and not adding to peace-destroying noise, native habitat gardening feeds pollinating insects, including butterflies, as well as birds.

Walking through the Decatur neighborhood from the Wylde Woods at Oakhurst Garden to the nearby Pardue residence, looking at the yards along the way, there was a sense that many in the neighborhood have been influenced

by the presence of that center, which educates about plants and environmental issues. Many of the houses had kept fallen leaves, using them instead of commercial mulch, and had plants that are indigenous to the region growing in their yards. They were not lawn-centric. It is as though the ethos of Wylde Woods at Oakhurst Garden radiates out into the neighborhood raising awareness of these issues.

Alex Dileo, the 28-year-old Board Chair of the new Intown chapter of the Georgia Native Plant Society (GNPS), said that the event’s organizers are motivated by a shifting paradigm that resists and eschews the hegemony of the green grass lawn in favor of a model of planting that feeds pollinators, soil, and people. She was spurred to switch from a grass lawn to plant natives after participating in GNPS native plant rescue events, and says that after just two years “I see bees buzzing, fireflies, and birds nesting in my trees”. She lives in the southwest Atlanta Oakland City neighborhood and her home’s lot is small, but she encourages even those who have access to more limited spaces such as a balcony or window boxes to grow native plants, saying that they will notice changes.

For those of us trying to support a cleaner, healthier local environment, the tour was exciting, affirming and imbued us with hope. We know that the stakes are high if the current ways of tending lawns remain dominant. We also recognize that we can’t assume that government entities and related corporations will enact the needed changes without a groundswell movement created by people who care deeply about these issues.

Future native garden habitat tours across the Atlanta area are on the group’s agenda. The plan is to highlight gardens in different seasons, as well as varied eco-systems and habitats. Atlanta’s new GNPS chapter aims to involve and connect with both seasoned native plant gardeners, those who are newly interested and just getting started in their rewilding quests, as well as those anywhere else along the path.

To inquire about joining the Georgia Native Plant Society, send an email message to [intown@gnps.org](mailto:intown@gnps.org) or link to the “Become a Member” page on the GNPS website: <http://gnps.org/get-involved/become-member/>.

*Luna Moths**Lizards*

## Spring Stirrings

*By Hilary Hart*

I love the extravagance of spring and the miracle of life emerging from empty ground, from bare branch and twig. Eyes starved of green in a deciduous landscape are treated first to the color in its most potent hue, chartreuse, before leaves mature into a tapestry of softer, deeper shades.

Much attention is given to and drawn by the explosion of blossoms, from crocus to daffodils, redbuds to dogwoods. Atlanta's spring is a heavy-petaled thing, especially when the heat comes early, and instead of a measured succession of blossoms, everything blooms at once. Then we are witness to a floral fireworks display that is all finale. Spring, however, is more than nature's prettiest guise. It is the season of procreative extravagance.

Birds understand this. Having faded over the year, their colors renew in breeding plumage. The red of the male cardinals nearly makes your eyes water, while bluebirds flash lapis lazuli in the sun. They perform songs composed only for spring and get to singing their hearts out well ahead of the rising sun. I keep my sleeping porch open at night this time of year, and I have awakened laughing at the sheer volume of superimposed birdsong. Before long, as the pairs find one another and get to courting and rearing young, the singing diminishes.

Do we really need to anatomize a flower to know that, for flora as well as fauna, spring is about sex? Looking at a daisy, it is easy to forget that flowers are the reproductive apparatus of plants. The petals of our more conspicuous flowers appeal to animal senses, with the help of color, shape and scent. With that said, not all flowers have petals, at least not obvious ones, nor do all produce nectar. Not all that blooms depend on the services of those unwitting friends of love, the pollinators, who carry pollen from stamen to stigma for the promise of nectar (or other inducements).

In fact, many of the trees that make up Atlanta's canopy are wind pollinated. Oak, beech, walnut, pecan, alder, and maple dangle clusters of catkins in the wind, the male of which produces pollen. With luck the wind carries the pollen to female catkins (or single flowers). Pines and other conifers hold in the breeze soft, short-lived male cones that produce pollen. If all goes right, the wind carries the pollen to a female cone, these being the more familiar woody cones, on a different tree. Needless to say, relying on the vicissitudes of the wind is chancy business. To improve the odds these trees produce prodigious amounts of pollen, hence Atlanta's yearly blanket of pollen in early spring.

Humans can be a bit smug about their reproduction being untethered to the seasons. And perhaps some of us choose to forget how costly and perilous reproduction really is. Just look at the birds frantically foraging to feed their insatiable young. Exhausted, the parents are vulnerable to becoming a meal for another's babes or an already well-fed house cat. While the oaks and pines may seem undimmed by their individual production of billions of pollen grains, those flowering plants that evolved to draw pollinators have done very well for themselves, so much so that their seemingly sudden appearance in the fossil record prompted Darwin to call the rapid evolution of so many flowering plant species an "abominable mystery." Getting animals to carry their water, so to speak, meant that flowering plants (angiosperms) need not produce so much pollen and thus enjoy more economical and rapid reproduction, by and large.

But I digress. Spring is an exquisitely timed, unimaginably intricate dance, and for most of the natural world reproduction is timed to coincide and contribute to this annual abundance. I, for one, feel a bit left behind being so out of step with the dance. I envy all the renewal and revitalization. And I wonder whether, if humans were more integral to the dance, more in tune with the song, we would so blithely let spring slip away.

*Hilary Hart is an Atlanta garden designer.*





*The rear yard garden of the Davison-Harris home, 1509 Ponce de Leon, circa 1933.*

## Lost Historic Gardens of Ponce de Leon: First in a Series

*By Jennifer J. Richardson*

Robert Cridland and the Wachendorff Brothers are not as well-known as Frederick Law Olmsted, Sr., but each had a presence along Ponce de Leon Avenue. In addition to building beautiful homes along the parkway, spectacular gardens were incorporated as part of the overall landscape plan. (Some homes also had paddocks for horses and vegetable gardens.) Before the days of television, computers, and other modern entertainment or distraction, a garden was a place to sit and relax, enjoy the beauty, and perhaps escape the hot summer weather. Many substantial homes in Druid Hills had gardens, some created by the homeowner, and others developed by landscape architects.

The Wachendorff Brothers were trained as florists, architects, and plantsmen. Their headquarters were downtown at 480 Simpson Street. They owned a nursery in Vine City, on which the current Rodney Cook, Sr. Peace Park is located. They published a seed catalog with 500 entries and sold garden tools and equipment as well.

Though not on Ponce de Leon, the Lullwater Conservation Garden was planned by the brothers in 1931 when the Lullwater Garden Club took over maintenance of the garden. The Conservation Garden still exists between Lullwater Road and Lullwater Parkway.

The Wachendorffs were engaged by Mr. and Mrs. Clyde King to design their rear garden. The red brick King home, located at the corner of Ponce and Oakdale, is now the Alpha Delta Pi Sorority headquarters. Mr. King owned the King Plow Company, and Mrs. King was active in Atlanta society. Their daughter, Irene, married the brother of Robert Woodruff. The King garden was open to the public several times per year. The garden consisted of rock walls, a series of connected ponds, flower beds and shrubs. Mrs. King loved her garden so much that she asked to be interred there after her death. A backyard burial was not allowed by the city, so Mr. King erected a replica of the front façade of the home in Oakland Ceme-

tery and Mrs. King is buried there. Alpha Delta Pi needed more office space, and built a substantial wing connected to the rear of the home. Most of the historic King Garden was either demolished or compromised by this building.

Robert Cridland, a Philadelphia architect, spent time in Atlanta and designed not only Oak Hill for Martha Berry in Rome, Georgia, but also the gardens of Cator Woolford, Preston Arkwright and the Davison-Harris home, all on Ponce de Leon. Cridland also designed the public outdoor spaces in Avondale Estates, Georgia. His book, Practical Landscape Gardening, remains a valuable resource.

The most elaborate design was for Cator Woolford, founder of what is now Equifax, at his estate "Jacqueland." There, the garden is located between two creeks, in a flat floodplain area. A garden house sat at the eastern end of the garden and a marble pergola marked the beginning of the formally planted area. Paths meander on either side

of the large lawn, with perennial beds lining both sides of the paths. Handsome stone bridges allow walkers to cross over the creeks. At the western end of the garden, there are more hybrid azaleas, camellias, native azaleas and other shrubs. "Every tree and shrub, every plant and plantation should bear a definite relation, one to the other, in the grand scheme," stated Cridland in his book. Cridland favored evergreens in pyramidal shapes placed at regular intervals and always at the corners of flower beds. You can see the effect in the Woolford Garden. Cridland also loved garden ornaments such as statues, obelisks, columns and pergolas. While not "lost" the Woolford Garden has undergone much change from its original design. The Frazer Center has been undertaking a renovation of the Woolford Garden, and it looks better than it has in decades.

Preston Arkwright's home, "Pinebloom" also had gardens designed by Cridland surrounding the Tudor Revival mansion. Landscaping included exotic trees, a bird sanctuary in the ravine, and various beds for specific plants such as the "Iris bed." A fishpond and fountain (no longer working) date from the Cridland era, with paths leading north and south, and east up into a rock garden area.

When the Jackson Hill Baptist Church moved to Pinebloom in the 1950s, they eventually built a large sanctuary for worship. In building the church and parking area, much of the Cridland garden on the west side of the property was destroyed. The church also extended the driveway out onto Clifton Terrace in the rear of the property, which increased traffic. Through the years, little maintenance was done on the parts of the garden that remained. Unfortunately, the garden and structures also faced vandalism, and in July 2021 the church itself was demolished. Thus, it is one of the lost gardens of Ponce de Leon.

The Beaumont Davison-Arthur Harris Tudor Revival mansion, at the corner of Fairview Road and Lullwater Road, is now owned by Paideia School and often known by its address—the "1509 Building." This home was first purchased by Paideia in 1971.

Before that, the owner of Davison's department store and the owner of Atlanta Paper lived in the home. Though small, the rear gardens were designed by Robert Cridland. Cridland favored cool colored flowers in the background such as purples and blues, and warm lighter colored flowers in the foreground. He advocated a balance of form and color rather than symmetry. The Davison-Harris Garden had cutting beds, shrubs and walkways, along with a pond and fountain. When the home became a boarding house, much of the garden



*The landscaped fountain and fishpond at "Pinebloom", the Preston Arkwright home. Circa 1933.*



*A large pyramidal conifer as seen in the Cator Woolford garden, circa 1933.*

was destroyed, and when Paideia School acquired the property, they built a playground on what was left. So, the Cridland garden at the Davison-Harris house is another lost garden.

Woolford's "Jacqueland," Arkwright's "Pinebloom," and the Davison-Harris Garden are all featured in Garden History of Georgia, 1733-1933, which illustrates the importance of these gardens back in the 1930s. Today, of these, the only exist-

ing garden, though changed, is the Cator Woolford Garden; the others are lost gardens of Ponce de Leon.

*All photos courtesy of Garden History of Georgia 1733-1933.*


# Barbecue Thrills

Submitted by Rachel Kerven

Since the founding of civilization, and the introduction of fire, man has had a fascination with cooking meats. Barbecue, at least in the modern form, originated from the Caribbean, and was brought to the America's by the Spanish Conquistadors in the early 1600s. Used as a common cooking method for meat of many kinds, Barbecue is best known as cooking meat over a grill or a pit, rubbed in spices and sauce. There have been many variations to Barbecue recipes as the method of cooking spread through the American South and West. Each state has its own signature flavor its Barbecue is famous for. No state has a better sauce than the others. They are just different, and it is their differences that make each state's Barbecue unique and distinguishable from one another.

The states most famous for their Barbecue are Texas, Tennessee, and the Carolinas. Even though these states are the most well known for their barbecue there are some interesting barbecue traditions from outside of these states, such as Alabama Barbecue, which makes use of a white Barbecue sauce, which has mayo as a base.

## MISSOURI BARBECUE:



When you think of traditional barbecue you are most likely thinking of that sweet tangy sauce that is often found on baby back ribs. This specific flavor of sauce originates from Kansas City and is more commonly known as Kansas-City Style Barbecue. The flavors of the sauce are often attributed to tomato or ketchup as the base of the sauce and the sweetness is brought about from the inclusion of a sweetener such as molasses or brown sugar.

Similar to the Kansas-City style sauce, the St. Louis Barbecue sauce combines ketchup and vinegar as its bases, resulting in a thinner sauce which can be cooked for a longer period of time without worrying about burning the meat.


## CAROLINA BARBECUE:

Some people think of the pungent sour sauce attributed to the vinegar used as a base in these recipes. This type of Barbecue originates from Eastern North Carolina and is known as East Carolina Barbecue sauce. This sauce has cider vinegar as a base and is often spiced with red pepper flakes and salt. This type of sauce is not to be mistaken with the Western

North Carolina sauce which is attributed to Piedmont and Lexington. This sauce is nearly identical to the East Carolina sauce but uses Ketchup as a base instead of vinegar, which results in a sweeter and less strong sauce. Interestingly, enough, the Florida style of Barbecue sauce has the same ingredients as the East Carolina sauce but adds Cuban spices and citrus into the sauce to give the meat a more tropical flavor.

Even more confusingly, South Carolinian Barbecue, is drastically different than either of the North Carolinian Barbecue sauces. The South Carolina style sauce is made with a mustard base. It often tastes rich, spicy, and tangy since this sauce does not include any sweeteners or ketchup.

## TENNESSEE BARBECUE:



Memphis Barbecue is the only sauceless Barbecue. In this cooking method a great deal of importance is put on the dry rub, which gives the meat a great deal of flavor without any need for sauce and is known for its sweeter flavor. Memphis Barbecue puts great attention into the meat and makes it the star element in their Barbecue. Unlike its Memphis counterpart, Nashville Barbecue is sourer and tangier. It often uses a vinegar-based sauce, like East Carolina, however what distinguishes Nashville Barbecue sauce from East Carolina is its smokier flavor.

## TEXAS BARBECUE:

In Texas Barbecue the sauce is traditionally used as a baste for the meat rather than as a condiment. The meat is often marinated in the sauce for long hours before cooking allowing the meat to absorb the sauce's flavor. The sauce is usually comprised of meat drippings, cumin, chili powder, hot sauce, garlic and Worcestershire sauce. This gives Texas Barbecue a heartier flavor and a thinner texture.

Now that you understand Barbecue and all its complexities, you are ready for your summer grilling parties!



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## Amazon Bot Delivers Packages in Druid Hills

By Perry Mitchell

My wife Pam Woodley and I have been curious the friendly-looking devices delivering packages on Emory Drive, so Pam talked me into doing some investigative reporting – which led me to speak with an



*The Amazon Scout delivers packages on Emory Drive.*

Amazon representative. For starters, the apparatus is named Scout, and Amazon has been working on this delivery addition since 2019.

Scout isn't meant to replace their delivery folks. The rep told me Scout is just one more way to help meet our insatiable desire to get things delivered faster and faster. Scout gives Amazon another option alongside its ubiquitous vans, nearby pick-up lockers, e-bike deliveries in major cities, independent delivery folks in their own vehicles ... and soon, probably drones.

As you can tell by the photo, Scout isn't big – it's about the size of a small cooler – and it sure doesn't travel fast. So how does it speed up deliveries? What you can't see is that there's always a place nearby that Amazon calls a Scout "dispensary" – that is, some small commercial space Amazon leases that can be secured. That's where the Scouts "live" when not delivering.

So you order something (the rep said about 80% of all Amazon orders will fit in a Scout, which surprised me). Amazon gives you a delivery date. Then, as you know, you almost instantly receive a confirmation. At that point, Amazon will also tell you your purchase will be delivered by Scout, and that you'll receive an email and text to the Amazon app you need to have on your smartphone.

Those notices give you a 20 – 30-minute window in which Scout will be outside your house, as well as a code that will unlock Scout. If you don't access your package within that window, Scout returns to its dispensary, and you'll get your item via a delivery person as soon after as possible.

Envision an Amazon van pulling up to the Scout dispensary. The driver gets out, say, four Scouts and loads items to be delivered on Emory Drive. The driver controls all four Scouts and sends them down the sidewalks. So now the driver is delivering four packages instead of just one – all without jumping in and out of the van, without using more gas (the devices are all-electric), and without having to park four times.

Imagine that happening more and more frequently, and you can see the benefits to both Amazon and us, the customers who want our orders ASAP. Field testing is going on in several parts of the country, and we're bound to see more Scouts throughout Druid Hills in the coming months.

So welcome to the world of cute Scouts doing Amazon's – and our – bidding. For an upbeat, isn't-Scout-a-fun-idea video and other info, here's the link: [amazon.com/scout](https://amazon.com/scout).

## SAVE THE DATE!

By Dorothy Sussman

### CELEBRATING THE CREEK THAT CONNECTS US

### SOUTH FORK CONSERVANCY'S CREEK RISING OCTOBER 20

With the whole summer ahead of us, it may be a stretch to think of autumn days, but for South Fork Conservancy (SFC), fall is just around the corner. We've been busy planning for our first in-person Creek Rising in more than two years. The big celebration and major fundraiser is slated for Thursday, October 20, 2022, from 4:30-7:00 pm, and we invite you to join the party.

Zonolite Park, where we hold the festivities, is the perfect place to spend an early evening with friends and family. Enjoy a picnic supper, listen to music, walk creekside trails, view our "Natural Connections" quilt show, and bid on one or several! You'll also be able to take part in our prize-filled raffle, learn about artifacts found along the creek, sip a signature cocktail, and, of course, choose a duck to bobble to victory in our hilarious Rubber Ducky race.

Best of all, you can see what SFC has been doing to preserve the South Fork's banks, to plant scores of native trees and plants, and forge new trails to the benefit of neighboring communities that edge the creek and its tributaries. We certainly have lots of good news to share and celebrate with you.

So, please save the date! Stay tuned to SFC's website at [www.southforkconservancy.com](http://www.southforkconservancy.com) for more information soon about purchasing tickets for the event and raffle. But it's not too early to become a host or sponsor for Creek Rising 2022. There are several host (individuals) and sponsorship (companies or businesses) tiers to choose from.

No matter how you choose to celebrate with us, we will be most grateful. Connect with us. We can't wait to see you at the creek!



*View of South Fork Creek from the Confluence Bridge.*

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