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BERKELEY PARK

FEBRUARY 2001

March Meeting

March 19

7:00 pm

Fire Station #23

NPU-D Meetings

Fourth Tuesday of every month

Meetings start at 7:30

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Berkeley Park Neighborhood Association Vision Statement

To create an area of intown living that is safe, clean and has the direction and determination to take on tasks that are beneficial to the neighborhood and its residents.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Hello Neighbors,

I am pleased to report that this month we have successfully filled all our vacant positions. Corey Greika is our new Crime Watch Captain. Corey is enthusiastic about his new position and I am sure he will do an excellent job. And also Bryan and Stephanie Townsend have volunteered to head our membership committee. This is an important position as we as a neighborhood need more members to be involved in all Berkeley Park activities. So thanks Bryan, Stephanie and Corey.

On another note our neighborhood firemen have volunteered their time and station to help our members learn CPR. Fireman Chris Flatton will teach the CPR class that will be given on Saturday April 1. The class will only cost \$10 which will cover the expense of the manuals and training books. We need a head count so it is very important that you show up at the next meeting in order to take part in this great class. I have taken CPR classes in the past and can tell you it is an excellent skill to know.

The Home Depot negotiations are on going. The NCA will have another meeting before the Berkeley Park meeting so I should be able to fill you in on all details then. In the mean time if you have any concerns about Home Depot then please voice them at our next meeting. We as a neighborhood must have all our demands answered and we must be heard. So get involved by letting me know your concerns.

Other than that I hope to see you all at the next meeting. It is your property values that we as a neighborhood can protect, but only if you get involved. If I can help you please don't hesitate to call 404 609 9309 or email tedhuckabee@earthlink.net

Thank you,

Ted Huckabee



V.P. LETTER

Dave Dunay

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Dear Neighbors,

Welcome to another edition of the Berkeley Park Newsletter. It has been very quiet on the Home Depot/Selig front lately, which can only mean one thing: get ready for a flood of activity. There seems to be a meeting planned between the development entities and the NCA (Northwest Community Alliance), so expect to receive an update at our next Berkeley Park meeting on March 19.

I would also like to take this time to thank some of our new officers that have stepped up to help our association recently. These were two positions that were vacant and sorely needed to be filled. They are Bryan and Stephanie Townsend, co-chairs for the Membership Committee (bstownsend@mindspring.com) and Corey Greika, chairperson for Crime Watch (coreygreika@tindallcorp.com). They deserve a hearty thank you for taking time out of their busy lives to give back to the community. It's also great to get some new folks involved in our organization.

Have a great February and I'll see you at the next meeting!

SECRETARY REPORT

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Minutes from January 15, 2001 Association meeting

We discussed the Home Depot development project. At this meeting there was no news to report from the NCA. We know that Home Depot is in negotiations with a residential developer for the apartment portion of the project. We also know that our fire department was contacted about an upcoming implosion of the old Castlegate property.

We are still in need of a Crime Watch liason as well as someone to head up the Membership committee. Please call Ted Huckabee or Dave Dunay if you would like to volunteer your services.

The great sign toppers that you see around our neighborhood have depleted our funds. Please call Kendra Huckabee if you would like to help sponsor a sign topper. We are looking for 35 neighbors to donate \$50 per sign topper. If this is too much, please call Kendra about sponsoring part of one.

In order to cut down costs of printing our monthly newsletter, we would like to e-mail as many of them as possible. If you would like to get your newsletter in e-mail form please contact Sharon Arnold.

A developer who wants to put a mixed-use develop-

ment on the property is buying the old Atlantic Envelope at the corner of Northside Drive and Bellemeade. This project will consist of office, retail and residential.

Our fire station just got a new fire engine. We would like to have a dedication for the engine at our firehouse. Stay tuned for a dedication date.

Clair Muller, our Councilwoman has promised to allocate some funds for the Chattahoochee Road - Howell Mill Road corridor for road and traffic improvements. We do not know any details on this as of yet.

TREASURER REPORT

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The BPNA balance is \$975.62. Dues are \$10.00 - \$5.00 for Seniors. Please make checks payable to "Berkeley Park Neighborhood Association". You can give your check or cash to any Association officer or mail to:

BPNA Treasurer
761 Berkeley Avenue
Atlanta, GA 30318

The sign topper sponsorship program is off to a great start - so far 3 neighbors have sponsored a sign topper:

Richard & Sharon Arnold - Forrest Street and Howell Mill Road

Corey & Shannon Greika - Berkeley Ave & Forrest
Bryan & Stephanie Townsend - Tallulah & Holmes

CRIME WATCH

Corey Greika

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My name is Corey Greika, and I will be your crime watch chairperson for 2001. I live at 717 Berkeley with my wife Shannon and our two dachshunds. The residents of Berkeley Park have had the good fortune of no neighborhood crime to report this month. However, it is important to inform you of some recent developments with the Castlegate property which I believe we need to all be aware of. It was mentioned at the last

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Neighborhood Meeting that the Castlegate hotel will soon be demolished. The property has been known to be the residence of some homeless people, so there is a high probability that these people could spill out into our neighborhood. Be on the look out! If you notice anything or anybody suspicious please contact your Block Captain or call me at (404) 352-3228.

I will be calling the Block Captains soon to confirm their willingness to participate and be a contact person. Thank you for your help and together I am sure we can keep Berkeley Park a very safe intown neighborhood.

BEAUTIFICATION

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WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The stolen entrance sign has been rebuilt. We are going to put it back up on Saturday, February 24th at 1:00. We will also replace one of the shrubs and plant some new liriopae. If you would like to help, meet at the corner of Antone and Holmes. Bring work/garden gloves if you have them. I will supply the post hole digger, cement, shovels, plants, etc. Hope to see you there.

NEWSLETTER

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At the January association meeting we discussed sending the monthly newsletter via e-mail to help curb the cost of printing the newsletter. We currently spend around \$100 a month and about 2 hours coordinating and distributing the newsletter.

I know not everyone has e-mail so we will still provide printed newsletters to anyone who wants one. But here's the kicker - you have to let me know if you would like to continue to receive the Berkeley Park Bulletin. We want to make sure anyone who wants the newsletter receives it either via e-mail or U. S. Mail. We will only send newsletters to those who let me know.

I will include this in the next two newsletters - the goal is to start sending out e-mail newsletters by May 2001. You can reach me at 404-367-9070 or e-mail me at keycon1@mindspring.com

NPU-D

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CDP: Hot on this month's agenda at NPU-D is submission of CDP recommendations from all neighborhoods within the NPU. The submissions must be in to the planning department by the first of March and we are

compiling our list now. If you have an item you wish to be included, call or eMail Richard or Franz ASAP. As the CDP moves through the review and approval process, watch this column for updates and information.

On Thursday, February 15th, there will be a CDP public hearing for the Northside Study Area which includes NPUs A, B, C, & D. This hearing will be held in the lecture hall of North Atlanta High School located at 2825 Northside Drive at 7:00 p.m. These hearings are informative and allow for direct input from citizens of Atlanta. Plan to attend. Get informed and get involved!

NPU-D meets on a monthly basis on the fourth (4th) Tuesday of every month. The next meeting is on the 27th of February. The meeting location is the Agape Community Center located on Bolton Road, .3 of mile south of the intersection of Bolton and Marietta Boulevard. Meetings start at 7:30. Membership is open to anyone 18 years or older whose primary residence is within the NPU, or any corporation, organization, institution or agency, which owns property or has a place of business or profession within the NPU.

An agenda is published for each meeting and is mailed to your home address. If you do not now receive the agenda, contact the Bureau of Neighborhood Conservation at 404.330.6190, fax at 404.658.7084, or Carl Smart, Director at eMail csmart@ci.atlanta.ga.us and ask them to place you on the mailing list.

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As your new Membership co-chairmen, we have been brainstorming about ways to increase membership in the BPNA and to provide support and benefits for our current members. These are a few of the ideas that we hope to implement during the year.

- Prepare a "Welcome to the Neighborhood" package that can be delivered to new neighbors. In this package, we would like to include information about our neighborhood in general, info about the BPNA and how to join. We also plan to contact local merchants and ask for coupons or "freebies" that could be included in our package.

- Canvas the neighborhood to make sure our resident information is up to date. This will also give us the opportunity to invite neighbors to our BPNA meetings and encourage them to become dues-paying members.

- While contacting local merchants for items for the "Welcome" packages, we also hope to obtain coupons or special offers that could be offered to our dues-paying members. Keep on the lookout for special offers in the newsletter or at the BPNA meetings.

While we are looking forward to our new roles, we want to remind you that encouraging membership is everyone's responsibility. The next time you see your neighbor, encourage them to join the BPNA. If someone new moves in next to you, ask them to one of the meetings. If you have never attended a meeting before, give us a try. Finally, if you have any ideas for our "Welcome to the Neighborhood" packages or for membership benefits, please give us a call or send an email. We always welcome suggestions.

LAND USE & DEVELOPMENT

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One more step for Berkeley Park...

The Land Use Committee will be focusing on traffic calming measure for Berkeley Park. Ideas of speed bumps, bulb-outs, restricted ingress/egress and other physical changes will be looked at for opportunities for calming the traffic. If you have ideas or have traffic concerns please let me know. On our list of concerns are cut-through traffic (I see a lot of Cobb County tag in the morning on Antone), speeding, and large delivery trucks. Our wish list might include pedestrian scale street lighting, landscaping, granite curbing, and sidewalks.

See you at the next BPNA meeting.

SENIORS

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We are organizing a backyard barbeque for the Seniors in our neighborhood to attend a mini-seminar presented by the Council on Aging. We hope to schedule this in the Spring. This is a fun way to meet your neighbors and learn, too! We will be sending you more information via mail. I could use some assistance if anyone would like to volunteer in putting this together. Please call me at 404-351-8288 or e-mail me at tawnchi@mindspring.com. Thank you.

Senior Birthdays - none for February

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Liz Jacobs

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February News from E. Rivers Elementary

Our "Field of Dreams" athletic field renovation continues! As many of you are aware, the independently contracted city sewer upgrades will impact the area around E. Rivers. Because of this, all plans for the field will be on hold until March, when the upgrades will be completed. At that time, we will proceed with our exciting renovation plans. We've received generous donations from many of you, and are deeply grateful. If you'd still like to make a donation, please contact Louise Geddes at 404-351-2436.

Several parents of preschoolers in the E. Rivers district have expressed a desire to hold a "Meet and Greet Coffee" in their homes with other prospective parents. The coffee would include a question and answer session with our principal, Penny Dollar. The Brookwood Hills neighborhood has a coffee planned in February. If you would like to organize a coffee in your neighborhood, we'd be glad to help! Contact Liz Jacobs for more information.

We'd love to see you at a school tour! Tours are held the second Tuesday of each month at 9:30 am. Please contact Liz Jacobs if you have any questions about E. Rivers or would like to be included on a tour. 404-350-9000 or Lizzy@bignet.net

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And there's a Toastmasters Club right in your backyard. PIA Toastmasters Club meets in the Fellowship Hall of the Northside Park Baptist Church just north of I-75 on Howell Mill Road. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Monday's of each month at 7:00 p.m. and are usually over by 9:00.

At the PIA Toastmasters Club, you'll find men and women from all walks of life, both personally and professionally. You'll find a supportive group that is friendly, fun, and ready to help you enjoy your Toastmasters experience. We're a young, small club but we're growing and

would like to have you join us. We encourage you to visit us at a meeting in the near future. You can visit as many times as you wish - there's never any pressure to join. We want you to feel comfortable and we want you to get as much out of Toastmasters as we do.

Join us on February 12 or 26 to learn more about our Club or visit our Web site at ww.accessatlanta.com/community/groups/piatoastmasters/.

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