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APRIL 2002

Next Meeting

May 20

7:00 pm

Fire Station #23

NPU-D Meetings

Fourth Tuesday of

every month

Meetings start at 7:30

Agape Center

on Bolton Road

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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,

Spring has started off with a good showing at last months meeting. It is always good to see new faces as well as old ones. I am looking forward to several things this spring. I am looking forward to getting to know new neighbors who come to the next meeting and I am looking forward to the spring/summer BPNA party. We usually have a block party on forest and invite all the neighbors and cookout and socialize. It is always a good time so please come to the

next meeting to hear more. Also you may notice that Berkeley Park is getting some added stop signs in the area. This is a traffic calming measure and designed to slow down and make cut through traffic diminish. Thanks to all who worked on getting the city to put these measures in affect. I think in the long run it will help with our cut through problem. I hope to see everyone at the next meeting

Ted Huckabee

BPNA President

V.P. LETTER

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Reports of my death have been greatly exaggerated

No, I didn't die or suffer any similarly dire fate last month, I simply spaced on the deadline.

Life had been particularly crazy here at "757 Antone St." with work, sick little Coskys, sick big Coskys and what not and I just completely wiggged and missed the deadline. One good thing that did come of this however, is that I realized that some people actually do read this newsletter. I had often wondered if anyone besides Amy Peterzell (she's the only one that ever responds to my column) actually read it before they used it for their un-potty trained puppy and what do ya know, when my column was missing last month, several people asked me what had happened. Now logic tells me that if they knew that it was missing, then they must have read the newsletter! Hey, thanks!

So, we're gettin' some new stop signs huh! Well I for one couldn't be happier. Props to Sue Marshall for pushing this through as well as those who helped with the petitions and everyone who signed them.

I'm sure we're not getting everything that we wanted but every little thing helps right?

There's also some good news on Antone St. (at least its good for us). The house next door to us that has been a rental for the past 3 years is going up for sale. If you know of any nice fun people that want a 2 bedroom 1 bath that just needs a little TLC (and I don't mean t-boz, left eye and chili) please let me know.

Also on the topic of rentals, has anyone else noticed that every house that goes up for sale on Talullah gets bought and then turned into a rental? Now I know that there has to be rental properties because not everyone can afford to own their home but I hope that this is a trend that does not continue. Its just that a rental property is never as well maintained as a owner occupied home and you never know who your neighbors are going to be from year to year. Here at 757 Antone, we have two rentals across the street and the one next door.

Sometimes we get good neighbors and sometimes...well, let me just say "pimps! hookers! remember?"

Finally, some people have been commenting on the way one of my neighbors has been accessorizing his home and landscape. It seems that they don't share the same aesthetic sensibilities. I don't know...the other day someone suggested that it could be an attempt at folk art...hmmm. I wonder if Howard Finster's neighbors ever complained about his garden?

Who knows, some day people could be coming from all over for tours and young hipster couples could be lining up to get married here on Antone St. Something to think about.

Enjoy the spring Berkeley Park. I'll see you next month.

TREASURER REPORT

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The BPNA balance is \$1,630.89. It's time to start collecting dues for 2002. Dues are \$10.00 - Seniors \$5.00 Please make checks payable to "Berkeley Park Neighborhood Association". Send to: BPNA Treasurer

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SECRETARY REPORT

Judi Keating

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Thanks to Judi for offering to be the BPNA Secretary.

MEMBERSHIP

Open

We still need someone to volunteer as Membership Committee Chair.

CRIME WATCH

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Well, March was honestly a quiet month for us here in Berkeley Park and our neighbors in Underwood Hills, Bolton Road neighborhood, and Home Park. I would hope that our ability to watch out for our own property has thwarted some opportunistic thieves and has reduced the amount of crime in the area. For anyone new to the neighborhood, we experience some foot traffic occasionally of opportunistic thieves who look for unlocked car doors, screened in porches with valuables on them, open windows, unattended houses or houses under construction, or just valuables left in the yard to get their hands on and walk off with. Making our neighborhood look less inviting to the thieves is the first step to crime prevention. We can also make sure that our streets look clean and our yards are kept up, so please pick up any trash you see near your property. Hopefully by doing this I can have another uneventful report next month!

BEAUTIFICATION

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Underwood Park Renovation

I drove through Underwood Hills last week and noticed that the park was getting new children's play equipment. Based on the article that just appeared in the new neighborhood paper, "The Story from the West Side", the renovation is being done with grant money from the City of Atlanta. If you have kids, you should check it out. There are also two tennis courts and a basketball court. For those of you that are not familiar with Underwood Hills, they are on the other side of Howell Mill. Take Ridgeway Ave across from the Kroger shopping center. It will make a hard right and dead end into the park.

NPU-D

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Resident Involvement - It Pays Off!

We will all see some new traffic calming measures put in place in our neighborhood during the week of April 15th. Some new stops signs will be going up at the intersections of Antone/Tallulah and Berkeley/Forrest. In addition, a supervisor at the City Traffic department has told us that Forrest will get its long-promised speed humps. And they are still working to complete a study on Holmes Street.

Although these accomplishments may seem small to some, they are the result of years of hard and consistent work from some dedicated Berkeley Park residents. Forrest Street was



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approved for speed humps back in 1997 and many residents have stayed on that case through today. A few years ago, a group of residents started work with the Land Use Committee to formulate the traffic-calming plan that is now being implemented - however limited. Several residents stayed on this project to see it through - and as we all know, dealing with the City can sometimes be frustrating, to say the least.

When you drive up to one of the new stop signs or see traffic moving a little slower through our neighborhood, say a "Thank You" to your neighbors who took the time to help make Berkeley Park a better place to live, work and play. Things don't get done without someone being the driving force behind it. Each of us has the power to make a difference.

Attend an NPU Meeting

NPU-D meets on a monthly basis on the fourth (4th) Tuesday of every month. The next meeting is on April 23rd. 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 receive the agenda, contact the Bureau of Neighborhood Conservation at 404.330.6190, fax at 404.658.7084, and ask them to place you on the mailing list.

LAND USE & DEVELOPMENT

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STOP (signs)

Well Berkeley Park'rs, it looks as if some of our efforts are finally paying off in the form of stop signs. We (Berkeley Park members) have collectively 'bugged' the city so much that they can no longer ignore our request to help us slow down traffic in

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our neighborhood. Coming soon to a street near you are new stop signs, and rumor has it even speed bumps!! Thanks to Sue for her efforts with our petition campaign last year and everyone who sign up. Together we can make it happen.

SENIORS

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Happy Birthday to

Mrs. Clyde Black

April 5th

Mrs. Gwen Langston

April 18th

Mr. Ed McGill

April 22nd

E. RIVERS ELEMENTARY

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If you drive by E. Rivers on Friday, April 5 at 8:30 am, you will be witness to one of the most fun traditions at our school, the Annual Fun Run! We are excited to be able to use our new "Field of Dreams" for the entire race this year. Happy heart, happy mind, happy body!

E. Rivers and Publix at Peachtree Battle Shopping Center are teaming up to raise funds for the March of Dimes this spring in a campaign called, "Hats on for Babies." Donations raised by the students, parents and staff will help the March of Dimes continue their research, prenatal health campaigns and educational programs to ensure that all children get a healthy start in life. The children are excited about wearing their favorite hats to school on April 17th, the culminating day of the fundraising. Publix has graciously offered to host an ice cream party for the entire school if we meet our goal of \$1,250. Hopefully, you will see lots of children wearing hats and eating ice cream if you pass by the school on April 17th!

On April 19th and 20th, you will see the Spring Clean Up Days in action. We will be sprucing up the school grounds and getting ready for spring. Volunteer parents are ready to plant spring flowers, spread pine straw, clean windows, and make our school look even better! We will also be working on the Nature Habitat, an outdoor classroom area where classes can go to learn about our native plants and wildlife.

The Kindergarten Kaleidoscope will take place on Thursday, April 25. This event is designed for rising kindergartners and their parents. The children will be able to see the kindergarten classrooms, meet the kindergarten teachers, and get to know other children who will be starting kindergarten in the fall of 2002. If you have a child who will be starting kindergarten next year, please contact Liz Jacobs. (contact information below) Each child will receive an invitation in the mail around the first week of April.

NCA REPORT

Thanks to Bates ACE Hardware

Most of you receive the eMail NCA Updates so there is no need to go over that material again from the March 20th meeting. So I would like to take this time to extend a heart-felt Thank You to the Doss Family, and especially Wade Doss, of Bates ACE Hardware for their strong support of the NCA since it was founded to fight the proposed Home Depot development at the Castlegate.

Up until the March meeting that was held at the Holiday Inn (due to the need for more room), Wade and Bates had allowed us to use their conference for NCA meetings. In addition, Bates ACE has been the sole provider of start-up funds for the NCA with their wonderful program that pays the group a 5% rebate on all purchases made by NCA neighborhood residents. Since its inception in August 2000, NCA neighborhood resident support of Bates ACE has brought in almost \$6000 to the organization. And Berkeley Park is second only to Underwood Hills in dollars purchased. Personally, I think we can be #1.

No matter where we rank in purchases, everyone is to be commended for supporting our local ACE. It is working partnerships like these that make our neighborhood, and the entire NCA area, a wonderful place to live and work. Keep supporting Bates ACE and make sure you let them know you are from Berkeley Park - the NCA thanks you!

With your help, ideas, and input, the NCA will become a great organization representing citizens and businesses in our part of town. Volunteer today! For more info about the NCA, contact me at 404.367.9070 or eMail at keycon@mindspring.com

PIKE FAMILY NURSERIES

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*April Gardening Tips from
Pike Family Nurseries*

Spring is here! Hear the birds singing, feel the temperatures warming, and see the fresh green leaves of spring! This time of year is perfect for gardening. Enjoy the pleasures of planting colorful annuals, scrumptious vegetables and spring blooming shrubs.

*Watch for Chickweed in your lawn and garden. Spray it with a broadleaf herbicide such as Green Light Wipe-Out.

*Now is the time to control whiteflies on Gardenias. Young whiteflies are easy to kill with a spray of insecticidal soap or horticultural oil.

*Have your shrubs like Forsythia, Azaleas and Rhododendrons finished blooming? If so, prune them now before they set buds for next year.

*Fertilize your summer blooming bulbs such as Cannas, Dahlias and Daylilies now.

*Add color to your garden with warm season annuals. For

shady areas, choose Impatiens, Begonias or Coleus. For sunny spots choose Vinca, Marigolds, Geraniums, Salvia and Petunias.

*If your Bermuda and Zoysia grass is 50% green, fertilize with Pike's Atlanta Turf Special.

*It is time to spray for lacebugs on your Azaleas. Use Safer Insecticidal Soap.

*Now is the time to prepare new vegetable beds using planting soil, manure, and soil conditioner. Then plant all those delectable vegetables and herbs!

*Fertilize Fescue lawns with Pike's Atlanta Turf Special.

*Now is a great time to plant container grown trees and shrubs. Be sure to water these new plants weekly this summer.

*Roses should be sprayed every two weeks using Green Light Fung-Away fungicide to control black spot disease on leaves.

SPECIAL TOPICS

WHY DO DOGS BARK?

Dogs bark to express their emotions. It could be that they are anxious, bored, playful, hungry, or protecting their territory.

WHAT CAN I DO TO STOP MY DOG FROM BARKING?

First, figure out what's making your dog bark. Is he barking at people and cars? Is he barking at the neighbor's dog? Is he barking at noises outside? Is he barking at you while you're inside the house and he's outside? Does he bark at people who come to the front door?

Second, don't yell at your dog when he barks. When you yell at your dog, you may inadvertently be teaching your dog to bark. Think about it, most dogs just want attention. Even if you are yelling, the dog is still getting attention from you.

Third, think about changing your dog's environment.

- Is your dog barking at the neighbor's dog? Rework the yard to deny him access to that side of the fence.

- Is your dog bored while outside? Make sure he has plenty of bones and toys.

- Is your dog barking at you while you're inside and he's outside? Bring him in the house and let him be with you.

- Is your dog barking at noises outside? TV's and radios help to block out outside noises.

- Is your dog barking when left in the home alone? Make sure your dog has plenty of bones and toys. Before you leave your home, see that your dog has had physical, mental, and social activity. Exhausted and well fed dogs are less likely to bark while you are away.

Fourth, think of barking as a useful behavior at appropriate times. Some people do actually want their dogs to bark to alert them when someone comes into the yard or to the door. The problem is, most dog owners don't know how to teach their dog when it's actually okay to bark and when it should stop. Sometimes, all you have to do to teach your dog to be quiet is to teach your dog to bark on command. For example, while your dog is barking, uses a word like "speak" and praise your dog. Do this often and he will eventually realize what "speak" means. When your dog learns to bark on command, interrupt the barking with another command, such as "quiet" or "hush." As soon as he stops barking, praise and reward him.

Fifth, don't wait for the situation to arise. Don't wait for a visitor to knock on the front door, or for your dog to bark at another dog, or for your dog to bark when he is left alone. Set up training situations so you can practice teaching your dog to be "quiet" in certain situations.

More questions? Call me at 1-800-465-7387 ext.5204

And remember, pets are family!

Rebecca Crowley, PetSmart Pet Training Instructor

Congratulations to

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For more information on how you or your organization can get involved, please visit ABC's website at www.atlantabike.org or call (404) 881-1112.

This message is from Laura Lunsford.

I have found a handy man (a hard thing for a single woman to find). His name is John O'Neal. e-mail address jsoneal@mindspring.com. phone no. is 404-373-6065.



What Is The City of Atlanta Doing To Improve the Sewer System and Protect Our Water Resources?

The City of Atlanta Department of Public Works will be hosting Open House Presentations to provide information and address inquiries regarding the Sewer System Evaluation Survey (SSES) Project.

Citizens can attend the open house meeting at their convenience, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Maps, drawings and demonstration structures will be on display to help explain the projects. Engineers will be available to answer your questions.

Open House Schedule

All open houses will be held from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Formal Presentations are at 12 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 18

Morningside Presbyterian Church

1411 Morningside Drive

Wednesday, April 24

Harper Archer High School

3399 Collier Drive

Monday, April 29

Atlanta Job Corp

239 West Lake Avenue

Wednesday, May 8

Southwest YMCA

2220 Campbellton Road

Monday, May 13

DeKalb/Atlanta Human Services Center

30 Warren Street

Wednesday, May 22

John Birdine Facility

215 Lakewood Way

Wednesday, May 29

Humphries Elementary School

3029 Humphries Drive

Thursday, June 6

Cathedral of Saint Philip

2744 Peachtree Road Room 301

Tuesday, June 11

City Hall, Old Council Chambers

68 Mitchell Street

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