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MARCH 2003

Next Meeting

Monday

March 17, 2003

7:00 pm

Location - Senior

Citizen Center

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.

New meeting location - same time 7:00 pm

Senior Citizen Services Center on Commerce Drive.

Plenty of seating and parking available. Enter through the front door on Commerce Drive, someone will be in the lobby to direct you to the meeting room.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

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FREE ICE CREAM AT THE NEXT MEETING

That's right, along with all the excitement that comes with our normal neighborhood meetings we are being served free ice cream by Jakes Ice Cream & Sorbet, a new store to be opened on Howell Mill. Obviously, I'm not above bribing our members to get you to come to the meetings. In addition to the **FREE ICE CREAM**, we'll also be discussing our master plan project which Brett Marsengill has agreed to coordinate and will be kicked off next week (Bill

Seay, former President of the Midtown Alliance will be discussing his experience there and with the Home Park master plan), the traffic study results (Daniel Emphrem from the City of Atlanta Transportation office & representatives from City Council President Cathy Woolard and Clair Muller's offices will be there), and all the other projects that we have planned for this year. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting and your involvement in the association. Oh yea, did I mention **FREE ICE CREAM**.

Dwight Glover

V.P. LETTER

Mike Cosky

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Mike Cosky's article will be back next month. Really, everything is fine, he's just been very busy.

TREASURER REPORT

Elaine Evans

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We have received a check from Jeff DePaola from the sale of a house on Antone Street. Thank you for your generous support of Berkeley Park.

It's time to pay dues for the upcoming year. (\$10.00, \$5.00 for seniors) this is your chance.

Please mail / drop off all future dues payments to:

BPNA Treasurer
759 Berkeley Avenue,
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NEWSLETTER

Sharon Arnold

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At the Executive Committee meeting it was agreed that the neighborhood association would pay to print 250 newsletters once a year to be distributed to every home in Berkeley Park. We will probably do this either in April or May each year. Be prepared I may call on you to help distribute on your street.

CRIME WATCH

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Well, here we are heading into Spring time, which is typically our busiest crime activity time. It has actually already started. Clay's storage garage behind his house on Antone was broken into on Tuesday night. He had it locked up and everything. They beat up the door pretty badly to get into it. Fortunately there was nothing of value stolen. But the perpetrator is still out there so we need to be prepared for him and people like him. So, in addition to doing all the preventative measures I always ask you to do (don't leave things laying around in the yard, don't leave garages or sheds unlocked and open, make sure everything is nice and trimmed so our neighborhood looks good, report any suspicious people or behavior, etc., etc.) we are looking into stickers or signs for our mailboxes or yards that let unsavory people know that we are a conscious community and we have our eyes and ears open always. We'll probably be looking to sell these at a very minimal charge to cover the expenses. But the payoff is well worth it. I'll also be handing out an updated Block Captain list, so we know everybody's name and we can keep each other informed of crime, especially those who do not have email. So look for those items very soon, and between now and then, be careful, and keep your eyes open for anything!

SENIORS

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Happy Birthday to Phillip Massey of 786 Antone Street born March 26th. Please don't forget to honor the seniors in Berkeley Park.

NPU-D

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No report this month.

LAND USE & DEVELOPMENT

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!!!! MASTER PLAN KICK-OFF MEETING !!!!

Please attend this very important meeting for next Monday's BPNA bi-monthly meeting, your input is critical to the success

of this task, your input is important to future of our neighborhood. See you there.

BEAUTIFICATION

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Neighborhood Trash Pickup Saturday April 12, 9:00am

Hi friends and neighbors! Has anyone besides me noticed how "trashy" the neighborhood has gotten? It has been a year or two since we had a trash pickup day and it really shows, especially on the main thoroughfares. So, grab your neighbors and join me Saturday April 12th at 9:00am. We will have one team meet at the corner of Bellemeade and Tallulah and another meet at the Fire Station at the corner of Antone and Howel Mill. Join either group. If we have lots of people we can break up into smaller groups and cover even more. I will supply bags and gloves. We will only work for an hour or so, so please come and support the neighborhood before you start your Saturday chores!

MEMBERSHIP

David Soofian

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Hello Neighbors.

I am the new chair of the membership committee for Berkeley Park Neighborhood Association (BPNA). Frankly, this is a new experience for me and I am unsure of how to proceed, so I am asking for your help. I would be most grateful if all current BPNA members contact me with their names, addresses and phone numbers as well as the names, addresses, and phone numbers, if known, of their neighbors. Membership in the Berkeley



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Park Neighborhood Association is open to all residents and property owners, both residential and commercial, living and working in Berkeley Park. I would like to hear from you people living or working, or owning property, in Berkeley Park. Support your neighborhood by becoming a member of the Berkeley Park Neighborhood Association. Membership dues for residents is a bargain at only \$10.00 per year. The benefits of a strong and vibrant neighborhood association are many, including increased property values, safety, community, friendships, networking opportunities, political influence with the city and county, etc. I look forward to hearing you. I can be contacted by phone at 404-351-7841 or by e-mail at davidsoofian@yahoo.com. For those of you without a phone or e-mail, you may contact me by mail at 783 Antone Street, Atlanta, GA 30318.

E. RIVERS ELEMENTARY

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On February 28, we held our annual "Read 'Round Rivers Day." This special day was the culminating event of our winter reading challenges, which include the Six Flags Read to Succeed program and the Plato Challenge sponsored by Publix. It also corresponds to Dr. Seuss' birthday week! During "Read 'Round Rivers Day" the children focused all day on the fun of reading. The theme this year was "Everyday Heroes," and the children dressed up as their favorite hero. Our special guest readers included firemen, policemen, doctors, nurses, school board members, and friends from Publix and Chick-Fil-A. We love reading at E. Rivers!

On March 6 and 7, we welcomed our friend, Diamond Brown, back to E. Rivers. A Native American speaker with Young Audiences, Mr. Brown came to our school to educate the children about past and present Native American culture. You may have seen the real life teepee set up outside the school. His stories and artifacts are a hit with the children and teachers alike.

On March 12, the North Atlanta Parents for Public Schools (NAPPS) meeting was held at E. Rivers. NAPPS meets monthly to discuss various issues that impact our north area neighborhood public schools. The meetings are very informative, and are a great way to feel more connected to the many things that are happening with the Atlanta Public Schools in concern to our neighborhood. Please contact Liz Jacobs for more information about NAPPS.

Looking ahead to April:

- April 4 - Annual Fun Run - Cheer the children on as they complete a mile racecourse on the school grounds!
- April 7 - 11 - Spring Break
- April 24 - Kindergarten Kaleidoscope - This event is for children who will be entering kindergarten for the 2003-2004 school year. An afternoon of crafts, snacks and fun, it is designed to make rising kindergartners feel more comfortable in their brand new school. If you have a rising kindergartner, please contact Liz Jacobs so that your child will receive an invitation.

Tours of the school are available on Wednesdays upon

request. Please contact Liz Jacobs for tours or to find out more information about the school at 404-350-9000 or lizzyj@bigfoot.com. Our website is another great source of information: www.erivers-elem.org.

PIKE FAMILY NURSERIES

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March Gardening Tips from Pike Family Nurseries

March is a transitional gardening month. It's not winter anymore, but it's not quite spring either. Temperatures and weather patterns often change with little or no warning. Although we can't control the whims of Mother Nature, there are a lot of gardening preparations to keep you busy during the month of March.

- In the event of an early spring cold snap, it is not unusual for spring blooming plants and trees to suffer minor cold damage. Although the blooms can't be salvaged, healthy plants will replace the injured leaves as the growing season progresses.

- Apply crabgrass preventer to your lawn before mid-March. Crabgrass preventers put a barrier on the soil that prevents crabgrass and certain other weed seed from germinating. Don't wait too long, this product will do little or no good once crabgrass has sprouted.

- Control weeds that have already sprouted, like Chickweed, Dandelions and Henbit, with a post-emergent weed killer. Check the label to make sure that the chemical used in the product is safe for your type of grass.

- Aerate your lawn and planting areas to increase water penetration and air circulation in the soil. The response will be improved plant growth.

- Test the pH of your soil. Our clay soil tends to have an acidic pH level. Lime is used to reduce the soil's acidity. Apply 40 pounds of lime per 1000 square feet to reduce the acidity by one-half point.

- Feed Fescue lawns with Atlanta Turf Special 31-3-10 fertilizer. Wait to fertilize dormant turf grasses, such as Bermuda or Zoysia until April when they are at least 50% green.

- Overseed Fescue lawns. 25 pounds of seed will cover 5000 square feet. Do not apply a crabgrass preventer if you sow grass seed in the spring. Not only does it prevent crabgrass seed from germinating, it can prevent your grass seed from germinating, too.

- Fertilize shrubs and trees with a 16-4-8 or 12-6-6 fertilizer, according to package directions. Do not fertilize spring flowering plants or trees, like azaleas, camellias and dogwoods, until they finish blooming.

- Plant trees, shrubs and perennials. Planting now will give the plants time to establish their root systems before summer's heat arrives.

- Freshen the mulch in your planting areas. Mulches, like pine straw or bark nuggets help to control weed growth by preventing the rays of the sun from reaching the weed seeds. They also help to reduce evaporation and conserve moisture in the soil.

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