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BERKELEY PARK

MAY 2001

Open House

May 20

2 - 4 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,

As spring is upon us it is once again time for the annual Berkeley Park Spring party or open house. This year we have decided to include the dedication of our new fire truck at station 23 in conjunction with the party. So on Sunday May 20 from 2 to 4 plan on being at the fire station for this right of spring. We hope to have local politicians on hand as well as the media

and we plan on having a fun day for the entire Berkeley Park family. Please pass the word along to all neighbors as we will all benefit from getting to know each other. Food and beverages will be provided and you are welcome to bring anything you wish. Lets all get together and make this open house a success. I cannot wait to see you there.

Ted Huckabee

SECRETARY REPORT

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An Executive Committee meeting was called on April 19. The meeting was held at Ted & Kendra Huckabee house. The upcoming open house was discussed. A date

and time of May 20 from 2 - 4 pm was set. The BPNA will also take this opportunity to dedicate the new fire engine at Station #23.

TREASURER REPORT

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The BPNA balance is \$1013.78. Dues are \$10.00 - \$5.00 for Seniors. Please make checks payable to "Berkeley Park Neighborhood Association". You can give your check/cash to any Association officer or mail to:

761 Berkeley Avenue,
Atlanta, GA 30318

Don't forget about sponsoring a Berkeley Park sign topper - there are still plenty available.

BPNA Treasurer

CRIME WATCH

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There were a few incidents on the weekend of May 5th. One was the noise you may have heard that sounded like a gunshot- it was actually a tire exploding from a stolen car that was parked up in a lot on Howell Mill and set on fire. The other was some young individuals offering to consolidate all your bills- obviously a scam. Please be aware of these types of incidents and CALL 911 immediately.

We are going to keep the crime report on the Berkeley Park website up to date, so I can reference that in any crime emails and not type things twice. For those of you without e-mail, we will continue to update through our crime watch phone tree. If you do not know who your crime watch captain is please contact me.

Anyway, keep looking out for your fellow neighbor, let the police know about any unusual individuals walking around the neighborhood, and keep your property secure just to be safe.

NEWSLETTER

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This is the first newsletter that is going out to the residents and friends of Berkeley Park that let me know they wanted to continue to receive it. I am a little disappointed to report the response was not overwhelming. If you know someone that was unable to get in touch with me and would like to continue to receive a newsletter please let me know. Our only goal in publishing the newsletter monthly is to keep everyone informed.

If there is anything you would like to see included or changed, I welcome any and all suggestions.

LAND USE & DEVELOPMENT

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Hello neighbors, I hope you're enjoying your spring in Atlanta, always a beautiful time of year. It seems that as the weather warms and as the daylight savings schedule begins our schedules

become quite full. If you're like so many folks I know your time is a precious commodity. I wanted to take this opportunity to encourage a higher participation in our neighborhood association. After years of hard work we have established a force to be recognized not only by potential developers, but recognition of our neighborhood by city officials as a unique part of town that deserves attention, preservation, and enhancement. Berkeley Park needs your help in continuing this effort. *PLEASE GET INVOLVED*. Attend the neighborhood meetings, write letters as the need arises as posted in newsletters and broadcast emails. Take your own initiative to tackle a problem. No issue is too small from ensuring regular trash pick-up to reporting a nuisance or striving for community improvements. You can see the results of efforts such as this in our street sign toppers to potential developers seeking feedback from our various committees.

Other topics currently facing Berkeley Park is the possibility of a townhouse development on the corner of Antone and Tallulah. Only in the preliminary stages there are positives and negatives. The positive is that this C-1 zoned parcel of land is slated to become a residential development. Currently it exists in that capacity as a multi-unit rental. The negative is that the developer is initially proposing a 5-unit town home that would require at least two variances. The first being reduction in the side yard setback of 20' to around 15'. The second is that the open-space would be almost non-existent. My personal feeling towards this is that the criterion per zoning is not all that stringent to begin with. Second, if we allow one developer variance, then it would only be fair to allow the next the same allowance. Finally, the zoning is designed to protect 'values' and thus should be preserved. Of course during neighborhood meetings we can collectively make this decision, however, I caution granting too many concessions. One more point is that I hope to hear from the residents most affected by this development.

Other topics this month include our traffic problems and enhancing our SPI. A great deal of preliminary work has been done on identifying traffic problems and providing solutions. I intend to continue this dialog and push for improve-

ments. Funding is available if we can bring attention and commitment from our council representative to address this issue. Our SPI currently is a 'shell' structure for adding more regulations on developments. Over the next few months I will try and put together an outline of suggested regulations to be incorporated into our SPI. When available, I will forward for review and host public participation events during our bimonthly meetings. Once we have agreed on the enhancements to our SPI a petition will be formed to gain neighborhood support to present to City Council. Anyone interested please let me know.

SENIORS

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Happy Birthday to Ms. Willie May DuBose of 770 Berkeley Avenue. Her birthday was May 8!

Please be sure and tell our special residents "Happy Birthday", and mark your calendars for next year.

E. RIVERS ELEMENTARY

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Summer is almost here, and we are busily wrapping up the school year at E. Rivers. We have had a wonderful year with our new principal, Penny Dollar, and look forward to even greater things happening during the next school year!

Our Kindergarten Kaleidoscope held on April 26 was a big success! Rising kindergartners had the opportunity to see all the kindergarten classrooms, meet the teachers and meet their future fellow classmates. A large number of neighborhood families were represented, and we look forward to working with them all next year.

Barnes and Noble Book Store at the Peach Shopping Center is kind enough to sponsor our E. Rivers Benefit Days again this year. We will be at the store on Wednesday, May 9 and Friday, May 11 from 9:00 am to 11:00 pm. When you give the cashier your special E. Rivers bookmark, you are showing support for your neighborhood school. Barnes and

Noble will donate a portion of the proceeds from the event back to E. Rivers. You may get your bookmark from the E. Rivers volunteers at the store or from the cash registers. This is a perfect time to pick up summer reading books, gifts for Mother's Day, and end of the year teacher gifts.

Our yearly Fun Run will be held in conjunction with Field Day this year. Look for the runners on Friday, May 11 in their special Fun Run t-shirts. Come out and cheer us on!

Our P.E. coach, Coach Coldren, has really scored! Because of his winning lesson plan submitted in a contest with the Atlanta Thrashers, a group of students from E. Rivers had the opportunity to visit the Thrashers' practice rink, get autographs from players and enjoy a behind the scenes tour of the practice facility. Our school is also the proud recipient of a 27" Phillips color television, courtesy of the Score for School Program. Way to go, Coach, and a big thanks to the Thrashers for being so supportive of education!

Be sure to look for our Bake Sale booth at the Peachtree Battle Shopping Center Spring Fling on May 18. We will have lots of yummy things to munch on, and you will be helping to support your neighborhood school's P.T.A.

Our last day of school will be May 25! We wish all of our neighborhood friends a safe and fun summer, and we will see you again in August. If you would like information about E. Rivers or would

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Saturday 9 am - 5 pm

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like to schedule a tour for the fall, please feel free to call Liz Jacobs at 404-350-9000 (Lizzy@bignet.net) anytime during the summer.

SPECIAL TOPICS

NEIGHBORHOOD OPEN HOUSE & FIRE TRUCK DEDICATION

The Berkeley Park Neighborhood Association cordially invites you to our Spring Open House. This year, we will also dedicate the new fire truck Station #23 recently received. Please join us for some great food, fun, and neighborhood friendship.

When: Sunday - May 20th, 2001

Time: 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Where: Fire Station #23 on Howell Mill

Please RSVP to Ted Huckabee, President - BPNA, 404.609.9309 or eMail tedhuckabee@earthlink.net or to Richard & Sharon Arnold at 404.367.9070 or email keycon1@mindspring.com.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

One of our neighborhood churches, Collins Road Methodist, is sponsoring a Habitat for Humanity house to be built on Main Street in Riverside. They are asking for folks to commit to Saturdays (all or a few or even one). All tools and materials will be provided. The Saturdays are May 19, June 2, June 9, June 16, June 23, June 30 and July 7. A light breakfast and a lunch will be provided as well as cooling beverages throughout the day. They will also need volunteers on June 9th to prepare, transport and serve the meals.

Please call the church office to volunteer for this wonderful cause! Office (404) 794-5842

PUBLIC HEARING

City Councilwoman, Felicia Moore, will be hosting a Public Hearing on May 23rd at 7 p.m. at the R.M. Clayton Plant Auditorium on Bolton Rd.

The Public Hearing is regarding the proposed vertical and horizontal expansion of the Waste Management Solid Waste Disposal Site (formerly called the Bolton Road Landfill).

It is very important to go, hear what they want to do and FIGHT the expansion of the landfill!

Call Felicia's office at (404) 330-6044 with questions or for more information

GLOBALIZE YOUR COMMUNITY

My name is William Teasley and I am a Local Coordinator for Council Exchanges - USA High School Program. The Program provides opportunities for over 1,000 foreign high school students to study in the US for an academic semester (5 months) or an academic year (10 months). We have students coming from Mongolia, Russia, China, Brazil, Serbia, Germany and several other countries. This school year Atlanta will be the destination of 10 - 15 of these students.

North Atlanta High School has agreed to provide space for up to 5 Council Exchange students for the 2001-2002 school year. I was referred to you by Dr. Douglas Frutiger, International Studies Director of North Atlanta High School, as possibly having an interest in becoming a host family as well as being able to share information on our need for Host Families. We are looking for families to host students for 1-4 weeks (welcome & emergency families), one academic semester or one academic year.

All we need is 3 - 5 families (or responsible single adults) to participate in order to have students at North Atlanta High.

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In addition, when any Berkeley Park resident refers family, friends or co-workers to me for their real estate needs, I will donate \$250 after closing to the Neighborhood Association in the homeowner's name.

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