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# Berkeley Park Bulletin

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BERKELEY PARK

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Next Meeting

to be announced

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.

Meeting location - 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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There is not much to report this month but we did get some good news from Georgia Conservancy. They have agreed to assist us in developing our master plan for the neighborhood and they have received funding from the Rich foundation for \$15,000 to cover part of

their costs for assisting us. Unfortunately we still need to raise another \$20,000 to complete the project. I don't think that will too difficult if we put some effort into it but we sure could use some help in the process. Please let me know if you would like to become involved.

## V.P. LETTER

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My letter this month is going to take a completely different direction. While not directly related to neighborhood issues I hope that some of you will still relate to it.

A few weeks ago my cat Mao (pronounced like "cow" its the sound she made instead of "meow") was attacked by two of my neighbors dogs. As a result of her injuries, her age and, regrettably, the outrageous cost of the needed surgery, we had to have her put to sleep. I want to say that I do not blame my neighbor as I believe that the dogs getting out was completely accidental as we had never laid eyes on the dogs before this and she was very upset and is paying the majority of the vet bills.

I guess I never really knew how attached I was to this cat until this happened. I never even wanted a cat but when I moved into a duplex in Va. Highlands in 1989 Mao was already living in the basement and she adopted me. It was funny, for some reason I was the only one she would let close to her let alone touch her so when it came time for me to move, I risked life and limb and took her with me. It was at my new apartment that she adopted the habit of running to my car door to greet me when ever I came home. It was also here that she earned the name "slasher" when she laid open the finger of a unsuspecting neighbor who had agreed to feed her while I was

out of town.

Over time Mao learned to tolerate others. She grudgingly accepted Heather when she moved in and even tolerated Heather's cat (most of the time anyhow). She hid for a month when we got a puppy and then had to endure the arrival of not one but two kids. Through all this and a new house and my job I tried not to ignore Mao but I know I did at times. Still her loyalty never wavered. She still met me at my car every time I came home.

As Mao got older she mellow quite a bit. She became quite pleasant I think and even put up with the less than gentle petting of the little Coskys. As many people do, she became content to just sit on the front porch and watch the world go by. Sadly, this is where she would meet her violent end.

Like I said earlier, I 'm not angry at the dog's owners but I'm still angry. I'm angry that I lost a pet and I'm angry that I was forced to make such a difficult decision based on financial reasons. It would have cost just under 4000 dollars all toll! Who has this kind of money?! I'm angry at the vets for charging this much and I'm angry at those who pay it for keeping vet services out of the reach of us "average" people but mostly, I'm angry at myself for not doing something (I don't know what) different.

People have told me that she lived a much longer and happier life because of me. That may be but I still can't help feeling like I let her down. Regardless, here it is. I dedicate this months column to my cat, a good and loyal friend. And now you know...my name is Mike and I miss my cat.

## TREASURER REPORT

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Balance reported in August Newsletter was \$618.31. Check #1098 (\$16.55) was paid to Mari Jorgensen to reimburse her for landscaping supplies used to decorate BP signs. A total of \$95.00 was deposited in dues received from the following members: Dorothy Gregory (\$35.00 for seven years, Senior Dues); Mark Sunderland (\$50.00 for five years); Ted and Kendra Huckabee (\$10.00). Current balance according to the ledger is \$696.76.

If you have dues to pay, please just leave them in my mailbox at 759 Berkeley.

## MEMBERSHIP

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No report this month.

## SECRETARY

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Captain Peal from the Fire station was present with a few reminders -

- Fire Station offers free blood pressure monitoring.
- Fire Station offers help installing infant car seats. There is also a program where you can apply to receive a free car seat if needed.
- Please remember not to park 15 feet on either side of a fire hydrant.

Traffic update – there was a meeting at city hall regarding the traffic on Howell Mill. There was a detailed account in The Story.

Coro Realty property update – “Berkeley Heights”

-At the time of the meeting, we had received a draft letter back from Coro, not offering any concessions on BPNA wishes. (I believe there are now offers and hopefully Dwight will fill everyone in)

-There is talk of moving the additional lane to the car wash side of Bellemeade.

-Coro has made a verbal promise to hold off on removing trees for 5 months.

-Coro has said they would pull the \$5,000 donation to BPNA if the tree appeal went forward (appeal was filed by neighbor 8/15/03).

-Selig is moving forward with a very extensive traffic study.

Treasurer reports BPNA fund needs dues to keep up the website and newsletter going!

Rumor is they are going to rebuild Wendy's.

Please welcome the new Pastor at Underwood Hills – Brett DeHart.

## NEWSLETTER

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The continuing message. I will not accept a nomination or motion to continue in the role of Newsletter Committee Chair. I will also relinquish maintenance of the website. Neither of these tasks is hard or very time consuming - it is just way past time for a fresh

approach. I will continue to be active in the association and will assist whoever decides to chair the Newsletter Committee in what every capacity they need. The January elections/nominations are right around the corner, I certainly hope someone in the neighborhood is considering taking on this task.

## SENIORS

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Happy Birthday to Eddie Green of 805 Berkeley Avenue who was born on September 11th.

## BEAUTIFICATION

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No report this month.

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## CRIME WATCH

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During the hot August weather we have seen some crime in our area recently. In mid August we saw a Honda Accord get stolen from neighbors on Bellemeade in what looked like a stolen car crime ring. The Bolton Road neighborhoods have been the victims of items stolen from their yards, such as lawn furniture, and a bicycle from a garage left open. We've had a gentleman come to front doors of our neighborhood and Underwood Hills asking for money and being a disturbance and possible threat. The man is a white male, in his 30's, with black curly hair and is generally nicely dressed. And most recently we have heard of rape occurring at the laundromat on Howell Mill Rd. This occurred the weekend of September 6-7, the suspect is a hispanic male, if you think you know anything please contact the police. What does all this tell us? Basically that we live in a semi-urban setting in the middle of a big city, so we all need to be aware of potential dangers around us. Do we have unsavory people walking in Berkeley Park? Yes, but we can also call the police every time we see them and make it as uncomfortable to scout our neighborhood as we can. I'm sure as the weather cools down folks will be out in the yard more often or doing other home projects, just remember to keep a close eye on your tools and items, never leave something of value in your front yard while you take a 30-minute break to watch the football game. The "scouts" make notes everytime they walk through seeing how careless we are, if we look like suckers I'm sure they call their fellow criminals to help carry the load. My point I guess is just be smart with your home and property, report anybody suspicious to the police, and always be on the lookout for anything that could threaten safety in our great neighborhood. Thanks!

## LAND USE & DEVELOPMENT

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### TREE APPEAL I

The hearing for removal of the Bellemeade trees from the Coro Proposed development is set for Wednesday September 24 @ 7:00 PM.

### TREE APPEAL II

Based on last months BPNA meeting, this email is being sent to solicit monetary support for Mr. and Mrs. Crawford with their efforts regarding the Tree Appeal for the proposed Coro Development. To date, BP has voted and provided majority support of filing the appeal. The Crawford's have pursued this endeavor and have incurred expenses along the way. BP officials have elected not to reimburse these expenses for several reasons, not of least due to lack of funds.

Please join me in contributing directly to the Crawford's effort by contacting Elizabeth Sears at the email address provided below. Please, only email regarding your participation in contributions is appreciated [esears@earthlink.net](mailto:esears@earthlink.net), Thanks for your support.

#### BPNA DUES

Stemming from the last BPNA meeting, this email is being sent to remind everyone that yearly dues keep the association going. The By-laws are provided below:

"Association dues shall be \$10 per address per year. Senior citizen (anyone age 60 or older) dues are \$5 per address per year. No resident or property owner shall be denied membership for failure to pay dues. Dues payments cover a period from January 1st to December 31st of each year no matter when they are paid during the year"

If your dues are overdue please contact the BPNA Treasurer: Elaine Evans at 759 Berkeley Avenue 404.355.2672.

#### BPNA SURVEY

Fellow BPNA residents. As you have probably heard by now we are actively pursuing the first and most difficult task of getting the surveys filled out. On a few occasions many active residents have blanketed the streets and gone door to door to solicit you input. If you have not yet received the opportunity to participate please contact Land Use Chair Brett Marsengill at [b.marsengill@robertco.com](mailto:b.marsengill@robertco.com), any question please let me know.

## E. RIVERS ELEMENTARY

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Our school year at E. Rivers has gotten off to a wonderful start! The children are learning lots of new things, and the teachers and parents are very busy with great activities for the students.

Last week, we were host to Atlanta Thrasher star Dany Heatley, the Thrasher's mascot, Thrash, and other members of the hockey team. All of the students in the school were thrilled to meet these celebrities and learn some hockey tips from the pros. Most importantly, they heard an inspirational talk by Mr. Heatley about the importance of school and education. The 4th and 5th grade students will go to a hockey game at Philips Arena later in the month.

Starting on Saturday, September 13, E. Rivers PTA will have a Concession Stand at our field during the Saturday t-ball and soccer games. Join us for a snack if you are at the games, and help to support the PTA! We will offer coffee and doughnuts in the morning, Chick-Fil-A at lunch, and various snacks and drinks throughout the day.

Attention Prospective Parents of E. Rivers students! We are in the planning stages for our annual Prospective Parent Evening and Open House Tours to be held on November 6 and 7. Please contact Ann DuPre at [anndupre@comcast.net](mailto:anndupre@comcast.net) or 404-351-7765 if you are interested in attending this event. She will be sending invitations out to families in the E. Rivers attendance area. This event is a great way to become more familiar with your neighborhood school, meet other E. Rivers' parents, and see the students in action. Please join us!

Another event for parents of preschoolers is coming up on October 9. The Elementary School Fair will be held at Peachtree Presbyterian Church. E. Rivers will have a booth at the fair, and we look forward to meeting prospective parents and telling folks about E. Rivers!

On October 4, we will be hosting our annual Fall Clean Up/Hands On Atlanta Day at E. Rivers. Volunteers from Hands On

Atlanta will join parents and students as we work to beautify our school. We appreciate the involvement of Hands On Atlanta every year, and look forward to getting some big projects accomplished. Come on by to see the work in progress!

Join us on October 11 at Peachtree Battle Shopping Center for our PTA Bake Sale. Held in conjunction with the Fall Festival at Peachtree Battle, our bake sale is always a great place to get a home-made goody! Stop by and support your neighborhood PTA!

Tours of the school are held upon request. Please contact Ann DuPre at [anndupre@comcast.net](mailto:anndupre@comcast.net) or 404-351-7765 to schedule a tour. Our school website is also a great source of information about the school: [www.erivers-elem.org](http://www.erivers-elem.org).

## PIKE FAMILY NURSERIES

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*October Gardening Tips from  
Pike Family Nurseries*

October conjures up images of carved pumpkins, colorful foliage, hay rides and apple cider but remember, Fall IS for planting! Get outside and enjoy the cooler temperatures and lower humidity. Soon enough it will be time to slip on a sweatshirt and rake up the fallen leaves!

- Plant Fescue Seed. Mid-September through mid-October is the ideal time to sow Fescue seed. Use approximately 8 pounds of seed per 1000 square feet.

- Prepare Your Lawn For Cold Weather. Apply a fall feed fertilizer to Fescue grass. Warm season grasses, such as Bermuda and Zoysia, will benefit from an application of a "winterizer" fertilizer.

- Buy Spring Flowering Bulbs. Choose favorites like Daffodils, Tulips, Iris, Crocus, Hyacinths and many more. Buy now for best selection and store them in a cool, dry location. Plant the bulbs in mid-November.

- Plant Cool Season Annuals. Add color to your fall and winter landscape with Pansies and Violas. Leafy greens such as Ornamental Kale and Cabbage, Swiss Chard, Mustard Greens, Oregano and Parsely can also be planted in the fall. They provide excellent texture and color contrast when mixed with pansies and violas.

- Plant Shrubs and Trees. October is a great month to plant shrubs and trees. Warm soil and cool air temperatures encourage vigorous root development.

- Move and Transplant Existing Shrubs and Small Trees. If you have plants that have outgrown their planting sites, October is a great time to move them. Since the plant is not actively growing above ground at this time of year, transplanting now helps to reduce shock to the plant.

- Prevent Winter Weeds in Bermuda and Zoysia Lawns. When applied at this time of year, pre-emergent products, also known as "crabgrass preventers", prevent the development of annual bluegrass and certain other winter weeds. Note: Do not apply a pre-emergent to Fescue lawns if you have planted or will plant grass seed this fall.

- Mulch Planting Areas for Winter Protection. Mulches help to insulate the soil in cold weather. They also help to retain moisture in the soil and protect plant roots from temperature extremes.

- Water When Necessary. If rain is scarce, continue to water your shrubs as needed, as long as temperatures remain above the freezing point. Plants can withstand harsh winds and cold temperatures much better in moist soil. Dry soil can cause dehydration and leaf burn.

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