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BERKELEY PARK

OCTOBER 2003

**Next Meeting
Monday
October 20th
7 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.

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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Activity with our developers has heated back up. The tree hearing on Coro was tonight (Oct. 15). There was an agreement on the majority of the issues prior to the hearing and the committee voted to approve the agreement. Coro agreed to change the site plan to save between 15 and 20 trees on the northwest corner of the development. They also are adding some landscape and making a few other improvements such as eliminating the concrete retainer wall. They also agreed to take a 120 day review period to discuss the widening of Bellemeade. We will be having two public hearings to allow all of your opinions to be heard. We will be in touch with you when we got those meetings scheduled. Please be sure and thank Elizabeth Sears for her tireless efforts on our behalf. This has been a very time consuming and difficult effort for her and everyone who has been involved.

The negotiations with Selig begin again next Monday. Selig has reached an agreement with Costco on the retail

side and with A.G. Spanos on the residential side. Spanos will be at the negotiation on Monday and according to the the Selig folks is very anxious to work with the neighborhood.

Master planning efforts are also underway. We have completed a survey of the residents and are in the process of compiling the results. The Georgia Conservancy has agreed to work with us using Georgia Tech students to help with a lot of the research work. Our goal is to produce a master plan that meets with the city LCI requirements. The LCI program has set aside funding for neighborhood improvements if the requirements for LCI master plans are met (I can send you the details if you would like). We will need to raise about \$40,000 to do the plan and we will need all the help we can get to do it.

The Georgia Conservancy and a representative from City Council President Cathy Woolard's office will both be speaking at our meeting next Monday. Please try to make time in your schedule to be there.

V.P. LETTER

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Hello Berkeley Park. I would like to start off this month by thanking all those who responded to my column last month. It was greatly appreciated. We received the money that the dog's owners agreed to pay but we still ended up paying some of the bill our selves and we lost a pet. Oddly enough, I'm still a bit annoyed by this. The funny thing is that of all the topics I have written about, this is the only one that I have received feed back from.

On to neighborhood business. Tonight I will be attending what will hopefully be one last meeting with Coro. It seems they were a tad unprepared at the tree appeal hearing and therefore are eager to come to an agreement with the neighborhood and Elizabeth Sears. It seems to me that they are ready to make some real concessions so I hope that by the time you read this we will have some good news.

Next I would like to speak to the "investment" vultures circling our neighborhood. If you think you can just come into our neighborhood buying up all of the homes and do anything you want with little or no regard for the residents around you then you may just receive a sound flogging about the head with what I like to call "zoning ordinances and building codes"! I personally plan to be extremely vigilant when it comes to what is being done in our neighborhood and I urge all of you to do the same.

Finally I need to inform everyone that I will not be filling the position of Vice President again next year. The main reason is my work schedule or lack there of. I have missed way too many meetings this year because of my job. I knew this might be a problem two years ago but I took the position because no one else would. It hasn't been a burden or anything I just feel that there must be someone who has a more predictable schedule that can do this job. I also have some more personal issues that need my time. Some may benefit the entire neighborhood and some just the Cosky clan but they are things that I can't put off any longer.

So now is the time for someone to step up and prove that they are a better V.P. than me or at least a better writer.

TREASURER REPORT

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Ledger Balance on October 10, 2003 was in agreement with the most recent Bank of America Statement in the amount of \$696.76. The following dues were received and deposited on October 10, 2003: Catalyst Realty #919 (\$20.00), Terrill/Ronald Horgan #1540 (\$10.00), and Elaine Evans #4275 (\$10.00). The total deposit of \$40.00 resulted in a Ledger Balance of \$736.76. Checks to Key Concept Services, Inc. were paid on October 10, 2003: #1099 in the amount of \$35.82 (Invoice #990629) and #1100 in the

amount of \$55.85 (Invoice #990623). These payments brought the Ledger Balance to a total of \$645.09 as of October 11, 2003.

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No report this month.

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NEWSLETTER

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Once again - 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.

I will be unable to attend the Monday night meeting but would like to suggest that someone make a motion asking the attending body to vote on distributing a paper newsletter to all residents for the November issue. Every resident should be aware that there are a number of officers announcing that they will not be seeking another term. With our current distribution system, we are not getting the message to everyone every month.

SENIORS

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Seniors, if anyone should solicit you for any services and you question them, please give me a call and let me check them out for you. Do not give them any money until we do this.

We have no seniors born in October.

BEAUTIFICATION

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No report this month.

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No news from NPU-D this month.

CRIME WATCH

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Well, we have had another month of relative quiet here in Berkeley Park when it comes to crime activity, I wish the same could be said of our neighbors in the Bolton Road communities. They are just absolutely getting hammered with stolen items from porches and yards, break ins to homes and cars, etc., etc. They are responding by increased awareness, and hopefully their diligence pays off. But unless they put every single crook in jail, Bolton Road's successes could lead to our next problem. If our neighborhood lets it's guard down the crooks will move to our neighborhood to do their work, instead of feeling the heat on Bolton Road. So be prepared, and prove me wrong.

Well, after 2 years of watching the crime in the neighborhood it is time for me to step down, since Shannon and I will be moving out of Berkeley Park at the end of the year. We are expecting our first child and did not buy our house early enough to afford to build on to it, so out to the 'burbs we go. Ugh. I have lived in Berkeley Park for 5 of the last 7 years, first as a renter and then deciding to buy, because I love the neighborhood so much and just think it offers everything (except for another bedroom and another bathroom!). Anyway, someone please step up and accept the role, because as we see lately crime can be a problem for in-town neighborhoods, and it's needs the attention of everyone to keep it from getting out of hand. Thanks, and be careful, and if you see anyone suspicious, call 911!

LAND USE & DEVELOPMENT

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E. RIVERS ELEMENTARY

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News from E. Rivers Elementary - October 2003

Fall is here, and E. Rivers is busy with autumn activities!

Our annual Fall Clean Up Day on October 4 was a great success. Parent volunteers joined volunteers from Hands on Atlanta to help spruce up our outdoor plantings and beds, clear brush and pressure wash sidewalks. Our Hands On Atlanta group was from The Cathedral of Christ the

King. Many thanks to our hard working volunteers and to Hands On Atlanta for organizing this worthwhile project. The school looks great! Come on by and take a look.

A big thank you to the Brookwood Hills Neighborhood Association for allowing us to hold our Fall Parent Party at their pool pavilion! The event was catered by Casa Grande Restaurant. The Fall Parent Party promises to be a yearly tradition, and was a fun way for parents to get to know one another as well as raise funds for the school.

We hope to see you on Saturday, October 11 at the Peachtree Battle Shopping Center Fall Festival. We will be hosting our annual Fall Bake Sale and would love to see our neighbors and friends come out to visit us! There will be many other fun activities for families, including a petting zoo, pony rides, and a rock-climbing wall. Stop by and get some home baked goodies from the E. Rivers PTA!

Our neighborhood Chick Fil A at Peachtree Street and Collier Road will be hosting an E. Rivers Spirit Night on Thursday, October 16. Drop by and tell the cashier that you are a friend of Rivers, and a portion of the proceeds from the evening will go toward the PTA. Chick Fil A is a wonderful business partner and we appreciate their generosity.

Come and get in the Halloween spirit at Rivers during the week of October 27 - 31! We will be having our annual Pumpkin Decorating Contest, and each class will use their design skills to create a most imaginative display of pumpkins. The pumpkins will be displayed in the front lobby and will be judged on October 30. You will be amazed at the creative ideas the children come up with to decorate the pumpkins!

The Prospective Parent Evening and Tours will be held this year on November 6 and 7. We will be sending invitations to families in the E. Rivers school district with pre-school age children. This event is a great way to find out more about your neighborhood school, meet teachers, the principal and other parents, and to see the school in action. We encourage you to come and see what we are all about! Please contact Ann DuPre at 404-351-7765 or anndupre@comcast.net to make sure your name is on our mailing list. We hope that you can join us!

Please visit our school website at www.erivers-elem.org to find out more about E. Rivers!

KIDSKORNER

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I am building a mailing list of families with children in Berkeley Park so we can establish play dates and fun events for everyone. If you would like to be on this list for future mailings, please e-mail me at tawnchi@earthlink.net or fax to 404-355-5889. Also, any newborn babies or birthdays, please forward this information to me.

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