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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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The Coro saga is reaching its final chapter. On Monday December 8 we will have the final hearing regarding the widening of Bellemeade. I strongly encourage each of you to come to the meeting so that you can hear all the facts for yourself and let your opinions be heard. From my unscientific straw poll of the neighborhood I believe that if a vote were taken the vote would be split. I am not sure which way it would go. Personally, I have become convinced after much agony that we will regret it if we do not widen the road. I

have listened to numerous accounts by well respected traffic engineers who suggested if we do not widen the lane we will have significant traffic congestion at Bellemeade and Northside. It is a terrible dilemma to be faced with. Removing those beautiful trees versus traffic congestion. The trees will, however, be replaced and will eventually be as beautiful as the ones being removed, and traffic will be improved.

V.P. LETTER

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Neighborhood Holiday open house at the Cosky compound 757 Antone St. Saturday afternoon Dec 13th 2-5

TREASURER REPORT

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There has been no activity since the report dated October 11, 2003. The ledger and bank balances are \$645.09 as of November 11, 2003.

If you need to pay dues, please leave them in my mailbox, 759 Berkeley Avenue.

SECRETARY

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BPNA October 20, 2003 Meeting

Susan Kid with Georgia Conservancy was at the meeting to talk about helping with our Master Plan.

BPNA will need to raise around \$40,000 to fund the Master Plan project, which will require everyone's help in a massive fund raising effort.

Selig property update: Costco has signed on for space and Spanos has signed to do the residential portion. The Spanos development will be approximately 280 apartments, units to be 900-1300 S.F., renting for @ \$1.30 S.F. Costco will be on the bottom of development, retail at street level and apartments will be located on top.

Coro property update: BPNA still to receive \$5,000 donation from Coro. Coro has revised their plan to save roughly 20 trees. This included reducing a retaining wall on the property and slightly rerouting a road along the back side (highway 75 side) of property. For now – the Bellemeade tree issue is on a 120 day hold, allowing time to hold 2 community meetings. Coro is hoping to get a broader feel for the community feelings as a whole. During this time a traffic study is going to be completed and hopefully presented at the second community meeting. At the end of this period Coro will decide whether or not to move forward with the additional lane on Bellemeade. As far as the trees lining Bellemeade, it will be an individual decision of Elizabeth Sears to file another tree appeal or not.

Beltline: A power point presentation was given by Beth Crowder with Kathy Woolards office of the new Beltline transportation system. The Beltline will utilize existing rail systems and intersect with @ 40 neighborhoods forming a 22 mile loop. Please visit www.cathyatlanta.com for details.

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No report this month.

NEWSLETTER

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I would like to send out a sincere thank you to those who have offered to take on the duties of the newsletter chair. Please know that I have enjoyed doing this over the past few years. I offer my assistance and support to anyone involved in the Berkeley Park Neighborhood Association in the future.

SENIORS

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We have two birthdays in November. Happy birthday to Jonnie Lanier of 1608 Tallulah St born November 4th and Margaret Green of 804 Berkeley Avenue born November 29th.

Cold weather is coming and you need to prepare for it. If any of the seniors in Berkeley Park need assistance in doing this, please call me, Tawn Chi at 404-351-8288. Stay warm and enjoy the Thanksgiving holidays.

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News from E. Rivers Elementary - November 2003

Thanksgiving is almost here, and we have many things to be thankful for at E. Rivers! We are fortunate to have hard working and dedicated teachers and administration, involved and interested parents, and most of all, children who love to learn! We hope you all have many things to be thankful for during this Thanksgiving season.

On Thursday, November 20, please join us at the Chick Fil A at Peachtree and Collier roads from 5:30 to 7:30 pm for E. Rivers Spirit Night. Our friends at Chick Fil A are kind enough to donate a portion of their proceeds during this time to our PTA. We appreciate their generosity! Last month we had a record turnout, and were happy to see many of our friends from the sur-

rounding neighborhoods. Our PTA will be selling the 2004 Chick Fil A calendars the week of November 10 - 14 as a fundraiser. These calendars are filled with coupons to be used throughout the year, and are great holiday gifts. If you are interested in purchasing calendars and supporting the PTA, please contact Liz Jacobs at 404-350-9000.

We will be holding a Canned Food Drive on November 10 - 14. Our families are always very generous in their giving and this is a good way to teach the children about helping others. If you would like to participate, just drop your canned goods off in the front lobby of the school. Our food drive will benefit the Buckhead Christian Ministries.

Come to Publix at Peachtree Battle on November 18 to get into the holiday spirit! They will be holding their annual Holiday Fest, and our chorus will be there after school to entertain the crowd. E. Rivers teachers and parents will be there to offer food samples. This is always a fun filled holiday event!

Our annual PTA Christmas Tree Sale will be held on Friday, December 5 and Saturday, December 6. We will have fresh cut Fraser fir trees, garland, wreaths, bows and stands. Our trees are always beautiful, and this is a great way for you to help your neighborhood school. We always love to see our neighborhood friends at our Tree Sale, and appreciate your support.

If you would like more information about E. Rivers, or would like a tour of the school, please contact Ann DuPre at 404-351-7765 or anndupre@comcast.net. Our school website is also a good source of information: www.erivers-elem.org.

PIKE FAMILY NURSERIES

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*November Gardening Tips from
Pike Family Nurseries*

There is a nip in the air...time to get out the heavier clothing.

Enjoy Nature's color show while it lasts. Autumn's glory is fleeting. Before we know it, it will be time to rake up all those colorful leaves.

Last Chance to Fertilize Fescue Lawns before mid-November. Do not fertilize Bermuda, Zoysia, Centipede or St. Augustine grasses since they are entering dormancy.

Don't allow leaves to accumulate on your lawn. Rake them up or use a blower before they have a chance to pile up. A mat of fallen leaves can prevent sunlight from reaching your grass and hinders air circulation. If not

removed, fallen leaves can cause the grass to die out.

Put the leaves you rake to good use. They make an excellent mulch for your planting areas or you can add them to your compost pile. Composting turns the leaves into a useful gardening substance while saving valuable landfill space.

Speaking of mulching...A two to three inch layer of mulch in your planting areas insulates the soil and helps to protect the plant roots from temperature extremes. Mulching also helps to retain moisture in the soil. Plants in moist soil can withstand freezing temperatures better.

Do you have a shady garden area? Consider planting hardy ferns such as Autumn, Christmas, Cinnamon or Japanese Painted Ferns for color and texture during the growing season.

November is a great time to plant new trees and shrubs or transplant trees and shrubs that may have outgrown their original planting areas. Most plants and trees are dormant and have suspended active growth above the ground. The roots will continue to grow, however, allowing the plants to have a vigorous root system by the time the growing season returns. Don't plant in ground that is excessively wet or frozen.

Houseplants need less water and fertilizer but higher humidity during the winter months. Shorter daylight hours and sunlight that is less intense lull many houseplants into a semi-dormant state. Apply a slow-release fertilizer, such as Osmocote, to your houseplants now for gradual feeding throughout the winter. Furnaces dry out the air, so mist plants frequently to raise humidity levels.

Remove faded Pansy blooms as they occur and fertilize pansy beds with Green Light Pansy Food to encourage continuous blooms throughout the winter.

In addition to Pansies, you can add Asters, Snapdragons, Ornamental Cabbage and Kale, Mustard greens, Swiss Chard or Parsley to your fall and winter garden for color and texture.

Consider some special garden features to enhance your landscape. Add a water feature, a garden wall or pathway, permanent garden art or items to attract birds and wildlife. These additions will give your garden year-round appeal.

Gear up for the holidays and plan to attend Festival of Trees 2003 - The Wonders of Toyland coming up December 6th - 14th - proceeds benefit Children's Healthcare of Atlanta.

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