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Berkeley Park Chili Cookoff

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Please join us on **June 14 th from 2 until 6 for the third annual BPNA Chili Cookoff**. This year we are opening up the competition to Berkeley Park Residents along with Non-Resident "Friends" of Berkeley Park. This year we will have prizes for 1 st , 2 nd , and 3 rd places. As is tradition there is no entry fee to be a contestant you just have to supply your chili and any accompaniments you may choose. We will supply spoons, napkins and small tasting cups. There will 8-foot tables that we will supply for 2 contestants per table. Please email me directly if you would like to be a contestant or know of someone who would like to be. We will have limited tables so contestants need to sign up on a first come first serve basis.

As in the past we will offer some adult beverages but it is a recommended BYOB event. We will have water and soft drinks for the children. The attendance fee will be \$15 per person and high school children and younger are free. The funds raised this year will go to the BPNA Crime Prevention Fund to try to help mitigate the increase in break-ins we have been experiencing.

This year we are smoking a whole pig and whole chickens on Saturday night and will have a grill for hamburgers and hotdogs along with traditional BBQ fair. We will have children's activities for the day along with our rockin' band line up.

If anyone would like to volunteer for the event please email me also. We will need volunteers for the pig roast night (2 hour shifts), set up, registration, children's activities, grilling burgers and dogs, chili judges and clean up. We are looking forward to another successful event.

President's Report

by Michael Wagoner

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It has been a productive May in Berkeley Park, and June is looking to be just as exciting. The Beautification Committee headed by Elizabeth Sears coordinated our May Clean Up Day, where many Berkeley Park residents came together to spruce up the areas around our BPNA entrance signs, mulch the Trees Atlanta trees, clear the weeds and cut the grass along the Howell Mill sidewalks and as you may have heard, cleaned up Fire Station 23. The Fire Station clean up received notice from the City, Atlanta Fire Rescue and the press, and moving forward, should be properly maintained by the City. The Seniors Committee headed by Tawn Chi was extremely successful in their Annual Spring Senior Dinner, where residents volunteered to cook and deliver 23 Meals to area seniors. This is always such a rewarding and much appreciated event. Thanks to Tawn and all of the volunteers for making this happen! The May BPNA meeting had a huge attendance. The focus was crime prevention, and Inspector Dorsey from the Atlanta Police Department came in to discuss things that we can do to help discourage criminals. The inspector left us with some literature and an open invitation to work with our residents on personal safety and the development of the BPNA Crime Watch Committee. Lastly, we were successful removing the pit bulls from 806 Bellemeade, which have been escaping their backyard and terrorizing the neighborhood for 4 years. This was only possible with the combined efforts of many of our involved residents.

You may notice a common theme in our ability to get things done in May, and that's volunteers. See the next page for opportunities to get involved.

As I mentioned above, June will be equally exciting in Berkeley Park. I hope you all join us June 14th for the 3rd Annual Berkeley Park Chili Cook Off. This year, all donations received will go toward the Berkeley Park Crime Prevention Program. We will have representatives from the Atlanta Police and Fire Departments, Atlanta City Council, food by Chef Ron, music from some great local bands, and games for the children. Please look for the details on page 1.

Have a great Summer and remember to keep your eyes open. Let your neighbors know when you go on vacation, keep TVs, radios and lights on when not home, and be safe.

Michael Wagoner

President- Berkeley Park Neighborhood Association

We need Volunteers to help in the following areas :

- Crime Watch—Contact Buck Davis at buck@buckdavis.com
- Beautification—Contact Elizabeth Sears at esears@earthlink.net
- Code and Zoning—Contact Deborah Wagoner at deborah@dcw-photo.com

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- Seniors—Contact Tawn Chi at tc@tcproperties.net
- Membership or Communications—Contact Maureen Hetrick at maureenfh@mindspring.com
- Business Relations- Contact Mike Wagoner at mwagoner@clcnetworks.com

Please consider getting involved!

**WSB-TV and The Trust For Public Land:
Calling All Conservation-Friendly Citizens**

Cox Conserves Heroes program to include public nominations, online voting

ATLANTA (May 26, 2009) — Do you know an everyday hero who is making great strides today to ensure a greener tomorrow? WSB-TV Channel 2, in partnership with The Trust for Public Land (TPL), today launched Cox Conserves Heroes - Atlanta, a national awards program to honor and celebrate conservation in everyday life.

Cox Conserves Heroes-Atlanta is now accepting nominations at www.wsbtv.com/community. The Cox Conserves Hero, chosen by online consumer voting, will be awarded \$5,000 to donate to the environmental nonprofit of his or her choice.

“The Trust for Public Land's mission is to conserve land for people to use and enjoy forever, so we are thrilled to partner with Cox to identify and honor people who are making a personal difference in Atlanta,” said TPL's Executive Director, Helen Tapp. “We're fortunate to have engaged citizens who want to be actively involved in creating more greenspaces, promoting environmental best practices and enhancing the quality of life in the metro area.”

WSB-TV Channel 2 Action News reporter Justin Farmer will broadcast public service announcements encouraging viewers to nominate people in their community who are helping to create, preserve or enhance places for everyone to enjoy - parks, greenways, gardens, waterways, plazas, streets and public squares. By improving our shared environment, these conservation heroes make Atlanta a better place for everyone to live.

Following the nomination stage, finalists will be selected by the Cox Conserves Judging Circle, a group of local civic leaders. Their stories can be accessed through www.wsbtv.com/community, so the public can learn more about the finalists before voting. The finalist receiving the most online votes will be named the Cox Conserves Hero.

Cox Conserves Heroes Timeline:

- May 26 – June 19: “Call for Nominations.” The public can visit www.wsbtv.com/community to nominate an individual;

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- August 10 – August 31: “Cast Your Vote.” The public can view videos of the finalists and cast their vote;
- September: “Cox Conserves Hero Announcement.” Following the online voting, Atlanta's Cox Conserves Hero will be announced in early September.
- By showcasing these unsung heroes, WSB-TV and TPL hope to inspire more people to take an active role in neighborhood conservation activities.

The Cox Conserves Heroes program was created in 2007 through a partnership between The Trust for Public Land and Cox Enterprises, the parent company of WSB-TV. The partnership stems from Cox Enterprises' national Cox Conserves program designed to reduce the company's carbon footprint by 20 percent by 2017, and promote eco-friendly behavior among its employees, communities and other corporations. The Cox Conserves Heroes program is active in Seattle and San Diego and will launch in San Francisco and New Orleans this year.

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About The Trust for Public Land

The Trust for Public Land (TPL) is a national nonprofit land conservation organization that conserves land for people to enjoy as parks, gardens, and natural areas, ensuring livable communities for generations to come. Since 1972, TPL has worked with willing landowners, community groups, and national, state, and local agencies to complete more than 3,500 land conservation projects in 47 states, protecting 2.5 million acres. TPL has helped states and communities craft and pass over 330 ballot measures, generating almost \$25 billion in new conservation-related funding. In Georgia, TPL has conserved over 20,000 acres and has been instrumental in three primary programmatic areas: Parks for People (including the Atlanta BeltLine and other urban projects), Chattahoochee River Protection Campaign (Phase III) and Georgia Green (also called G2).

Seniors Report

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We had perfect weather taking 10 Seniors to the Atlanta Botanical Gardens on Wednesday, April 29, 2009. I learned some Seniors had never been before and this was their first time. Afterwards, we had a very nice complimentary lunch at JoliKobe in Midtown. (www.jolikobe.com) .

A special thank you to Wanda Steele and Terry Horgan for volunteering to help me and The Senior Citizen Center for providing the transportation and driver to the Garden.

On May 17, we did it again! 22 gourmet dinners prepared by loving hands and delivered to the homes of our Seniors. Ron Horgan cooked for the Underwood Hills Social and then cooked for 22 Seniors this past Sunday. This man deserves an award! Thank you, Ron!

Along with the dinner was a beautiful rose in a vase donated from Florist Atlanta and the card read, "We appreciate you! From all your neighbors." Thank you, Florist Atlanta!

Kroger/Howell Mill donated ALL the groceries. What a generous donation from the new Manager, Marc Wood. Thank you Marc!

Thank you, Jeffrey Smythe & Roberta of the Senior Citizen Center for letting us use your kitchen!

Thank you to the following volunteers who helped cook in the Kitchen.

Ron Horgan
Traci Hart & Adrian
Yolanda Adrean
Deborah & Michael Wagoner & their beautiful children, Lily & Norah
Tiana Chi

Thank you to the following volunteers who helped deliver the Dinners.

Scott Selby & Heidi Cay
Mary Beth Kinney
Brian Carter
Patrick & Karen Brady
Michael Wagoner
Terry Horgan

We could not have done this without everyone's help and support. The Seniors are very appreciative!

What awesome neighborhoods! Thank you!

Tawn Chi
Senior Playgroup

Emergency Groceries Available

The Central Outreach and Advocacy Center (OAC) will provide emergency groceries for those most affected by the economic downturn as follows:

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Critical Needs Emergency Grocery Program

Date: Saturday, June 13, 2009

Hours: 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. No appointment necessary

Type of Food: Canned goods, cereals and rice in 30 pound boxes.

Location: Groceries may be picked up from one of 4 locations:

Cosmopolitan AME Church

Hillside Presbyterian Church

170 Vine Street, NW

1879 Columbia Drive

Atlanta, GA 30314

Decatur, GA 30032

College Park Presbyterian Church

New Life Presbyterian Church

3557 Main Street

6600 Old National Highway

College Park, GA 30337

College Park, GA 30349

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Eligibility:

The following is required to receive food:

A valid government issued identification card for the primary person in the household obtaining food (ID, Driver's License, Passport, Green Card, Department of Corrections ID).

Verification of housing (indicates ability to prepare the food – one of the following):

- Current rent receipt
- Current lease agreement or current mortgage statement
- Current utility bill

Social Security Card, Government ID, School Record or other valid form of government identification for each person in the household receiving food.

Demonstration of Need

Households in the zip codes listed below **DO NOT NEED TO DEMONSTRATE NEED.**

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Households ***outside of the zip codes listed above*** should demonstrate proof of need (such as proof of qualification or receipt of government benefits, Medicaid, Social Security, unemployment, Food Stamps, etc.)

A program of the:

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About Us

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Effective January 1, 2009, membership in the BPNA is \$20 per person (up to 3 adults per address are eligible to become members), and \$10 for seniors. To join the association, attend a monthly meeting and pay dues to the treasurer, [Nina-Daniela McCormack](#), or the president, [Michael Wagoner](#). If you cannot attend a meeting but wish to join, or for more information, email us at info@berkeleypark.org.

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