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President's Report

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Since our last Newsletter, Berkeley Park has had a few accomplishments, as well as begun the process to raise funds to renovate Station 23. Deborah Wagoner has been working for 2 years to get the Dead Tree at 761 Bellemeade cut down. In early August, she was successful having the City prune back the dead and dangerous limbs which hung over Bellemeade and the MARTA Stop at Buchanan. Since this tree is on private property, this was all the City could do, but the bottom line is, Bellemeade is now safer. To continue with the Bellemeade theme, you may have seen the notice that re-surfacing will start September 16th. As you all know, the condition of Bellemeade has been atrocious for years, and I believe our emails to the City regarding the numerous Pot Holes pushed the street to the top of the Project List. Finally, in mid-August Speed Humps were installed on Verner Street. After Traffic Studies confirmed Speed Humps were a viable solution, the residents of Verner Street were able to finalize the required paperwork in record time. The Traffic Department said this was the fastest Petition they had ever received. Thanks to everyone who helped obtain these accomplishments. It just goes to show what can be accomplished with a little time and perseverance.

Our August Meeting served as the Kick-off for fundraising efforts to renovate Station 23. Cynthia Williams from Underwood Hills is spearheading this effort in conjunction with many of our surrounding Neighborhoods. To date, Cynthia has been in discussion with the Atlanta Firefighters Foundation to establish the appropriate accounts, and I have submitted a request for a Historic Preservation Grant. There will be a meeting on Monday, September 27, at 7:00 p.m. at DePalma's Restaurant on Defoors Ferry Road for anyone interested in serving on the steering committee for the fundraising task force. We need people who would be willing to serve for at least one year to help make decisions regarding our renovation priorities and/or to help raise funds for the project. It would probably be considered a conflict of interest to serve on the steering committee if you or your firm is planning to bid on any of the work, but if you are willing to work pro bono, there should not be a problem.

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Unfortunately, with the end of Summer, start of school, and numerous business trips, the BPNA Board completely forgot our responsibility to announce the call for By-Law Amendments. These Amendments were to be received by the Board no later than September 1. The Board has agreed to move this submission date one month, a review taking place at the October Meeting, and the voting date to remain the November BPNA Meeting. I have included the By-Law Section below:

Article X - Amendments

Section 1.

There shall be an annual review of the Association By Laws at the regularly scheduled meeting in September of each year. Any amendments shall be submitted to the Board of Directors and President in writing prior to September 1 and voted upon during the November meeting. These amendments to the By Laws shall be effective on January 1st of the next calendar year. The Secretary shall recodify the By Laws once an amendment has passed and recertify the original By Laws as amended.

Section 2.

Proposed amendment(s) to the By Laws shall be presented before September 1st, in writing, to the Board of Directors and President for review at the September meeting. The President shall have the proposed amendment(s) published in full text in the next newsletter to be discussed as part of the agenda at the September meeting. Proposed Amendments must be in full text presented to the Members at least ten (10) days before the proposed vote at the November meeting on the Amendment in November. Any amendment must carry by a two-thirds majority vote of those Members voting.

We also need to establish a three Member Election Committee to determine next year's officers. I have included the related By-Law Section for review. Anyone who is interested should contact me for the list of responsibilities.

Section 7.

Elections for officers of the Association shall be held at the November meeting each year. There shall be nominations given to the Ad Hoc Election Committee for each officer position. The Ad Hoc Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors in September. Nominations shall close by November 1st and all Members shall be notified on the website of the slate of candidates by not fewer than ten (10) days prior to the General Meeting.

Enjoy the cooler weather and football.....

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Any proposed changes to the BPNA bylaws must be submitted to the board by October 1. [You can read the bylaws here.](#)

EcoDepot Collects Hazardous Waste, Medications, and Electronics

Atlanta's Largest Household Hazardous Waste, Meds and E-Scrap Collection on Saturday, September 25 at Atlantic Station

ATLANTA – Participants in Atlanta's largest household hazardous waste, meds and e-scrap collection will receive free gift bags filled with environmentally friendly supplies, courtesy of the sponsors, partners and friends of ecoDepot 2010.

Atlanta City Councilmember Carla Smith has partnered with LivingGreenPages, Live-Thrive Atlanta, Atlanta Recycling Solutions and Clean Harbors to present the City of Atlanta's Largest environmental waste collection from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. September 25 at Atlantic Station.

The ecoDepot collection will take place at the ECOLIFE event on September 25-26 at Atlantic Station. ECOLIFE is Atlanta's largest eco-lifestyle event that offers attendees two full days of eco-friendly family edutainment and fun. ECOLIFE is pleased to host the first ecoDepot collection as a way to encourage attendees to participate in the proper disposal of hazardous household waste (HHW), medications and electronics.

The ECOLIFE event was developed by the Ecolife Group, a Georgia-based organization. ECOLIFE is dedicated to educating and motivating healthy and sustainable living, and provides live entertainment, cooking demonstrations & tastings, eco-friendly products and solutions, variety of games and learning experiences for all ages.

“I'm committed to supporting efforts that bring tangible changes in how we treat our environment,” said Councilmember Smith. “Bringing this collection effort to Atlanta will not only change habits but also educate our residents and the general public on what household hazardous waste can do to our watershed and what electronic scrap items can do to our landfills.”

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, Americans generate 1.6 million tons of household hazardous waste per year. The average home can accumulate as much as 100 pounds of household hazardous waste in the basement and garage and in storage closets. Since the 1980s, many communities have started special collection days or permanent collection sites for handling household hazardous waste. Today there were more than 3,000 household hazardous waste permanent programs and collection events throughout the United States.

Improper disposal of household hazardous wastes can include pouring them down the drain, on the ground, into storm sewers, or in some cases putting them out with the trash. The dangers of such disposal methods might not be immediately obvious, but improper disposal of these wastes can pollute the environment and pose a threat to human health. Many communities in the United States offer a variety of options for conveniently and safely managing household hazardous waste.

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While the collection of electronic items will be continual, only the first 500 cars will be allowed to drop off household hazardous waste and medications.

The following household hazardous waste items will be accepted on September 25 at ecoDepot:

HHW: From the workbench and garage, acceptable materials include oil-based paints, stains and varnishes, wood preservatives, paint strippers/thinners, solvent adhesives, lighter fluid, acid, fuels/gasoline/kerosene, antifreeze, degreasers, driveway sealer, brake fluid/carburetor cleaner, transmission fluid, car wax, polishes, roofing tar, pool chemicals, and fluorescent lamps.

From the yard and house, materials include poisons, insecticides, fungicides, fertilizers, weed killers, moth balls, flea control products, rubber cement, airplane glue, fiberglass resins, photo chemicals, chemistry sets, floor and metal polish, oven cleaner, drain and toilet cleaner, spot remover, rug and upholstery cleaner, hobby/artist supplies, mercury thermometers, thermostats, button batteries and rechargeable batteries.

Products that contain mercury, such as fever thermometers and button batteries, found in watches and hearing aids, may also be brought to the collection.

Lithium, alkaline and Ni-cad batteries will be accepted as well.

Meds: Over the counter and most prescription drugs will be accepted, even if they are expired. The items must be left in the container.

*The following medicines WILL NOT be accepted: Schedule 1 Narcotics

Electronics: Electronic (E-Scrap) items will be accepted regardless of working condition.

The following E-Scrap items will be accepted on September 25 at ecoDepot:

COMPUTER MONITORS	TELEVISIONS (\$10 Fee Required)	MICROWAVE OVENS
COMPUTER CPU's		TELEPHONES
LAPTOPS	COPIERS	CB RADIOS
PRINTERS	VIDEO MACHINES	CD PLAYERS
DISK DRIVES	VCRs	PORTABLE RADIOS
FLOPPY DRIVES	CAMCORDERS	CELL PHONES
TEST & NETWORKING EQUIP	CAMERAS (DIGITAL TOO)	KEYBOARDS
MODEMS	RECORD PLAYERS	SCANNERS
CIRCUIT BOARDS	SPEAKERS	ELECTRICAL PANELS

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FAX MACHINES	CD ROMS	PROJECTORS
TYPEWRITERS	UPS / BATTERY BACK-UP	CABLES
COMPUTER MOUSE	STEREOS	

The following E-Scrap items WILL NOT be accepted: Vacuum cleaners, refrigerators, washers, dryers, freezers, De-humidifiers or humidifiers, gas-powered equipment, tires, household trash and NON-electronic equipment.

Volunteers will be on hand to retrieve all items from vehicles.

For more information about:

ECOLIFE and the ecoDepot Collection, visit www.ecolife-events.com

or contact: Peggy Whitlow Ratcliffe 404-771-5322, pwhitlow@livinggreenpages.com
www.livinggreenpages.com

Announcements

October Chili Cook-off Volunteers needed!!!

Hi everyone, earlier this year we decided to postpone the annual chili cook-off to the fall to make it more weather appropriate. As September rolls on it's time to start making plans.

First off, to consider moving forward with the event this year we will need volunteers to help plan and execute the party. The areas include:

- Menu planning
- Chili contest coordination
- Marketing (flyer development & distribution)
- Donor/sponsor solicitations
- Entertainment coordination
- Determine supplies needed and obtaining them prior to the party
- Prep & clean-up the day of the party
- Check-in/welcome table day of the party

None of these areas are overwhelming or time consuming on their own but when combined they represent a lot of work and without the assistance of enough neighbors who volunteer to help, we will likely have to postpone the event until 2011 or to a time when there are more hands to assist.

We are considering Sunday, October 17 as the date of the event.

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If you are interested and available please email me at your earliest convenience so we can determine whether to proceed from here.

Thanks!

Amy (amyh@talentzoo.com)

Trees Atlanta Sale

11th Annual Trees Atlanta Tree Sale

October 9th, 2010, 8:00 am – 2 pm

Trees Atlanta Kendeda Center, 225 Chester Avenue, Atlanta, 30316

Contact: Greg Levine, 404-681-4903

<http://treesatlanta.org/>

The 11th Annual Tree Sale on the 9th of October! The sale, located at Trees Atlanta's headquarters (225 Chester Avenue, 30316, in Reynoldstown), will feature more than 1,000 native and unusual trees and plants. In celebration of the 25th anniversary of Trees Atlanta, we will offer 25 species and varieties of trees, shrubs, and forest-safe vines never offered before at any of our other Tree Sales! A few of these trees include bladdernut, butternut, Weeping Forest Pansy redbud, Emerald Knight fringe tree, Invincible Spirit hydrangea, and Devil's Walkingstick. Non-invasive, unusual/exotic tree and plant varieties include Henry's Dwarf, Parrotia, Colossus Oyama magnolia, Halka Ginkgo and Arnold's Promise witch hazel. Trees Atlanta donors of \$500 or more are invited to attend a preview shopping Friday night the evening before the Tree Sale (4pm to 6pm). And EVERYONE is invited to the new Trees Atlanta headquarters on October 9th for the best Tree Sale in the south!

Get in the Game of Life at Piedmont Hospital's Men's Health Zone

Saturday, September 25, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Piedmont Hospital Outpatient Center, located at the Piedmont West Medical Office Park (1800 Howell Mill Rd. Atlanta, Ga 30318).

Men who attend should bring a date or the whole family to enjoy this free event! Activities include:

- Screenings - prostate, oral, cholesterol, glucose, and blood pressure checks
- Educational booths on kidney health, Cancer Wellness; fitness; nutrition/cooking demos; smoking cessation; spine health and more!
- The daVinci surgical robot - onsite for you to test-drive! A healthy BBQ cook-off and cooking demo with take-home recipes.
- Exotic Cars from Motorcars of Georgia - get your photo taken with a Falcons cheerleader and one of the following cars Aston Martin, Lotus or Lamborghini. AND, enter for a chance to win a test drive with every screening you receive.
- Kids Zone: carnival and inflatable games and a magician
- The Game Zone: Watch college games on flat screen TV's and enjoy food and beverages
- The Spa Zone: chair massage, reflexology, skin care for men.

The event is free to all participants. Register today at www.piedmontcancer.org.

About Us

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About the Berkeley Park Neighborhood Association

Berkeley Park was originally a farm owned by John Whitley. It was developed in 1921 and until 1995 was a part of Underwood Hills neighborhood . That year, Berkeley Park residents formed their own organization and called it the Berkeley Park Neighborhood Association.

Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of every month at 7 pm in the Senior Center at the corner of Commerce Drive and Bellemeade Ave. All are welcome!!

In order to vote on issues at meetings, you must be a dues-paying member of the association. Dues are \$20 per person (\$5 for seniors) and \$50 per business. [Click here](#) to fill out the form and pay online.

Join our Yahoo group <http://groups.yahoo.com/groups/bpna/join> . This is our neighborhood email list, and if you join you will receive notices about our neighborhood, including crime reports and our monthly newsletter. If you prefer to receive a paper copy of our newsletter, email Maureen at info@berkeleypark.org to sign up for regular delivery (or call 404-609-9873).

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Send any news, pictures, articles, etc. to our newsletter editor, Maureen Hetrick at info@berkeleypark.org

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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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