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BERKELEY PARK

**MARCH 2001**

## **March Meeting**

**March 19**

**7:00 pm**

**Fire Station #23**

**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.

## **LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT**

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Hello All,

Berkeley Park has successfully yet temporarily helped to stop the Home Depot invasion! As of last week the contract that Home Depot had held for several months expired. This is great for all simply because it gives us more time to prepare ourselves and our neighborhood for any future developments. This is your opportunity to get involved with the future of your neighborhood. We know that something will go in the Castlegate's spot and it may even end up being a Home Depot. However, with the contract falling through we can continue to get more involved and organized in order to control our own destiny. So to all that helped fight the good fight thanks and

congratulations. But let's keep our guard up because the battle is far from over.

On another note our next meeting is scheduled for the 19th. I encourage you to come. We will have two speakers, one from Spectrum Cauble Realty they are the owners of the Kroger Shopping Center and one speaker from The Clean Air Campaign speakers group. We will keep the meeting short but filled with important info. Also just a reminder we will be taking names for the CPR class that is tentatively scheduled for April 1. So please come to the meeting, the property value you save may be your own.

Thank you, Ted Huckabee

## **V.P. LETTER**

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I wanted to thank each and every one of you for making this neighborhood association an effective and strong organization. The way Berkeley Park became proactive with the Castlegate development plan was truly amazing. We helped slow the process of an initial proposal that would have had serious implications on our neighborhood. We then worked with Selig and Home Depot, bringing up our concerns about what we felt was important to move the development forward.

Now that the deal has hit a snag, there may be some complacency setting in to our minds that this is over. FAR FROM IT! Whether the original deal comes back into play, a real possibility, or some other developer submits a proposal, we need to be ready. However, because of our initial progress, I truly believe the tone has been set and the bar has been raised for succinct and positive development. Congrats to all of you and thanks from everyone on BPNA executive committee.

## SECRETARY REPORT

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No February Association meeting. The Executive Committee meeting was held on February 25 at Ted & Kendra Huckabee's house. Most discussion revolved around the upcoming Home Depot/Selig/NCA meeting. (Which was later cancelled.)

## TREASURER REPORT

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The BPNA balance is \$910.62. Dues are \$10.00 - \$5.00 for Seniors. Please make checks payable to "Berkeley Park Neighborhood Association". You can give your check/cash to any Association officer or mail to:

BPNA Treasurer  
761 Berkeley Avenue  
Atlanta, GA 30318

Thanks to Frabel and Taylor Electric - both sent a check for \$100 to the Berkeley Park Neighborhood Association.

Ted & Kendra Huckabee sponsored the sign topper at Berkeley Avenue & Howell Mill Road.

## CRIME WATCH

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We in Berkeley Park have been fortunate not to have had the recent crimes reported in nearby neighborhoods lately. A man in his late 40's has been breaking and entering homes in the Bolton, Riverside, and Marietta Boulevard neighborhoods in recent weeks, working out of a late 80's model brown van, please be on the look-out. And the property manager of Howell Mill Square met with me the week of March 12th to discuss recent crimes on his property stemming from the activity at the abandoned Castlegate Hotel. With the warm weather vagrants will be more apt to roam and look for opportunities. Please do not give them anything to work with! And of course, any activity - call 911 first and please report to me or your block captain.

## BEAUTIFICATION

Mari Jorgensen

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The entrance sign at Holmes and Antone is back up! Thanks to Richard and Sharon Arnold, Laura Lunsford and Mike Cosky for their help! Please keep your eyes and ears open! If you see any suspicious behavior around the sign, please call me ASAP.

## NEWSLETTER

Sharon Arnold

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In the last newsletter I wrote about sending the monthly newsletter via e-mail to help curb the cost of printing the newsletter.

I know not everyone has e-mail so we will still provide printed newsletters to anyone who wants one. But here's the kicker - you have to let me know if you would like to continue to receive the Berkeley Park Bulletin. We want to make sure anyone who wants the newsletter receives it either via e-mail or U. S. Mail. We will only send newsletters to those who let me know. Please do not assume that I know you want a newsletter.

I will include this in the next newsletter - the goal is to start sending out e-mail newsletters by May 2001. Fill out the form on the last page of this newsletter - mail or fax to me. My fax # is 404-367-0575 my address is 777 Forrest Street. Or you can reach me at 404-367-9070 or e-mail me at keycon1@mindspring.com

## NPU-D

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CDP: We submitted our CDP recommendations at the February NPU-D meeting. Among items submitted were some commercial zoning changes, request for sidewalks along Howell Mill Road, traffic calming suggestions for streets within Berkeley Park, a request for a new Fire Station, and various other small items. Thanks to everyone who sent in their suggestions.

General: There's much happening in NPU-D. Our northwest area, especially west of Howell Mill, has been discovered. To learn more and keep up with what's going on in this extremely active part of Atlanta, start attending NPU-D meetings. Get involved. Franz and I would love to see some new faces at NPU and get some residents in training to take our places next year as NPU reps. Give it some thought - you might just be a community activist in waiting.

NPU-D meets on a monthly basis on the fourth (4th) Tuesday of every month. The next meeting is on the 27th of March. The meeting location is the Agape Community Center located on Bolton Road, .3 of mile south of the intersection of Bolton and Marietta Boulevard. Meetings start at 7:30. Membership is open to anyone 18 years or older whose primary residence is within the NPU, or any corporation, organization, institution or agency, which owns property or has a place of business or profession within the NPU.

An agenda is published for each meeting and is mailed to your home address. If you do not now receive the agenda, contact the Bureau of Neighborhood Conservation at 404.330.6190, fax at 404.658.7084, or Carl Smart, Director at eMail [csmart@ci.atlanta.ga.us](mailto:csmart@ci.atlanta.ga.us) and ask them to place you on the mailing list.

## MEMBERSHIP

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Hello Neighbors! As mentioned in the last newsletter, we are trying to put together a welcome package for new neighbors in Berkeley Park, and we need your help. Do you remember what it was like to move to the neighborhood?

Maybe you needed a good recommendation for a dry cleaner in the neighborhood. Maybe you were curious about what the local restaurants had to offer. We want to offer up some "friendly neighbor advice" for our new residents. Send us your recommendations . . . good local mechanics, favorite area restaurants, etc. This would even be a good opportunity to let your new neighbors know about any volunteer or paid services that you can offer (babysitting, plumbing, electrical, landscaping....). We appreciate any response!!

Thanks

## LAND USE & DEVELOPMENT

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Spring has sprung. A little note about our recent freezes from a Landscape Architect. Our larger trees such as Cherry and Bradford Pears should not be harmed, they will just lose their blooms quicker. Oaks and such are fine. However, smaller trees and bushes, especially 1 season old plantings have been stunned. What does this mean? About a two-week set back. It would be a good idea to remove the new growth that was killed by the freeze to allow the plant to regenerate. The good thing about the freeze is that early weeds have been terminated.

On to Land Use. We have made great strides over that past several years as far as gaining the City's attention and resources toward protecting and improving the quality of life here (QOL). Traffic, being a value associated as an indicator of QOL, has always been at the top of the list of our residents. Last week a milestone meeting was held between the NCA (and all of its neighborhoods) and several key members of the City's staff and land developers. The good news is we actively have transportation planning and implementation efforts ongoing. Immediate attention to the Howell Mill/Bellemeade area is underway with options of purchasing land and adding

lanes. Northside drive is being looked at for improvements as well. The flip side to this is we don't have enough attention on Bellemeade and the rest of Berkeley Park. It's my opinion that transportation planning needs to be looked at cumulatively not incrementally. Why? Well my fear is that we are only going to shift problems a half a block down the road. Be that as it may, we can look forward to some relief on Howell Mill. Moving forward the Land Use Committee will strive to gain attention to the interior network of roads in Berkeley Park. A real positive strategy will be to add speed bumps, no through traffic signs, bulb-outs etc. Also on the top of our list is Bellemeade. Bellemeade is on the edge of becoming absolutely clogged with traffic. I think we may end up losing Bellemeade as part of our neighborhood or even as a residential street. If the Home Depot / Atlantic Envelope project goes in, Bellemeade WILL ULTIMATELY BE WIDENED!! The Land Use Committee will focus on looking for creative solutions for Bellemeade as recommendations to the City/NPU etc. The best option would be to put in a new road between Howell Mill and Northside serving the 30 acres prime for development. This road should enter between Kroger and the coffee shop and exit across from the BP station. Honestly this is a battle I don't expect to win but we'll give it our best shot. In general, BPNA will probably put together a position paper and go to each of you to gain support in the form of a signature. This will provide the city with a firm stance and recommended improvements for our community.

## SENIORS

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A special thank you to Laura Lunsford for volunteering to help with our upcoming mini seminar for the seniors presented by the Council on Aging.

Birthdays for March -

Phillip Massey of 786 Antone Street was born on March 26. We wish him a very happy birthday. Remember Mr. Massey with a card or a telephone call on his birthday.

## E. RIVERS ELEMENTARY

Liz Jacobs

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The students at E. Rivers have been busy little lions! The great things that go on at E. Rivers are what make our school unique. We feel fortunate to be able to take part in so many special activities.

We were honored to host author Bobby Jackson in February for an exciting day. He explained the publishing process to the children and how he gets ideas for his own writing. He was highly motivating to the students and reinforced the idea that they could do anything they set out to do.

We also had a fun Mardi Gras celebration in conjunction with our French program. Students made fabulous masks, ate King Cake, made special "mini" floats for a parade, and sang French songs. During a school wide assembly, our own Madame Bulostin, an accomplished singer and recording artist, sang one of her original songs! Mimes from the North Atlanta School of Performing Arts were a big hit with the students, too.

On March 5, we held a Celebration of Literacy Day called "Reading 'Round Rivers Day." Children wore their pajamas to school for this special occasion! Students shared their favorite books, celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday with a birthday cake at lunch, heard storytellers and celebrated the joy of reading. Author Carmen Deedy was an honored guest who made the day extra special.

Our PE teacher, Coach Coldren, is feeling on top of his game! His winning lesson plan will enable a Thrasher's player to come to E. Rivers for a school wide assembly this month. The students are very excited to meet a Thrasher's team member. They have also been working on posters and essays during National Sportsmanship Week pertaining to the theme, "Dare to Play Fair."

Students are looking forward to our quiz bowl game, "Who Wants to be a Super Brain?" This school wide quiz game is a chance for students to show off what they have learned this year by answering grade-level specific questions submitted by the teachers. Every participant will earn a prize and be a winner!

Here are some upcoming dates for special events at E. Rivers:

April 21 E. Rivers Fun Run - Look for our runners on Peachtree Battle Avenue!

April 26 Kindergarten Kaleidoscope - Rising kindergartners will have the opportunity to see their new school with an exciting afternoon of crafts and fun.

May 9 and 11 Barnes and Noble Benefit Days - Come to Barnes and Noble at the Peach Shopping Center

and help your neighborhood school! A portion of the proceeds from this event will benefit E. Rivers.

May 17 Family Night Picnic - Listen for the sounds of the orchestra and fun as we round out our year with an outdoor get together.

School tours are given the second Tuesday of each month at 9:30 am. Please call to be included in the next tour. We recently held an informative coffee including a question and answer session with our principal, Penny Dollar, in the Brookwood Hills neighborhood. If you would like to help organize a coffee in your neighborhood, or have any questions about E. Rivers, please call or email Liz Jacobs. 404-350-9000 Lizzy@bignet.net

## SPECIAL TOPICS

### THE SCOOP ON DOG POOP!!!

I have noticed that a lot of you like walking your dogs around in the neighborhood enjoying looking at the changes with your neighbor's houses and at the same time getting some exercise for yourself and your dog or dogs. It is also a good way to meet your neighbors and keep the crime watch program going strong. BUT I have found that when your neighbors might want to take a walk through their VERY OWN yard and YEAP! you guessed it....right into your dog's POOP!!! That isn't so pleasant!! As an act of kindness and consideration to your fellow neighbor please PICK UP YOUR dog's poop in a plastic bag and discard it in the appropriate place!

I know your neighbors will be very happy and can now take a walk through their own yards poop free!!

Thank you for your thoughtfulness....from one of those neighbors...

SUE Marshall

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**To: Berkeley Park residents and friends**

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