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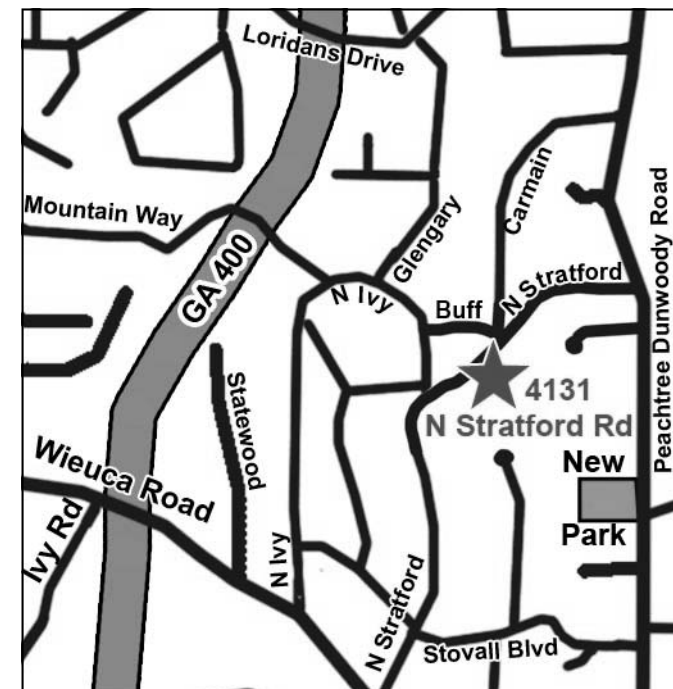
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Are You A Member?



## "Fall Fling" on October 28

Our Fall Fling will be held at the Carol and Rich Lang residence at 4131 North Stratford Road. This site was selected for several reasons: the Lang family has graciously offered its use for the Fling, it is a large (2½ acres) park-like area, it is near our new park (see article to right), and we hope it will have an important role in our neighborhood's future if it is possible to acquire it permanently as an extension of our new park. Plus the site is fascinating — it is the only Atlanta home we know of with a "hanger" complete with a real airplane inside — it has to be seen to be believed.



As always, our Fall Fling is an opportunity to meet your neighbors, enjoy some food and beverages and have a good time. As always, we plan to have fun for the kids, too. There is a nominal charge for NBCA non-members, but you can join and eat for free.

Please drop in from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Please walk if you are nearby and, if you drive, please make sure that cars aren't parked on both sides of the road in a way that would impede traffic or cause a pedestrian hazard. Check our web site www.nbca.org for last minute details. There will be no rainout date.

## New Park! New Opportunities!

As you have probably heard, the City of Atlanta has purchased land for a new park right here in North Buckhead. The new park is located on Peachtree-Dunwoody across from the intersection of Winall Down Road. While North Buckhead does have a small park, maintained by our own Beautification Committee, headed by NBCA VP Rita Christopher, this new site will become the area's first large park. Because of its location on the borderline between North Buckhead and Brookhaven, and proximity to other neighborhoods, the new park will serve a much larger area than just our neighborhood.

### Parks and Greenspace Opportunities

- Can our new park be expanded?  
Read the article on Page 5
- Will the Blue Heron Nature Preserve grow?  
Read the article on Page 7

In November, a delegation from North Buckhead will meet with Parks Department Commissioner Diane Harnell Cohen and her staff to begin exploring how this park will be developed and what neighborhood needs it will serve. We have invited representatives from the Brookhaven and Ridgedale Park neighbor-

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In addition to my \$25/50 for dues, I am also adding to my check: Landscaping \$\_\_\_\_ Legal \$\_\_\_\_ and Greenspace Fund \$\_\_\_\_

# Blue Heron's Saga at the Blue Heron Nature Preserve

By Erika Archibald

In August, what we believe may have been the "original" blue heron at the Blue Heron Nature Preserve, was observed standing near the pond off Lakemoore Drive, with what appeared to be an injured wing. Nancy Jones, founder of the Blue Heron, received a call from staff at the THW Design firm adjacent to the Nature Preserve, which started a flurry of activity in an attempt to help the bird. Volunteers and staff from the two main wildlife res-



Our "original" Blue Heron—photo provided by THW Design

cue and rehabilitation groups in Atlanta (AWARE and the Chattahoochee Nature Center) organized a

**NBCA Standing Meetings**  
 (NBCA meetings are open to the public)  
**Board** — 7:00 PM, 4th Monday of month (Changed)  
 Room S-103, Wieuca Road Baptist Church  
**Land Use/Zoning** — 7:00 PM, 3rd Monday of month  
 Room S-103, Wieuca Road Baptist Church  
**Playgrounds** — See article on Page 4  
**Traffic** — Contact chair Robert Sarkissian  
 oversark@bellsouth.net or 404-504-9444

rescue effort, and received assistance from several staff members at THW. AWARE sent a volunteer with a rowboat, nets, goggles and other equipment, but by the time the heron was reached, it had moved into the nearby woody area. With their large size and long, sharp beaks, blue herons are dangerous birds to try to rescue, but this bird was caught relatively quickly and transported back to AWARE. Unfortunately, upon examination there, it was found to have multiple serious breaks of the wing bones as well as a large hematoma. The damage was too severe to attempt treatment and rehabilitation, so the bird was humanely euthanized. Given the extent of the damage, it seemed likely that the bird had been hit by a car while on the road at some earlier point, and then had moved back to the pond with its injuries.

Everyone involved with the Blue Heron Nature Preserve and the adjacent firm of THW Design was sad to see the loss of this blue heron, although apparently another blue heron or two have already moved into the territory. The Blue Heron Nature Preserve is a haven for local wildlife and has plenty of fish, frogs, snakes and other prey for the new blue heron

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# Restaurant Review: Tin Lizzy's Cantina

A lot of us subscribe to the notion that eating establishments with full parking lots either offer great food, are extremely popular, or have underestimated the number of spaces they need. If you frequent Tin Lizzy's Cantina near the corner of the Piedmont/ Roswell Road intersection you'll know that all three apply.

I've been a regular at Lizzy's since they first opened in July 2005, having opted for the convenience of an eating establishment that doesn't require me to venture out of the neighborhood. And happily, the parking situation has recently been addressed.

As hard as it is for me to believe it today, I recall having many dinners there with my family almost alone and wondering if this place will make it, or perhaps hypothesizing that a tremendous lunch business must sustain them. Now it's so wildly popular at both lunch and dinner that even outside seating in 100+ degree weather didn't stop the masses from patronizing Lizzy's. It's easy to see why. The owners have blended the right chemistry and balance of fun, good food, entertainment, family friendliness, and an enjoyable atmosphere in a sports bar / restaurant format. The staff there is truly outstanding. Not only are they friendly to customers, they enjoy working there and have great time interacting with each other. Watching the teamwork, I think they took a page out of the Waffle House training manual. At times I feel that I'm being served by two or three people and not once do I feel as though any one of them is doing someone else's

work. These people are really having fun and it shows.

The most popular items are the fish tacos and buffalo chicken tacos. Oh... and the \$4 margaritas. Brunch is served on the weekends from 10:30 AM until 2:30 PM and there is live entertainment

**Tin Lizzy's Cantina**  
 3639 Piedmont Rd NE  
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(weather permitting) from Thursday through Sunday evenings. Most of the entrees are less than \$10, and I always find myself questioning the bill thinking that I was undercharged for the amount of food we had. But the best news concerns the parking: The owners have worked an arrangement with the adjacent parking lots for Promove, Chastain Cleaners, Mattress King, Jolie (front) and 50 Old Ivy Road to allow after business hours parking.

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—Robert Sarkissian

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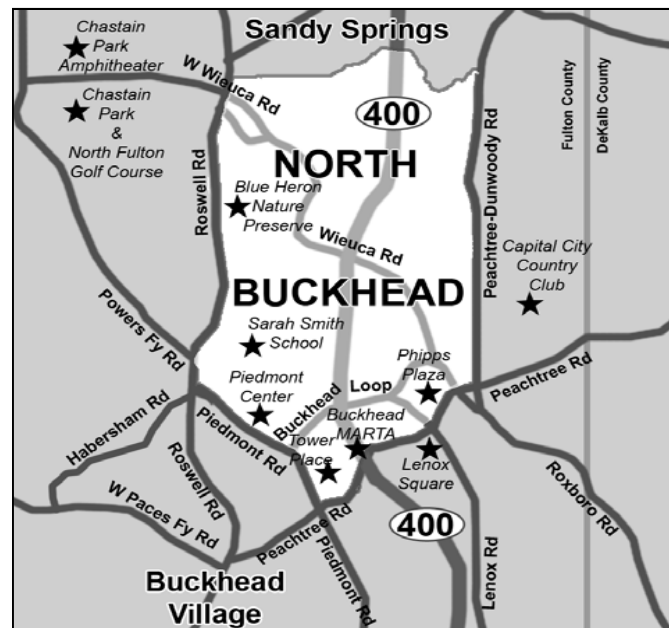
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Area businesses, please join us! Can you think of another way to get visibility for your business for so little money? To be listed here and become a business member for a year, send your \$50 check to: NBCA, P.O. Box 420391, Atlanta, GA 30342. (Use the membership coupon on page 16.)

### North Buckhead Area Map



North Buckhead and surrounding areas.

### Brookhaven Candlelight Tour

Please come out to the 10th anniversary of The Brookhaven Tour of Homes and Gardens supporting The Atlanta Ronald McDonald Homes. The tour will be over two days this year and will showcase homes from past tours as well as several homes never seen.

- Thursday Oct. 18, 2007 5:30 PM - 9:00 PM
- Friday Oct. 19, 2007 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Thursday night promises to be fun with Nueva Laredo providing all the food and Sherlocks providing the wine. Get your tickets soon as it is sure to be a sell out! Each session features different homes. \$40 in advance, \$50 day of tour. For more details, see [www.armh.com/hometour.html](http://www.armh.com/hometour.html) or contact Courtney Bartels, 404-315-1133 ext. 19,

## Blue Heron — continued



One of the "new" Blue Herons—photo by Bob Young

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to feed on. However, since the preserve fronts numerous local streets, including Roswell Road, we hope that those driving in the area will take extra caution to watch out for herons and other wildlife. The heron is most active in feeding at dawn and dusk, and with its gray color may be hard to see if near the road in the evening.

Blue herons are unique, large and majestic birds, and very interesting to observe (just keep your distance). When full grown, they stand some four feet high, with an S-shaped neck and a wing span of about six feet. They are impressive on land but even more so in the air. The heron eats primarily fish, frogs and other aquatics (which is why we see ours around Nancy Creek most of the time) but is willing to eat other small animals when necessary. They are generally solitary predators and very territorial as well, although flocks may be seen during breeding season in the spring.

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### Christmas Tree Sale Dec. 1&2

Every year NBCA sells high-quality Christmas trees and wreaths at Sarah Smith School. You will be able to order your tree at reduced pre-sale prices using the form in our December newsletter or a downloaded tree form from our web page at [www.nbca.org/TreeSale.htm](http://www.nbca.org/TreeSale.htm). Flyers will also be available to students at Sarah Smith School. Current NBCA members and people who purchased a tree/wreath last year or the year before will also receive a green tree order postcard which will arrive earlier than the newsletter. If you are not NBCA members and didn't buy recently or have changed your address, send an letter to PO Box 420391, Atlanta, GA 30342 to request a card.

Neighbors who pre-order are given a special opportunity to pick out their favorite tree before the open sale is held. This special period is on Saturday morning, December 1 from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

For those who want to help with the sale, you will get a small discount and the satisfaction of helping your neighborhood. If you are interested in working a two-hour shift, please contact David Dollar at [ddollar@mindspring.com](mailto:ddollar@mindspring.com) with "Christmas Tree Sale" on the e-mail subject line.

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# North Buckhead Playgroups

By Staci Wasserman

Join a playgroup in North Buckhead!

We are finally forming a Playgroup Committee to help coordinate parents and kids getting together in our large neighborhood. Get to know your neighbors and their families through this fun and easy opportunity to get together on a regular basis. Depending on interest levels, we can create different playgroups based on location and age groups. If you already have formed a playgroup on your street, the committee can be a resource to share your playgroup's time and location with others.

Please contact Staci Wasserman at staciadam@comcast.net if you are interested in spearheading a new playgroup for your area of the neighborhood or just joining a playgroup.

Thanks to everyone who contacted NBCA about making this happen.

# Local Playgrounds Available!

By Zeb Bradford  
NBCA Playgrounds Committee Chair

Until North Buckhead is able to establish our own playground we have found part-time alternatives with two very community-friendly organizations: St. James United Methodist Church and Sarah Smith Elementary School.

In both cases, we have contacted their administration and confirmed permission to use during times listed below. Please be on your best behavior as we don't want to lose these privileges!

- **St James United Methodist Church**  
4200 Peachtree Dunwoody Road (near Loridans)  
weekdays after 1:00 PM and all day Saturday.

The Church's gated playground is available to North Buckhead residents after 1:00 PM on weekdays and all day Saturday (no alcohol on the church grounds please).

- **Sarah Smith Elementary School**  
370 Old Ivy Road  
Weekends and weekdays after 6:00 PM

The School's playground is available after 6:00 PM on weekdays and any time on the weekend.

### Upcoming Playgrounds Committee meetings:

- 7:00 PM on Oct 18th, Nov 15th, and Dec 12th
- Wieuca Road Baptist Church, Room S-103
- Map at [www.nbca.org/wrbc](http://www.nbca.org/wrbc)

Playgrounds info—see [www.nbca.org/Playgrounds](http://www.nbca.org/Playgrounds).

**"SLOW DOWN" Signs Still Available**

Contact Robert Sarkissian at [oversark@bellsouth.net](mailto:oversark@bellsouth.net) or 404-504-9444.

These signs cost NBCA \$2 each — a small contribution will be accepted but is not required.

# Land O'Lakes Sidewalks

As this is written, work is underway to install new sidewalks along Land O'Lakes Drive. As we have reported several times, the money to build these sidewalks was located by Councilman Howard Shook and the work was planned and coordinated by Femi Fayemi of City of Atlanta Public Works Department.

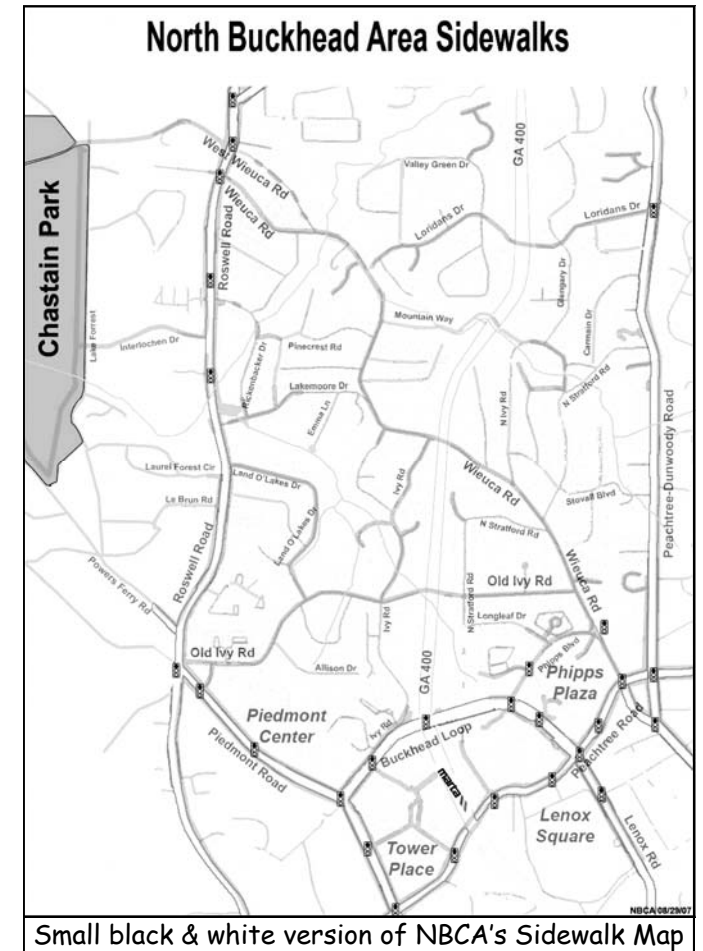


Worker on Land O'Lakes prepares a new driveway apron.

This new segment of sidewalks extends the sidewalk that ran from Old Ivy Road to Sheldon Drive. North Buckhead neighbors can now walk on completed sidewalks from Peachtree at Wieuca all the way to Land O'Lakes Drive at Roswell Road, a distance of over 1½ miles and then farther northward.

# Sidewalk Map on Web Site

As shown in the "Progress" article on page 12, North Buckhead has achieved a lot of new sidewalk connectivity in the last ten years. Still, there are places that you can't easily walk to in North Buckhead. Perhaps the most notable gap is in the south park of the neighborhood, along the Buckhead Loop (Lenox Road). In order to make walking easy and safe, NBCA has put together a Sidewalk Map. It is on our web site at [www.nbca.org/sidewalks](http://www.nbca.org/sidewalks). Download it and print your own neighborhood sidewalk guide.




Small black & white version of NBCA's Sidewalk Map

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### Progress on Sidewalks

With funding from sources as diverse as Atlanta Quality of Life Bonds to new private subdivisions, North Buckhead's sidewalk situation has improved greatly. In the last ten years, these major segments of sidewalks have been installed:

- 1999: Old Ivy Road
- 2000: Wieuca Road
- 2002: Loridans Drive
- 2003: Peachtree Dunwoody Road (east side)
- 2005: Ivy Road
- 2006: Roswell Road
- 2007: Land O'Lakes Drive

Thanks to everyone involved, especially Robert Cook (NBCA's Sidewalks Coordinator), Howard Shook, Femi Fayemi and former Councilman Lee Morris.

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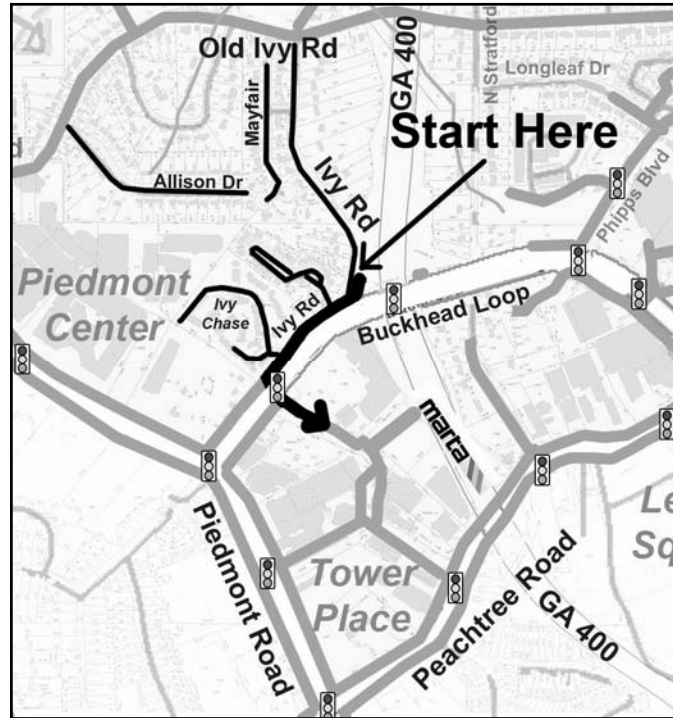
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### Walk Ivy Road Across Loop?

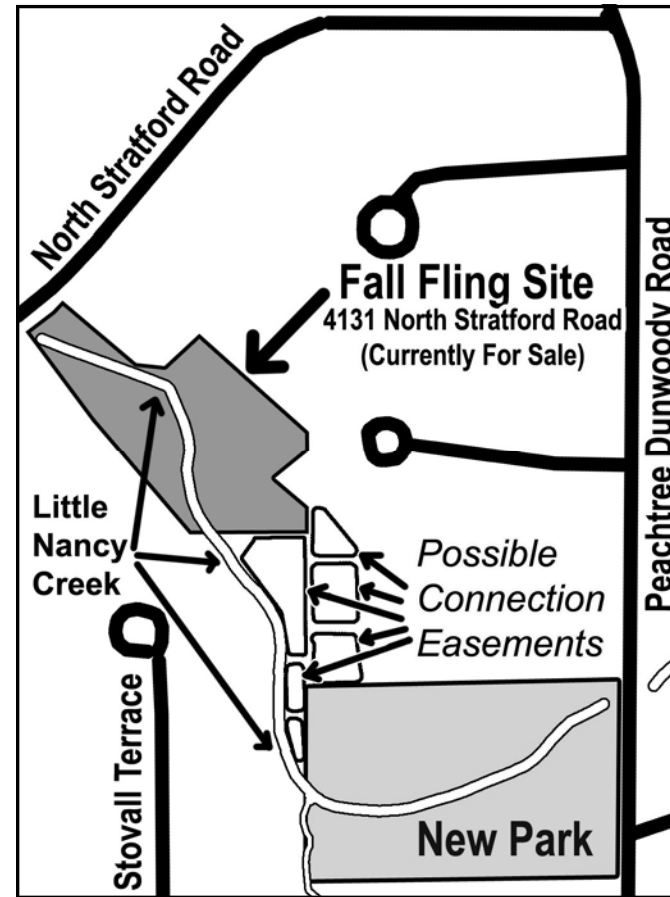
Even people who know the area may be surprised that you can walk on sidewalks from the southern end of Ivy Road across the Buckhead Loop to restaurants such as On the Border, shopping such as Old Navy or Toys R Us, to Tower Place and along Peachtree. You can even walk to the MARTA station. There is a somewhat hidden "hole in the wall" that lets you do it. See the map below.



**Cautions:** The Loop route is not suitable for unescorted children. Use the crosswalk at the traffic signal to the west and walk quickly across the Loop's eight lanes. Ivy Road has few sidewalks south of Old Ivy Road. The Loop has no sidewalks across 400.

### Can Our New Park Be Expanded?

Shortly after we learned the great news about the new park, we learned that a nearby Lang family home site was on the market. That was mildly interesting. It was a little more interesting when we learned that Little Nancy Creek meandered through the site. Then we learned it was a big lot — almost 2.5 acres and that it would make a great playground area. Our ears perked up. Then we studied the zoning/property tax maps on the Internet and noticed that not only was the lot big, it was long, so long that it nearly reached the back side of our new park.



Our minds raced. Our new park is a little difficult for many residents to reach on foot. Imagine being able to walk easily from the interior of the neighborhood directly through the Lang property to the new park. Imagine not just having a 5 acre park; what about a 7.5 acre park?

Carol Cahill, the realtor for the Langs, had previously served on NBCA's board and understood our interest in parks and playgrounds from our newsletters and e-mails. She hosted some of us for a visit to the Lang property and we fell in love. The site is beautiful. Even the many photos we took do not adequately convey its beauty. So we contacted the city to see if they could buy it for us — they had spent all of the

money available for acquisitions including our Peachtree Dunwoody park. They might help a little in future years, but nothing right now. We thought about buying it — well, \$1.3 million is a lot of money. Maybe we could buy it with a mortgage. At this point we have no firm idea how we could buy it but it is such a special place it is worth a try. Maybe if other people saw it and wanted to help too... Hmmm, we are going to have a Fall Fling, why not have it there? The Langs graciously agreed and we hope you join us in this wonderful spot. Even if we find no way to buy the site, it is a wonderful place to visit.

Since then we have continued to learn more. Obviously, in order to join the two sites, we would need easements, sales or donations of the two or three intervening backyards. We received an unsolicited offer from one of the key "bridge" property owners, Emmett and Bridget Doerr, who generously offered to donate an easement to part of their land, meaning that only one or two parcels remain needed to join the properties. On another front, our Playgrounds Committee is researching the creation of a 501(C)(3) non-profit which, unlike NBCA, a 501(C)(4), would be able to accept tax-deductible donations.



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## "Shop for Children" Event

North Buckhead Friends would like you to join us for a special evening of food, wine, friends, and shopping. This fund raising event will be held at the Roswell/Wieuca Shopping Center (Ace Hardware shopping center) on Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6:30 PM-9:00 PM.

Come start your holiday shopping early, enjoy appetizers, have a few drinks, and socialize with your friends and neighbors while contributing to a wonderful organization in an open house setting.

### Where:

**Roswell/Wieuca Shopping Center**

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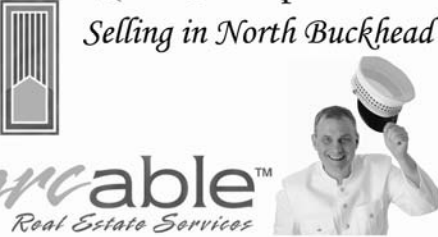
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Learning Express, Dinner A'Fare, Interior Philosophy, The Fresh Market, Abadabbas, Lime-Tree Gifts and The Paper Gallery will all be participating in this event. All participating retailers will make donations to Children's Healthcare of Atlanta.

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## Tip: Lonely Sinks Need Care

Recently NBCA's board met with Deanne Titus of the City's Watershed Management Department and information officers representing private firms performing sewer rehabilitation work in the area. During the meeting, they provided a tip on home care, a tip we hadn't heard about before.

In the spring and fall when you change your smoke detectors' batteries, also think about your sinks. Because, if you have seldom-used sinks, you have another important job to protect your family's safety.

Twice a year, pour some water into seldom-used sinks and let it run down the drain. The water is needed to refill the "trap" in the plumbing. Over long periods of time, enough water can evaporate from plumbing traps to permit poisonous gasses from the sewer line to flow directly into your home. This problem is automatically avoided by normal use of sinks. However, if you don't use a sink for long periods of time, you need to remember to replenish the water consciously. This can be done by periodically pouring a few cups of water into the sink and letting it drain out normally.



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## Reuse—Continued

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sible use when you ship something (see next suggestion).

**Cardboard boxes from merchants such as Amazon** can be kept and reused for sending things that you want to send - to children in college or camp, grandchildren in other cities, or whomever you send things to.

**Gift Bags** in good condition are easily reused. Take out the old gift, put in a new one with a greeting card, add a colored tissue or two, and it's ready to go.

**Used books**—when you finish the latest best-seller, and you don't need it taking up space, the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library will be glad to take it off your hands. They'll give you a tax receipt for it, too. Also, friends might enjoy receiving a used book like this.

**Used sheets of paper**—when you print out computer paper, for instance, and one side is blank, that blank side can be used for children to draw on, grocery lists, and (my favorite) to-do lists.

**Old bath towels and washcloths** can be used for household clean-up.

**Old sheets** can be used to cover furniture in the attic or on the screened-in porch, to keep the furniture from getting dusty.

**"Short" cans** such as tuna, cat food, or dog food cans, can be buried in the garden up to the rim, then filled with beer. This is a good slug trap: the slugs try to drink the beer, then drown in it, and no pesticides are involved.

**Spray plastic bottles**, such as those Windex comes in, can be reused. They can be rinsed out when they are empty and filled with water to mist plants, dampen ironing, and other similar uses.

(This article is part five of an on-going series: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.)

## No More Old Spice!

We were supposed to have another article but it didn't come in on time. So, rather than leave this space blank, we'll pass on a kitchen tip.

Whenever we open a bottle of herbs or spices, we mark the year on the bottle with a Sharpie.

Before we started doing this we would run across a old looking bottle or marjoram or basil and wonder when we last used it and if we should toss it.




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—Gordon Certain


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## Reuse

By Sue Certain

**Magazines**—when you've finished with your Newsweek, Scientific American, or Ladies Home Journal, you can pass it on to a friend, hospital, or nursing home.

**Plastic Bags**—you can take these to the grocery store and reuse them for groceries again. Whole Foods pays 5 cents a bag for bags you bring yourself. When they get too tattered, they can go into recycling at Publix. Plastic bags in good condition, without holes, can also be used for used cat litter and waste—fill them up and tie at the top, then into the garbage.

Whole Foods and Publix now sell "green" reusable mesh bags, which can be used repeatedly for groceries every time you go to the store.

**Bottled Water**—instead of buying new bottles of water every time, fill them with tap water for awhile after drinking the water that came in the plastic bottle. It saves money and landfill space.

When I first started doing this, I just refilled the

water bottles when they were empty. I found they got moldy and did not smell good. So now whenever I drink up all the water in a bottle, I wash it well by hand, rinse well, fill it with water, and put it in the refrigerator.

These bottles aren't meant to last and I've read the plastic deteriorates, so after about three months I put them into the city recycling.

**Egg cartons, scraps of cloth, buttons, shoe boxes**—can be used for children's art projects. Shoe boxes are also just the right size for bank checks and statements from the bank—I store those things in shoe boxes.

**Plastic scoops from powder detergent boxes**—great for storing small bathroom supplies: emery boards, tweezers, nail scissors, and the like. They can also be used to mix up batches of two-part glues such as epoxy needed for household projects.

**Old clothes, furniture, and household items**—many charities (such as Salvation Army, Goodwill, American Kidney Fund) collect these things. One might think this is a no-brainer, but we have seen some terrific "stuff" put out as garbage for the City to pick up for the landfill. Some people have "found" some cool "stuff" this way. This might be called "dumpster diving".

**Plastic and glass containers from the grocery store (after their contents, e.g. mayonnaise, have been consumed)**—all kinds of uses for these. Bacon grease and other cooking grease can be collected in glass jars with tops and then thrown into the garbage. The glass jars can also be used for things that might be refrigerated such as bread crumbs and homemade salad dressing. Plastic containers could be used similarly.

**Plastic bowls or containers from frozen food** can be used as cat food bowls.

**Styrofoam peanuts used in packing boxes** can be contributed to the UPS store for reuse and/or pos-

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## New Park! — continued

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hoods to join us to make sure that their needs and desires are heard along with ours. We hope to report on the result of the contacts with the city in our next newsletter. If you have suggestions about what to do with the park, send an e-mail to [nbca@nbca.org](mailto:nbca@nbca.org) or a letter to NBCA, PO Box 420391, Atlanta, GA 30342.

## Will Blue Heron Grow?

On September 26, the City Council Finance Committee approved the funding for the acquisition of the 5-acre parcel at 4055 Roswell Road, immediately south of the Blue Heron Nature Preserve. An architecture firm has occupied the site for many years.

The site extends from Nancy Creek down to Lakemoore Drive and includes the lake at the intersection of Roswell and Lakemoore.

By the time you read this newsletter, the City Council and Mayor may have acted. Whatever happens, we will sent e-mails to the people on our e-mail list. (If you would like to join our e-mail list, send a request to [nbca@nbca.org](mailto:nbca@nbca.org).)

We are once again indebted to Councilman Howard Shook and Parks Commissioner Diane Harnell Cohen for their initiative and support of this acquisition. We also deeply appreciate the hard work of Ellen Wickersham of the Atlanta Development Authority and Andrew Schock of The Conservation Fund.

This acquisition, if completed, will bring the North Buckhead greenspace holdings managed by the Blue Heron Nature Preserve under a memorandum of understanding with the City to 25 acres.



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## Piedmont Corridor Study

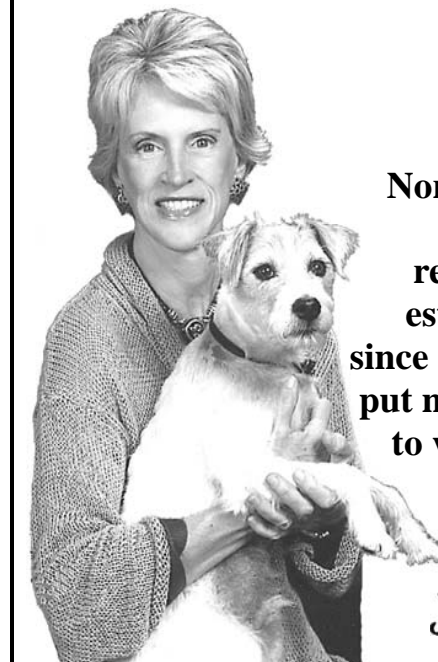
Earlier this year, with the spectacular first phase of the Peachtree Boulevard project well under way, many stakeholders along Piedmont Road decided that Piedmont deserved similar attention (though not identical treatment) as Peachtree got.

The Buckhead Community Improvement District (BCID) and Buckhead Area Transit Management Association (BATMA) arranged funding to hire the transportation consulting specialists Kimley Horn to study the problems and opportunities Piedmont has from I-85 northward to its junction with Roswell Road. BATMA's general manager Denise Starling was designated to head up the study.

Piedmont was divided into a number of study areas, recognizing the varying character and function of the road. Community input was provided by businesses and residents for each area in June and an initial recommendation was made in September.

Neighborhoods on both the west side of Roswell and North Buckhead to the east were concerned about changes recommended on a preliminary basis for the Piedmont/Roswell/Habersham intersections. We and other neighborhoods are working with BCID/BATMA/Kimley Horn to resolve these concerns. We have put the interim recommendations and related maps at [www.nbca.org/PiedmontCorridor](http://www.nbca.org/PiedmontCorridor) on our web site. Updates will be posted at that address.

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## Land Use/Zoning Committee

By Walda Lavroff, Chair

While the number of applications the L/Z committee received lately has been relatively low, we have faced challenges with those that did arrive.

As mentioned in our previous report, developers are venturing into more difficult property parcels. We are also continuing to see a tendency to overbuild, particularly in lots zoned R-3 (single family residential) located both within and outside of proposed subdivisions.

Per code, neighborhoods have minimal input to subdivisions applications. In an on-going subdivision development on Peachtree Dunwoody, it was only with the intense participation of adjoining neighbors that the most egregious variances were halted.

Currently we are reviewing a variance application which not only alters all code-required setbacks severely, but it also seeks to increase lot coverage to 56% where only 40% is allowed in R-3.

It remains unclear to us why such applications are even accepted at City Hall. It appears that extreme alterations such as these amount to spot re-zoning.

When variance applications come to us after the fact, meaning that construction has already occurred in violation of code, our variance 'recommendation to deny approval' becomes a de facto exercise in futility.

Lately, some high-risk inclined builders are taking the 'ask forgiveness later' route because there are no known consequences for after the fact code violations in residential areas.

The reasoning given to us by builders for such lot overbuilding has been: "Since I paid top dollar for this lot I need to make my profit on the house. My development will bring more taxes to the City; therefore I am entitled to receive this variance."

Our Committee considers overpayment for lots and gain which can reasonably be expected after lot development a calculable business risk; a miscalculation is therefore a self-imposed hardship. So far we have found that our position represents that of our area residents. We invite your comments and your participation at our meetings. Please refer also to our zoning website at [www.northbuckheadzoning.com](http://www.northbuckheadzoning.com) which is maintained by Andrea Bennett, our committee vice chair and webmaster.

NBCA's Land Use and Zoning Committee meets the third Monday of each month unless there are no current application, which is unusual. The meeting is held at 7:00 PM in Room S-103 of the Wieuca Road Baptist Church — see [www.nbca.org/WRBC](http://www.nbca.org/WRBC) for a photographic map of the meeting site.

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## neigh·bor·hood (nā' bər-hōöd')

neigh·bor·hood (nā' bər-hōöd') A neighborhood is a geographically localized community located within a larger city or suburb.

**How well do you know your neighbors?** Do you know their names? **Could you borrow a cup of sugar from them?**

Atlanta today is a very different city from the Atlanta I grew up in. We not only knew our neighbors names (WAY back then in the 80's), but we had the time to talk with them and could have borrowed sugar from well over 20 different neighbors!

North Buckhead is a wonderful neighborhood. It is not as clearly defined as some neighborhoods, but it is a neighborhood nonetheless. However, the responsibility of making it feel more like a "traditional" old-fashioned neighborhood falls on our shoulders as residents of North Buckhead.

I recently became a part of the North Buckhead Civic Association Playground Committee (let's call it the NBCAPC for simplicity's sake) and learned firsthand the amount of time and energy our wonderful Civic Association puts into advocating and maintaining our neighborhood - VOLUNTARILY! It was astounding to me!

Part of the success of acquiring land and actually building a North Buckhead Playground depends on the involvement of our neighbors both physically and financially. Whether your children are grown, you have children now, are thinking about having children or have no intention of having children at all - doesn't matter. This playground will be a wonderful added value to our neighborhood and an amazing place for children and families to play together and get to know each other!

If your desire to help is **BIG** but your time is LITTLE - you can help by joining the North Buckhead Civic Association for \$25, or if you are feeling particularly generous - making a donation. If your wallet is LITTLE but your desire to help is **BIG**, we still urge you to at least join for \$25, but to find an area within the NBCA to participate. As we move forward with the playground, there will be

many opportunities to be involved there. It is NOT TOO LATE - the train has not left the station!

As our beautiful city continues to grow, it is increasingly important to enhance the "neighborhood feel" here in North Buckhead. Your neighbors are not just the ones next door. Your neighbors live in North Buckhead. Now is a wonderful time to become a part of the neighborhood. Your contributions (whether physical or financial) will be greatly appreciated - not only by the wonderful NBCA Board, but by your neighbors as well.

Many thanks!

Rollin McLennan

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