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Joint NBCA Fall Fling & History Day on October 30

On Sunday, October 30, from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM, in conjunction with the NBCA Fall Fling, Blue Heron and the Buckhead Heritage Society will sponsor a history day for the neighborhood.

Earlier this year, Blue Heron and Buckhead Heritage began researching the history of the Blue Heron property to develop an educational program at the site. Surprisingly, very little historical documentation related to the preserve property, or to North Buckhead in general, exists in local repositories. So, the organizations decided to reach out to the community and gather history from you — the residents of North Buckhead!

During the NBCA Fall Fling, Buckhead Heritage will be conducting oral history interviews and scanning photographs and documents related to North Buckhead that you are willing to share for use in future educational and interpretive programs.

Buckhead Heritage is particularly interested in learning more about the Blue Heron Nature Preserve property, Barrett's Mill, Eidson's Mill, Peachtree Gardens, Turner's Corner, the Herrington Estate, Carmain Farm, Loridans Farm, Wiley Moore, and the Lowry-Stevens Family Cemetery on Loridans Drive.

Documents of interest include historic photographs of North Buckhead buildings, landscapes, or long-standing families; historic road or plat maps; invitations to social events (particularly at Peachtree Gardens); and newspaper clippings of important events in the neighborhood.

Also, on view in the Blue Heron Art Gallery will be a variety of historical maps of the area including original copies of three of the maps.

This get-together is a great opportunity to learn more about our community, so put this important date on your calendar and be sure to attend. It will be a fun day for all! Check these websites for further information:

- www.nbca.org
- www.bhnp.org
- www.buckheadheritage.com

Finally, for NBCA members who have kids and/or don't care that much about history, don't despair—this will be a regular Fall Fling at Blue Heron Nature Preserve with things for kids and

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Event locations are shown above. See map on page 4 for parking and walking instructions.

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GA 400 Multi-use Trail

By Denise Starling
Executive Director, Livable Buckhead, Inc.

Buckhead's District 7 GreenSpace Action Plan has been completed and will soon be available on www.livablebuckhead.org. Complete with subsystems for neighborhood parks, central gathering spaces, trails, conservation parks, dog parks, arts and history components, the Buckhead Collection identifies 106 acres of needed park space for the district.

Livable Buckhead, Inc., the organization charged with implementing the vision, has started work and is already making significant headway! An engineering design team has been engaged to begin design on the GA 400 multiuse trail that will extend from Loridans Drive all the way south to Armour Drive where it will connect to Peachtree Creek and the Atlanta Beltline. Fundraising for this project, anticipated to cost \$8.5 million to construct, is currently underway and progress has already been made.

We will be actively engaging North Buckhead residents to help with the design in the next month or two. If you are interested in being involved, please contact me by e-mail at denise@livablebuckhead.org.

Trash Tips

The city has a new solid waste collection system which still has some kinks and things we need to learn about:

Missed Collections

Contact the Department of Public Works Customer Service Center at (404) 330-6333, or email to: publicworks@atlantaga.gov.

Bulk Pickup

The city will automatically pick up large appliances and large quantities of yard waste the first week of the month (for our area). Look for "bulk pick-up" signs on the road side.

NBCA Standing Meetings

(NBCA meetings are open to the public)

Board — 7:00 PM, 4th Monday of month except March, Nov, and Dec., Room S-103, Wieuca Road Baptist Church

Land Use/Zoning — 7:00 PM, 3rd Monday of month, Room S-103, Wieuca Road Baptist Church

Traffic — Contact chair Robert Sarkissian oversark@bellsouth.net or 404-504-9444

NBCA, PO Box 420391, Atlanta, GA 30342

Mtn. Way Cleanup Oct. 22

We will have another Mountain Way clean-up on Saturday, October 22. We expect the biggest turnout ever now that we have begun working to turn the site into an official city park.

Dan Weede of Carmain Drive: "Please consider joining your neighbors on October 22 for our Annual Mountain Way 'Fall Cleaning' event. From 9:00 until noon our volunteers will again clear the trash from this area and continue our efforts to stop the spread of the 'kudzu patch' on the west side of the overpass and clear the visual corridors along the road.

"In addition to people-power, equipment and supplies are needed for the cleanup, including rakes, loppers, wheelbarrows and at least one gas-powered leaf blower and weed trimmer. Also, don't forget your work gloves and boots."

Ed Castro, North Ivy Road, serves on the Board of the Chastain Park Conservancy and is working with **Ray Mock** at the conservancy to enlist their park volunteers to help us have the biggest and best clean-up ever.

We have trained a number of team captains and are ready for the volunteers. Please join us. Please bring a signed copy of the release form for each clean-up participant. Download the form at www.nbca.org/Release.pdf.

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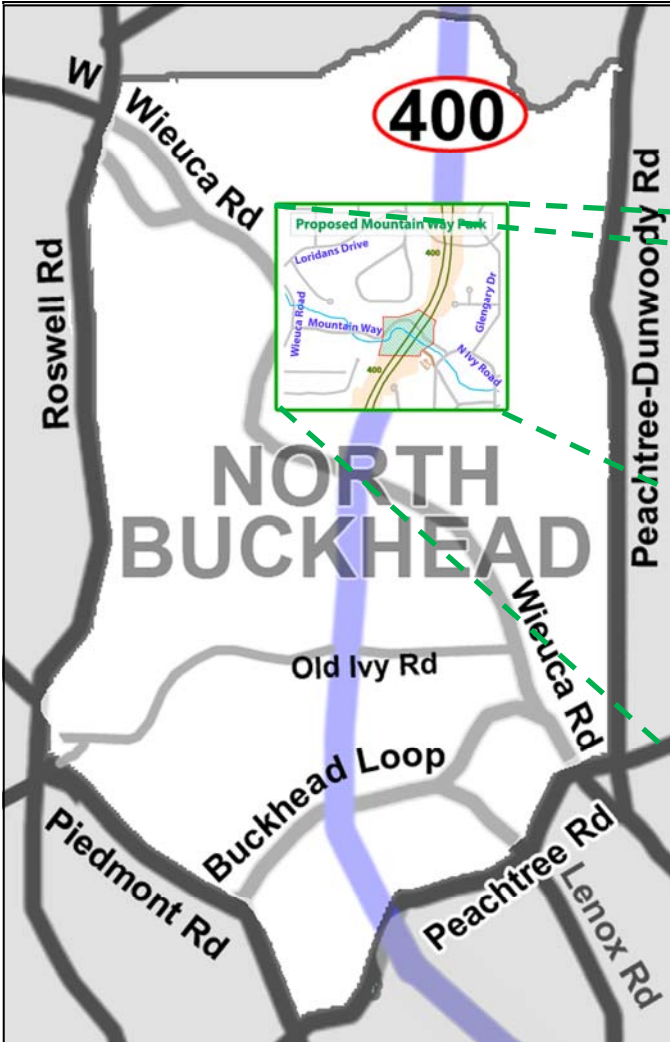
Mountain Way Park Update

We had a strong turnout of about 30 neighbors at our August 4 meeting about the possible park on Mountain Way at GA 400. As of that meeting, a total of 138 neighbors had completed the on-line park survey. The survey responses, which were presented at that meeting, were strongly in favor of the idea of creating this

sight distances are longer and it will be a safer place to visit. (See article on page 2.)

Representatives of the Mountain Way Park interim board Ed Castro, Gordon Certain, and Sally Silver met in mid-August with Howard Shook (District 7 City Councilman) and Paul Taylor (Director Park Design) to coordinate these activities.

We will also be coordinating our planning efforts with the GA400 Path (see article at the far left) and other greenspace and parks initiatives under way as part of the District 7 Greenspace Action Plan.



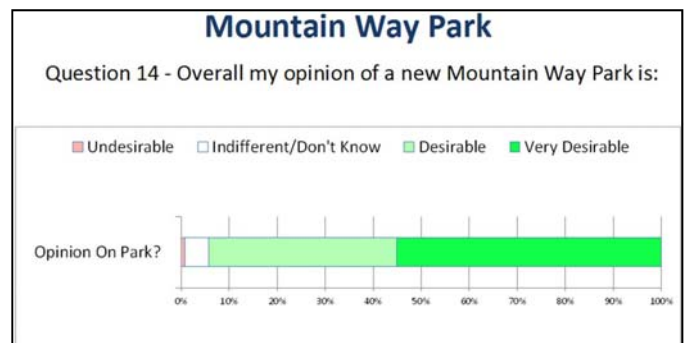
Map showing the proposed park area and surrounding streets.

park. If you would like to see the detailed survey results, go to www.nbca.org/mwp.

We have reopened the survey for those of you who missed it and still want to go on record with your opinions. Use the link above to take the survey.

What happens next? There are two parallel paths that need to follow:

- Get the City of Atlanta to negotiate a long-term lease of this part of the GA 400 right of way so it can be used by the city and its residents as a public park.
- Have volunteers work together to clean up trash and to remove invasive plants so



Survey Sample: One of the key insights from the 138 neighbors who participated in the Mountain Way Park survey was that **95% supported the park**, saying it would be "desirable" or "very desirable". Less than 1% opposed it and the rest either wanted more information or simply didn't care.

See www.nbca.org/mwp for the complete report of survey results.

Fling & History Day—cont.

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adults to do as always. Please join us.

Fall Fling Food

As usual, food, soft drinks, water, and desserts will be provided for free to NBCA member households. Non-members and visitors can join NBCA for a year for \$35 per household or pay \$5 per visitor.

About Buckhead Heritage Society

The Buckhead Heritage Society is a non-profit organization that was founded in 2006 by a group of Buckhead residents who recognized the need for an advocacy organization to protect Buckhead's significant historic resources.

Through its Oral History Project, Landowner Technical Assistance Program, advocacy efforts, and educational programming, Buckhead Heritage works to raise awareness of the community's unique history and protect its irreplaceable historic resources. Please visit www.buckheadheritage.com to learn more about Buckhead Heritage's work or to become a member.

Metro Kids Recycle Day

Hey kids, it's time to clean your rooms! Ask your parents to bring you and your old stuff to:

Metro Atlanta Kids Recycle Day
Saturday, November 12, 2011
9 AM to 1 PM at the Atlanta Civic Center

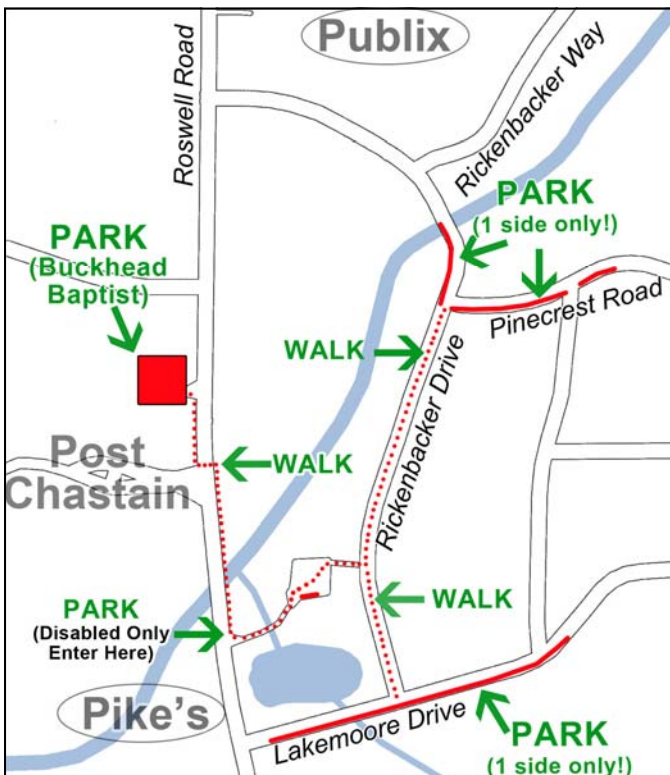
For more information and to register, go to www.atlantakidsrecycleday.org.

LNCP Bricks and Pickets

By Lori Smith, FoLNCP

Become a permanent part of Little Nancy Creek Park and Playground! Fence pickets and bricks are now available for purchase to help fund the development of Little Nancy Creek Park and Playground. Each brick and picket can be individually personalized with a message, family name, or business name. In addition to becoming a permanent part of the park and playground, your family or business will receive a membership at no charge for one year from the time of purchase.

Take advantage of this fabulous opportunity to support our park and playground. Visit www.littlenancycreekpark.org to access order forms and find out more about Little Nancy Creek Park and Playground.



Parking and walking paths. Note that there is a signalized crosswalk on Roswell at the Post Chastain Apartments. Please park on one side of street only.

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Georgia Shakespeare Needs Help

Dear North Buckhead Neighbor,

Georgia Shakespeare, one of the best regarded theaters in Atlanta, is located on Oglethorpe University's campus just up the road from us. As you may have seen in the AJC or heard elsewhere, Georgia Shakespeare has just announced an emergency campaign to raise \$150,000 in the next two weeks, and an additional \$350,000 by year-end. See the letter (<http://tinyurl.com/3wstehc>) about this appeal from Richard Garner, Producing Artistic Director of GS. I ask you to consider joining me in making a gift now to Georgia Shakespeare.

Being on the GS board over the last nine months has given me a chance to learn a lot about the theater community in Atlanta, and the important place Georgia Shakespeare holds in that community.

Georgia Shakespeare is the only other LORT (League Of Resident Theaters) member in Georgia besides the Alliance. LORT theaters have a jointly negotiated contract with Actors' Equity and operate under stricter rules than other theaters. By having primarily a summer season, GS complements the Alliance in providing a home to many of the best actors in Atlanta. Without Georgia Shakespeare some of these people would likely have careers in places like Chicago or New York instead of Atlanta.

As with virtually every theater in the city, Georgia Shakespeare has struggled with financing over the last several years. The staff was cut from 12 to 7 1/2 full-time positions some time ago. The staff has done extraordinary work in this time, but has been stretched very thin. While this saved expenses, it hurt things like group sales of tickets and fundraising.

The net result is that Georgia Shakespeare is in a severe crisis. The board decided that we need to raise \$150,000 in the next two weeks or we will have to shut down. We need to raise an additional \$350,000 by year end to ensure that we are on a stable footing to work on next year's season.

Our incoming board co-chair, Paul Pendergrass, told me that he got involved in Georgia Shakespeare because he did not want to live in a city that did not offer this kind and level of theater. Georgia Shakespeare represents live theater in Atlanta at the highest level. I think that's worth preserving.

I hope you will consider joining me by making an immediate contribution to support Georgia Shakespeare. You can make a gift directly on the web site using PayPal, by phone, or by mailing in a check. There is more information at: www.gashakespeare.org.

If you have any questions about Georgia Shakespeare or the emergency appeal please let me know. You can reach me at (404) 233-4140 or weinmann@mindspring.com.

Many thanks for your careful consideration of a gift to keep Georgia Shakespeare in our city.

Winston Weinmann, Brookhaven

Update: Since this article was written, Winston sent a follow-up e-mail.

Georgia Shakespeare has more than met its initial goal for the emergency funding campaign. Nearly 1000 people have made contributions in less than two weeks. We still have a ways to go to complete the second phase of the campaign by year-end, but this response has been incredibly encouraging.

Richard Garner's update on the emergency campaign is at <http://tiny.cc/jgoss>.

Here's a link to the story about us on the AJC website:

www.ajc.com/lifestyle/georgia-shakespeare-meets-deadline-1186795.html.

There's still plenty of work that needs to be done, but this is a terrific start. Thank you, everyone, for your efforts and support of Georgia Shakespeare.

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Redistricting, Part 2

By Sue Certain
Assistant Editor

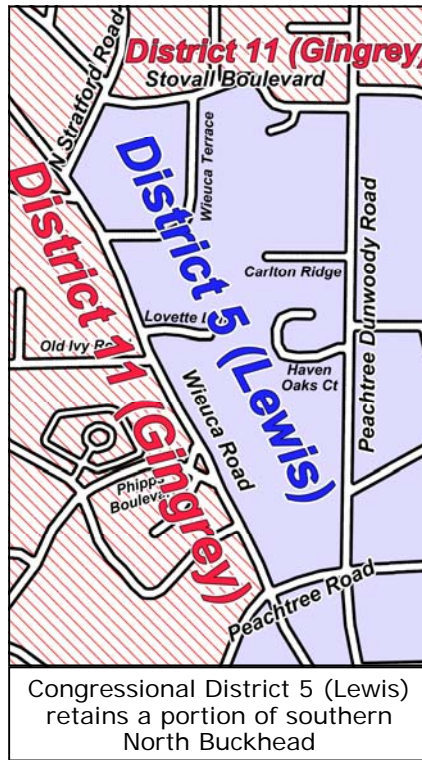
In our last issue, I reported on the meeting held by the legislative committees on redistricting. In that June 30 gathering, Metro Atlanta residents expressed their thoughts regarding the coming reapportionment. Buckhead residents had a wide variety of views, but there appeared to be a consensus that Buckhead should be treated as one community of interest and that districts should be compact and not gerrymandered. So did this happen? Not exactly.

Due to new legislation which is under review (more on this later), North Buckhead's districts have changed somewhat. Georgia House District 46 has shrunk slightly, but still includes all of North Buckhead. Ed Lindsay (R) is our representative for that district.

In the Georgia Senate, we would no longer be in District 39, now represented by Vincent Fort (D). All of North Buckhead would switch to District 6, for which Doug Stoner (D) of South Cobb is now state senator.

In the U. S. Congress, North Buckhead would be represented by not one congressman but two. South of Stovall Boulevard and east of Wieuca

Road and North Stratford Road (a small "triangle" with about 300 residents — see map), would remain in District 5, now represented by John Lewis (D). The remainder of North Buckhead would switch to District 11, represented by Phil Gingrey (R). Parts of Stovall Boulevard, Wieuca Road, and North Stratford Road are split right down the middle, and there are complaints of being on the "wrong side" of the street for congressional representation from both sides of the neighborhood.



Here's a time line of the progress of the bill, HB20EX: the bill was passed in the House on August 25, 2011 and in the Senate on August 31. The Governor signed the bill on September 6. Normally at that point, a bill becomes law. However, this is a special case. Georgia, due to a past history of discrimination, is one of nine states covered in a particular way by the Voting Rights Act. The Voting Rights Act,

Section 5, forbids our state from diminishing the minority community's ability to elect the candidate of its choice. While there are other possibilities, it now looks like our redistricting maps will be going to the US District Court for the District of Columbia for review by a panel of judges. Depending on the court's decision, the Georgia legislature would then determine when redistricting would go into effect.

Georgia Republicans contend the redistricting is fair, legal, and helps to insure minority officeholders keep their positions. Further, they contend that their maps are far more fair, legal, and compact (when possible) than what the Democrats came up with ten years ago after the previous census.

On the other hand, Democrats believe the new maps violate the letter and the spirit of the Voting Rights Act. None of them voted in favor of the proposed redistricting. They feel the legislation "packs" minorities into fewer precincts in an effort to limit their voting strength. They feel that the coalition of minorities with Democratic whites has been undermined, leading to a sort of ghettoized system with black Democrats and white Republicans, in which white Democrats would be squeezed out.

Georgia's proposed reapportionment may be influenced by Justice Department review and Court review and possible Court challenges. Stay tuned for further developments.

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2011 Blue Jean Ball

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Since inception in January 2007, Crime Stoppers has helped investigators solve more than 335 cases and has paid out more than \$282 thousand in rewards for anonymous tips that have helped put more than 267 dangerous criminals behind bars and out of our communities.

To celebrate its success and to help support its ongoing mission to get criminals off our streets, Crime Stoppers Greater Atlanta is hosting the first annual Blue Jean Ball on Saturday, October 22, 2011.

See www.nbca.org/flyers/ball.pdf for ticket information.

N. Buckhead Moms Group

By Sharon Rudy

The North Buckhead Moms Club was organized to network moms and families within the community. Moms with children of all ages are invited to attend.

We are forming a planning committee with coordinators for the following positions:

- events and meetings,
- weekday playdates,
- weekend playdates and family gatherings,
- correspondence,
- hospitality, and
- community services
- as well as many other ways to be involved.

If you have an interest in being involved with this fun group to network with your neighbors or take part in the planning committee, please contact Sharon Rudy at sdrudy@bellsouth.net for more information.

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Christmas Tree Sale Dec. 3 - 4

By David Dollar

NBCA Board Member and Tree Sale Manager

Every year NBCA sells high-quality Christmas trees and wreaths at Sarah Smith School. Prices will be *even better than last year*. You will be able to order your tree at reduced pre-sale prices using the form in our December newsletter or on-line.

Our trees are trucked in the day before the sale, fresh from North Carolina. The tree sale is our association's only fund-raising event. Plus, you won't have a neighborhood volunteer there at Home Depot helping you select your tree and trimming the bottom so it fits your stand.

We made some big changes to our process last year by setting up on-line ordering to make things even more convenient. It was quite successful and about 75% of our "pre-sale" ordering was done on-line. **Once again in 2011, you will be able to order and pay for your tree and wreath order using credit cards at www.nbca.org/TreeSale.htm.** You can also check our prices there before purchasing.

If you need a **very large tree**, it can be special ordered. See the web page, left, for details.

We plan to discontinue flyers to students at Sarah Smith School. We have previously distributed flyers to students, but on-line ordering has made the process easy and flyers unnecessary.

Current NBCA members not on our e-mail list and non-residents who purchased a tree/wreath last year will receive a green tree order postcard before the December newsletter is delivered.

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 3, 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

For those who want to volunteer 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 with "Christmas Tree Sale" on the e-mail subject line.

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Blue Heron Tree Survey

By Tom Coffin, Tree Next Door

In early spring this year Jack White, Guy Sommers, Stephanie Coffin and I began a pilot project to assess the feasibility of and develop the parameters for a comprehensive tree survey of the Blue Heron Nature Preserve. After several field sessions we were joined by Georgia Tech graduate student Beth Schechter, who added her GPS mapping experience to the effort.

We were armed with hammers, stainless steel nails, numbered aluminum tags, surveying tape of various colors, diameter tape measures ("D-tapes"), datasheets on clipboards, a GPS unit and very high spirits. Stephanie and I added a bit of professional pizzazz with HighViz safety vests — certainly didn't want to get lost in the deep dark woods of Blue Heron!

Our efforts began on the portion of the preserve accessible from Emma Lane. By common consent a very large box elder (*Acer negundo*) was chosen as tree #1. Extra time was devoted to measuring the circumference, height and crown spread of this tree because I suspected that it might approach record status, at least for Georgia. It was close: With a circumference of 151 inches, a height of 68.5 feet and a crown spread of 51 feet the tree scored 232 points on the American Forests measuring guide for the National Register of Big Trees. The Georgia State co-champion box elders are located in Duluth (circumference 161 inches, height 56 feet, crown spread 70 feet for 235 points) and Decatur (circumference 150 inches, height 69 feet, crown spread 83 feet for 240 points).

It took us several 2-hour sessions (and some backtracking) to tag, measure, locate and identify the trees on the Emma Lane portion of the preserve. We also spent several sessions on the north end of the preserve west of Nancy Creek.



L-R: Tom Coffin, Stephanie Coffin, Jack White, and Guy Sommers.

We think we have a handle on the data we need to collect and some idea of the field time that will be required to transform this pilot project into a useable survey. We expect to perform the survey in the late fall and early winter this year, hoping to avoid most of the mosquitoes and some of the greenbriers that hampered our efforts in early summer.

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Little Nancy Creek Park – Playground Coming!

By Anne Wilkie, FoLNCP

Playground Coming

Friends of Little Nancy Creek Park (FoLNCP) is excited to update you on the playground/parking lot for the park. As many of you know, we have been working in collaboration with the City Parks Department to complete necessary permitting processes for the playground as well as obtain final approval of the detailed playground design and components. The great news is that it looks like we are nearing the end of that process. We expect permitting from the City as soon as the beginning of October! A big thanks goes out to Councilman Howard Shook, City of Atlanta Parks Department, and Park Pride for their tireless efforts to make this happen.

Park Vision

While it's great to be in the home stretch for groundbreaking on the playground, that is only one piece of the overall vision for the park. With your help, we'd like to ensure the park is a place that welcomes the whole community — somewhere to meet friends for coffee, go for a run or walk around the trail, or just get out of the house and enjoy some relaxed time in a serene

setting that is minutes from your front door. Stop by one of our upcoming events and spend some leisurely weekend time getting to know your neighbors better .

Upcoming Events

Events at LNCP offer a great opportunity for neighbors to take advantage of crisp fall weekends in the park. We are holding a Fall Festival on October 23 from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM complete with a Pumpkin Patch. This has traditionally involved participation from some local celebrities and always has good food so be sure to show up with an appetite. By the time this newsletter is published, we also will have held our cheer camp led by local professional cheerleaders (back by popular demand) which includes personalized coaching, not to mention a pair of take home pompoms.

Volunteer Opportunities

If you have been considering getting more involved with the park, now is a great time to do so as we are at the beginning of our 2012 membership drive. Although the park will be maintained by the City of Atlanta Department of

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Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs, there are ongoing initiatives with separate committees to support fundraising, event planning, marketing, landscaping, and more that are driven by our wonderful volunteers. We even have a kids' committee! We are currently seeking volunteers for all committees.

We are also no stranger to working with scouts and local students. The park has been the site for six completed Eagle Scout projects to date with more on the way. We have written many letters for community service hours and are even setting up an internship for college credit. Please contact **mark.stovin@gmail.com** or check out our website at **www.littlenancycreekpark.org** for more information on ways to get involved.

2012 Membership Drive

Finally, whether you are already a wholehearted supporter of the park or just want to show your support, we hope you will join Friends of Little Nancy Creek Park. We are kicking off our 2012 membership drive now and would love to count you as part of our circle of supporters. All you need to do is fill out the attached card and send it in. For those interested, we also still have a

limited number of spots left to join our Founders' Club and to be forever recognized as one of the park's founding members. Just indicate on your form if you would like more information on that option. We'll be glad to provide it.

As part of this year's membership drive we have an opportunity for a Director of Membership. This is a critical role in encouraging broad participation from the community. The membership director will have responsibility for handling all membership-related issues in addition to leading the effort to drive membership. Again, please e-mail **mark.stovin@gmail.com** or check out our website at **www.littlenancycreekpark.org** for more information.

How to reach us

In addition to our **www.littlenancycreekpark.org** web site, we can be found on Facebook and Twitter. We welcome you to "like" us on Facebook as well as to follow our tweets on "@LNCPFriends." We really appreciate your support in helping us get the word out about all of the great things happening in this park.

History of Little Nancy Creek Park

In August 2007, the City of Atlanta purchased nearly 5 acres of property for \$2.7 million for the purpose of creating a new park. Little Nancy Creek Park is situated on Peachtree Dunwoody across from Winall Down Road. This purchase came with the agreement that funding to develop the property would come from within the community.

For additional information or to find out how you can join in the effort to develop Little Nancy Creek Park, visit our website at **littlenancycreekpark.org**.

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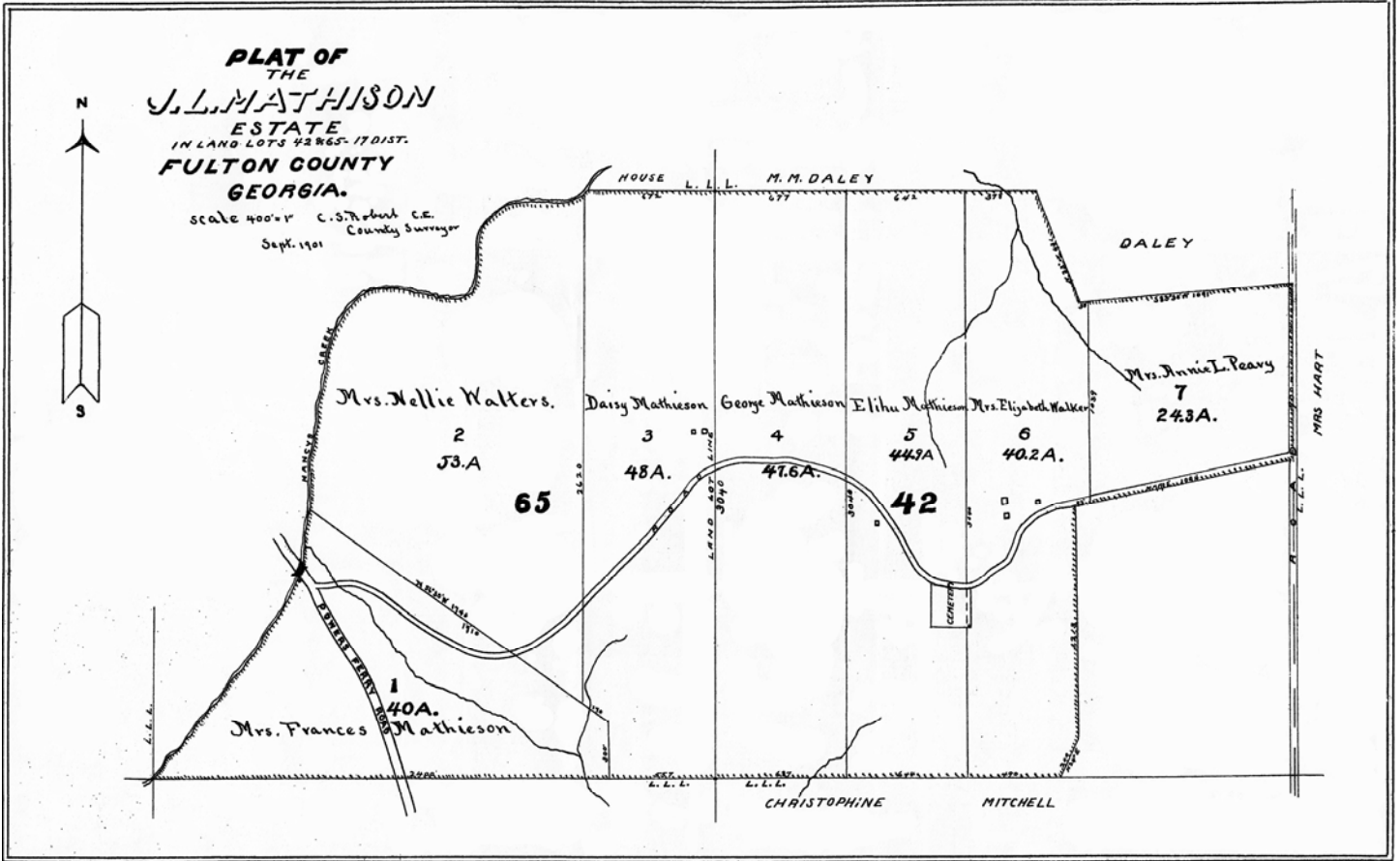
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Checks may be made to *Park Pride: Friends of Little Nancy Creek Park* and mailed to **Tres Carpenter, 924 Carter Dr., Atlanta, GA 30319.**

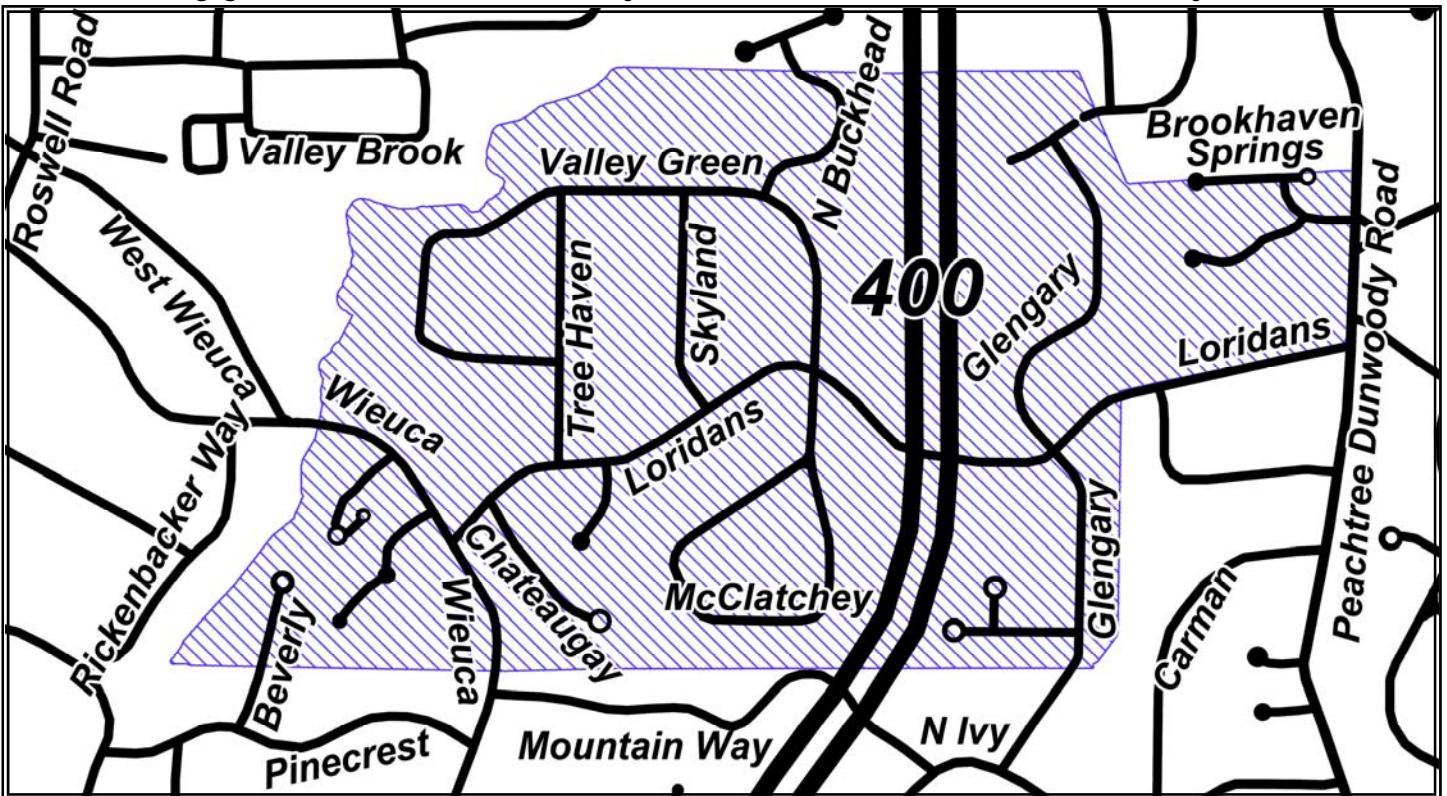
You can also donate online with a credit card at **www.littlenancycreekpark.org**. We can also accept gifted stock. Contact Tres at 404-783-1210 for more information.

Thank you for making a positive, lasting impact on your community. On behalf of your fellow Friends, we thank you for your support of the park!

History: 298 Acre North Buckhead Estate (1901)



Above: the 1901 subdivision of the estate of J. L. Mathieson (misspelled on this original plat). Below: our current street grid. The two streets on both are Peachtree Dunwoody Road (then Dunwoody Road) and Loridans Drive (then unnamed). The curvy western estate boundary is Nancy Creek (then Nancys Creek). A long-gone road called "Powers Ferry Road" is also shown above, west of today's Wieuca Road.



History—continued

By Gordon Certain
NBCA President

At our History Day on October 30 (see page 1), we hope residents will come with their own pictures, maps, and oral history to share. There is relatively little historical information available about North Buckhead, unlike other parts of Buckhead and Atlanta. If you have a relative or friend who can help us, please bring them — there is special parking for the handicapped if you enter the driveway at 4055 Roswell Road. Please help us out with your “find”.

Nancy Jones and I have been trying our best to uncover some of our neighborhood’s history and were fortunate enough this summer to explore the archives of a long-time land surveyor and those of his predecessors. This article is about one of our “major” finds.

As recently as 110 years ago, a significant part of North Buckhead was owned by just one person: **J. L. Mathieson**. (Ever notice Mathieson Drive on Peachtree Road, just two streets west of Piedmont Road? Does anyone know which member of the Mathieson family the road is named after? And why?)

Mathieson’s estate was huge: 298 acres as shown by the survey map at the upper left. Readers of this newsletter may see that their homes are located on land once owned by Mathieson. After J. L.’s death, the land was subdivided among seven individuals, apparently relatives.

Ultimately **Charles Loridans** became owner of parcels #3 and #4 in the middle of the Mathieson estate, totaling 95.6 acres, and gave his name to Loridans Drive some time between 1924 and 1930.

If you can help us fill in this history, please join us on October 30 or send me an e-mail at NorthBuckhead@yahoo.com.

Blue Heron Classes

Blue Heron Nature Preserve, 4055 Roswell Road, has a new classroom and has been offering classes on a variety of topics. Here are the upcoming classes. Details: www.bhnp.org.

Classes

FEATHERY FRIENDS: Early Childhood Classes - Oct. 11, Nov. 15, 10-11am - Share the joy of birds with your young learner through, hands-on activities, outdoor exploration song, movement, crafts and stories. Ages 3-5 with an adult.

AWAKENINGS: Sensory Experiences in Nature for Infants - Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28, 10:30-11:30am - This is a meditative class for pre-walking infants with an adult. Join us as we journey into the Preserve and open our senses to the rhythms of the natural world.

Workshops

PHOTOGRAPHING NATURE - Oct. 15, 12:30-4:30pm - We will take a photographic walk along the trails of the Preserve observing and photographically capturing the beauty of the area. Ages: 16 and older, bring a camera and tripod if needed.

FAIRY GARDENS! - Nov. 1, 10-12am or Nov. 3, 4-5:30pm - Create your own Fairy Garden with found materials at the Preserve. All Ages (Children under 7 need an adult)

PHOTOSHOP ELEMENTS - Nov. 12, 9:30-12:30pm - Hone your computer skills with this powerful editing program for photographers. Ages: Teenagers-adults.

VERMICULTURE (worms, worms, worms!) - Nov. 19, 9:30-11:30am - Build your own worm compost bin and make your kitchen greener! All materials are included in class fees, worms too! Ages: Children 9 up with a parent, and adults.

HOW DOES YOUR “ORGANIC” GARDEN GROW? - Feb. 25, 1-3pm - Come get an early start on spring as we learn about organic gardening. We will sow some favorite vegetable seeds in pots to take home and propagate.

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Neighborhood Planning Unit-B

By Andrea Bennett
NBCA Neighborhood Representative to NPU-B

NPU-B has been busy with a variety of matters during August and September.

GA 400/I-85 Interchange

The Buckhead CID has now begun monthly reports to the NPU. In August, we were advised that contracts have been let for completion of the interchange linking I-85 and GA 400. This is a longstanding initiative of NBCA and others and has been reported in detail in prior issues of the NBCA newsletter.

SPI-12 Update

An update of SPI-12 is currently underway. SPI is an abbreviation for Special Public Interest District. These are typically highly developed areas within the city that are deemed to require special attention for purposes of zoning, signage, transportation, greenspace and other public uses. SPI-12 roughly covers the area south of the Buckhead Loop and Phipps Boulevard down to East Paces Ferry, and is bounded to the west by Piedmont and on the east by Roxboro and Peachtree Dunwoody. For a more detailed map go here: <http://tinyurl.com/3hww5lp>. The SPI-12 update is being done in conjunction with other planning efforts such as the Buckhead Greenspace Action Plan, the Peachtree Boulevard project and the Piedmont Corridor study. Detailed plans and reports are available at www.buckheadcid.com, BuckheadCID's website. Click on the links for Plans and Projects to download the relevant documents. It's exciting to see many of these coming to fruition.

Briefing by APD's Chief Turner

In September APD Chief George Turner visited NPU-B and reported on the progress of the city's new Video Integration Center (VIC). The VIC will link surveillance cameras throughout Buckhead and the entire city in an effort to enhance public safety and provide real time monitoring.

APD is aggressively recruiting new officers and those interested should visit

www.joinatlantapd.org for details.

Chief Turner and Zone 2 Commander Major Robert Browning both emphasize the im-

portance of citizens calling 911 when they observe suspicious activity.

"Buckhead Atlanta" Development Restart

If you've lived in this area these past few years you are aware of the stalled construction project at the intersection of Peachtree and E. Paces Ferry. But things are looking up! NPU-B heard a presentation from developer Oliver McMillan, which has taken over the project and renamed it "Buckhead Atlanta". The project will be scaled back somewhat from the original proposal but promises to bring high quality apartments, shops and restaurants to the Village. The redevelopment will include 370 apartments and approximately 300,000 square feet will be devoted to a mix of retail and restaurants. Construction will begin in early 2012, and because of the work previously done, we can expect to see buildings rise very quickly. Completion is scheduled for 2013.

Transportation Improvement Act

In 2010 the Georgia Legislature passed the Transportation Improvement Act, which permits Georgia counties to form local transportation authorities. The act authorizes a referendum, which will be held next year, whereby voters can consider a 1% sales tax to fund specific transportation improvements within their district. For the ten-county area, planning is being coordinated by the Transportation Roundtable established under the auspices of the Atlanta Regional Commission. This is a cooperative effort undertaken by the Mayor of Atlanta and other city and county leaders within the metro area. A great deal of detailed information on the TIA and the specific projects contemplated, including some great videos, is available at the Roundtable website,

www.atlantaregionalroundtable.com. Supporters of the TIA emphasize that this is a once in a generation chance for Atlanta and the region to make major transportation advances and keep the Atlanta region in the forefront of our peer cities around the country. The TIA envisions major road, rail and pedestrian improvements.

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The subject line on our e-mails tell you what it's about — open only the ones that interest you. NBCA's current e-mail list has 1,884 e-mail addresses, mostly from North Buckhead. Joining our e-mail list is free to all, members or not.

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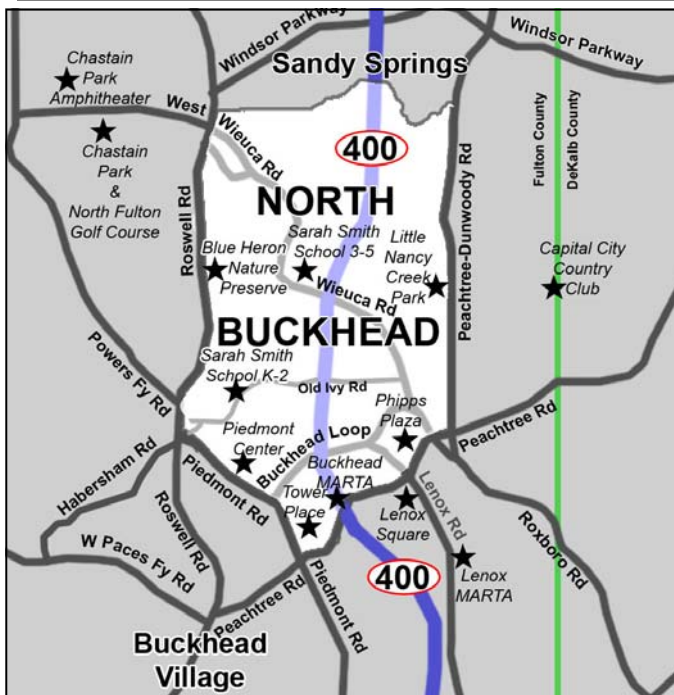
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North Buckhead Area Map



North Buckhead and surrounding areas.

New Business Members

Please give a warm North Buckhead welcome to our newest Business Members:

- **10 Terminus Place Homeowners Association** represents Terminus homeowners.
- **Arke Systems** is a technology consulting firm assisting businesses in the Atlanta area.
- **Piccadilly Puppets Company** — Nancy Riggs, Wieuca Road, is director of this non-profit touring company.
- **Blue Heron Nature Preserve**, 4055 Roswell Road — a wonderful 25 acre neighborhood asset with lots of great volunteers.

Lost Cats and Dogs

If you lose a pet or find one, send an e-mail to NorthBuckhead@yahoo.com. Include your contact information and a description of the pet. If you can include a photo, please do so.

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