

Lullwater Latest

February 2019

In the Bleak Midwinter...Planting for Spring 🌻

On January 18th and 19th, resident volunteers, undaunted by constant mist and some clunky mud, planted 400 daffodil bulbs to supplement those already beginning to sprout. (Though perennial, a number of the bulbs planted fall of 2017 have succumbed to rot caused by heavy ground moisture.) Thanks as always to Lynn Hart for her expertise and guidance!





President's Corner

February 2019

Shirley Holberg, LEOA President

We're already weeks into 2019 with both challenges and hopeful possibilities ahead. Spring bulbs are sprouting, with more to come from the community planting that occurred last month. Regular maintenance and major infrastructure projects are being lined up and owners are sprucing up individual homes. New neighbors are settling in. A new landscape company will begin serving us in March. Check out all of these stories (and visit the zoo) in the following pages.

Your board of directors is hard at work behind the scenes to make all of this happen. I am honored by the board's trust in choosing me as their president, and only agreed to their choice because of the strength, commitment and maturity of those board members! Here is your board line-up for the coming year:

Vice President: **Kathryn Donald**

Secretary: **Sharon Day**

Treasurer: **Todd Radde**

Committee Cluster I: **Georgia Marshall** (Newsletter, Welcome, Social, Landscape, Woodlands)

Committee Cluster II: **John Raevuori** (Infrastructure, Architectural Control, Legal, Insurance)

Mansion Representative: **Michael Plemons**

There are several major infrastructure projects planned for this year. The first is backflow preventer work on both domestic and irrigation water lines. This project will begin within the next few weeks. We will keep you informed of any implications this has for ingress and egress, and on water cut-offs. (There will be some, though hopefully they'll be relatively brief). The complete list of projects is on page 4 below. Many thanks to John Raevuori, Robert Marshall and Hayes Todd for "digging in" to these important projects.

2019 Lullwater Board of Directors



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Lynn Hart will be Georgia's right-hand advisor/landscape consultant on the Landscape Committee.

On January 16, Shirley and John attended the New Board Training Class conducted by the NowackHoward law firm, which specializes in advising and representing community associations. The class reviewed fundamental board duties, responsibilities, risks and obligations; discussed roles and standards of conduct for Board directors; and helped participants to understand the legal documents of community associations.

Board of Directors (continued)

The following is the current list of infrastructure projects that the Board has planned or is actively obtaining proposals from contractors for:

- Installation of back-flow preventer valves required by the City of Atlanta. A valve must be installed at each of our four meters: 2 domestic water meters and 2 irrigation water meters.
- Repair of the bulging retaining wall behind the Lullwater Road units.
- Repair of the bulging retaining wall behind the east property line.
- Continued mapping of our water supply lines and location/installation of cut-offs to individual buildings.
- Repair of the walkway in front of the Mansion.
- Repair to the walk-ups to Units 33 and 39.

Lullwater Transitions

Welcome! To our newest neighbors...

Mark & Lauren Turcotte in Unit 19

Mark, Lauren, and Emory-Jane relocated from Nashville, TN. Mark previously lived 10 years in Atlanta before moving to Nashville, where he met Lauren. The Turcottes have been married six years. Mark is a General Sales Manager for Cox Media Group, responsible for revenue from their radio stations and digital assets. Lauren has a Bachelors degree from Trinity University with an ABA accredited paralegal certificate. She is a Legal Assistant with Harris Lowry Manton LLP in Colony Square. Emory is enjoying 5th grade at SPARK and will move to Inman next year. Lauren's son, **Blake**, is a freshman at Art Institute of Chicago. Mark also has two grown daughters and a granddaughter in the Atlanta area.



Lullwater Transitions (continued)

Ann Clay Adams and Fritz Bogar at 733 Lullwater Road

Ann Clay is Academic Administrator at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur. **Fritz** is Pastor of John Knox Presbyterian Church in Marietta. Ann and Fritz have lived in Decatur for over 20 years. They had often wondered what the Lullwater homes looked like inside and what sort of community this was. Thus, when they began looking for a new home last spring, they looked further into Lullwater and ultimately chose their townhome here.



Fred and Mary Newman in Unit 22

Or rather, *soon to be* in Unit 22. **Mary** informed us that **Fred** is still practicing law in New York while she undertakes the daunting task of sorting and culling “the accumulated trash and treasures of fifty years of a full life in one place”. Between 2000 and 2015, all three of their daughters, along with their son-in-law and two grandchildren, eventually came to reside in Atlanta. Thus, the senior Newmans “recognized their destiny”. They are extremely happy about finding Lullwater and hope to be completely moved in before summer.



Mary and Fred with granddaughters Nora and Florence.

And Goodbye...

John (Skipper) and Wendy Hudson in Unit 10 are moving back to Nashville to be near their children. John lived in Lullwater previously, so many here will be saying goodbye to an old friend. Both he and Wendy will certainly be missed. He recently related that, “My father grew up in Druid Hills and he returned here after WWII and I grew up here, too. Leaving is hard, but [*Wendy*] and I have both lived in Tennessee for over 40 years, so it's home for us. We'll miss Druid Hills and Lullwater Estates.”

*Who ever knew of the Lullwater Zoo?
Welcoming, guarding, or looking at you;
Even a magical creature or two,
Who ever knew of this Lullwater Zoo?*

- from Dr. Seuss' "A Sconce on Ponce"



Lullwater Zoo (continued)



Thanks to Shirley Holberg for the article idea and photos. The Holbergs' granddaughter enjoys visiting these on her daily strolls.

Our Woodlands



Per the Landscape Committee’s recommendation, Crabapple Landscape Experts will replace Habersham as our landscape contractor. Beginning in March, you will see trucks with this logo.

Return of the Sheep

With ample rainfall and the sheep no longer permanently on hand last summer, the woodlands became thick with overgrowth. So a sheep team was “temporarily rehired”. In what was expected to be a job lasting several weeks, these sheep only took about a week to clear the area out quite thoroughly, as shown in the photos below.

Utilizing sheep remains the most cost effective method for maintaining an accessible, safer, and more aesthetically pleasing woodlands.

Before the sheep arrived

Same area after they finished



The Neighborhood History/Trivia Section

- In 1933, residents of Druid Hills had no fire protection. Actually, the fire department would answer your fire call – only, that is, if you had paid or pledged \$50 to the Fire department. This led to an attempt by DH leaders to incorporate Druid Hills. They figured that by becoming a city, the savings in fire insurance premiums alone could pay for a fire department and all salaries necessary to operate a municipality. The bill for incorporation was passed by the Georgia Senate, but was vetoed by Governor Eugene Talmadge. (Yep, a bit of politics entered the picture.) Soon after, however, the legislature voted to allow Dekalb County to build a fire station serving Druid Hills.
- In the movie “Hidden Figures”, scenes depicting the inside of the Mercury Control Center were shot at the Emory building at 1260 Briarcliff Rd. (site of the former Georgia Mental Health Institute). This required a total recreation of the Control Center inside the building.



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And for all of those who admire Olmstead Park, but may not yet be aware of its wide recognition and acclaim:

- Iconic writer and broadcaster Alistair Cooke wrote “Olmsted’s masterpiece...is the little known but exquisite estate of trees, lakes, lawns and rolling hills, encompassing Emory University bang in the middle of Atlanta, Ga.” (An interesting aside: Cooke hosted the *Omnibus* show in early 1950’s, which once featured Jessica Tandy. Tandy, of course, received her greatest critical acclaim some thirty-five years later in *Driving Miss Daisy*, set and filmed on Lullwater Rd. - located in “Olmsted’s masterpiece”.)
- A New York Times reporter, scouting Atlanta before the 1996 Olympics, compared Druid Hills with the fashionable Buckhead neighborhood. He wrote “Just as lovely on the east side of town...is the Druid Hills area...with their rolling hills and manicured greenery.”

Moreover, what makes Olmsted Park so significant runs much deeper than recognition and praise. We’ll expand a bit on that in the next LL issue.

Atlanta and Beyond

by Betsy Marvin

We're taking our international wandering to a personal level this issue, as we present our Landscape Chair, a seasoned traveler, as she enjoys plants wherever she goes! Lynn Hart loves seeing new places, and gardens and parks always grab her attention.

(Right) In the cool northern nation of Latvia, Lynn was interested in seeing what kinds of plants flourish in the short growing season. A familiar sight in June, at the old seaside resort of Jurmala, is the wealth of rhododendrons, blooming just during her visit. She also saw precise geometric plantings at a Baroque garden nearby, and more local flowers at a botanical garden in western Lithuania.



(Left) On a recent trip to central Germany, Lynn identified trees in several parks, enriching the experience of other tour members, and visited the Marburg Botanical Garden, high on a hill overlooking the city. The visit happened to coincide with the annual plant sale, and she was able to query vendors about unfamiliar bedding flowers, perennials and shrubs.

Atlanta and Beyond (continued)



Back home, Lynn took local residents and their out-of-town guests on a tour of the nearby Lullwater Conservation Garden, owned and maintained by the Lullwater Garden Club, of which she is an active member. She showed off Champion Trees and other plants, human-added elements like stone markers and a bench, and pointed out the blooms of a purple hellebore, as well as a heron perched on a downed log. She talked about the history and future of the little park and the club.

We are very fortunate to have such a devoted horticulturist in charge of our landscape here at Lullwater Estate, and she in turn is lucky that there are other experienced resident gardeners helping out. Our beautiful environment is greatly enhanced by the well-chosen and nicely maintained plantings around the community, and for that we thank our Landscape Committee, headed by Lynn.



The Lullwater Literary Ladies

The Lullwater Literary Ladies, the local book club, meets monthly here in members' homes. The host picks the book and provides appropriate refreshments. The conversation, ranging from the book and author to other timely topics, is always interesting. We meet on the third Thursday around 3:30 for snacks and chat, then the book discussion begins at 4:00. All women at Lullwater Estate are invited.

Carolyn Johnson, #34, will host the February 21 meeting, which focuses on Colson Whitehead's *The Underground Railroad*. Mr Whitehead spoke last year at the Carter Center. This well-received novel will no doubt inspire a lively discussion. For the March meeting, which has been moved to the 28th, Georgia Marshall, #54, has chosen *Where the Crawdads Sing*, by Delia Owens.

We meet most months until summer, when we take a two-month break. We welcome newcomers. For more information you can contact either of the hosts mentioned here.

It Takes a Village (To Maintain a Village)

Lullwater remains a great place to live. To keep it that way requires more than a nominal amount of work. It's work that ultimately affects our safety, comfort, finances, and more. The LE community has always been blessed with dedicated, hard-working Board and Committee members. But you never know when the work will become overwhelming – and stress just taint a good thing. So please think about serving on a committee. You can contact any Board member for more info. Thanks!

Save The Date

- **February 24:** OLPA's "Carnival Under The Canopy" Gala Benefit. Fernbank Museum of Natural History. 6:30 – 10:00 pm. atlantaolmstedpark.org

Literary Ladies:

- **February. 21:** Host: Carolyn Johnson, Unit 34. The Underground Railroad by Colton Whitehead
- **March 28:** Host: Georgia Marshall, Unit 54. Where the Crawdads Sing by Delis Owens
- **April 18:** Host: Shirley Hollberg, Unit 16. (Book TBD)
- **May 23:** Host: Carol Sleeth, Unit 739. (Book TBD)
- **June 20:** Host: Sharon Day, Unit 26. (Book TBD)
- **February 20th, 8:30ish:** Lullwater Men's Breakfast at the American Road House on N. Highland. Meets every other Wednesday to just chat and enjoy each other's company.

Getting to know neighbors not only helps make a community more secure, it makes it more *pleasant and interesting*. The Lullwater Latest is a great forum for that. So please do share news and items about your lives, homes, travels, families, and concerns.

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