

LULLWATER LATEST

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Lamppost Gathering, Dec. 2015

The pot of soup simmers, and we snuggle into wooly socks and fleecy sweaters, hoping our recent flirtation with winter weather will suffice for the year. Unrealistically hoping!

Plenty of interesting ideas and activities to distract us from our seasonal chill will be coming up in the near future - acquisition of our own sheep, a gala celebrating our beautiful linear park, and rumors of changes and improvement to the Ponce corridor. Our own Woodlands, a wild thicket when I arrived here, has been considerably cleared out, and pick-up crews, your neighbors, have kept the trash (car parts, flower pots, beer cans, etc.) to a minimum. Stay tuned!

Speaking of the future, I plan to step down as newsletter editor in December 2016, after well over five years of heading this community information missive. It's been fun and fascinating, but it's time for someone else to have a chance. If you're interested, please contact a board member. Naturally I will continue to contribute!

Save the Date!

Olmsted Linear Park Alliance Gala

February 21, Fernbank, 7 - 10

This lovely and elegant evening takes its theme this year from the Irish, with Celtic music and dancers, and Paddy's favorite gourmet goodies to eat!

Publix Marathon

March 20, 7 a.m.

Every spring the Publix Marathon comes through Druid Hills, and we're slightly inconvenienced during its busiest hours. Most of us will need to plan for a slow drive on Lullwater and Ponce, but our neighbors on Lullwater may be blocked in or out for the early morning.

Tour of Homes

April 22 - 24

Six grand houses and a garden are featured for 2016, along with some extras. To volunteer, check the DHCA website <http://druidhillstour.org>.



***MEET THE NEW
BOARD...
in the parking lot!***

That's right. The Board took its first vote in the parking lot behind the Lullwater Road units on December 15th.

The traffic barricades are still on Lullwater Road. The work is not yet finished. Here is how it started. On December 14th about noon the City asked for an ASAP meeting. Ever-

attentive Jamie Ciomperlik emailed the notice to Lullwater residents and the Board. A new sewer needed to be installed between the street and the rear of our property. The existing sewer was a mess. They needed our help.

So at 9 a.m. on the 15th, it was like old home week. Assembled for the festivities were: the City supervisor, 3 representatives from the construction company, most of the Lullwater Road residents (Kenagy, Sleeth, Donalds, Saliers, and Newsomes), and 4 Board members (Jamie, Margaret Newsome, Kerry Traubert, and me---a quorum). The City and construction folk made a clear and convincing presentation: we need access through the rear of the Lullwater Road campus to get the new sewer dug, and if we can start TOMORROW, we think we can be done by Christmas.

The Lullwater Road residents were on the verge of creating a

scene (not really). Absolutely, move it along as fast as possible and ease our pain! Ever responsive to community needs, the Board members turned attentive ears. About that time the City representative pulled out the form to grant permission for access through our land, with proper assurances of restoration of any damage. The discussion was brief. The form was signed. The major part of the work was completed as promised, in time for Santa.

Not all Board deliberations occur on such short notice, at such unusual places, with such decisiveness, or with such efficient results. But hey, when it happens, why not point it out?

-- Bill Hollberg



Over the holidays, Ken and Jan Yancey visited our former neighbor, June Hemby, in her current home. She remains as sweet and gracious as we all remember her.

Lost At Sea

by Peggy Fuller, Unit # 32

Lullwater Estate is blessed with a caring, diverse community whose members respect the privacy of others, yet circle the wagons when needed. It's one reason our complex is known as a desirable place to live. Often I have wondered about my neighbors, and wished I had known them during other parts of their lives, when they were children, college students or young newly-weds. What adventures have they had? Trials they have overcome? Life lessons they have learned? Proudest moments? This new column is a continuation of "Getting to Know You" started by Jan and Jim Eichelberger last year, and will endeavor to answer some of these questions.

The first featured resident is Georgia Marshall, an upbeat bundle of energy who almost sparkles when she talks. Here is a story from her life.



About thirty years ago, Georgia rented a house on Upper Captiva Island near Ft. Myers, FL, to spend time with her sister Ann and husband Zeb, and younger brother Bob. Her husband, Robert, was backpacking with others in the Bob Marshall wilderness area in Colorado. She brought her children, for a total of five under age

eleven in the family group. Early in the week, Georgia, her brother and brother-in-law decided on a trip to a promising fishing spot 40 miles off shore. At 5:00 a.m., the three of them set out in the 21-foot family boat, and reached their destination about 10:15, dropping anchor in 70 feet of water.

Fishing conditions were good; they pulled in fish almost as fast as they could bait hooks. Thirty minutes or so later, they noticed the cooler floating in the bottom of the boat. Water was coming over the transom, running under the false boat bottom, filling up the hull. A bilge pump was supposed to come on but was obviously not working. They quickly put on life jackets and Zeb got the radio and started shouting, "Mayday, Mayday!" To their horror, the radio shorted out. Things looked serious. Bob decided to abandon the boat. He jumped into the water as he held on to the cooler containing their remaining food supply - some grapes, a six pack of cokes, and beer. It also held their flare kit. The boat flipped over and Georgia and Zeb ended up in the water also. Debris was floating all around. Thankfully they were able to retrieve some boat cushions and climb onto the bottom of the boat. At this point it was around 11:00 a.m., just 5 minutes since noticing they were in trouble. No other boat was in sight, but they kept up their spirits by talking, making jokes, and telling their most embarrassing moments, not counting the present situation.

Lost At Sea (continued)

by Peggy Fuller, Unit # 32

They had told the family that they would return at 3:00 p.m. Shortly before that time, the kids took golf carts to the dock to welcome them back and see the catch. The time came and went without Georgia, Bob and Zeb. By 5:00 Ann was frantic. She knew her husband, noted for punctuality, was in trouble and called the Coast Guard who opined that perhaps Zeb had just left home for a while. When told that he was with his sister-in-law and brother-in-law, they changed their minds and understood the gravity of the situation. Unfortunately, their search vessels could not locate the group that evening due to bad storms. Meanwhile, out on the boat Georgia recalls, she, Bob and Zeb had dined on 5 grapes each, and spit two cokes. Storms set in with lightning and five foot swells. Bob held on to his big sister as they sang hymns, and prayed until he finally slept. Georgia stayed awake, keeping vigil through the long night.

The next morning they heard the welcome sound of a plane flying a search pattern to locate them. They rushed to get the flare kit only to see that the flares had expired. Disappointment was almost palpable, but flares were still the best chance of getting the attention of those in the plane. When the plane appeared to be directly overhead Zeb shot the first flare which fizzled into the water. Thank goodness the next two shots worked and the plane circled over

them and dropped a huge flare buoy into the water. Euphoria! Shortly after, they heard the approach of a helicopter. Hovering close by, it put out a platform. The Coast Guard crew told them to swim over. Georgia got to go first. The Coast Guard called Ann and indicated that “3 bodies had been located in the water.” She screamed, “3 bodies! They replied, “3 live bodies.” Thus ended the 24 hour ordeal.

When asked if she would go on such a fishing trip again Georgia replied “Yes, but only if I check the emergency equipment before we leave!”



This Little Light of Mine

Awareness of safety in the community prompts a reminder to regularly check that the photo-cell fixture at the rear of your townhouse is working. If it isn't, try changing the bulb and check it after dark. If that doesn't do it, you may need to replace the fixture. These fixtures are intended to provide dusk-to-dawn lighting. They were installed without a switch and are meant to be automatic.

It is also helpful to have your unit number apparent on the back of your unit. This is important for both emergency purposes and to facilitate service workers finding your unit when they need access through your garage.

Literary Lullwater Ladies!

After a holiday pause, the book group met in January to discuss Chicago author Sara Paretsky's *Ghost Country*, a metaphorical novel about the plight of homeless women in the city, and the professionals and others who interact with them.

Although our usual meeting date is the third Thursday of the month, for the next two gatherings we will push the day back to the fourth Thursday. On February 24, hosted by Shirley Hollberg at #16, the members will talk about a book written by a local Druid Hills writer. Melissa Fay Greene takes us back to the Civil Rights era, as experienced in McIntosh County, on Georgia's Atlantic coast, for her non-fictional story and memorable characters for her non-fictional story and memorable characters in *Praying for Sheetrock*.

Laura Ash has selected *The Short and Tragic Life of Robert Peace*, by Jeff Hobbs, for the April 21 meeting of the group, and we will return to our "third Thursday" format in May.

Guests gather at 3:30 p.m. for snacks and chatting, and the book discussion begins at four. All women at Lullwater Estate are welcome to join. Please rsvp to the host.

What's for Breakfast?

Men at Lullwater Estate are invited to join their neighbors for breakfast on alternate Wednesdays. The group convenes at The American Roadhouse, for hearty meals and weighty conversations. This month we announce a change in schedule, however, as they've moved starting time to half an hour later, 8:30 a.m.

The next breakfast meeting will be on February 3, and no reservation is necessary.



Cokie Hollberg, looking longingly into the woods from the sunroom of unit 16. Missing the sheep and dreaming of their return.

The Sheep Report



The great work done by our rental sheep in November has given us the chance to complete some work in the woods before the next growing season, so we will be ready for our own sheep later in spring. Members of the Woodlands Committee have been at work lopping the vines and stems of invasive plants, notably privet, ivy and wisteria, and applying herbicide to the cut ends. Please be assured that we are not doing any general spraying of herbicide!

As we work, we continue to collect decades-worth of trash. The “booty” is mostly bottles and cans, but other curious artifacts have also been found - a pair of sturdy work boots found 30 feet from one another, a car radio with antenna, carry-out containers, and (for shame!) dozens of plastic flower pots! No more of that, folks!

The board has approved expenditure for fencing materials to replace the existing plastic mesh fencing with durable wire fencing and extend the fenced area to the zone behind the rear detention pond. This fencing will be installed by volunteers from the Woodlands Committee (and others in our community who volunteer - all welcome, we are not an exclusive group!)

Also, Chamblee Fence will soon be installing a 48” black chain-link fence along the top of the dog walk area near the exit and behind Units 26-30, and a gate behind Unit 10 will allow access to the woodlands where the perimeter path begins (or ends, as the case may be!).

We will also sow pasture grass seed and wildflowers in areas where we think it will grow, like open spaces and areas of dappled shade. Zach Robinson, our shepherd advisor from Ewe-niversally Green, has said that we should sow in late February/March, and welcome the sheep in April/early May.

Also following Zach’s recommendation, we plan to have four healthy wethers (neutered rams). According to Zach, they have fewer health problems and are good eaters. A contingent of the Woodlands Committee will visit the farm in February or March. We will ask to purchase sheep that are unique in appearance so that we can tell them apart and get to know them individually.

--by Shirley Hollberg



Where Are They?

Can you guess where Carol Sleeth and Don Kenagy were when they snapped this photo? Some of you will recognize this oft-photographed site!

Alien Invasion at Unit 16



The Hollbergs experienced an alien invasion the week after Christmas when Bill noticed a bizarre dirt tower emerging from the center of the carpet in their basement bedroom. Upon close inspection, a tiny antenna could be seen waving at the top of the tunnel. Northwest Exterminating confirmed that the aliens were termites building exploratory tunnels. Thankfully no actual damage was found, the technician treated the areas of encroachment and the Hollbergs said goodbye to the unwelcome guests. Check out <http://www.doityourselftermitecontrol.com/termite-home-inspections.html> to learn more about these pests.

The Association termite bond is with Northwest and they are the ones to call if anyone else notes signs of termites, as the treatment is covered by our plan.



DHCA Annual Meeting

The annual gathering of interested community members of the Druid Hills Civic Association convened yesterday at Fernbank Auditorium. Presentations on the Tour of Homes, National Wildlife Certification, the South Fork Conservancy, Clifton Ridge, and the Olmsted Linear Park Alliance were given. A newly rewritten set of the Bylaws was approved, and 2016 officers and board members were nominated and elected.

The Lullwater Trail/Path had only one mention, when it was announced that a Town Hall Meeting on this issue would soon be scheduled for March. This would include DHCA representation, property owners along the proposed route, PATH advocates, and other concerned community residents, coordinated by Anne Wallace (new DHCA president).

Guidelines for Contributions:

We love having guest contributors, and welcome your tales of travel, stories of staying home, and other small articles! Please send them anytime to Betsy Marvin.

The media committee is seeking a couple more committee members to help with our five issues per year. We need someone to look for news items, and write some of them up, and could use another photographer to snap shots of residents and properties. If you feel you could volunteer, it probably would take very little time, and think of the glory!

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