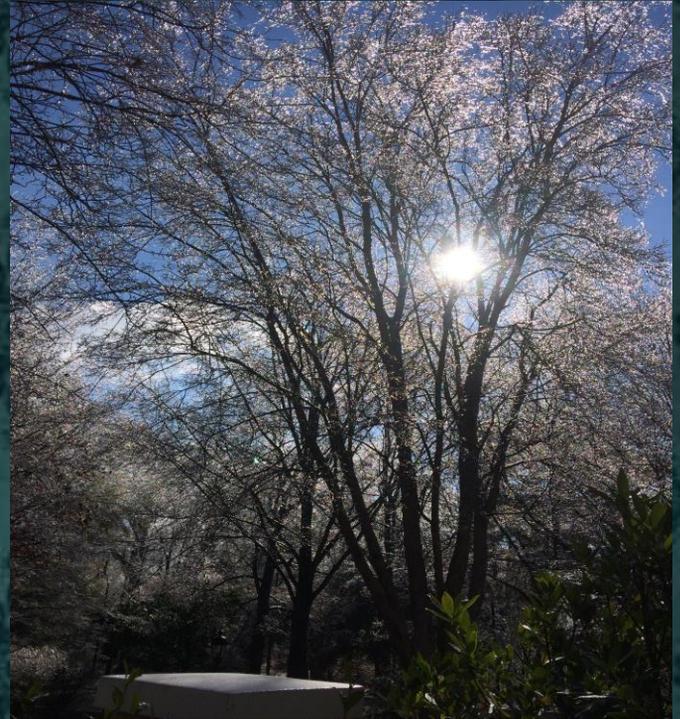


Lullwater Latest

February 2017

The January “Snow that Never Was”



After several days of anticipating a good snow, Saturday, January 7 was a bit disappointing for many of us native Georgians. However, Friday’s rain, followed by sub-freezing temps made for some interesting tree images – both haunting and beautiful – throughout Lullwater; as seen in these photos taken by Laura Ash and Tom Hemby.



President's Column

The 2017 Lullwater Estate Owners Association Board of Directors held its organizational meeting directly following the 2016 Annual Meeting in December. As you were informed at that time, the board elected the following officers: Carolyn Johnson, President; Kenneth Yancey, Vice President and Treasurer; and Kerry Traubert, Secretary. Other board members are Joy Blount, Jim Donald, Hilton Fuller, Michael Plemons, and Kamile Rasheed.

Our committee chairs are Joy Blount, Architecture Control Committee; Michael Plemons and Kamile Rasheed, Infrastructure Committee; Lynn Hart, Landscaping Committee; Jamie Ciomperlik, Community Garden Committee; Shirley Hollberg, Woodlands Committee; Sarah Kruse, Social/Welcome Committee; and Tom Hemby, Media/Communications Committee. Michael Plemons and Kamile Rasheed, sharing representation of the Condo Association, will co-chair the Condo Committee. Jim Donald will address the important matters of the Lullwater Preservation Coalition and tree health, and Hilton Fuller will focus on legal and insurance matters.

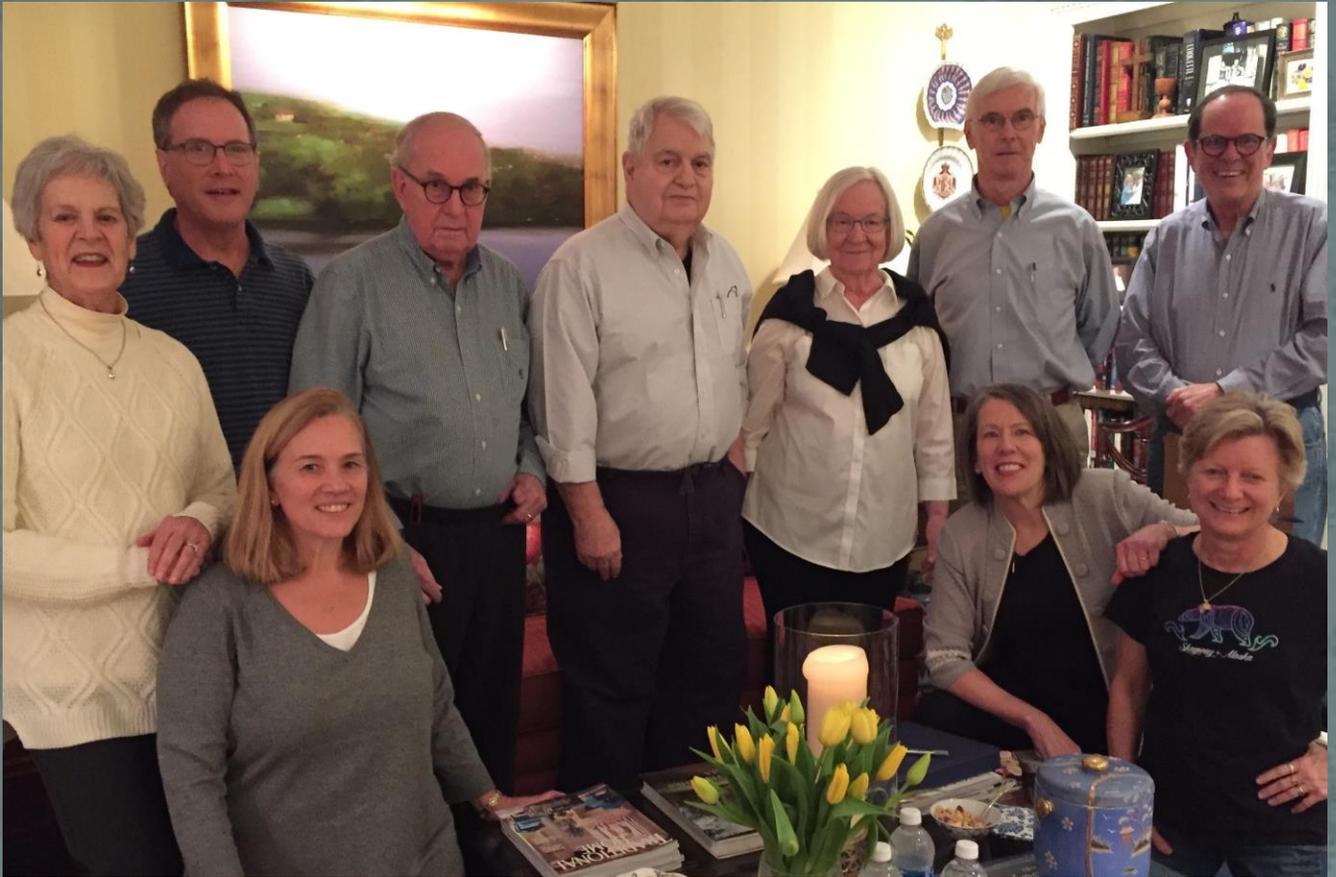
A major goal of the Board of Directors over the years has been to ensure that the beauty and soundness of our buildings and property survive, and we will continue to follow that tradition. From what I have seen so far, infrastructure and landscaping, to include the health of our beautiful trees, will be major areas to be addressed by the board in the coming year. Another equally important goal is to help provide a certain quality of life here, providing opportunities for people of disparate backgrounds to develop relationships and enjoy each other's company. Our spring and fall socials, the book club, and the men's breakfasts every other Wednesday are examples of these opportunities.

As always, we encourage our residents to participate in preserving the well-being of our unique community. A call for volunteers usually occurs each year when new boards are elected, but we always welcome volunteers, whether for a one-day clean-up of the woodlands, help with our socials, or for more regular planning and executing of committee responsibilities. Most of us lead busy lives, but I challenge each of you to find a way to lend your expertise and experiences in a way that fits comfortably into your schedules.

I look forward to the year ahead.

Carolyn Johnson, LEOA President

2017 Lullwater HOA Board and Committee Chairs



(Kneeling L-R:) Sarah Kruse, Kerry Traubert, Joy Blount. (Standing L-R:) Lynn Hart, Tom Hemby, Kenneth Yancey, Hilton Fuller, Carolyn Johnson, Jim Donald, Kamile Rasheed. (Not pictured: Shirley Hollberg, Michael Plemons, Jamie Ciomperlik.)

And, of course, our
Woodlands Brush Control Committee



(L-R:) Shaun (Chair), Baaab Marley, Kevin, and Frank.

Did you know that sheep were once used at the Druid Hills Golf Club? In 1913, Willie Mann became the Club's first golf pro. To control the grass, Mann followed the Scottish custom of using sheep rather than scythes or mowers. Despite being bombarded during the day by errant golf balls and attacked by neighborhood dogs at night, sixty-two sheep ate "...all of the grass and some of the trees." *(From an article on Druid Hills written by Marcia Mayo for **Georgia Backroads** magazine. Thanks to resident Don Kenagy for sharing.)*

Landscape Committee Update

Logging at Lullwater

Activity has already begun on our property, brought on by the care of our splendid landscaping and Woodland forest. Your Board has spent time with our chief arborist, Chris Hall of Arborguard, identifying both regular maintenance pruning and seasonal fertilizing needs and identifying three more serious trees that, for safety reasons, need to be removed.

Two of the trees are in the Woodlands area. A poplar right by the Petus Bridge has limbs out over Ponce de Leon that potentially threaten both pedestrians and motorists. Further back from the Avenue, near the dog walking area is another. Both trees show signs of lightning damage over time. We have determined to cut them down with all debris, limbs through the grinder and wood itself, to be left in the Woodlands. Removal of all this would require heavy equipment and road closure that we concluded is cost prohibitive, roughly \$10,000 per tree. Even the cutting down takes city permits and traffic limited to one lane on Ponce, probably for half a day.

The third tree is the stately Post Oak within the circle in front of the Mansion. Also the victim of lightning strike a few years back, this tree was formally tested with a Resistograph process drilling to the core to assess its stability. Presently there is a cavity on its west side that measures 12 inches wide and 8 inches deep. The analysis suggests that safety concerns give it about 2-3 years before it may or must come down but prudence suggests that doing so now precludes any risk for pedestrians or even Mansion residents who park out front. Taking this tree down will include stump grinding and the rehabilitation of the lawn before considering the planting of a new tree in this area.

When permits are all obtained for this work and it is scheduled we will be back in touch. Just prepare for a rather noisy and congested process in the weeks to come.

The Latest on the Bike Path

It has been nearly a year since the Town Meeting over at Paideia with descriptions of proposed bike path construction along Lullwater Road. More than one of the proposals showed the path coming under Ponce de Leon across our property along the Creek. Your Board unanimously rejected such a development, joining with The Druid Hills Golf Club which said "not one square centimeter" of its property could be used. The Lullwater Preservation Coalition formed as residents joined together to both understand and react to such a proposition.

The LPC joined with other neighborhood constituency groups to monitor and participate in any decisions relating to such a path. A representative Steering Committee from constituent groups met with Ed McBrayer, the head of the PATH foundation, principle developer of bike paths in the metropolitan area and the architect of this Lullwater proposal, and confronted him about it. This encounter resulted in the elimination of four alternate proposals from the PATH website.

The next step was to be a meeting of constituent groups with PATH to determine any alternatives within the broader community. One key step was to ascertain the sentiments on the bike path question from actual Lullwater Road residents. The Lullwater Preservation Coalition has completed a survey of residents to determine their thoughts. Various participants experienced in market analysis said that an 8-12% return rate on any survey was considered strong. The Lullwater survey received responses from 90% of the households surveyed. *(continued on next page)*

The Latest on the Bike Path (continued)

The survey offered two main areas of response: Do nothing at all along Lullwater Road or do some things that could make the Road more biker-friendly. Two items in the second category voted on were to put a stop sign at the intersection of Lullwater and The By-Way, or paint “sharrow” symbols on the rode, the visual reminder that this is also a bike route.

The results of the survey as reported from the Coalition are:

- Ninety percent response from households surveyed, which is uncommon and virtually a census.
- Seventy-five percent (75%) of those responding favored the “do nothing to change Lullwater Road” option.
- Fifty-eight percent (58%) would be agreeable to a stop sign on Lullwater
- Fifty-six percent would be agreeable to a “sharrow” symbol painted on the street alerting drivers to “share the road” with bikers

All of this informs a request from the Coalition to the Druid Hills Community Association that it formally join in opposition to the PATH proposals. Attempts to schedule another meeting with Ed McBrayer have not yet brought results, but the quest continues. Since removing the former proposals from its website PATH has posted a Path labeled “H” that seems to mimic those previously removed. Clarity has been elusive but the quest goes on.

Our Lullwater Estates residents who are actively engaged on the Steering Committee with me are Lynn Hall and Carol Sleeth. We plan to report any further developments. Let us know your thoughts. - *Jim Donald, 737 Lullwater Rd, NE. 470-575-7897*

Woodlands Update

A new mid-field fence has been installed to allow us to 'pasture' the sheep in two distinct zones. Once the growing season starts (soon!) this will allow the sheep to be confined to one zone while the other zone is allowed some recovery. Jamie Ciomperlik had help from Wesley, a GSU student, on a recent sunny day. Thanks also to Bob Kerr, David Kruse, and Paul Murdoch (with supervision from Jack) for construction of a shelter over the manger to keep the hay dry.



Lullwater Estate History - The Heinz Murder

The more “tenured” residents are certainly familiar with the Heinz murder in the Lullwater mansion (or Rainbow Terrace, as it was originally named). But others may have heard only bits and pieces – or nothing at all. So, here are the basic facts:

In 1943, Henry Heinz and his wife Lucy lived in the mansion. He was an Atlanta banker, she the daughter of Asa Griggs Candler. On the night of September 28, 1943, Henry Heinz was shot to death by a burglar in the mansion library. Mrs. Heinz called police and also Dr. Bryant Vann, her son-in-law, who lived on Lullwater Road.

Two police officers arrived and were investigating as Dr. Vann approached the home, gun in hand. Two more officers soon arrived. Outdoor lighting was minimal back then, and it was a moonless night. In the darkness, Dr. Vann and one of the police officers each mistook the other as the burglar. A gunfight ensued and Dr. Vann was wounded.

A passing streetcar had stopped when the gunfire began. The motorman and his passengers piled out to investigate, joined soon by curious neighbors. Only 10 minutes after Mrs. Heinz called police, the estate was in chaos. Amazingly, nobody else was shot.

Almost 16 months later, the police arrested 36-year-old Horace Blalock for the murder. Blalock’s confession reads like a social document of a by-gone era. He was convicted, sentenced to life, and paroled after serving 10 years.

Mrs. Heinz never lived in the house after the murder. One detective implied that she and Dr. Vann had conspired to kill Mr. Heinz, which set the city abuzz with cruel speculation that, because she was rich, Mrs. Heinz had gotten away with murder. Although the detective’s theory was totally without merit, the cruel and unfounded rumors continued to dog Mrs. Heinz until her death in 1962.

The case is included in several books written on the subject of Georgia’s most sensational murders. However, Lullwater resident Shirley Holberg has compiled a great deal of interesting detail from books, newspaper articles, and other sources. You can access that info at [Heinz Murder Mystery](#)



Henry Heinz, right, with Mayor William B. Hartsfield.



Horace Blalock shows investigators where he threw the gun used in the Heinz murder.

Atlanta and Beyond

By Betsy Marvin

The bright colors and busy crowds at markets draw us in, no matter what country or city we've visiting. Most recently, we enjoyed the old West Side Market in Cleveland. Tucked into a traditional brick market building, it overflowed with culinary expressions of the city's ethnic groups, especially Eastern European bakery specialties, and oh, those sausages!

One of our favorite markets lies in and among five former Zeppelin hangars near the river in Riga, Latvia (pictured below). Each hangar houses a category - dairy, meats, baked goods, vegetables, but for us the most exotic is the Seafood Pavilion, where fresh fish from river and sea sit in showcases next to Russian caviar, smoked salmon and mackerel. Atop the counters large vases hold the dried whole fish, a marine equivalent of jerky.



So where do we go to find a comparable experience in Atlanta? Well, there are the spiffy organic markets, like the ones at Morningside and the Carter Center, and there's always the Curbside Market downtown, but we like to drive down past the airport to the Atlanta State Farmers Market at Forest Park. There you can buy beautiful vegetables and fruits at rock-bottom prices, Mexican ingredients and even piñatas. It's a great chance to practice your rudimentary Spanish, and the vendors love to laugh with their customers! Sometimes in chilly weather a woman is making delicious little tamales to give away, and big fat fresh ones to sell.

A big garden center offers seasonal plants and shrubs, and, depending on the day, other structures with small shops are open. A tiny gift shop in the cafeteria building sells Georgia-made items, like honeys, jams, and other products locally crafted.

Markets give us an opportunity to buy from growers and producers, and often to learn about other cultures. How can you beat that? Well, maybe going home and lunching on the lovely fare can be a close second!

For more information, here's their website:

http://http://atlantaproducedealers.org/market_info.php

Calling All Party Planners!

The Social and Welcome Committee is seeking residents with creative ideas to help organize our occasional social events. Traditionally there are two potlucks held on the porch of the mansion: one in April and one in October. In addition, December brings lamppost decorating and a cider stroll to share some holiday cheer. New ideas are welcome and the commitment is very minimal. Please contact Sarah Kruse at sarahbkruse@gmail.com or 608 751 7437 for more information.

Save the Date

March 18 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. - Talk in the Park Series with Jennie Richardson.
Olmsted Park

April 2 - April 9 Olmsted Plein Air Invitational – Olmsted Park

Literary Ladies:

- **February 23**, The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah. Host: Georgia Marshall, Unit 54
- **March 16**, The Soul of an Octopus by Sy Montgomery. Host: Shirley Hollberg, Unit 16
- **April 20**, The Plot Against America by Philip Roth. Host: Laura Ash, Unit 52

Men's Breakfast

Every other Wednesday morning, the men of Lullwater meet at the American Road House on N. Highland to chat about anything/everything and enjoy each other's company. Start time is 8:30ish. Next one is March 1.

Newsletter Contributions

We are so grateful when community members report to us about news in their lives, their homes, their travels, their families, and their concerns. Please send your articles and images to Tom Hemby any time.

We'd appreciate it if you limit the commentary to 300 words, and please remember that in word processing, a single space after the period is preferable.



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