

Lullwater Latest

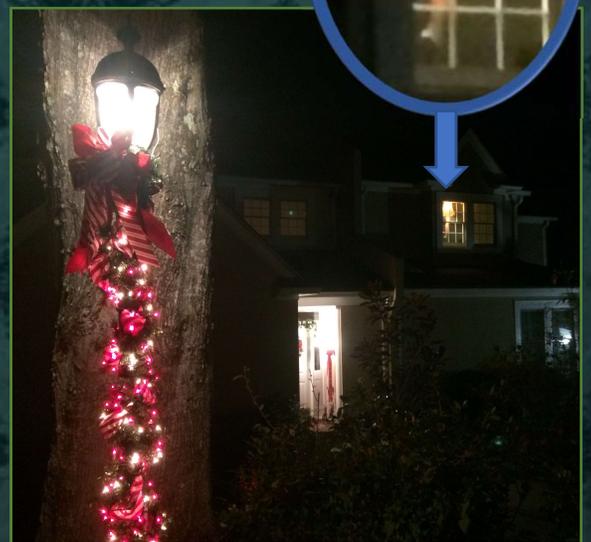
January 2018

Holiday Season Decorating...



...and Celebrating!

On December 13, residents enjoyed glog and cookies then walked around the complex, caroling and admiring the Christmas decorations, including a classic icon from the movie "A Christmas Story".





President's Corner

January, 2018

Carolyn Johnson, LEOA President

I don't know about the rest of you, but I really enjoyed the annual meeting in December. Thanks to Jan Yancey and her excellent planning skills, we had a tasty dinner in a warm and comfortable atmosphere at the Druid Hills Golf Club, followed by a meeting that produced some lively discussions. What made me happiest of all was to see how many people stayed on after the meeting, sharing more dessert and wine or coffee while socializing with neighbors and getting to know each other better.

Simultaneously, the Lullwater Estate Owners Association Board of Directors was holding a short organizational meeting to celebrate the election of its new board, and to select officers for 2018. These officers were reconfirmed at our first board meeting in January and are as follows: Carolyn Johnson, President; Kathryn Donald, Vice President; Todd Radde, Treasurer; and Kerry Traubert, Secretary. Other board members include Joy Blount, Georgia Marshall, and Peter and Caroline Schulz.

Our committee chairs are Joy Blount, Architectural Control Committee; Lynn Hart, Landscaping Committee; Jamie Ciomperlik, Community Garden Committee (along with Irrigation, Computer Support, and Woodlands Super Shepherd); Shirley Hollberg, Woodlands Committee; Georgia Marshall, Social/Welcome Committee; Tom Hemby, Media/Communications Committee; and Peter and Caroline Schulz, who will co-chair the Condo Committee.

If you have read the preceding paragraph carefully, you will see that we have no Infrastructure Committee chair. This position is one of the most important of all chairs, and we are pleading with every one of the residents reading this to consider taking on this responsibility. Board members and HMS will provide support and TLC whenever needed. Additionally, we ask residents to help find contractors if there is a project under study for their porch or garage apron, their retaining wall or crumbling sidewalk. If the resident involved calls a couple contractors, obtains estimates, and submits them to the board, repairs may be made more quickly. Volunteers are needed for all the committees, and if you are interested in sharing your enthusiasm, talent, skills, or muscle for the many tasks needed to ensure our community continues to thrive, please contact the appropriate committee chair to offer your services.

As we look ahead to 2018, we envision the completion of repairs to the front column - yes, really- , researching of cable service options, and the very real possibility of undertaking Phase One of repaving our access roads. In other words, it will be a busy year.

Lullwater Estate Annual Meeting

The annual Lullwater Homeowners Meeting was held December 6 at the Druid Hills Golf Club. At right, LHOA President Carolyn Johnson gives her report.



Left: A display of creations by Lullwater resident artisans.

Speaking of Resident Artisans...

Three of our residents recently attended classes at the John C. Campbell Folk School in Brasstown, N.C.

Robert Marshall did wood turning, Lynn Hart did water color, and Georgia Marshall chose French provincial cooking.

According to Georgia, the school is on 300 acres of land. Students live on campus and are well fed. Each morning, after a fabulous breakfast, students head to their respective classes. After instruction, the students usually work in teams. The school is open year round with numerous course offerings.

Robert reports that his was a weeklong woodturning class on design and creation of plates, platters and bowls. There were nine other woodturners in the class, including two young women who had never used a lathe. Robert was able to unlearn some things he was doing wrong and learn some new things he had never tried before, including texturing and coloring. *(Continued on next page)*

Resident Artisans (continued)

The plate at right is an example of his texturing and coloring work. It is a maple plate with beading, friction-burning, texturing on the rim, and red and blue colors applied.

Georgia reports that in her class, “We made stocks, sauces, crepes, souffles, soups, appetizers, main dishes, salads, bread and desserts, of course! In the picture I am making my first French bread from scratch. It was lots of fun making new friends, learning new recipes and techniques from experts, and eating what you made!”



Yippee-ki-Ho-Ho

Carol Sleeth's three-year-old grandson, Luke, shows how they celebrate Christmas in Texas.



Did You Know? (Historically Speaking)

In early years of Rainbow Terrace (the original name for Lullwater mansion), Lucy Candler Heinz and her servants maintained a small farm at the back of the estate, replete with cows, chickens, and a vegetable gardens. The walls in Rainbow Terrace were washed with buttermilk from the cows in order to achieve the patina that Mrs. Heinz had seen in an Italian palazzo.

Mrs. Heinz got many of her decorating ideas from Italian palaces and from movie sets. The Spanish-style balcony and the mansion staircase were patterned after a film she had seen in Atlantic City.

Origin of the name “Druid Hills” - Druid Hills was given its name in 1902 by Joel Hurt. He chose it from a list of 39 names compiled by John C. Olmsted (stepson of Frederick Law Olmsted). Olmsted suggested the name because the area reminded him of the Druid Hill Park in Baltimore, Maryland. That park was likely named by Colonel Nicholas Rogers upon his return to Baltimore from Scotland, where the Druids had “veneration for nature and, in particular, oaks, tops of hills, and certain groves of trees.”

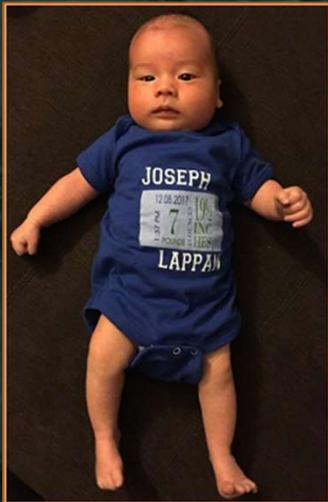
Lullwater Transitions

Long-time resident Joy Johnson passed away on December 20th.

Another long-time resident, Jim Eichelberger, passed away on December 30th. Jim was an icon in the Lullwater community. He was active on the board of the Lullwater Homeowners Association for a number of years, serving as president several times. Many residents looked forward to the annual holiday party hosted



by Jim and wife Jan. The Funeral and Memorial Service will be 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 3, 2018 at St. Thomas More Catholic Church, 636 W. Ponce de Leon Ave., Decatur. A reception will follow at the home of Ann and Frank Critz



On December 8th, Penny and Joe Lappan welcomed Joseph Huang Lappan.

Late last year, long-time residents Lauralee and Pargen Roberson moved from Lullwater Estate. I asked Lauralee to share her thoughts on Lullwater:

“Pargen and I have moved to Clairmont Place, not too far away...This move came about after months, no, years of grappling with what to do in our rapidly advancing years. We do indeed miss the complex, seeing familiar friends, the chance to enjoy the grounds and the village like ambiance of a quick walk about. We miss the relaxed friendships that we had there. By the way, Lullwater Estates lost one Pargen, and gained two in the flurry of events. Our son, Pargen Jr, his wife Angie, Aino and Parge III have moved into our townhouse. And perhaps I should also mention Scottie, Gabby and King Charles spaniel, Molly. They are all a more lively group than we were. Please do not forget about us, because we certainly want to keep y’all in our sites.”

Our Woodlands

After monitoring the woodlands during the almost two years since the sheep arrived, it was found that not enough new plant growth has been occurring to sustain all four sheep. Among other things, the sheep trampled out growth completely in some areas. Although the property at 814 Lullwater Road provided an additional feeding ground last summer, access to it could be terminated at any time.

Last fall, the Woodlands Committee reviewed the overall situation. It was determined that controlling brush is still preferable to the days of having a thick, overgrown woodlands. And using sheep remains the most economical method of brush control. So, it decided that only two sheep would be released from duty. Fortunately, Shirley Holberg found a good home for these two.

In December, Megan and Jason, who run a brush control operation, came to pick up Frank and Baab Marley.



Initially, there was some difficulty in rounding them up. Then Jamie Ciomperlik – sheep whisperer non pareil – took over. In a scene reminiscent of the movie “Babe”, he led the sheep calmly and in single file into the trailer.



Frank and Baab were slightly pitiful when they realized they were trapped in the trailer. Kevin and Shaun were bewildered at the absence of their pals, but soon they went to eating hay and an hour later were in their normal spots, chewing cud.

Megan and Jason considered this a rescue and are delighted to now have grazers that are more ground-focused than their goats. They have since reported back that Frank and Baab are doing quite well.

As always, much thanks to Shirley and Jamie for their dedication to the well-being of our sheep and woodlands. And thanks to Bob Davis for providing the winter supplement of hay for the sheep.

Snow Days

Lullwater always looks good in snow.

The photos below are from the early December "fat flake" snowfall.



Snow Days *(continued)*

These photos are from the January 17th snow. Carol Sleeth captured an amazingly quiet - even for a snow day - Ponce (below), then provided Shaun and Kevin with pellet treats.



Photos by Sarah Kruse, Carol Sleeth, Carolyn Johnson, and Tom Hemby.

(Note: Betsy Marvin's "Atlanta and Beyond" column returns next edition.)

Save the Date

**Sunday, February, 25, 6:30 pm Party for the Park on Ponce
Fernbank Museum of Natural History**

Saturday, March 24, 2018 – 10:00 am – Dellwood

Sunday, March 25, 2018 – 1:00 pm – Springdale

Talk in the Park with Jennie

The Olmsted Linear Park is once again partnering with the Atlanta Preservation Center and the Phoenix Flies event.

Jennie Richardson will be leading tours of the park.

RSVP: atlantaolmstedpark@gmail.com or 404.377.5361

Literary Ladies:

- **February 15:** Host: **Carolyn Johnson, Unit 34. The Hare with the Amber Eyes, Edmund de Waal.**
- **March 15:** Host: **Shirley Hollberg, Unit 16. Bel Canto, Ann Patchett.**
- **April 19:** Host: **Kathryn Donald, Unit 737. The Lowland, Jhumpa Lahiri.**
- **May 17:** Host: **Sharon Day, Unit 26. The Swerve, Stephen Greenblatt.**
- **June 21:** Host: **Carol Sleeth, Unit 739. Lilac Girls, Martha Hall Kelly.**

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 February 7th.

Newsletter Contributions

We would love to hear news from you, the residents, about your lives, homes, travels, families, and concerns. Please send your articles and images to Tom Hemby.



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