

LULLWATER LATEST

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Crepe myrtles at Lullwater Estate



The sheep preparing for their first wellness checkup

July in Atlanta, often over-warm, muggy and polluted, still exudes loveliness through its lush vegetation. Colors explode from gardens, and sometimes trees as well.

One Southern tree we've come to love is the lagerstroemia, and Lullwater Estate has an abundance of these smooth-skinned flowering beauties. The brilliant reds, soft pinks, luscious lavenders and understated ivories of the crape myrtle, coming in mid-summer and set off by our many green plantings, make a suitable second chapter after our spectacular dogwoods and azaleas of late spring.

“Crape” myrtle, or is it “crepe” myrtle? I looked it up to check my spelling, and found a myriad of discussion on this point. The original spelling was indeed “crape,” since about 1685, and the English still favor that usage. Here, especially in the South, “crepe” became popular for the similarity of the delicate florets to crepe paper. Nowadays, most experts agree that either may be used correctly. As a historic preservationist, I favor “crape,” and so does The American Crape Myrtle Society.

Save the Date!

A community barbecue picnic will honor those who saved our parks and neighborhood from a proposed freeway, twenty-five years ago. Come to Dellwood Park (South Ponce and Clifton Road) on Sunday, August 7, 4-7 p.m., to enjoy food and neighborhood fellowship, even if you're a Druid Hills newcomer.

Our Congressman, John Lewis, will be present, acting as Honorary Chair, and there will be a panel discussion, informational booths, memorabilia, and a catered supper - while it lasts! Suggested donation is \$10, and kids are free.

Hope to see you there!

Saturday, September 17, Druid Hills neighborhood-wide yard sales. More information will be posted in August.



President's Column

When our oldest grandson was about four years old he had a passing obsession with rules. When told to do something, he would ask, "Is that a rule?" Maybe he was prompted by a plaque in our family room that lists "Family Rules" such as Smile Often, Give Hugs and Kisses, Laugh at Dad's Jokes.

It's not unusual to bristle against too many rules, but they do contribute to an orderly life and a more peaceful

community. I recently reviewed the Rules of our Association. Here are some that stood out that are worth keeping in mind.

- Get architectural Control Committee approval for all exterior work on your unit, including repainting and re-roofing (please read the article by Sharon Day in this issue).
- Garage all vehicles overnight or, for Mansion residents only, in reserved parking spaces. No overnight resident parking is allowed in the general unreserved spaces. No vehicle (even a guest's vehicle) may occupy an unreserved parking space for more than 24 hours without being moved from the space. Unit 9 currently has the only board-approved exemption, based on disability.
- Don't enter through the exit. Don't speed. A new speed limit sign is on the way: 5 mph!

- Unit owners are responsible for the repair of any damage to the common area caused by the owner, their tenants, guests, contractors, moving vans or delivery trucks serving their units.

Please take note of a more detailed article on this last topic later in the newsletter.

To protect our exit columns, the Board is considering additional bollards. When these are installed, please tell your delivery services that their vehicles are at risk for damage if they make an improper exit from our community.

-- Bill Hollberg



Don Saliers has been hiking in Vermont and New Hampshire this month, after a gig with his daughter Emily in Bay View, Michigan. He'll be playing with various musicians at the Bennington Chamber Music Conference, the second week of August - Poulenc's piano/woodwind sextet, strings and piano by Dvorak, Brahms, and Mozart.

In September he'll journey to Seoul, Korea, for some theology lectures. "Joy abounds! What a privileged summer," says Don.

Renovation Row



After



Before

Michael and Jamie recently renovated their main stairwell leading upstairs. This involved removing the original drywall handrail and installing custom spun mahogany newels, handrails, and decorative wrought iron balusters.

Custom drapes designed by Jane Waddell at *The Curtain Exchange* were also installed. Michael and Jamie spent months picking out the right fabric, finally settling on a beautiful dark blue Donghia textile with a rose pattern.

Walk Druid Hills



Lace up your walking shoes and join us Saturday, August 13th at 9 a.m. for the first in a series of walks designed to explore the parks and pathways of Druid Hills. Meet at the corner of N. Decatur Rd and Westminster Way. (Our thanks to Emory Presbyterian Church for allowing parking for this group that day.) Explore the Emory Grove neighborhood and its parks while getting your morning exercise with friends and neighbors. The walk is for all ages and abilities, but not stroller friendly due to the rugged terrain in spots. This 1 mile walk through Emory Grove will be followed by an optional 2.5 mile loop through the Lullwater Preserve on Emory's campus.

Walk Druid Hills will meet the 2nd Saturday of each month to encourage exploration and active living. Check Druidhills.org for the latest information.

Your LE Architectural Control Committee At Work

The Lullwater Estate is an amazing community! William Butler Yates said, "There are no strangers here; only friends you have not met yet." And, so it goes for our community. There are very few places to live in Atlanta where you are surrounded by parks and nature, feel a close connection to a community where everyone knows and appreciates their neighbors, and are able to watch four "vegetation clearing companions" intensely engaged in their work each and every day. One of the many strengths of our community is found in our committee volunteers (Landscape, Garden, Media, Social/Welcome, Architectural Control, Woodlands, Infrastructure, Secretary and Treasurer) giving of time and talent to promote community cohesiveness, pride, beauty and the protection of one of our greater assets: our homes.

The Architectural Control Committee (ACC) has been busy reviewing and responding to applications submitted by residents, reviewing and revising committee procedures, and making progress in the resolution of a few long, outstanding exterior maintenance concerns. As we are all aware, maintaining our homes contributes to the overall beauty of our community and the individual value of our homes. ACC walk around inspections are scheduled for August 12th with reports being distributed in late September/early October. Prior to the ACC walking around inspection, the committee encourages residents to conduct their own home inspection looking for common repair items. Be on the lookout for rotten exterior trim or siding, faded or peeling

paint, cracked or broken stucco, areas in need of pressure washing to remove mold, mildew or other detritus, gutters in need of cleaning and/or removal of small sprouted tree seedlings, door brass hardware and kick-plate condition, light in need of repair, light bulb replacement, spider webs removal, rotten or severely warped decking or railings, dirty window well coverings, rusty step railings, missing rear unit numbering, lattice painting or replacement.

As a quick reminder, our Association Rules (modified 3/2006) require the submission of a completed ACC Application for Exterior Modification with receipt of approval from the ACC prior to beginning any exterior maintenance, including painting or re-roofing, or modification to the home. The application may be downloaded from the Lullwater Estate website; completed applications are sent to sharon.day@reallivingcc.com or dropped off (in an envelope) on the front porch of Unit 26. The ACC is in the process of revising the application to make it a simpler for homeowners planning to complete routine exterior maintenance and repairs, but, in the interim, the current application (available on the website) is fine to use.

The ACC (Lauralee Robertson, Carol Sleeth, Linda DiSantis and Sharon Day) extends its sincere thanks to our residents in making Lullwater Estate a phenomenal place to live, share and enjoy!

Welcome

Welcome to Kathy & Keith Seeloff and Suzette and Butch Goldi who purchased Unit 11 as their city *pied a terre*. Both couples live north of the city but have frequent needs in town. You may meet the Seeloffs out and about with their two Corgis and the Goldis with their gorgeous St. Bernard.

A warm welcome to Margaret Bear and Beth Parker, new residents in 733 Lullwater Road. Jack Boozer has retired and moved to the South Carolina coast.

Literary Ladies!

The women's book group met in June at Kathryn Donald's home to discuss *Old Filth* by Jane Gardam, and enjoyed an appropriate English afternoon tea. We took a summer break to peruse our "beach books," and will soon be ready to return to the joy of shared reading.

During our regular season, we have monthly meetings at members' homes on the third Thursday (usually), convening at 3:30 for chat and snacks, and beginning the book discussion at 4:00.

The schedule for the next few months, so far as has been determined, follows:

September 22 at Carol Sleeth's, *House of the Spirits*, by Isabel Allende

October at Sharon Day's, *When Breath Becomes Air*, by Paul Kalanithi

November at Carolyn Johnson's, *The Cellist of Sarajevo*, by Steven Galloway

No meeting in December

January at Betsy Marvin's, book TBD

All women at Lullwater Estate are welcome to participate. For more information, please contact Laura Ash.

Men's Breakfast

The bill of fare at bi-weekly breakfasts for Lullwater Estate men comprises mouth-watering morning meals and mind-stretching mental matters. Morsels of gentle gossip paired with eggs, bacon and oatmeal entertain the group of anywhere from three to thirteen guys, every other Wednesday at 8:30 a.m., at The American Roadhouse over on North Highland Avenue. All men in our community are welcome.

The next meeting will be on August 3, and if you'd like more information, please contact Hilton Fuller.

ACC Helpful Hint - Outdoor Rear Garage

by Sharon Day

With summer in full force, rear garage light bulbs “go out” and may remain unnoticed as the sun is still at work, but we have already made our way inside for the evening. Over the next few days, take a few minutes to step outside after dark to check on your rear garage exterior light to make sure it is shining. That simple light, combined with all others, is an integral part of keeping the community well lit and contributes to our security and safety. Don Kenagy shared that he uses GE Fluorescent 20W Cool Temperature, 2700 Warm Light Effect bulbs and rarely has to change them. Thanks, Don, for sharing!

Amatos in Dubai

Cliff and I are enjoying our adventure in exotic, chaotic Dubai. I am on a short-term assignment where I lead Coca-Cola’s 4th Global Customer Innovation and Collaboration Center, which opened in Dubai earlier this year. The purpose of the Center is to bring ‘C’ suite level customers and their teams to the facility to create high Customer engagement so that we can, together, uncover unique opportunities, ideas and concepts that lead to joint business planning with our customers.

My role is twofold. First, I work with the customer teams and lead the sessions to ensure all objectives are accomplished. Second, I am the ‘General Manager’ for the space.

We’ve moved into our apartment. It is in a great hotel on the beach in a great area called “Jumeriah Beach Residences”. Princess joined us 2 weeks ago. She’s adjusting well (thank goodness) as a world traveling kitty.

Dubai is one of the most interesting places on earth. Just 20 years ago the area was a vast part of the Arabian desert with only a small fishing village

on the Persian/Arabian Gulf. Now it is one of the world’s most vibrant hubs for business and tourism. It’s amazing! We are exploring Dubai (Cliff more than me as he doesn’t mind the heat as much!) as well as the other Emirates that make up the United Arab Emirates.

We look forward to hosting friends and family over the next year or so that we are here.

- Millie Amato



Summer Yum

What to do on a long, hot summer day when school's out? Pick blueberries! Of eleven u-pick farms within an hour of Atlanta, Shirley Hollberg and grandsons Spencer and William chose DJ U-Pick Blueberry Farm in Lawrenceville and then came home and baked pies. The farm is just a few minutes off I-85. email djupick@yahoo.com or call 678-442-7853 for berry availability and picking hours.



Lullwater Sheep have First Wellness Check-up

On Sunday afternoon, June 26, the sheep experienced their first wellness visit from Derek Fisher, our adviser from Ewe-niversally Green. Derek walked the Woodlands with shepherds Jamie Ciomperlik, Lynn Hart, Shirley Hollberg, Don Kenagy and Bob Kerr to observe and advise on feeding, shelter and general care of the sheep.

Derek observed that the sheep appear to be in good health and are adequately fed. He advised on how to supplement when the time comes, explaining that the sheep will eat what they like first, and will eventually go to their less favorite forage.

Our shepherd team asked Derek to remove ear tags from Shaun and Frank, which he accomplished easily with the assistance of his border collie, Nell. The group then expressed concern about Baaab's deformed horn and stood in horrified witness as Derek removed it in one swift yank! Derek explained that Baaab's breed is not meant to be horned, and that the

horn was the result of a recessive gene. When that happens, the horns are often deformed and don't grow properly. Baaab's was growing very close to his eye and removal was imperative to prevent a serious problem. Baaab has always been a shy one and after a week of extra skittishness he seems to be calming and back to normal.



Suggestion Regarding the Entrance/Exit



Spring and early summer have brought many delivery and contractor trucks to The Lullwater Estate. Following are a few reminders for all of us to keep the entrance and exit landscaping lovely and save us the expense of constant repairs to the columns. The entrance columns at our historic property were built when cars and trucks were much smaller! There has been repeated damage to the columns, especially at the exit. It is imperative that you alert service workers and delivery personnel about our narrow streets. FedEx and UPS do fine, but trucks over ~ 23 feet in length may have difficulty negotiating the exit.

PLEASE accompany large delivery trucks as they leave the premises. There are two tried-and-true approaches for oversize trucks: the first is for the truck to exit via the entrance where the curve is not so tight. This requires a scout/traffic director on foot to hold up cars

attempting to enter the property and to stop west-bound traffic on Ponce to allow the truck to exit. The second approach, at the exit, is for the truck to pull behind unit 10, align with the exit, and back out onto Ponce. This also requires a scout/traffic director on foot to help guide the truck between the exit columns and hold up traffic on Ponce while the truck exits.



Jeanne and Shirley await Movie Night on the veranda



Jan Eichelberger represents Lullwater Estate in the Peachtree Road Race, 2016

Wanted: Newsletter Staff



As announced earlier this year, Betsy Marvin will be stepping down from her position as Newsletter Editor, effective January 1, 2017. Jamie Ciomperlik will also be resigning as co-editor for the technical side, at the same time. Both Betsy and Jamie will act in an advisory capacity during the transition, and will occasionally contribute articles in the future. Jamie will continue post the newsletter to the Lullwater Estate website, but another individual will need to produce the electronic (PDF) document.

If you are interested in trying your hand at putting out the newsletter, please speak to Betsy or Jamie, or to a board member. We hope that this communication tool will continue, but feel it's time to allow others the chance to try their hands at these positions.

Guidelines for 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 to Betsy anytime, and your images to Jamie.

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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