

LULLWATER LATEST

MARCH 2014



Snowmegeddon, 2014

What a range of weather we've had in the past few weeks! From a frozen white city, closed down by snow and ice, to balmy hues of spring.

We've hardly thrown out the holiday greenery when daffodils and forsythia make golden pools of color, ...just as Frederick Law Olmsted planned! How grateful we are to live in a neighborhood so lovely in late March and April. Around here, a few landscape alterations, and increased pleasure strolling shows us that our atypical winter is drawing to a close, and we look forward to a season of outdoor activities, travel, the second year of our community garden, a Spring Social, and, okay, a few sneezes. We'll wish the best to our allergic residents, and hope everyone else takes time to enjoy the delights of the vernal equinox.

Save the Date!

Lullwater Estate Spring Social!

Sun. May 4, 2014

Look for fliers on your mailbox and a message in your email announcing this semi-annual get-together! Bring something to share, your beverage of choice, and maybe even a chair or two, and enjoy your neighbors and a great meal!

Publix Marathon

Sun. March 23, 7 am - 2 pm

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.

Druid Hills Tour of Homes & Gardens

May 2 - 4, 2014

The Druid Hills Tour of Homes and Gardens will feature seven gorgeous homes and gardens – four on Springdale, two on Oakdale, and one on Briarcliff.



President's Column

March 2014

The LEOA Board is working hard on a variety of issues. We are addressing the usual repairs around the property. And the Landscaping Committee is evaluating needs and will be making some improvements as we move through the year. We are taking a look at our insurance policy to see if we can get the same level of coverage at a better price, and we are evaluating the Comcast contract that has been in place since the property was built. We will be reporting to you on all these activities as things progress.

We will be doing some asphalt repair work at the back side of the property. We also plan to repaint the markings on the pavement that have gotten worn, and we will be adding some additional markings at the entrance gate. There

have been some instances of vehicles exiting through the entrance gates, which creates a dangerous situation for anyone entering off of Ponce. We are going to try to make the markings on the pavement more visible and hopefully prevent this activity from occurring. Everyone can help by making sure anyone who comes to your unit (taxi drivers, delivery vans, etc.) understands that they must leave the property by the exit gate.

Two snow/ice storms tested our patience and our ability to get around. Fortunately, in each case, we didn't lose power and the sun came out pretty quickly after the snow events. What is the best way to handle these storms within our property? Everyone is encouraged to think about tending to the area around your own unit. Keeping some deicing pellets or clay kitty litter handy will go a long way to making it easier for you to get around. What about plowing? The cost, likely unavailability of such service, and potential damage to the asphalt within Lullwater Estate make this type of service impractical. Therefore, the board hopes all of us will do what we can to help each other when these types of events occur. The recent mild weather and spring flowers make all that a distant memory (for now).

We have gotten notice that the property at 817 Lullwater Road, adjacent to the woodlands behind LE, is going to be developed. Because we are in a historic preservation district, the plans must be evaluated by the Urban Design Commission of the City of Atlanta. The board approved comments on the applications, and the comments were submitted to the UDC on March 6. If you would like a copy of the comments, please let me know.

Now that Daylight Saving Time is here and the daffodils are in bloom, we can all begin to feel the change of season. One of the best things about our property is the profusion of flowering trees and shrubs. When Bob and I first looked at our unit to purchase it, the azaleas were in bloom and the impression we got was one of "Wow, this place looks like a resort." So I certainly welcome the warmer weather and all that makes Atlanta a perfect place to be in the spring. I look forward to seeing you out and about as the days get longer.

-- Linda DiSantis

Snowmegeddon 2014



Another snowfall once again brought Atlanta to its knees, and at Lullwater Estate we waited for the sun to melt the snow we tried to shovel and sweep from our sidewalks and driveways. Margaret Newsome reported that Jim and Susan Arnold shoveled the drive over on Lullwater for everyone. Now that's being downright neighborly!

Getting to Know You, Getting to Know (maybe not quite) All About You!

by Jan and Jim Eichelberger, Unit # 21



This is the first installment of our new column, mentioned in the most recent newsletter. As we will be conducting short interviews with Lullwater Estate residents over the next several months,

we thought it prudent and polite to interview ourselves first, so future interviewees would know what to expect, and whether they'd like to participate. There is no obligation to take part; it's up to you!

The origins of "Getting to Know You" stems from a feeling that, though we have lived here for a little over fourteen years, we do not really know much about many of the people here, and we suspect we are not alone, even though it's a relatively small community.

It may be the "garage syndrome." We come and go through them, seldom seen by other residents. We have socials and an annual meeting that gets most of the people together. But even at those, it's mostly small talk, too often with people we know already. Nothing wrong with that, but consequently we never learn the background of acquaintances living nearby - how they met, what they do or don't do, where they lived before Lullwater Estate, why they chose Lullwater Estate, what improvements to Lullwater Estate they would suggest, and what they like or dislike about living here. It is hoped that "Getting to Know You" will fill some voids, providing information to make residing here even more enjoyable.

Following, our interview is probably a little longer than the others will be, but we thought it best to let it all hang out!

Jan is from Blackshear in southeast Georgia, and Jim hails from the Buffalo, NY area. The chances of their ever meeting had to

be several million to one, but they did meet, on May 19, 1956, on Jacksonville Beach. At the time, Jan was a medical secretary at Prudential Insurance Company, and Jim was a Navy Jet Fighter Pilot with VF 101 at Cecil Field, Florida. They married on October 12, 1957. Jim remained in the service until August, 1958, when and because of the nudging of Jan (shall we say she was not too thrilled with his flying!), he resigned and returned to civilian life. They spent the next five years finishing Jim's undergraduate work and law school at Notre Dame, and during this time two of their five children were born.

Upon graduation from Notre Dame in 1963, they moved to Atlanta, where Jim has practiced law for 50+ years, and Jan obtained her Art History degree from Georgia State.

In 1966, they moved to 880 Oakdale Road, where they would live for the next 33 years, and three more children would arrive. In 1999, they bought their townhouse in Lullwater Estate, primarily because they wanted to stay within a mile from their "old" house on Oakdale. Many of their close friends lived within this distance, and several were already here at Lullwater Estate.

Their favorite aspects of living at Lullwater Estate are the wonderful camaraderie, and the fact that it's not a rigid community where everyone has to dot the "i's" and cross the "t's" to get something done; we rely heavily on the good will and reasonableness of each resident to keep the community what it is and what it has always been, a wonderful, attractive and relaxed place to live.

One improvement they'd like to see is to enhance the landscaping with an overall master plan, allowing some reasonable flexibility for the residents' planting around their individual units, provided the plantings are within the parameters of the master plan and the owners are willing to pay for them.



Let's Eat Out!

A new Lullwater Estate dining group has been proposed, and if there is sufficient interest, we'll organize a little!

It's fun to see the neighbors over a good meal! What if we formed a group to try different restaurants? Each household on the list would agree to facilitate (choose a venue, take rsvps and make the reservation) once a year, and in that way all participants would share the responsibility as well as the fun. Contact Betsy Marvin if you like the idea!

Literary Ladies

All Lullwater Estate women are welcome at the Book Club, which meets once a month at members' houses. Our next meeting, Thursday, March 20, will be at Carol Sleeth's house, 735 Lullwater Road, and we'll be talking about the dark, partially fictionalized account of the creation of the Columbian Exposition, the 1893 Chicago World's Fair. From the murky cold streets and fields of this industrial city emerges a shining quasi-city designed by the greatest architects of the late 19th century, and made to last only a brief time. Behind the show of power and glory, a murderer carries out his fiendish activities, and the two stories wind together to make a fascinating story. It's *The Devil in the White City*, by Erik Larson. We'll be meeting at 3:30 to chat and snack, and begin talking about the book (with digressions) at about 4:00. On April 17, at Laura Ash's house, Unit 52, we will discuss *The Woman Upstairs*, by Claire Messud. Betsy Marvin, #25, will host the May 15 meeting, and has chosen Goldsmith's *The Inextinguishable Symphony*, a story of love and music in Nazi Germany. For further information, contact Laura Ash at lashout47@gmail.com.

What's for Breakfast?

The George Hart Breakfast Club continues to meet on alternate Wednesday mornings, and we assume they will not stop until all the world's problems are settled. Meanwhile, they enjoy seeing one another over a hearty morning meal, and gently disagreeing enough to make it interesting. The American Roadhouse, over on North Highland is the spot, and 8 A.M. is the time. All men at Lullwater Estate are welcome, and the next meeting is next Wednesday, the 19th. For further details, check with Hilton Fuller at hmfuller665@aol.com.



Carol Sleeth and Don Kenagy got snowed in for two nights, when they went to the Lake Rabun Hotel for their anniversary. They were the sole guests, and got treated like royalty!



Druid Hills Historic Preservation
Committee Meeting on 817 Lullwater, 2014

817 Lullwater - Certificate of Appropriateness

Many Lullwater Estate residents have gazed back at the uncharacteristic property behind us, 817 Lullwater. It's an odd-shaped parcel, a triangle running between two creeks. A rickety bridge, labeled "unsafe for foot traffic," links the property with Lullwater Road. The old and uninhabited pair of white frame buildings in disrepair somehow match the neglected green space, a tangle of brush surrounding the ill-kept lawn.

Repeated attempts over the past years to sell it have been unsuccessful, but recently a developer has created a proposal to build there a "Druid Hills type" of house to sell.

The first construction in that vicinity, however, will be the bridge replacement, and even though the Historic Preservation committee for the neighborhood as well as the Urban Design Commission for the city have been involved, the bridge, designed for functionality, strong enough for a firetruck, will be neither charming nor pretty.

As for the demolition, variances because of the creeks, and design of the residential structure, preliminary considerations were commenced at the UDC meeting March 12, and the matter will be taken up again on March 26.

It is most likely that many, many changes will be made before this project comes to fruition. The usual time line for large construction like this includes several "back to the drawing board" stages, so it is improbable that any construction besides the bridge will happen soon.

Steven Cappel, chair of the neighborhood Historic Preservation committee, said, "If one googles 'UDC Atlanta,' one will find the meeting agendas posted on their website. Those agendas are generally updated as facts and schedules change. ...An application could remain listed on the agenda the morning of the meeting, but on arrival at the meeting the application could be deferred!"



The Lullwater Bridge on Ponce

Questions have been asked about the condition and possible repair to the Lullwater Bridge, the bridge on Ponce de Leon over Lullwater Creek. As it is adjacent to our property, it is naturally of interest here.

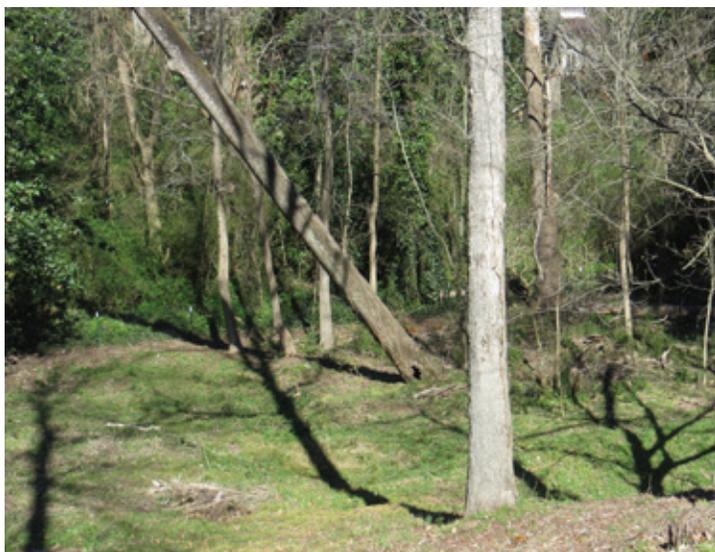
Our president recently received a letter from Jeremy Busby at the Office of Program Delivery at the Georgia Department of Transportation. Mr Busby reported that the Department has been considering a project to replace or rehabilitate this bridge.

He stated, "At this point, we believe a rehabilitation project will be proposed that will make repairs to the existing structure. Structural tests were done on the bridge last year, and the results appear to indicate a rehabilitation project is appropriate."



He added that the information is preliminary and that they have made no plans as yet. We will look forward to hearing what they decide. A rehab sounds faster than a rebuilding, and possibly would create less inconvenience for our community.

Woodlands Report



The Woodlands Committee will sponsor two work days on Saturday, March 22 and again March 29. You needn't be a committee member to participate! Come at 9 a.m. with sturdy shoes and work gloves. We will quit work by noon. Much of the activity will be dragging already-cut limbs and branches to a central pile. No one will be asked to do anything beyond their scope of competence! The second day may be canceled if the first one is successful.

Goals for this season are to maintain the gain of the past two years by selective use of herbicide and cutting, keep after emerging invasives, and continue to define and maintain the perimeter path. We do not believe there will be enough growth to justify using sheep this year. We will reach out to the new owner of the property on our north boundary for solutions to the rough area between us.



Community Garden

The community garden expansion is coming along nicely. We anticipate an April 1st opening date, so just two more weeks before the gardeners can get gardening.

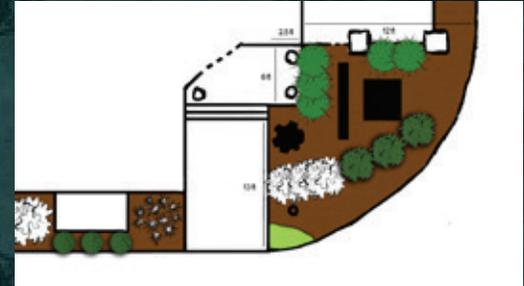
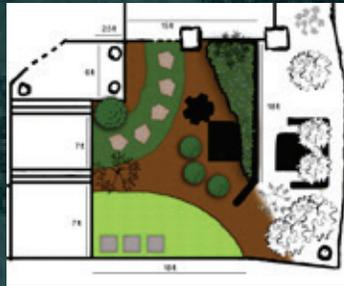
The same design was carried forward with the addition of almost double the number of beds. Work is also being done in the picnic area. If you have any interest in volunteering in the community garden, please contact Jamie at monomorphic@yahoo.com.

Lullwater Landscaping

The Landscaping Committee has been hard at work on a number of projects for spring. This includes the long awaited landscaping in front of unit 30, and plantings in front of unit 36. The main goal of both projects is to help conceal the ugly electrical transformers! Look for work to commence on these projects very soon.

Unfortunately, the palm trees at the Ponce entrance and exit just aren't working out, so the plan is to start with a fresh slate. Irrigation repairs are also planned, as well as cutting back a limb that blocks vital sunlight from one of the beds.

The landscaping for the 700 block of homes on Lullwater Road has seen better days, particularly the central island. Two designs were created for this area, one by an outside vendor and one by the landscaping committee. We are now in the process of receiving and reviewing bids.



THE LULLWATER ESTATE
A HISTORIC GRAND HILLS COMMUNITY

LULLWATER ROAD CENTRAL ISLAND
March 2014

1 Zeon Zoysia Turf

2 Rosemary Tuscan Blue

3 Encore Azaleas

4 Vinca Minor (Dwarf Paterosko)

5 Hydrangeas

6 Doublemint Gardenia

7 Border Forsythia

8 Wintergreen Boxwood

9 Butterfly Bush

10 Henry's Garnet Sweetpire

If you have any questions you can contact James A. Comperik by sending email to monomorphic@yahoo.com or by calling 404-545-3341

Announcements

Shirley Hollberg, who is a notary public, has offered this service at no cost to the residents of Lullwater Estate. If you need papers notarized, give Shirley a call or send her an email, to set up a time. She reminds people not to sign anything before you see her; a notary needs to witness the signatures while written!

Acknowledgements

The editors would like to thank Carol Sleeth, Laura Ash, Linda DiSantis, Shirley Hollberg, Margaret Newsome, and Jim and Jan Eichelberger for contributing to this newsletter. We welcome items from all residents, anytime. The next issue is planned for early May.



Laura and Dennis Ash making peace on their recent trip to Pasadena.

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 newsletter needs photos! We welcome photographic contributions of our residents and around the community grounds. Please send any you might have taken to Jamie, and please include a caption or explanation of your picture!

We place “classifieds” only for residents, who also may, on a one-time basis, recommend a service or business they have used.

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