

# Lullwater Latest

May 2017

## Spring Social



Neighbors attending the April 30<sup>th</sup> Spring Social on the mansion porch surprised President Carolyn Johnson with a card and flowers, not only to wish her Happy Birthday, but also to thank her for some intensive leadership and management during the recent water crisis. The potluck drew a good number of residents, who contributed some delicious fare and enjoyed perfect weather



*\*Inset photo at top of page: Knockout rose from an LE residence garden.*



## President's Column

What an incredible spring it has been. Long months of warm weather, beautiful blooms, and finally the return of our lovely green neighborhood. I've always loved this time of year, and in Atlanta it seems to last forever. In addition to welcoming a new season, we also welcome new owners to Lullwater Estate. Hayes Todd and Kelley Jerris have moved into an already renovated Number 23 and Peter and Caroline Schulz will be renovating and moving into Number 33 in the mansion. We hope our newcomers will soon realize what a wonderful community they are joining.

Spring also has been a time for some important maintenance and repair projects. Three large trees, each hit by lightning in the past, have been removed to make sure they came down in an orderly fashion rather than during a storm or high winds. At the same time, our remaining trees are being pruned and fed to keep them healthy. Moving the sheep towards the back of the property also has encouraged grass and undergrowth to sprout in the front. Water problems have been a reminder this spring of the aging infrastructure within Lullwater Estate. One broken pipe resulted in the basement flooding of one resident in the back, and a growing swamp land in the far northeast corner has so far been impossible to diagnose and fix. Porch foundations and cracking driveway aprons are other examples of the aging and settling occurring at this time in our development. As another president has recently remarked, this is not as easy as I thought it would be.

I would like to send out a personal thank you to the whole community for reacting with patience and concern during our water turn-off and to the eleven homeowners on the entrance side who made it easy to access their homes, allowing the leak detection company and Ayers Plumbing to do their tests.

I would also like to thank all of you who have immediately gotten to work carrying out maintenance suggestions from the Architecture Control Committee. The board is working hard to ensure that common areas will reflect improvements as well.

Wishing a wonderful summer to everyone,  
Carolyn Johnson  
LEOA President

# Our Woodlands

## Frank Back With The Herd

In March, Woodlands Brush Control Committee member Frank displayed a noticeable limp. He also kept his distance from the rest of the herd, a common behavior of an ailing sheep. Shirley Holberg and Jamie Ciomperlik closely monitored Frank's situation. Fortunately, the services of a veterinarian were not necessary, as after several days Frank was back with the herd and exhibiting a normal gait.



*Frank, away from the herd during his recovery period.*

## Shearing Day

Our sheep are of the type that normally shed their wool naturally. However, Frank's did not shed this year. (This is unrelated to his temporary leg ailment). So on Friday, May 5, sheep expert Jennif Chandler was on-site to shear Frank and to give all four sheep a general health examination. The shearing yielded quite a pile of wool. Alas, it was practically useless. Frank is a hybrid of a hair sheep breed, so his wool is full of hair that does not spin well into yarn.

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*Jenif Chandler (far left) observes as her assistant shears. Frank had gotten a bit rambunctious, so Shirley and Jamie keep him calm and in place.*

## Our Woodlands *(continued)*

Jennif reported that the sheep appear to be in good health overall. Their hooves seem to be in good condition and the conjunctiva of their eyes indicated that they are not anemic.

She also shared that the sheep are still quite wild, but can eventually be tamed. Tame sheep should be like a big dog - comfortable and not skittish, even when people are walking around them. They should allow themselves to be touched.

### SHEEP DOS AND DON'TS

- When giving a treat, first insist that the sheep let you touch it. Use the treat as a reward.
- Don't pat them on the head like a dog. They don't like it. (Heads are for butting.) They enjoy scratches around their cheeks, neck, chest and back.
- Never grab a sheep by its wool - that can be painful.



*Thanks to Michael Riggall for his help in “corralling” the sheep. And special thanks to Shirley Holberg and Jamie Ciomperlik for their constant work and dedication to ensuring the health and well-being of this great LE asset.*

## The Covered Column



Damage to the column on the exit side, which we have tried in many ways to protect over the years, was caused last year by a moving van exiting the property. Due to the age of the column, finding the appropriate vendor to handle repairs took some time. We have now contracted with Remediation Group Inc. to negotiate with the moving company's insurance adjuster and carry out the repairs. RGI has done a great deal of historical preservation, including the Ponce City Market, and is experienced at working out details with insurance companies. They are doing that now, but knowing how that process can take time, they suggested the column be covered. The reason being that the column's roof has been compromised and if water infiltrates the column, then it could potentially cause rot and damage to the plaster/stucco. Remediation Group is now deeply involved in negotiations with the adjuster. All

necessary paperwork has been submitted and it is hoped that we will receive more details shortly on when work can begin.

## The Weekend Water Cut-Off Culprit

For those who like to know the "core catalyst" of an incident or accident (remember the shorted wire in *Apollo 13*?), here was the basic problem that led to the water being cut off for 36 hours:

A grated drain is located in front of Unit 54. A water pipe connection was snug against the drain's brick and mortar. Whenever there are variations in water pressure, it causes the water pipe to move a bit. When the pipe moved, the connection rubbed against the brick and mortar. Over time, the rubbing took its toll on the pipe connection, resulting in the leak.



Sidewalk entrance to Unit 54.

Pipe connection where leak occurred.

Drain brick/mortar.

## Lions Guard Rainbow Terrace



For the past five years, two stately lions have kept residence on the porch of the mansion at the Lullwater Estate. The lions relocated here from their former residence on Oakdale Road where they had graced Hilton and Peggy Fuller's porch since the early '80's. The Fullers had added a den to the rear of the house and their designer, Gordon Stringer, insisted that they not allow the front to look neglected. He took them on a trip to House Parts, a company that is still in business today (though the lion molds have been destroyed). Gordon saw the lions and announced them "perfect." Hilton fell in love with them and though Peggy was less enthusiastic, she gave them to Hilton for Christmas, complete with red hats and white beards. Thereafter they continued to decorate the lions seasonally, the children waited for carpool on them, and they provided seating for many heart-to-heart talks.

The lions are cast concrete replicas of the twelve white marble lions in the Patio de los Leones (Courtyard of the Lions) in the late 14<sup>th</sup> century Moorish Alhambra Palace citadel in Granada, Andalusia, Spain.

Some mild controversy surrounded the lions' arrival at Rainbow Terrace. There was an opinion that the Moorish style was not compatible with the Mansion's architecture; however the Rainbow Terrace tile roof is similar to that of the Alhambra Palace as well as the overall Mediterranean impression. So following a survey of art history and reconsidering the Fuller's generous offer, the board approved their transport and in late 2011 the lions arrived. *(continued on next page)*



## Lions Guard Rainbow Terrace *(continued)*

While many residents now consider them “our” lions, they actually are on indefinite loan from the Fullers, for us to enjoy with the understanding that they may yet roam again.



*The lions always add spirit to the holidays.*



*Thanks to Shirley Holberg and Peggy Fuller for providing this story.*

### ***Calling All Party Planners!***

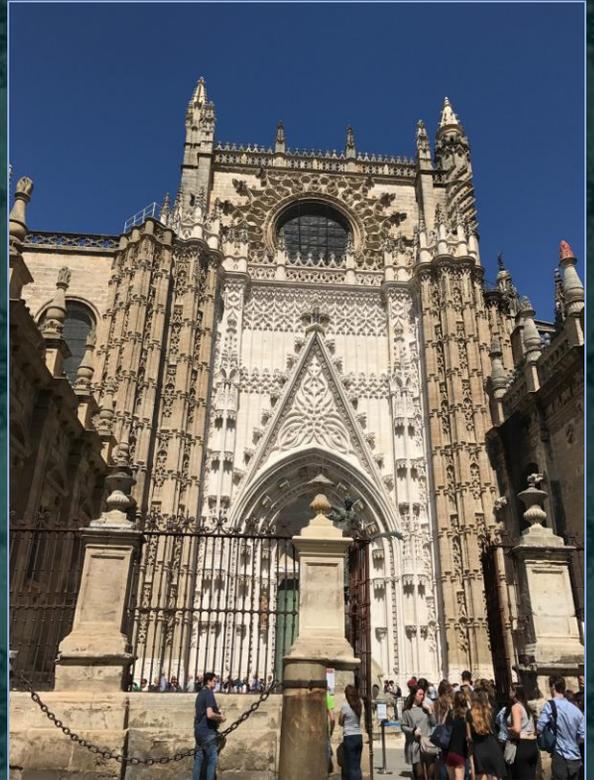
The Social and Welcome Committee is seeking residents with creative ideas to help organize our occasional social events. Traditionally there are two potlucks held on the porch of the mansion: one in April and one in October. In addition, December brings lamppost decorating and a cider stroll to share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

# Atlanta and Beyond

By Betsy Marvin

One of the great glories of any city is its religious buildings; churches, synagogues, mosques and temples have historically commanded great investment of resources, talents and design, and are thus interesting for visitors. As major landmarks, they teach us something about the communities' priorities as well as their cultures.

We recently took two teenaged granddaughters to Seville, Spain, for their spring break. We all loved the food, the people, the music and the arts. The city's spectacular architecture, with its profound Moorish tradition, offers hours of entertainment, as visitors wander through narrow lanes, usually getting lost a few times! The city's iconic landmarks, the Giralda Tower and the Seville Cathedral, top the list of required viewing. The girls climbed the Tower, which serves as a bell tower for the adjacent cathedral, the largest Gothic cathedral in the world.

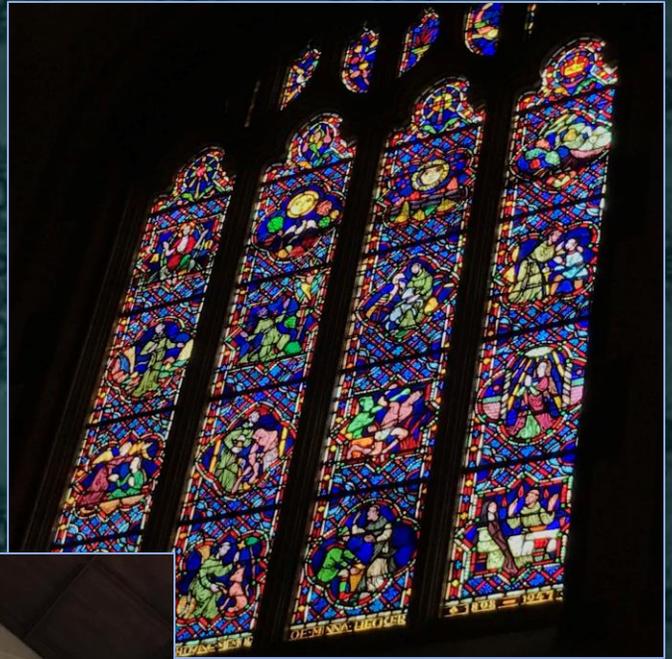


The building began as a 12-century mosque, consecrated as a cathedral some fifty years later, and the Gothic (main) parts were constructed in the 15th century. Its beauty is comparable to its size, with huge chapels, soaring arches and glorious windows. We spent about an hour strolling around, gazing upward, catching parts of guides' lectures, and taking pictures. It would have been longer, but the place was closing for the day!

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## Atlanta and Beyond *(continued)*

Atlanta's big churches may not compare in age with those of Europe, but a great many fine examples lie along Peachtree Street, as well as in other areas, and are certainly considered landmark structures. We recently had the opportunity to visit St. Luke's Episcopal Church in the northern part of downtown. Founded in 1864, and in its current location since 1906, the building we saw was the fourth version.



Thomas Marye, the architect, was also known for his Fox Theater and the Terminus Station. The style was derived from late English Gothic, and the materials were brick with limestone trim. Inside the generous use of wood creates a warm feeling, and the beautiful windows, from Munich, London and Philadelphia give richness and color. It's very much worth a visit, and groups may make reservations for a tour plus refreshments. Check out their website for more information. [www.stlukesatlanta.org](http://www.stlukesatlanta.org)

**Thank You** to Bob Kerr, Paul Murdoch, and crew for their work on the tree that fell across the woodlands fence.



### *Save the Date*

**May 13 1:00 – 3:00 pm**

Ecologist Eli Dickerson will lead a group through the Olmsted Linear Park, talking about Atlanta's champion trees and the diverse species in the park.

**June 17 5:00 - 8:00 pm**

OLPA's 20th Anniversary Garden Party. Food, local musicians, games for kids, and much more.

### **Literary Ladies:**

- **May 25**, Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte. Host: Carol Sleeth, 739 Lullwater Rd. (This is the last meeting before the summer break.)

### **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 May 17th.

## Newsletter Contributions

As Carolyn Johnson noted earlier, this *is* a wonderful community. And we want to hear about you and the news in your life – whether it's about your home, family, travels, or concerns. Please send articles, photos, etc. to Tom Hemby any time.



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