

Lullwater Latest

May 2018

“...there is no more picturesque spot anywhere than Druid Hills during the height of dogwood season in April.” -Franklin M. Garrett, Atlanta and Environs

Lullwater Estate is certainly a part of that!

Right: Georgia Marshall’s front garden on a recent spring day.

Middle and bottom: Last fall’s bulb planting and the results earlier this spring.





President's Corner

May, 2018

Carolyn Johnson, LEOA President

The recent temperature climb into the 90's signals the beginning of the hot sultry weather that we in Atlanta get accustomed to each summer. I know many of you like hot summers, but I, personally, always wonder where I can go to escape the heat. I am currently in San Diego where the temps have been 65-70 each day, somewhat lower than usual, and I walk each morning to photograph the beautiful blooming succulents that are so stunning this time of year. It will be very difficult to return to the 90's.

Speaking of weather, the spring social, which was cancelled twice because of predicted rain, was finally held on May 6th, as a pop-up pot luck dinner. More people than expected showed up for a lovely night of delicious food and wine. Thanks to Georgia and Robert Marshall for their hard work pulling it off.

Lullwater Estate has been busy with contractors making the repairs suggested by the Architectural Control Committee. I remind all that before making these repairs, it is important to submit your plans to the ACC so that you are assured that paint color, and other outside appearances are acceptable and retain the overall look of our complex. Joy Blount and her committee are happy to assist.

The Board and HMS have been busy reviewing our insurance master policy, which renews on June 1st. Remember that the deductibles will all increase to \$5000 on that date. I hope all of you have changed your personal insurance policies to cover this change.

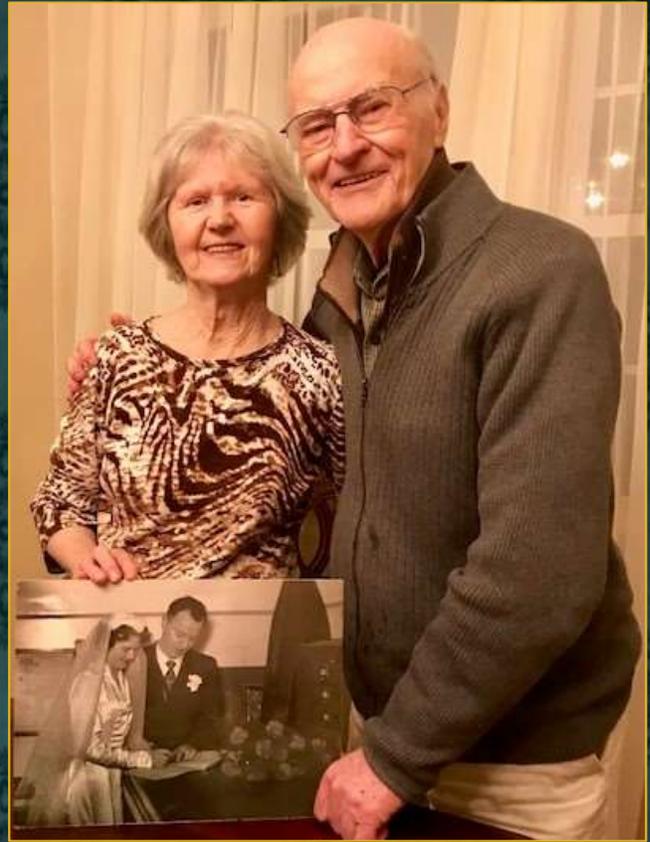
We have also been busy with Comcast woes, and continued irrigation problems, but are hopeful that the worst is over. I never thought before becoming President that terms such as "coaxial cable" and "mascontrol" would become part of my daily vocabulary.

One final word of warning. The NY Times has reported an increase in carbon monoxide deaths in residences having garages underneath the houses, and especially when keyless cars are involved. If your motor is not completely turned off when you leave the garage, and the fob is located in a room above the garage, the car can continue running, with carbon monoxide spreading throughout the home. Please be careful. It has been suggested that you post a sign on your garage door saying "Carbon monoxide kills; are you sure your motor is off?"

Lullwater Transitions

Patrick F (Pat) Byrne passed away on February 27 at age 84. Although he moved to Lullwater less than three years ago, he became well known to many of us thanks to his friendliness and amazing wit.

Raised in Ireland, he and Marie moved to the U.S. in 1960. While working as an elevator operator in New York, he learned engineering and parlayed it into a successful career. Living next door to him here in Lullwater, I can tell you he was not only a good neighbor, but very funny. A story shared at his wake is but one example: Pat and his daughter, a nurse, ran marathons together. When Pat was 79, they were running and he began to look sick. His daughter asked him to stop, but he refused. After another mile, he looked worse and she insisted he stop. He still refused. After another mile, she finally said “Now I’m insisting – not as your daughter but as your nurse!” He replied, “If I’d known you were my nurse, I would’ve fired you two miles ago.”



Later this year, his ashes will be returned to Ireland. 

Goodbye to our sheep

Shaun and Kevin, the last of our four sheep, left us in March. As mentioned in a previous LL edition, woodlands regrowth could not sustain all four, so Baab Marley and Frank were given to a local brush control operation. It was hoped that the last two could remain with us at least a few more years. However, Kevin became terminally ill and had to be put to sleep. To keep Shaun alone was not in his best interest, so he was given to the same brush control group. We have since received word that Shaun is doing well with his old sheepmates.

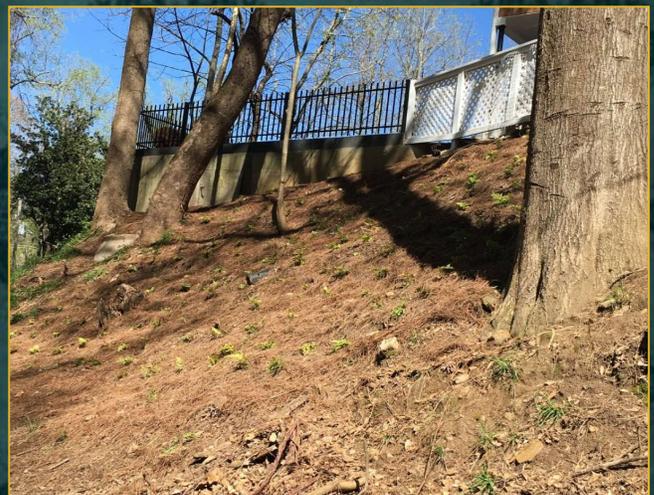
Our Woodlands

Restoration for our Woodlands began recently, thanks to members of the Woodlands Committee. This became necessary for a number of reasons, including the fact that some areas are rather unsightly, some native plant growth has been stymied by invasive plants, and our sheep's propensity to hang out on the sloped areas resulted in most of the plant life there being completely trampled out.

The first restoration project was completed March 22 on the slope below Unit 40. It is one of the steepest in the woodlands, the closest to any home, and the most vulnerable to erosion. With a generous gift from Bill Lawson and an allocation from the Woodlands budget, over 200 Autumn Fern were planted on. Woodlands Committee members Lynn Hart and Shirley Hollberg sourced the ferns from a nursery in Loganville and drove out to pick them up. A week later Victor Aldana and his crew cleared the bank of limb debris, broken concrete and litter, then planted the ferns and mulched the site with pine straw. You can get a good look at the area from the driveway behind Unit 40.



(Above left) Before planting. Note limb debris and trash.



(Above right) After clean-up and planting. Tidy and eye-pleasing.

(Right) Every one of the 232 ferns was a healthy specimen.



Neighborhood Safety & Security

On April 26, this woman had a rather active morning in Lullwater. (The image is from a LE resident's security camera video posted on *Next Door Druid Hills*.) Possibly a bit mentally impaired, she beat on the door at Unit 50, told Jamie Ciomperlik something about needing help from a judge, told another resident she was looking for a man named Muhammed, returned to beat on Jamie's door a while, tested the locks on a parked car, told a Comcast worker she had stolen some things, and was eventually caught rummaging through a car owned by a contractor who made her return his items. The woman approached another resident checking her mail and was last seen conversing with the mailman. The police were called, but it's not known whether or not they ever arrived.

Lullwater Estate has been relatively fortunate in regard to home and auto break-ins, due in no small part to residents' awareness and communication – key components of a safe community.

For those not familiar with *Next Door Druid Hills*, it is a private online social network where members can post items of interest to the community (both bad and good).

A comprehensive list of community crime prevention tips can easily be found elsewhere. But it's worth emphasizing the following:



- Getting to know your neighbors is vital for a safe and secure community.
- Skilled thieves are adept at noticing others' inattentiveness. Always remain aware of your surroundings.
- Always, always lock car doors when parked outside.
- Use porch and other outdoor lights. Criminals love dark places.
- While most repairmen and contractors are honest, it's still best that you:
 - Stay around the house while the work is done, if at all possible.
 - Lock doors to private rooms.
 - Put away bank statements and bills.
 - Don't leave keys lying around.

Speaking of getting to know your neighbors...

On a pleasant March afternoon, relatively new residents Caroline and Pete Schulz in Unit 33 hosted an open house after recently completing extensive renovations in their home. A number of Lullwater neighbors turned out and we certainly appreciate the Schulz' hospitality in providing such a pleasant get-together.

The Schulz moved from Bordentown, New Jersey to Peachtree City in 2006. Their subsequent move into Atlanta was prompted by Caroline's return to the workforce after being a stay at home mom for their two sons, Daniel and Matthew. She interned at Piedmont Hospital lab and is now a Microbiologist Med Tech at Children's Hospital, working specifically with bone marrow collections. She rides her scooter in when Pete is working.

Pete is retired from the U.S. Air Force. He served 25 years as a pilot. He now captains Delta's 767/757.



Matthew, 22, graduated May 11 from UGA with bachelor's degree in biology and is applying to dental school.

Daniel, 25, is a USAF 1LT Combat Rescue Officer currently stationed at Moody Air Force Base in Georgia. This summer, he will begin a three year assignment at Aviano Air Base in Italy.

Atlanta and Beyond

by Betsy Marvin

For architecture buffs, few cities offer the history of American building better than Chicago. We recently spent a weekend there, and lodging in the Loop, were able to enjoy some of the most famous and architecturally significant structures not only of the city, but of the US. A walk in any direction from our hotel, on the south side of the Chicago River, includes an array from the 19th century to the present. A boat tour of the river, with both north and south branches, offers more, plus an informed narrative from a guide.

Some of the newer buildings show creativity, ingenuity and excitement on the part of their designers, and some are simply beautiful, with glass curtain walls and soaring spires. Our guide pointed out contextual references, when aspects echo those of nearby structures, and we love learning about them.

But the buildings that I love most are the older ones, designed and built when the city was making architectural history, from William LeBaron Jenney's steel-framed Home Insurance Company (now demolished), known as the first real skyscraper, through many Beaux Arts buildings, like the famous white Wrigley Building, all the way up to Mies van der Rohe's IBM Plaza and the "Chicago School" architects of the mid-20th century, and fantastic contemporary structures.



The Wrigley Building



Carbide and Carbon Building

The Carbide and Carbon Building
One interesting style of the 1920s and '30s is Art Deco, and many times it was ingeniously combined with a kind of neo-Gothic, for public buildings. We wandered around encountering numerous examples of the Art Deco ornamentation, as for instance on the Carbide and Carbon Building on Michigan Avenue, where

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the dark cladding sets off the bronze geometric decorations on doors, windows, the top frieze and lanterns. Once you start looking for this, it pops out at you!



Carbon & Carbide Building lanterns

Across the street at 333 N. Michigan, a building by Holabird and Root reflects more astonishing Art Deco ornamentation. John Wellborn Root, Jr., one of the architects at 333, was the son of one of the founders of the Chicago School who collaborated with Daniel Burnham in many buildings, especially for the 1893 Columbian Exposition, the first Chicago World's Fair.

On a local note, the elder Root hailed from Lumpkin, Georgia!

And where, you then ask, can we see this sort of style in our own neck of the woods? That's easy! Go downtown any day, or wait until you need a building permit or an appointment with your elected representative; it's City Hall! This fourteen-story 1930 building, imitating the set-back towers of earlier Art Deco skyscrapers in New York, incorporates both neo-Gothic and Art Deco ornamentation, inside and out. Lloyd Preacher, its architect, also designed residences right here in the Druid Hills area.



Atlanta City Hall

City Agrees To Clear Trash Build-Up

Homeless individuals who reside under/near the Ponce bridge have amassed quite a load of garbage and junk. One of the piles is shown at right. Shirley Holberg contacted the City and they have agreed to send out a clean up crew.





The Lullwater Literary Ladies enjoy a Latvian repast before their January discussion. They meet the third Thursday of each month. For more information, contact Kathryn Donald at kwdonald@aol.com

Support Lullwater

Lullwater remains a wonderful place to live. But you'll notice in Carolyn's President Corner message the variety of work required to keep it that way. This work affects our safety, comfort, finances, home values, and more.

The more residents there are contributing to LE work, the easier it is on all of us. So please consider helping on the LE Board or a Committee. Whatever your particular strengths or talents, they can certainly be utilized! For more info, contact any Board or Committee member – they are listed on the LE website. *Thanks!*

Save The Date

- **May 19, 9:00 – 11:00 Deepdene Park Work Day. Volunteers needed.**

Literary Ladies:

- **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 May 16th.

Getting to know neighbors not only helps make a community more secure, it helps make it more *pleasant and interesting*. So don't be shy about sharing news and items about your lives, homes, travels, families, and concerns.

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