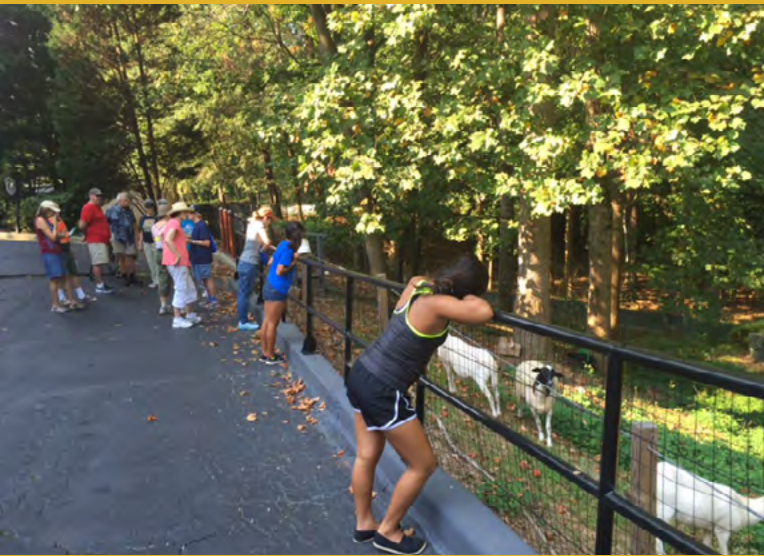


# LULLWATER LATEST

OCTOBER 2016



Walk Druid Hills visit the sheep.

*As we shrug off the oppressive heat of summer, more slowly these years, it seems, we look forward to changing trees and to winter flowers, as well as the stepped-up pace of autumn and the coming holiday events and atmosphere.*

**T**he Olmsted Linear Park Alliance, our neighbors across the street, have a full slate of events for autumn, with more to come.

This will be our (Jamie's and mine) penultimate issue of the Latest, and we anticipate turning over the responsibilities, a mix of joy and labor, to a new committee, yet to be named. For the holiday version, in recent years a hard copy distributed at the Annual Meeting in early December, we've decided to save ourselves money and time, and will be emailing it, thus enabling everyone to see it. We know some of you have enjoyed our "rotogravure," and that content won't change, just our method of delivery. But, please still come to the meeting; after all, there's still the delectable chocolate bread pudding, not to speak of elections and presentations!

## ***Save the Date!***

October 9 Fall Social, all invited!  
6:00 p.m. Be sure to rsvp to  
[janeichel@bellsouth.net](mailto:janeichel@bellsouth.net)

Lullwater Estate Owners  
Association Annual "Owner's  
Meeting." Thursday, December 8th

OLPA has announced several  
events:

October 8, 10:00 Jennie  
Richardson "Talk in the Park"  
October 15, 9:00 - Noon

Trees Plantlanta volunteer  
opportunity October 23, 8:00 a.m.

Bird Walk in Deepdene

For more information  
on OLPAactivities, [www.  
atlantaolmstedpark.org/news-and-  
events](http://www.atlantaolmstedpark.org/news-and-events)



## **President's Column**

### **BOLLARDS AT THE EXIT.**

In the last issue I said: "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." Here's why:

Maintaining our lovely grounds is a priority for the board, and consumes a major portion of the Association's budget. Lately it has also consumed an inordinate amount of board members' time and effort as a guest's vehicle and several oversized trucks have wreaked havoc on railings, exit columns and lamp posts. The board has recently approved new pavement striping at the exit to guide trucks through curve, as well as the installation of large bollards that we hope will send an even stronger message about keeping a distance from our fragile columns.

Since prevention is always preferable, I'll emphasize once again that it is homeowners' responsibility to inform delivery trucks of the limitations of our streets and to assist drivers in safely exiting by way of the entrance if that is warranted. Please be reminded of our Association Rules which state,

### **"Section 16. Damage to Common Areas**

It shall be the *responsibility* of Owners to repair, cause to be repaired, or pay for the repair of damage to the Common Area caused by family members, tenants, guests, guest automobiles, *moving vans, delivery trucks, or other such vehicles* serving the Unit." (emphasis added)

Thus, if damage occurs from a vehicle that has come onto the property to visit or serve your unit (which includes UPS, FedEx and any other van or delivery services), it will be your responsibility to report, document and investigate the matter, file the damage claim, obtain estimates for repair and work with HMS and the board to complete restoration, or in the alternative, to pay for the repair and seek restoration of your costs however you are able.

**ANNUAL MEETING.** The date is December 8, at the Druid Hills Golf Club. More info later.

### **BOARD POSITIONS**

**OPEN.** Three board positions will be open for December election when the 2 year terms of Sharon Day, Jamie Ciomperlik and Bill Hollberg expire at the end of this year. In addition, Jim Donald was appointed by the board to fill the unexpired first year term of Margaret Newsome's two year term, so that spot on the board becomes open for someone to fill for the second year. Kerry Traubert and Kenneth Yancey will remain on the board (along with the Mansion representative, currently Michael Plemons). If you have an interest in serving your community in this way, please let a current board member know. The nominating

committee will begin its work soon.

**LULLWATER TRAIL UPDATE.** The Lullwater Preservation Coalition continues to be in touch with representatives of the PATH Foundation to seek mutually acceptable plans for facilitating pedestrian and bicycle access between the Freedom Park Trail and Emory Village. Updates will appear on the Coalition's website, [www.lullwater.org](http://www.lullwater.org). Jim Donald is the designated board representative to the LPC.

### **RETIRING AFTER YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE.**

Betsy Marvin and Jamie Ciomperlik are retiring from their superb work as newsletter editors. Please speak up if this is an interest to you. They will be happy to pass the reins along with some of their advice and insight. THANK YOU, BETSY AND JAMIE!

**GOOGLE FIBER DAMAGE UPDATE.** Many thanks to Linda DiSantis for stepping up as liaison with Google Fiber to restore the damage to our landscaping, sidewalk and curb following their work earlier this year. After noticing that we had been abandoned, Linda took the initiative to contact Google to return to finish their work. The granite curb still needs to be re-set, but Linda has been assured that this work is on the subcontractor's schedule, and at least there is now a contact person to work with. THANK YOU, LINDA!

- Bill Hollberg



## *Welcome Back!*

**W**elcome back to Skipper Hudson, who with his wife Wendy is settling in at #10. Good to see you both!

### *Literary Ladies!*

**M**onthly meetings of the book group have produced a long list of good books. You can find this list on the Lullwater Estate website, and feel free to ask a book group member about them.

We'll have two meetings before the holidays, on the third Thursday of each month. On October 20, we gather at Sharon Day's, #26, to discuss the late Paul Kalanithi's *When Breath Becomes Air*, the story of a young physician's fight with terminal cancer. November 17 is Nouveau Beaujolais Day, and that will be offered for those attending the meeting at Carolyn Johnson's, #34, talking about Stephen Galloway's *The Cellist of Sarajevo*.

As always, we show up around 3:30 for snacks and chat, and begin the book discussion at 4:00. No meeting is planned for December, and Betsy Marvin will host the January meeting.

The informal rules for the book selection are: (1) no books over 500 pages, (2) announcement of book titles two months in advance, and (3) rsvp to the hostess. Any woman living at Lullwater Estate is welcome to join, or just attend. We'd love to see you there!

### *Food for Thought*

**G**uys! Want to get to know your neighbors, have a great meal, enjoy lively conversation? Men of Lullwater Estate meet for breakfast at the American Roadhouse over on North Highland at 8:30 a.m. on alternate Wednesdays. Diverse opinions and sage advice fill the air for about an hour. It's a popular gathering, and newcomers are very welcome!

Breakfasters will next convene on October 12. For more information, contact Hilton Fuller, [hmf Fuller665@aol.com](mailto:hmf Fuller665@aol.com).

## Woodlands Update

If you've taken a walk in (or near) the woods lately, you've seen what happens when four sheep graze for four months during a drought. Zero poison ivy, almost zero English ivy, stripped privet, and very little green stuff left. So what happens now?

Very soon, we'll begin supplementing the sheep with hay for the winter. During that time they'll be mostly confined to the wooded area near the grotto to let grass seed sprout and grow in the sunnier, open areas. Thanks to Robert Marshall for the use of his truck, the Hollbergs for taking the drive to Monroe to get the hay, and to Jamie Ciomperlik for spreading nearly 100 pounds of grass seed!

When things begin to green up in the spring, the sheep will be rotated between three or possibly four grazing zones in order to allow each zone to recover. This approach, called "rotational grazing," is the method sheep farmers use to prevent over-grazing and destruction of the land.

Watch for an invitation to another woodlands work day later this fall. The



sheep have exposed even more litter, the Woodlands team needs your ideas and feedback, and the sheep love company! Of course, you're welcome to walk the woods at any time (the lock combination is our 4-digit Ponce de Leon street number). And if you have some apple slices or a couple corn tortillas with you, the sheep will accompany you!

Many thanks, again, to the woodlands/shepherd team: Jamie Ciomperlik, Margaret Fuller, Lynn Hart, Shirley Hollberg, Don Kenagy, Bob Kerr, Todd Radde, John Raevuori, Kamile Rasheed, Cathy Moody, and Paul Murdoch!

## Bretton Woods



During a recent visit to New Hampshire, Chuck and Betsy Marvin visited the Mount Washington Hotel in the White Mountain. Chuck, as a retired international trade law professor, really enjoyed seeing this site. The 1944 Bretton Woods Conference was held there by the 44 United (Allied) Nations to regulate the post-WW2 international economic order. The International Monetary Fund and World Bank (I.B.R.D.) are direct products of the Conference.



## *Landscaping Committee Update*

The landscaping committee met on October 4th to discuss the fall/winter landscaping plan. At this meeting we prioritized a dozen projects that were identified during our walk-around in the spring. These are the top three projects identified for fall/winter:



- We would like to install large drifts of bulbs like Galanthus and Daffodils. Cultivars will be a combination of early, mid, and late-season species.
- It was recommended that we plant Bottlebrush Buckeye or Oakleaf Hydrangea in front of the privacy wall to the left of our main entrance. When plants sprout leaves, they would create a visually interesting shadow pattern.
- Last year's excessive rain and this year's severe drought have taken its toll on some of our shrubs - especially a few of the Camellias. An effort will be made to replace all bushes and shrubs that did not survive and had to be removed during the course of the year.

## *Garden Seeded for the Winter*





## *Gabe and Sadie's Trips*

**A**s many of you know, Bob and I have a tradition of taking our grandchildren on a trip of their choice when they turn 11. This tradition has taken them and us to Washington, D.C., Paris, London, Normandy, Oxford, and Stratford-on-Avon. With one grandchild left for this adventure, we decided to take Gabe, our 9-year old, on his trip this summer although he hadn't met the 11-year-old threshold.



Gabe is a lover of trains, particularly old steam trains. Bob planned a logistically challenging route through Colorado, a trip during which we rode 5 trains in 7 days while traveling in a great circle around the state. We flew to Denver, drove to Cripple Creek and rode that Cripple Creek & Victor steam train. This train, like the others we rode, is a former mining train and this trip was up to the mine fields (most abandoned and one active gold mine). We then drove to Chama, New Mexico, and rode the Cumbres & Toltec RR. We took a bus to Antonito, Colorado and boarded the train for a 5 1/2 hour ride back to Chama. The next one, which was Gabe's favorite, was the Durango Silverton. This all-day ride included a trip to Silverton, where we had time for lunch and then a ride back to Durango. Next came the Leadville train, the only diesel. Thinking that we might want a change of pace by this time, I bought tickets to ride in the caboose. Well, it turned out that the train went up the

mountain backwards! With no place to turn around at the top of the mountain, it was an interesting ride and we got to be in the front. The final train was the Georgetown Loop, a 2-hour trip that goes over an amazingly high trestle. Other adventures included the Pioneer Museum in Gunnison, the Colorado Railroad Museum in Golden, and the Forney Museum of Transportation in Denver, which is the home to a Big Boy Steam engine, a favorite of Gabe's.



After all these grandchildren trips, we decided that our dear, sweet Sadie needed a trip. At 13 1/2, she has been a true companion for a long time. Because she has never seen the ocean, we took her to the Outer Banks of North Carolina. We took the ferry from the mainland to Ocracoke, another ferry to Hatteras, where we rented a house for a week right on Pamlico Sound. We went to the beach, went fishing, saw a surfing competition, explored the OBX, ate at dog-friendly restaurants, and watched the glorious sunrises and sunsets. We lucked out in our choice of locations on the southern end of the OBX. On the northern end, and in southern Virginia, there was significant flooding most of the week from the remnants of Tropical Storm Julia, which didn't leave until Thursday. Sadie enjoyed her trip!

- Linda DiSantis

## ***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.

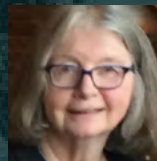
If you are interested in trying your hand at putting out the newsletter, please speak to Betsy or Jamie, or to a board member. We hope that this communication tool will continue, but feel it's time to allow others the chance to try their hands at these positions.

### ***Guidelines for Contributions:***

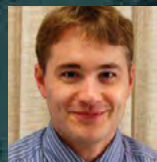
**W**e are so grateful when community members report to us about news in their lives, their homes, their travels, their families and their concerns. Please send your articles to Betsy anytime, and your images to Jamie.

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.

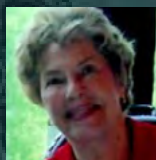
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