Art in Freedom Park
by Riccarda Heising

Have you noticed something new in Freedom Park? Art in Freedom Park is a temporary public art exhibit within the boundaries of Freedom Park. The show opened May 1 and will run through September. During this time, 30 different pieces will be installed in the park, some for as short as a weekend and others for the duration of the event. These pieces will be installed throughout the park but will be concentrated on the east-west spine that runs from Boulevard Avenue eastward to Mary Lin Elementary School.

Art in Freedom Park will also feature a series of performance pieces occurring on Sundays between 2:00 and 5:00, weather permitting. Performances of music, dance, and other media will be staged at the plaza just east of Montaup Avenue. With its dynamic and changing array of artworks, performances and events, we hope to encourage neighbors, area residents and visitors to explore the park frequently, as each visit should bring a new experience.

Art in Freedom Park is not a one-time event; the 2005 show will be followed in 2006 by the first of a series of shows entitled Discover Freedom Park. More information about Art in Freedom Park and Discover Freedom Park can be found at our website www.artinfreedompark.org. This website provides information, directions to the park, maps showing locations and dates of art installations, and schedules of performances.

Art in Freedom Park is made possible through the generous support of individuals, the Freedom Park Conservancy, the City of Atlanta Bureau of Cultural Affairs, the Fulton County Arts Council, the Metropolitan Public Arts Coalition, and an anonymous foundation. We still need additional support, however, to continue the program.

If you would like to support this public art event, please send donations, made out to Art in Freedom Park, to P.O. Box 5452, Atlanta, GA 31107. All donations are tax deductible, as Art in Freedom Park is sponsored by the Freedom Park Conservancy, a 501(c)3 corporation.

The Art in Freedom Park task force is also looking for volunteers willing to help with public relations, fundraising, and tours, or providing logistical support. Individuals can volunteer by contacting the task force at artinfreedompark@yahoo.com or at 404-523-1064.

Pre-Tour

About two weeks before the 2005 tour, anyone other than the terminally unserveart had to be aware of the upcoming event. Signs sprinkled all over the neighborhood like the proverbial mushrooms after a rain.

The weekend itself
No one could have hoped for better weather—cool nights and warm sunny days. As one Friday tour-goer said, “Well, God probably lives in Druid Hills.” In addition, The Atlanta Journal-Constitution featured the Tulip House in its garden section, so people who hadn’t seen the signs learned of the tour.

The voice mail
The voice mail was kept very busy and even got clogged occasionally. The mother of the voice mail kept some interesting notes. The longest distance anyone called from was from San Francisco. The most common question was, “Where can I buy tickets?” The most interesting questioner wanted to know which house hosted Bobby Jones’ wedding. And the question that required a lot of research was whether the DCHA still had “bro” posters for sale. The answer is yes.

How the tour is “Old Home Day” for longtime residents
A house chair had two docents from the Lake Claire/Candler Park area and another who’d grown up there and moved away. Native Atlantans like them have a strong bond with Druid Hills, having grown up on its border. They recalled eating at the first McDonald’s when hamburgers were 25 cents and fries were 15 cents. As the house chair says, “Those of us who share these memories are few—but the strength we gain from our roots is binding.”

At the Zedd house
The architect was there for most of the time and was seen as a cross between a celebrity and a source of information for many tour-goers. People were so stunned that a new house could look old and a large house look small that they were full of questions. The docents had a hard time when the architect was absent. Several people came back more than once, bringing friends, to marvel at the feet. D.D. and CT

At the Cranney house
Even infirm people, in wheelchairs and walkers, were so determined to see the house that they walked up the side steps. If it was raining, they got soaking wet. If it was cold, they shivered, but they walked up the steps. It was amazing to see them get around. There were a few people who just wanted to read about the house, an unusual situation. L.S

Teenagers react to the McCaunough house
How do you get middle school boys to go on the tour? You promise to let them out of school early. The destination was the McCaunough home and the secret message was that nature and neighborhoods could live in balance. Their 14-year-old skepticism turned to genuine interest as they learned about the secret wine cellar and searched for the hidden television. They walked in the woods to see someone’s private place. They were so engrossed in the house they walked out on the front lawn.

Junior achievement section
Several sets of kids set up lemonade stands. One successful one was just outside the D’Flancer house, but the real go-getters were across the street from the McCaunough house. Police little girls, they asked the owners if setting up a lemonade and cookie stand would be all right with them. Professor McCaunough introduced them to the notion of free enterprise and they took off from there, making more than $100 both Saturday and Sunday! Their assistant, aka Dad, was sent to the supermarket numerous times to replenish the frozen lemonade supply.

And even more junior achievement
A few weeks later, several Druid Hills gardeners were on the Atlanta Botanical Gardens tour. Emboldened by the lemonade kids, the daughter at one garden tried to charge extra fee to tour-goers for the privilege of climbing into her tree house! Her mother nipped that little enterprise in the bud. JM

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**Recommended Repair-peole**

Do you know the perfect plumber? An extraordinary electrician? A colossal contractor? Are you willing to share this information with other residents? The Druid Hills News is looking for your help in finding qualified repair people. By providing a list of reliable names and numbers, you can help improve the services available in our community. If you know of a repair person who is reasonably priced and does quality work, please send their name, phone number, and a brief description of their services to: Jackie McRae, 404-523-8467 or jacqueline.mcray@comcast.net.

**HELP WANTED**

The Druid Hills Civic Association is looking for volunteers to work on the new Community and Lifestyle Committee. We need people to do the following:

- Plan neighborhood events
- Assist with fundraising for neighborhood parks and common areas
- Create an increased sense of community in Druid Hills

If you would like to help and, at the same time, meet your neighbors and have fun, please contact Judi Stur 404-378-9726 or judithstur@hotmail.com.

The Druid Hills Civic Association is looking for volunteers to work on the Membership Committee. We need people to:

- Welcome new DH residents
- Assist with administrative tasks
- Create new opportunities for residents to join DHCA

If you would like to volunteer for the Membership Committee, please contact Dee Daly at 404-386-2951 or dedaly3@comcast.net.

Is the Historic Druid Hills sign that tops your street sign damaged, in the wrong place, even missing? Please call the DHCA hotline and report the problem so it can be remedied.

**Distributor Needed**

Looking for a distributor! If you have not received your newsletter and/or flyers, please call 404-523-DHCA. You can also drop them off at the 24-hour drop off site, located near Emory Recycles.

**Recycle at Emory**

Emory Recycling encourages the community to use its 24-hour drop off site, located near the end of Peachtree Circle and Springdale Road. Lower Fiddler parking lot, Magazines, newspapers, white paper, tin cans, aluminum cans, plastics, and glass are accepted.

For more information, call 404-277-2874 or visit www.emory.edu/dm/DM/Flyer/recycling.html.
Druid Hills Civic Association Board of Directors Meeting March 16, 2005

by Walter Saunders

Visitors: Randy Parks, Ansley Park resident; D.-L. Jouy, resident; Alex Pavich, CEO of Golden Key; Shea Roberts, Attorney; Donna Armstrong and Heather Prichard, ReMax at Cityside.

Reports from Officers:

Secretary’s Report: January minutes were approved with one change regarding the Ponce intersection at Briarcliff/Ft. O’den. The City of Atlanta was taking public comments on the intersection plan, not the DOT.

Communications Vice President’s Report:

Druid Hills News Editor Nenhauzer and Van Hall provided costs to bulk mail the Druid Hills News and recommended using carrier routes (5,000 pieces).

Web Site Update: Pam Terry’s committee will form a plan for revamping the website.

Administrative Vice President’s Report: Tricia reports membership renewals going well.

Administrative Support — The Executive Committee approved a plan and budget to hire a part-time (8 hours per week) person to perform many duties previously undertaken by the Executive Director.

Treasurer’s Report: Rolf presented the proposed budget for 2005, which was approved.

First Vice President’s Report:

1189 Ponce de Leon (Golden Key Property) — Donna Armstrong, ReMax at Cityside owner, has made an offer to purchase the property for use as a real estate office and made her case for a needed special use permit, believing unlikely this property could be converted to residential housing. Alex Pavich, CEO of Golden Key, supported ReMax at Cityside. The matter was tabled until the next meeting.

Nunn Property — Bruce McGregar reported the developers filed a third COA, this for a cul-de-sac, historically opposed by DHCA In-Fill Task Force. Bruce requested $1,000 for law research on the Doctrine of Merger to present to the In-fill Task Force. A motion to do the research and determine whether writing it up would violate the Association’s attorney/client privilege carried.

Atlanta Zoning Text Amendment — Continuing Care Retirement Community: This text amendment would further divide the assisted living facility land use into a sub-category of continuing care retirement community. Division 1 board members (Atlanta City residents) voted in favor of the motion to endorse.

Atlanta Sign Ordinance Amendment: Building Signature Signs — This text amendment would further stipulate that in determining the height of a building, parking structures are not to be used in the calculation.

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Historic Preservation — Excelior M III (currently the M Squared) may be demolished for condominium project. Motion to authorize contribution to the Atlanta Preservation Center toward developing nomination for historical status carried.

President’s Report:

Nominating Committee: The following slate of candidates was elected to the Executive Committee: Judy Yates, Julie Raiton, Deb Stone, Judy Shur, and Paul Shanor.

Re-establishment of Special Committees: All special committees and task forces were re-established as required by bylaws. A special task force was created to address the building pressure for redevelopment in and around Druid Hills.

AIEV: Davis Fox reports design documents are 50% complete. The first cost estimate is 3.8 million (2.5 million is budgeted). The design calls for the planting of 90 new trees, new ground covers and shrubs, 27 benches and 17 street lights.

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The President’s Column

by Jeff Rader

Get Into the Mainstream!

Sometimes, when you’re driving or biking along our neighborhood streets, you get the impression that Druid Hills is as settled and stable a place as exists on earth. But like a swan gliding serenely across the lake, there’s a lot of paddling that goes on beneath the surface. In this column, I want to bring you up to date on some of the efforts that keep our community above water.

Recently, we’ve been fielding an aggressive defense against land use changes that could undermine the basic character of our neighborhood. If you’ve been watching these pages, you’ll know that we’ve been fighting against plans to subdivide the Nunan Tract. Three undeveloped lots on Clifton Road, near the South Oxford intersection. So far, we’ve fought a ninelot subdivision, and a couple of configurations of five-lot subdivisions, all of which would stick out like a sore thumb, plus an earthshaking precedent for the subdivision of lots throughout the neighborhood. We’ve won a few innings, but the game’s not yet over. DHCA members, including Bruce McGregar, Rob Benfield, Mike Terry, Vaidy Sundaram and Leland Chung took responsibility for specific aspects of this effort, and many of your neighbors have turned out for meetings and hearings.

On the other end of the neighborhood, we’re grappling against a proposed Special Use Permit for the Golden Key property at the corner of Ponce de Leon and Mooredale. If approved, the proposed real estate office in this historic home could encourage others to push for offices or more intensive activities in the Howard School, Green Gables home, or elsewhere in the Ponce Corridor. It will take leadership by the Atlanta City Council and our District Council member Anne Fauer to prevent this dangerous trend. How ironic it is that these intrusions should come at a time when the residential market in Druid Hills is stronger than it’s been in decades. Alida Silverman and Bill Carney have been in the forefront of this effort.

But that’s not all. Jay M Collins’ Transportation Committee has a full plate evaluating new infrastructure proposed by the Clifton Corridor institutions. Rolf Grnn and Susan Fox are leading that review. DeKalb County is also doing a transportation plan, and investigating a bond issue. Davis Fox and Rob Vicevich serve on DeKalb’s Future Funding Commission.

Judi Shur is the chair of the new Community and Lifestyle Committee. We hope to see some real synergy between our community building efforts and those of many of our sister organizations that serve Druid Hills, including the NPU, N., Olmsted Linear Parks Alliance, Peavine Watershed Alliance, and Freedom Park Conservancy, Deb Stone Churchill Palmer, Becky Bracwell, and Ricarda Heising represent us at these tables, and DHCA supports each financially.

The team that put together and staffed this year’s successful Tour of Homes would fill an entire page (we thank you all), but Trish Elam and Barbara Vogel were in key leadership positions. The Tour is the signature event that defines our neighborhood to the region, and it provides the funding for the rest of our efforts.

This short list just scratches the surface of involvement in your Civic Association, and we depend on many more of you who serve generously in other volunteer capacities. To join in, drop us a simple email to President@ DHCA.org. Soon you’ll be swimming with the swans!
School News
by Katherine Davey

The Howard School
Contributed by Linda Levy

The Howard School is pleased to announce Ms. Cilella as the new Head of School, beginning July 1. Ms. Cilella joins us from Indianapolis where she was Director of the Russell & Mary Williams Learning Project at Park Tudor School. She and her husband Sal have two adult sons. They are excited about joining The Howard School and getting involved in the Atlanta community.

High school students visited Boston landmarks such as Nathanial Hawthorne’s House of Seven Gables, Walden Pond and the Salem Witch Court museum.

The Middle School attended a rehearsal of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and Chorus as well as the event where the choir performance based on the poem “The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere.”

For additional information, check the school’s website at www.howardhs.org.

Shamrock Middle School
Contributed by Sue Briss

The Georgia State Champion Shamrock Chess Dragons placed 15th in the nation in the annual junior High Chess Championships. Thanks again to Ms. K. Ren, teacher sponsor, and Mr. D. Faw for their unending support of chess at Shamrock.

Shamrock Middle School has opened an a la carte Mediterranean Sea, for the first time in history. Travel along on this action-packed expedition to successfully headwaters in Ethiopia to the mouth of the Nile in the Mediterranean Sea, to successfully travel along on this action-packed expedition to successfully headwaters in Ethiopia to the mouth of the Nile in the Mediterranean Sea.

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Spicy Morsels from around the World

Mrs. G’ Retires

When the 452 Fernbank students leave for the summer, so will Jane Grabowski, better known as “Mrs. G.” She is retiring with mixed emotions after a career that started and ended in the same place.

She grew up in the Fernbank neighborhood, where parents and teachers created a community where “everyone teaches and everyone learns.” The motto Mrs. G. brought to Fernbank in 1999. She lived on Burlington Road and played in Pewine Creek. Her dad was chief of oral surgery at Emory. Her parents instilled in her the values that she carried on as an educator. “Daddy always taught me that people are all equal and deserve the same treatment,” she recalled. “He taught me to work ethic. He taught me kindness, and my mother taught me faith. They taught love of country and respect—old fashioned values.”

She went to Druid Hills School for every grade. After marrying a former Atlanta Cracker ballplayer, Dick Grabowski, and having three daughters, she started substituting in 1977. She taught on the same footprint with the same material, repaving on the same sidewalk, planting flowers, etc. She does not require a COA, we encourage you to look with us first. Major landscaping, pools, fences, walls, window replacements, additions, porches, second stories, etc. do require a COA, as does permission to raise a home and build a new one.

Some fringe areas of Druid Hills and Dorland Mill are outside the boundaries of the Historic Preservation District. If you reside between Briarcliff Road on the south, North Parkway on the north, Fairview Road on the east and the railroad between Fairview Road and the railroad/Channel 48, your home is probably within the Historic District and subject to either the DeKalb County or the Landmark District Guidelines (Atlanta City limits Call for information on a specific address.

In the last three months, the DeKalb Historic Preservation Commission ruled on 36 new applications for COAs, some 49 parts, and on 10 held over from previous months. Overall, more than 61 percent were ultimately approved, almost 20 percent were denied, with exception of two. Two major landscaping, pools, fences, walls, window replacements, additions, porches, second stories, etc. do require a COA, as does permission to raise a home and build a new one.

Topping the list of applications your Druid Hills Neighborhood Council considered were COAs for new homes, including the raising of several older homes, not all were approved and several decisions have been or are under appeal. Applications for major additions to existing homes were numerous, as well, including second stories, dormers, porches and even a conservatory, New driveways and walks, new entrances, doors and windows, fences and walls, and garages and outbuildings were the subjects of most applications. The Commission also reviewed and approved the plans submitted by the Druid Hills Lakeway Park Alliance for Deepend Park and a bridge in Lullwater Park submitted by the Lullwater Garden Club.

If you would like to work with our HP Committee, please get in touch with either Alida Silverman or Jim Earhart.

The Design Manual for Druid Hills Local Historic District is no longer at Kinks. It can be found at www.co.dekalb.ga.us/planning. Click on HP links, then Druid Hills, then Design Manual. Parts 2 and 3 are the most important/relevant sections.
Construction starts in Springdale, Deepdene, as Olmsted Park Rehabilitation moves ahead

Summer has brought the rumble of earth-moving machines to the Olmsted Linear Park as construction begins in Springdale and Deepdene, the gateway parks and the last of the six segments to be restored. Springdale benefited from the burial of utility lines and the installation of period lighting during the previous phase of rehabilitation. Engineers are now beginning extensive grading to restore the topography of Frederick Law Olmsted’s plan. The playing field added to the middle of the park caused erosion problems and compromised the original design.

The installation of pedestrian paths, benches, and interpretive signage will follow, and autumn’s cooler weather will facilitate the restoration of grass, shrubs, and trees. A play area will be constructed in the southeastern corner, near the intersection of Springdale Road and South Ponce de Leon Avenue. It will occupy approximately 4200 square feet of Springdale’s 5.2 acres and will be landscaped so as not to obstruct the broad pastoral sweep of Olmsted’s design. The entire project should be completed in November, according to Tally Sweet, president of the Olmsted Linear Park Alliance (OLPA).

The rehabilitation of Deepdene’s 21 acres will proceed in stages as funds are raised. To provide public access to the wooded interior, a three-acre demonstration project has begun on the North Ponce de Leon Avenue side of Deepdene. This location was chosen so that the burial of utilities and construction of a sidewalk can proceed on Ponce de Leon later. The project has already allowed the landscape architects, Tunnell and Tunnell, Inc., to determine the best techniques for removing non-native invasive plants and restoring native species. Construction will begin soon on a curb and gutter that will stretch for approximately 500 feet along North Ponce de Leon. Crews will also install a mulched interior path that will include one elevated section over a ravine. This phase of the rehabilitation of Deepdene should be completed by the end of August.

Features of Overall Plan

- **Linkage:** The sidewalk that currently stops abruptly at the western end of the park will be continued. This connection will provide linkage to the rest of the Druid Hills community, as first proposed more than a century ago.
- **Promenades:** The Promenade will run along Ponce de Leon Avenue, 20 feet from the road and separated from it by a row of oak trees.
- **West Lawn:** A small oval lawn will serve as one of several pedestrian entries into the park.
- **Barton Pond and Overlook:** Currently this is a blighted area where storm water pools and tumbles down an eroded pipe. The renovation will include an overlook with vistas into the woodland interior of Deepdene.
- **Interior:** The interior of the park will remain forested but will be cleared of the non-native invasive species that have crowded out native plants.
- ** Vale:** A century ago, engineers piped road water into the natural drainage way that becomes Ponce de Leon’s headwaters of the Ponce Waterhed. Over time, the volume of the runoff has increased, leading to erosion and undermining the infrastructure. A series of weirs will be constructed across Peavine to slow the velocity of the water and create small ponds. Footbridges will cross the brook.
- **Mead:** The area now known as “the soccer field,” the Mead lies at the eastern tip of the park. It will be re-graded and the perimeter planted with additional trees to create two sub-spaces. Moveable goals will allow soccer play to continue, but the Mead will also invite a variety of other uses and can become the principal area for community gatherings.

Other features of the plan include a path system throughout the park; completion of the curbing and gutters along North Ponce de Leon; burial of utility cables and installation of historic lighting; and the addition of benches and signage.

The cost of rehabilitating Springdale and Deepdene and completing a long-term maintenance fund for all six segments is approximately $4.8 million, with $2.1 million raised to date. Contributions to help ensure the completion of this significant project may be sent to the Olmsted Linear Park Alliance, P.O. Box 5500, Atlanta, GA 31107. Additional information is available at www.atlantaolmstedpark.org.
Breathe of Fresh Air
by Sheila Macintosh

If you dine out often, you’ve surely experienced the dreaded streak, when it seems every new place you try is, shall we say—unremarkable, or worse. Our recent streak was broken when we visited Atmosphere.

For years, we’ve noticed it while waiting at the traffic light at Morningside and Piedmont. Finally, we gave in.

This French bistro was everything we like in a nice, but not too nice, restaurant. In a converted house at 1620 Piedmont Road, they have several rooms that accommodate 4-6 tables each, giving it the feel of a much smaller place. The patio, though overlooking Piedmont Road, still seems to have a calm air about it and continues the peaceful vibe.

Service is polite and efficient. The food offers something for everyone. Always the “taster,” I had the beef carpaccio with shaved Parmesan cheese as my appetizer and an artichoke and vegetable casserole as my main. A strange combination, yes, but I’m doing this for you! It was just the right amount of food and very tasty. Scott had a Roquefort salad with pears and walnuts. His main course was roasted pork tenderloin.

Another in the series of community meetings sponsored by the Alliance to Improve Emory Village (AIEV) was held on Thursday, April 28, 2005, in the fellowship hall of Glenn Memorial Church School Building. In attendance were many of us with a stake in the future of Emory Village—residents of Druid Hills, Emory Village business owners, and representatives of the Emory and Clifton Corridor communities. AIEV is a charitable, non-profit organization that makes the revitalization of Emory Village possible and consults with all stakeholders on a continuing basis. This meeting’s main purpose was to present options for paving materials, landscaping and furniture (benches, streetlamps, bike racks, etc.) and describe current plans for the Village’s main park. Community members voiced their opinions on these and other matters related to Emory Village.

Opening the meeting was Tom Walsh, an AIEV Board Member and a principal at Tunnell Spangler Walsh, an architecture and urban design firm. Another presenter was Ray Strychalski, Director of Landscape Architecture with our design consultant ED AW. Also participating was Brian Bolick, Director of Transportation Services with our traffic engineering consultant URS. AIEV Co-Chair David Fox coordinated the meeting.

The roundabout—
The new center of Emory Village

AIEV is happy to report that 50% of the design work for the new Emory Village is complete and all of it should be finished by the end of 2005. Our consultant, Peter Day & Company, is now preparing the zonning/overlay plan. As reported in the spring edition of The Druid Hills News, the schedule calls for construction to start in 2006. Our vision is a distinctive and safe urban village experience. You already know that the site plan features a roundabout at the center in lieu of the present five-way intersection. The roundabout will afford easier pedestrian access to businesses and foster community interaction. Preservation and enhancement of the historic character of Emory Village is another goal. Vertical elements are as important as horizontal ones. Trees and streetlamps are vital, with due attention to safety and design aspects. Instead of the current angled parking in front of businesses, the project will embrace parallel parking, a safer practice for drivers and one that will allow space for a wide, two-tiered pedestrian walkway. (Eventually, we hope to see parking expanded in the Village area.) The upper walkway will accommodate commercial uses, including alfresco dining away from exhaust fumes.

Previous articles and the internet site www.emoryvillage.org have explained how the Emory Village roundabout will make it easier for us to walk safely and pleasantly in the Village. To recapitalize, the roundabout will funnel pedestrians to clearly identified brick crosswalks. Ray Strychalski brought samples of the “Emory blend” bricks, as well as the concrete “Belgian blocks” proposed for the interior of the roundabout. Traffic entering the roundabout will be slower than the traffic passing (sometimes speeding) through the lights, but during non-peak hours, there will be none of the endless waiting for traffic light changes for just a few cars. Drivers entering the roundabout will yield right-of-way to vehicles already in the roundabout and to pedestrians on the crosswalks. Thus, the traffic flow will be slower but steadier. Roundabouts have been shown to reduce the frequency and severity of accidents. AIEV is considering a fountain—to highlight the roundabout as the new focal point of Emory Village.

A new urban space in Emory Village

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And afterwards
Everyone agreed that the tour, as usual, was lots of fun—
and profitable. As readers surely know, the profits go to
local historic preservation efforts and to maintaining
green spaces. So our parks will have a fund for another
year.

2006 Tour of Homes
How about you? Is your house “tour-worthy?” As you
saw this year, there is a great variety of homes on tour—
new, old, large, small, lavish, modest. If you know of a
house, including your own, that would make an
interesting addition to the 2006 tour, please call the
DHCA voice-mail at 404-523-DHCA.

New Community & Lifestyle
Committee for DHCA

The Civic Association is intent on beefing up its
social calendar by the addition of a new committee to its
roster. This new committee, Community and Lifestyle, is
aimed at improving the quality of life in Druid Hills and
promoting a sense of community, hence the name.
Community and Lifestyle includes diverse functions
from working to increase the quantity and quality of
parks and green space in our neighborhood to overseeing
the Druid Hills Fourth of July Parade.

The new committee hopes to expand the annual
DHCA Fall Picnic this year by adding bluegrass music,
boulevard and walking tours of DeKalb Park.
Suggestions from the neighborhood regarding new events
and programs that you would like to see are welcome. Possible events could include jazz concerts at
Callanwolde, DHCA member tours at Carlos Museum,
block parties, dinner groups, etc.

The committee is also looking for new blood. Since
this is a brand new committee, people are needed to help
start some new programs to create a stronger sense of
community in our neighborhood.

Some of the first efforts of the Community and
Lifestyle Committee will include fundraising for the
completion of the O’Malleys Linear Parks on one end of
 Druid Hills and for the new and improved Emory Village
at the other end of Druid Hills.

If you are interested in participating in this new
committee or have ideas for new events or programs that
would improve and enhance Druid Hills, please contact
committee chair Judi Shur at judishur@hotmail.com or
404-378-9775.

D r u i d H i l l s C i v i c A s s o c i a t i o n— M e m b e r B e n e f i t s

Not yet a member of DHCA? Use the form below and join today!


Please [ ] enroll me [ ] renew me as a member of the Druid Hills Civic Association (DHCA).

**PLEASE PRINT:**

1. Name:

2. Address:

3. City:_________________ State:________ ZIP:________

4. Home phone:____________ Work phone:____________

5. Mobile phone:____________ Fax:____________

6. E-mail:__________________ Occupation:____________

**Membership Involvement and Interests**

Please indicate your level of interest in the following areas on a scale from 0 to 10.

0 = Not at all interested
5 = Neutral
10 = Very interested

1. Public Relations/Communications__________ Newsletter

2. Historical Preservation__________ Membership Planning

3. Traffic/Urban Design__________ Land Use/Zoning

4. Tour of Homes__________ Flyer Distribution

5. Peavine Watershed__________ Other—specify____________________________

[ ] Please feel free to contact me for help

**Annual Dues (Check one):**

[ ] Individual/Family Member $25-$49

[ ] Sustaining Member $50-$249

[ ] Druid Member $100-$249

[ ] O’Malleys Member $250 or more

*Please make checks payable to Druid Hills Civic Association. Please feel free to contact me for help*

Amount Paid: $__________________

**Membership Levels and Benefits:**

All membership levels are eligible for discounts from area
merchants participating in the DHCA Merchant Program, and all membership levels are entitled to a free Druid Hills Walking tour by the Atlanta Preservation Center on designated
DHCA days. Higher membership levels receive additional benefits as described below.

**Member**—$25-$49

Merchant discounts and Druid Hills Walking Tour, plus a $5
coupon towards tickets to the Druid Hills Tour of Homes*

**Sustaining Member**—$50-$99

Merchant discounts and Druid Hills Walking Tour, plus two
$5 coupons towards tickets to the Druid Hills Tour of Homes

**Druid Member**—$100-$149

Merchant discounts and special “Druid Member Day” Druid
Hills Walking Tour, plus three $5 coupons towards tickets to the
Druid Hills Tour of Homes and special recognition in the
Druid Hills News highlighting neighborhood projects that
benefit directly from these donors’ contributions. Especially
appropriate for organizational or business members.

**O’Malleys Member**—$250 and up

Merchant discounts, special “anytime” ticket for the Druid
Hills Walking Tour, four $5 coupons towards tickets to the
Druid Hills Tour of Homes, and “extra special” recognition in the
Druid Hills News highlighting neighborhood projects that
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*All discounted Druid Hills Home Tour tickets must be bought from a DHCA Division Chair or Board Member.*

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**New Community & Lifestyle Committee for DHCA**

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**2005-06 DHCA Calendar**

**NOTE:** Refreshments begin at 7:00 p.m.
Board Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m.

**JULY**

July 4: July 4th Parade
July 20: July Board Meeting (Location TBA)

**AUGUST**

August 17: August Board Meeting—St. John’s Lutheran

**SEPTEMBER**

September 21: September Board Meeting—St. John’s Lutheran

**OCTOBER**

October 19: October Board Meeting—St. John’s Lutheran
October 23: Tentative Date Fall Picnic

**NOVEMBER**

November 16: November Board Meeting—St. John’s Lutheran

**DECEMBER**

December 21: December Board Meeting if necessary
(Location TBA)

**JANUARY 2006**

January 18: January Board Meeting—St. John’s Lutheran

**FEBRUARY 2006:**

February 12: 2006 Annual Meeting—2:00-4:00 p.m.