Happy Holidays from the Druid Hills News!

Save the date for the Olmsted Linear Park Gala
Next “Dream in Green” Gala is Sunday, March 11, 2012
As you travel along Ponce de Leon Avenue through the Druid Hills neighborhood, you can’t help but notice the magnificent park designed over 100 years ago by famed landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted. Funding for the restoration and maintenance by the Olmsted Linear Park Alliance is supported by an annual “Dream in Green” gala. The next gala will be held Sunday, March 11, 2012, from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the Fernbank Natural History Museum.

“Dream in Green” celebrates the restoration and continued commitment to this historic park, including the last segment to be completed—the 22 acres of Deepdene. The evening will feature a live auction, hors d’oeuvres and cocktails, and live jazz. For information about tickets, visit www.atlantaolmstedpark.org, call (404) 377-1411, or email at olpa.atl@att.net.

It’s Time to Renew Your Druid Hills Civic Association Membership
Thank you for your support of the Druid Hills Civic Association and our community over the past year! We wanted to take this opportunity to remind you that membership expires on December 31, 2011, and we need your continued support in 2012. Druid Hills Civic Association membership has changed to coincide with calendar year, so renew or join now at www.druihills.org or by mailing in the membership form in this issue. All 2012 memberships expire on December 31, 2012. Be a part of the exciting things happening in Druid Hills.

Druid Hills Day

Rutledge Community Park Emerges as Latest Green Triumph in Druid Hills
by Tim Ralston
The Druid Hills community will soon have a new park, thanks to DeKalb County and Commissioner Jeff Rader, in partnership with the Druid Hills Civic Association (DHCA). This park will be located on the former Rutledge property, which includes the last interior block parcel in private hands in Druid Hills, and is an element of the Olmsted influenced design for University Park (the original subdivision), platted in 1916.

The section of the new park that will be most visible has street frontage at 1812 Ridgewood Drive. The interior section of the park will lie behind portions of Emory Drive, Ridgewood Drive and Burlington Road. At 1.5 acres, this interior section will have similarities to the interior parks at Princeton Way and Westminster Way, and also shares characteristics with Barhanick Park. Pursuant to the DeKalb County purchase agreement, the park will be named “Rutledge Park.”

The first community meeting regarding the creation of Rutledge Park was sponsored by DHCA in May of 2011. At this exploratory meeting two general assumptions about the composition of the park were established by most of those in attendance – a desire to include play structures in the park for neighborhood families, and a desire to see the park maintained as a greenspace, protecting the existing and magnificent oak, beech, hickory and poplar canopy.

A steering committee was formed and met in July to explore park development options. The committee has established a relationship with DeKalb County and Park Pride to develop a master plan for the Rutledge Park. The committee is working to create an understanding of potential park design options within the Rutledge property.

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The DHCA is also looking for a Coordinator. To volunteer, please contact: 404-371-4926

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Sally Harbaugh Honored

by Jennifer J. Richardson

Sally Higgins Harbaugh was honored last summer at a reception held at Druid Hills Golf Club, where the plaque dedicating the Deepdene Waterfall to her was unveiled. Much has been written about her work on behalf of the neighborhoods, but there is so much more to Sally Harbaugh. Sally Higgins was born in Washington, D.C., one of three daughters born into a family with three generations who served in the U.S. Navy.

She attended college at Wesleyan in Macon, and then, like her ancestors, joined the Navy. Sally entered the Navy as an ensign and was stationed at Newport, R.I., where she attended Officer Indoc/In-Formation Training. She was then stationed at Brunswick, Maine, as a naval personnel officer. Still later, she served Admiral Rickover as a reports officer and public relations officer in Washington, D.C.

It was in Washington that Sally met Norman Ross Harbaugh, who was also serving in the Navy. The two fell in love and married, and because of the times, Sally retired from the Navy. Sally and Norman produced Norman R. Harbaugh, Jr., known as “Chip.” They moved about, depending upon where Norman was stationed. Eventually, Norman attended Harvard University, earning a doctorate in business administration. After his retirement from the Navy, Norman, Sally, and Chip moved to Atlanta in 1970, where they bought a home across from Dellwood Park.

Their son, Chip, attended medical school at Medical College of Georgia in Augusta, and entered pediatrics. He and his wife are the parents of Sally’s only grandchildren, 15-year-old Ross and 16-year-old Chandler.

In Atlanta, Norman taught in the business school at Georgia State University and Sally began what was to become a more than 30-year-long quest to stop the road and save the Olmsted Linear Park. Sally founded the Olmsted Parks Society of Atlanta and was a founder of the Olmsted Linear Park Alliance. Serving on the board of OLPA, she assisted in creating a master plan and raising more than 10 million dollars to implement that plan and renovate the Linear Park.

Sally has a keen interest in American History and has traveled to historic sites throughout the U.S.A., often taking her grandchildren with her on an educational tour. She’s also traveled throughout the world, going to China, Russia, and most of Europe. Her interests are varied, including historic preservation, music, and religion. She has served in church choirs for most of her life, and her clear soprano voice is still beautiful. Sally is devoutly religious and extremely knowledgeable about the Bible; she and Norman actively live their faith.

Would the Olmsted Linear Park exist today, or be rehabilitated today, without Sally’s more than 30 years of work? My guess is no. For Sally also has long had the ability to educate others about the value of Olmsted’s work here in Atlanta and throughout the United States. Most important, she has been able to enlist others in the battle to save and to rehabilitate our historic park.

President’s Column

by Bruce MacGregor

THIS, THAT and THE OTHER

Since the last issue of the DHN, much has happened and much remains to happen.

On the education front: DeKalb, along with Decatur, Atlanta, and other has passed the extension of the one cent Education SPOSLT sales tax. DHCA Board member Amy Power played a key role in this extension.

On the transportation front: Brookfield Road has been re-striped between Callanwolde and Ponce de Leon, providing for a dedicated left turn lane on southbound Brookfield. Initial reports are that this is working well. The Oxford Road roundabout is operational and operates better than many expected. Landscaping for the roundabout will be next. A proposed mass transit line between the Lindbergh MARTA Station and Clairmont/Novel North Decatur has been included in the final project list submitted for the T-SPOSLT referendum, to be voted on this summer. Depending on which type of transit is selected, the line will either stop at Clairmont, or continue on to the Avondale MARTA station. More about this later.

On the parks, plazas and greenspace front: DHCA made a modest donation to the Alliance to Improve Emory Village for construction of a small plaza in front of the Chevron station. This was followed by a very generous contribution by Emory University, with the result that the Plaza is now almost funded, and construction will begin soon. On Ridgewood Rd., greenspace planning has begun for the recently acquired interior block site, which will be known as “Rutledge Park.” Greenspace planning has been put on hold temporarily on the recently acquired site on Vickers Drive at Poncey Creek, generally known as the Louie and Sarah Mann property. Both of these sites contain creeks with their attendant 75’ stream buffers.

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The Days of Druid Hills

A Few Words About the First DHCA President
by Claudia Keenan

Soon after Henri-Talmage Dobbs, Sr. became the first president of the Druid Hills Civic Association in November 1938, a notice appeared in The National Underwriter, a newsletter published for the insurance industry. “H. T. Dobbs, executive vice-president of the Industrial Health & Life of Atlanta and chairman of the executive committee of the Industrial Insurers’ Conference, has been elected president of the Civic Association of Druid Hills, one of the most prominent suburban communities of Atlanta.” The newspaper also noted that Dobbs, his wife, and the notice in the trade journal might not sound as if they would offer insight to the formative years of the Druid Hills Civic Association. But, like the stories of others who founded the organization, they tell us a bit about the currents in American culture that helped give rise to it.

The early history of Druid Hills is familiar to most local residents. In 1890, Atlanta entrepreneur Joel Hurt invited landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted to create plans for a residential neighborhood of parks, woodland, and winding roads. The property lay largely undeveloped, however, until 1908, when Asa Candler and several investors purchased the 1,492 acres from Hurt. These men formed the Druid Hills Company and wasted little time launching the community’s infrastructure. Construction companies graded and paved macadam roads, built a viaduct, installed sewage and lighting, and much more.

In 1909, the first Druid Hills mansion took its place on the northeast corner of Briarcliff and Ponce, and by 1910 The American Contractor routinely listed bids for homes to be built in Druid Hills. During the years surrounding World War I, Olmsted’s design took splendid shape as tycoons, business executives, heirs and heiresses commissioned spacious estates featuring fine craftsmanship, set back on expansive lawns, each with its unique landscape and gardens. The neighborhood became known for its wealthy residents and fashionable society.

But the work of continuing and enlarging Candler’s legacy—and it did continue—was often done with quality and nineteenth century overtones—was not taken up by the millionaires of Druid Hills. Rather, men who were rising in business and academia, making their way in a new world of expertise and professionalism, would lead most actively. Like Asa Candler and his contemporaries, they were mostly native Southerners come out of hardscrabble childhoods. They, too, were self-made and lived comfortably. But they would not have installed ballrooms in their homes.

Here is H. T. Dobbs of 1073 Oakdale Road, born in 1888 in Powder Springs, Georgia, one of ten children of farmers. Starting as a clerk at an insurance company, Dobbs became part of two major business trends of the early twentieth century. These were the emergence of professional salesmanship and the exploding field of insurance. Being an ambitious insurance salesman in the 1920’s and ’30’s called for a good measure of social swagger. This contrasted somewhat with the members of the committee that elected him. “My grandfather was the quintessential salesman,” Henri-Talmage Dobbs, III, noted in a recent telephone conversation. “They could be very conspicuous in those days. He loved to wear a tuxedo and a diamond stickpin, even for a photograph in which he and my father are holding a trout they had just caught.”

President for a scant year, Dobbs probably agreed to serve because Industrial Health & Life, like many companies, urged its employees to be good citizens, his photograph in which he and my father are holding a trout.”

The Camera Doctor
by Mary Angela White

The doctor is in! “Doctor” Stephen Schwab, owner and operator of The Camera Doctor at Jack’s Cameras, has been taking photographs since he was five years old—and daunting assists developing a beautiful camera since age 19.

The uncle who taught photography to his 5-year-old nephew required him to announce the shutter speed and F-stops he set before he was allowed to make the shot. Another uncle, whose job was repairing cameras, taught him to restore and repair them—as long as he sat on a stool and watched, just listened, no talking. When he fully understood, he could attempt the task. After a year on the stoop, he proved to his proud uncle that he had learned. In the store, Schwab keeps two wooden stools, like the one he perched on as a child, as a humble reminder that one can always learn. As he says, “People who think they know everything are dumb; people who know they can always learn something are smart.”

This camera doctor was general manager of Jack’s 150 stores from 1970-1996, when he became owner of his store, which neighbors knew as Jacks. Situated at the west end of Plaza Midwood’s Woodlawn drive, “The Camera Doctor” is independently owned and operated. This camera doctor was general manager of Jack’s 150 stores from 1970-1996, when he became owner of his store, which neighbors knew as Jacks. Situated at the west end of Plaza

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The Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) hears applications for COAs and approves or denies based on the Druid Hills Historic District Guidelines. There are General Guidelines and there are Character Area Guidelines (certain specific areas).

For more information, go to the Civic Association website’s links to downloadable application forms, www.drdrihills.org

Note: A committee of neighbors reviews applications and comments to the HPC. Committee members are well versed in the Historic Preservation guidelines and are a helpful resource to help the uninformed move through the process. dekalbhistoric@drudihills.org

City of Atlanta Druid Hills Landmark District
The Urban Design Commission (UDC) hears applications for COAs and approves or denies based on the Druid Hills Landmark District regulations (Chapter 20B of the City zoning code). More information about the process is available on the UDC section of the City website (www.atlanta.gov), including downloadable application forms. This link may be found on the Civic Association website.

Note: The Landmark District Preservation Committee (LDPC) is a committee of neighbors that comments on applications to the UDC after on-site meetings. Consider them a helpful resource. atlantahistoric@druidhills.org

Planning a project? The Historic Preservation Committee presents Q&A Sessions for those with questions about the COA, in both spring and fall. Look for the date and place in your Druid Hills newsletter, and we hope to see you there.

RESOLUTION RE: RE-DISTRICTING
Resolved by the Druid Hills Civic Association that the responsibility for re-districting done every 10 years subsequent to the Census be returned to a non-partisan, knowledgeable committee of individuals at the Vinson Institute of the University of Georgia.

Drawing the boundary lines for state and federal election districts must be based on communities of interest: neighborhoods, school districts, towns, counties, cities. Other considerations that do not focus on fair, transparent, accountable governance have no place in the process. The record of both major political parties since the process was transferred from the Vinson Institute has not enhanced confidence in government so essential to our democratic republic form of government. An up or down vote on the plan submitted by the committee is the proper role of the Legislature.

—Passed by Board of Directors at October 2011 Meeting
Clifton Corridor Transit Project Approved for Vote

by Kelly Gray

Metro Atlanta’s political leaders convened in October to finalize a list of proposed transit projects that are intended to improve traffic congestion and connectivity throughout 10 counties.

Among the list of projects that will go before voters in a special referendum next year is the $700 million transit line, the Clifton Corridor Transit Initiative, connecting the Lindbergh MARTA station to Emory University.

The Clifton Corridor is the largest activity center in the Atlanta region with no direct access to the interstate system or to MARTA. If voters approve funding, connectivity would be provided to one of the largest employment centers in metro Atlanta. Emory is the fourth largest employer in the Atlanta metro area, with an economic impact on the region of $5.123 billion.

The Transportation Investment Act is a special referendum that will be on the ballot in the July 2012 primary that will allow voters in communities statewide to decide if they want a 10-year one-cent sales tax to pay for transportation projects. View the final report and approved investment list.

Emory and other CCTMA organizations have worked diligently over the past 15 years to bring a rail line to the Clifton Corridor to provide an option to the automobile and provide regional connectivity greatly needed in this area,” says Betty Willis, Emory’s senior associate vice president of governmental and community affairs and executive director of the Clifton Community Partnership.

“The unanimous vote of 21 elected officials from the 10-county region for this rail line reaffirms the strong merits of the project and the important benefits it will bring to the metro region. Their consensus vote was a historic moment in regional teamwork, and reflects the cooperative spirit needed to move the Atlanta region forward in a significant way.”

For more information, contact Betty Willis at 404-727-5312 or betty.willis@emory.edu.

CLIFTON CORRIDOR TRANSIT

by Norman Sławsky

So, do you think it’s possible for a train to run from Lindbergh to the Clifton Corridor to Decatur?

The Atlanta Regional Roundtable decided that the Clifton Corridor Transit Project will be included if voters approve the Georgia Transportation Investment Act (TIA Project) in July 2012.

The TIA allocation is $700 million, which covers most of the construction costs. The Light Rail Transit (LRT) Alternative and the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Alternative are proposed to go from the MARTA Lindbergh Center Station, then adjacent to the CSX rail line through the CDC/Emory University area to Clairmont Road, south to Scott Boulevard, and then north and east along North Decatur Road to DeKalb Industrial Way. Then, it would go south onto East College Avenue and terminate at the Avondale MARTA Station. The proposed stations would be at Cheshire Bridge, Morningside, Sage Hill, CDC/Emory, Emory Clairmont Campus, North Decatur/Clairmont, Suburban Plaza, DeKalb Medical Center, and Avondale. The length of both of these alternatives is 8.8 miles.

The Heavy Rail Transit (HRT) Alternative would follow the same route but terminate at North Decatur and Clairmont because of the increased expense. The plan for each alternative is to construct tunnels to be bored underground and to minimize disruption. For more information, see www.itsmarta.com/Clifton-cor.aspx and atlantaroundtable.com/documents/final_report.pdf, page 9.

The Clifton Corridor Transit Project is important to the Druid Hills area because it is intended to reduce daily vehicle traffic and to increase access. The project was described at a public information meeting on October 24, 2011 at the Emory Conference Center. Watch for future meetings to learn more about this project and make sure you VOTE in the July 2012 referendum.

Emory to be Tobacco Free Campus

(from the Clifton Community Partnership)

Nationwide, hundreds of universities, colleges and healthcare systems are eliminating the use of tobacco on their properties. Effective on January 1, 2012, Emory University and Emory Healthcare will do the same.

As an institution of higher education and preventive health care, Emory decided that allowing the use of any tobacco on its property was incongruous with its overall educational and health goals. The university is investing in an expanded education and cessation classes and discounted or free prescriptions to aid faculty, staff, and students who are trying to quit smoking. Emory will establish ‘smoking zones’ for current smokers who are trying to quit, but those will be removed after a transitional period.

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Restoring the Environment
by Sally Sears

Druid Hills' newest environmental conservancy is showing financial success with government and private dollars funding cleanup and trail building projects. The South Fork Conservancy counts over a million dollars in restoration and trail building work to be spent over the next three years. The money will improve the health of the watershed draining all of Druid Hills and much of central DeKalb County, the South Fork of Peachtree Creek.

This environmental repair follows the successes of the Olmsted Linear Park Alliance, which restored tributaries flowing through the Olmsted-designed park along Ponce de Leon. Several founding members of the South Fork Conservancy are board members of OLPA, with which they share an office in the McClatchey House at Fernbank Museum.

The Georgia DOT is using toll-road money for a trail beside the North Fork of Peachtree Creek from Cheshire Bridge to Lindbergh Drive, under new access loops for I-85 and Ga 400.

The Environmental Protection Agency is requiring a manufacturer to repair environmental damage to a large flood plain along the South Fork between Emory University and Morningside/Lenox Park.

Together these 2 major projects, each over $500,000, are building connections for more eyes on the creek and more public access to public greenways. Closest to Druid Hills, the work at the old Zonolite Manufacturing Plant near Briarcliff and Johnson Road began on Halloween, October 31. After five days of preparation, the 13-acre DeKals County park revealed a brownfield site about the size of two football fields.

The work is supported by the Lindbergh Leader. “The water will go to improve the health of the creek in the Olmsted-designed park,” says the county will crack and take out the pad parking lot which regularly floods, edged with a creek. The presence of a concrete slab several inches thick, requiring a manufacturer to repair environmental damage, is covered by topsoil ranging from inches to feet high, is required to fund this cleanup. The presence of a concrete slab several inches thick, covered by topsoil ranging from inches to feet high, is required to fund this cleanup. The presence of a concrete slab several inches thick, covered by topsoil ranging from inches to feet high, is required to fund this cleanup.

Gary Peiffer would like to correct what he sees as our “summer attitude” regarding rain barrels. They are inexpensive and simple to install, and most homes can accommodate several. Their year ‘round use will result not only in a greener garden and a smaller water bill, but in the reduction of clay-tinged runoff that occurs during every rain. Rain Barrels Revisited
By Paula Refi

During the historic drought several summers ago, many desperate Druid Hills homeowners installed rain barrels in an effort to harvest and store rainwater for irrigation. When the drought passed, the urge to conserve eased, and many of those rain barrels no longer function. Some simply disappeared. Others tilt at odd angles, detached from their downspouts. Rain barrels, however, can play an ongoing role in water use and conservation that is often overlooked.

As tributaries of our gutter systems, rain barrels demand similar monitoring and maintenance. Clogged gutters will overflow, channel water to the foundation of the house, and flood the basement. An obstructed rain barrel can do the same thing. Leaves and small plant parts from overhanging trees collect on the top of the barrel and prevent rainfall from flowing inside. The barrel must be checked for accumulated debris, especially after a significant rain.

Many homeowners neglect to make provision for overflow from the rain barrel. Because most barrels stand near a downspout next to the house, excess water will pool at the foundation. This can be avoided by connecting a hose to the overflow opening on the rain barrel, then directing the hose to a planting bed in the landscape where plants can absorb the excess water. DeKalb Extension agent Gary Peiffer notes that mosquitoes breed in unattended rain barrels. Proper screening where the downspout meets the barrel will minimize this. He recommends periodically inserting a Mosquito Dunk—a small, donut-shaped capsule that incorporates a bacterium to kill mosquito larvae. Jim Harrington is a horticulturist and landscape professional who suggests another mosquito deterrent. He believes that mosquitoes can find their way through ordinary screening. He places a nylon mesh scrubbing pad where water enters the rain barrel. He likes the 3/4-inch orange pads sold with some scrubbing equipment at the big box stores. They are inexpensive and can be trimmed to fit the barrel’s opening.

This year’s late summer drought caught many of us by surprise. But watering restrictions were liberal, and I foolishly used county water instead of harvested water to keep my plants happy. The next water bill, however, told the tale. When I asked Jim Harrington what I should have done differently, he advised, “Before you turn on the hose, make sure your rain barrel is empty.” Harrington contends that harvested rainwater should be used all year long, even when rain is abundant. He is owner of Rainwater Collection Solutions and developed the original rainwater pillow that harvests and stores several thousand gallons of rainwater. His perspective on water use is more comprehensive, with a view toward conservation and alleviating storm water runoff. Eroded landscapes and excessive runoff have a serious polluting effect. Harrington rates a single 50-gallon rain barrel as “pretty worthless” in a drought. It can, however, harvest excess rainfall during non-drought periods and redirect it to the landscape. This prevents heavy rain from surging down driveways and sidewalks into storm sewers and streams. The idea, Harrington says, is to keep water that lands on our property “at home,” instead of producing problems downhill on city streets or in a neighbor’s backyard.

Gary Peiffer would like to correct what he sees as our “summer attitude” regarding rain barrels. They are inexpensive and simple to install, and most homes can accommodate several. Their year ‘round use will result not only in a greener garden and a smaller water bill, but in the reduction of clay-tinged runoff that occurs during every rain.
Edward Emmett Dougherty
Atlanta's Beaux-Arts Architect That Got Away
by Wright Marshall

Dougherty was born in 1870 in Atlanta. He graduated from the University of Georgia in 1895 and then studied architecture at Cornell University and at the Ecole des Beaux Arts in Paris. The Ecole was the leading architecture school in the world, and Dougherty's architectural education was superior to all of the well-known Atlanta architects of the time.

After travelling extensively throughout Europe, he returned to Atlanta in 1905 and developed a thriving practice. Within several years, he obtained some of the most important commissions in the city, including the Hugh Inman residence, the Imperial Hotel (1911), and the First Church of Christ, Scientist (1913 with Arthur Neal Robinson).

While not as prolific in Druid Hills as Hentz and Reid, Dougherty's commissions were as grand as any, and his two public Druid Hills commissions, the Druid Hills Golf Club (1912-14) and Druid Hills Baptist Church (1925-28), were essential to the development of the community of Druid Hills and were matched in importance only by Hornebrust's Emory Campus and Shatee's Glenn Memorial Church.

Dougherty married Blanch Carson on June 5, 1907. The bride was socially prominent in both Atlanta and Nashville, and the groom was described as "one of the most popular and prominent young men in the business and club worlds of Atlanta." The couple became active in the Atlanta social scene. In 1910, the Doughertys entertained the Players' Club at their new home on Peachtree Road, and a glowing newspaper report claimed that "no more artistic entertainment has marked the brilliant social season than that given... by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dougherty." Dougherty belonged to both the Capital City Club and Druid Hills Golf Club.

The Druid Hills Golf Club was formed in 1912. Founding member George Adair had worked with Dougherty on projects at East Lake Golf Club, and Adair hired Dougherty to design the club that was completed in 1914. Dougherty became one of the first members of the club when he joined in 1913, and it was likely through his connection to the golf club that he met Veasey Rainwater and Sam Venable, prominent businessmen who would hire him to design their Druid Hills homes.

Buxwoods – 794 Springdale Road
Charles Veasey Rainwater was a prominent executive with the Coca-Cola Company and is credited with the standardization of the Coca-Cola bottle and the bottling process. Rainwater was a key figure in the company's success and would have been an impressive client for Dougherty. Dougherty designed the house that became known as "Boxwoods" in 1914, and the home and its three acres of manicured gardens were later featured in Garden History of Georgia 1733-1933.

Stonehenge – 1410 Ponce de Leon
(now St. John's Lutheran Church)
Stonehenge was the dream home of Samuel H. Venable, one of the largest operators of the stone quarries of Stone Mountain. This home was estimated to cost $75,000 and was finished in the late fall of 1913. The Atlanta Constitution described Dougherty's design as "an old castle transplanted from the middle ages into modern times and one is tempted in gazing upon it to conjure up fancies of romances and adventures of old feudal days."

The long list of amenities and level of detail included in Stonehenge rival any of Atlanta's grandest homes of the day. Dougherty left for Nashvile in 1916 when he received numerous commissions from the Nashville, Chattanooga, and St. Louis Railroad. While there he was engaged to design the Belle Meade Country Club, and after the completion of those commissions, Dougherty decided to remain in Nashville where he continued to have a thriving practice. In 1922, Dougherty completed his most famous design, the Tennessee War Memorial on Nashville's Memorial Square. Dougherty won both Tennessee and national design competitions for the building, and his success was considered "one of the greatest triumphs in his highly successful career as an architect." Three years later, the American Institute of Architects awarded him the Gold Medal Award, the highest award that the AIA can bestow.

While Dougherty has been largely forgotten in his native city, Dougherty was Atlanta's true beaux arts architect. Unfortunately, Atlanta let this native son get away.
Lullwater Conservation Garden Celebrates National Garden Week
by Trish Elam

Each year, the Lullwater Conservation Garden recognizes National Garden Week with a project or celebration in the garden. After four busy years as president of the garden, Kim Storbeck worked closely with incoming president Darlene Mashman on a great opportunity to get some kids from outside Druid Hills involved in conservation as part of this year’s project. Kim coordinated with Tammy Anderson of Hillcrest Church of Christ in Decatur to have groups from their Vacation Bible Study program visit and work in the garden. Working alongside numerous garden club members and a group of neighborhood kids, they would assist in the ongoing project of removing invasive species from the garden over a three-day period.

Many of the kids involved had never participated in a garden workday, but they were game for anything. Darlene started with the basics on what a Piedmont-region forest would normally include and some background on healthy streams. They learned how to identify several non-native invasive species and the importance of removing these from the garden. Despite the critters and the summer heat, the kids did their part to help rid the forest of invasive species, like English Ivy.

The Lullwater Conservation Garden would like to thank Greg White, Director of Decatur Active Living, and all the participants from Hillcrest Church of Christ for helping make this year’s National Garden Week Project a great success!

Arbor Day – February 15
from Keep DeKalb Beautiful

Arbor Day is a nationally recognized celebration in which many communities take the time to plant the seeds of tomorrow today. The idea for Arbor Day originally came from Nebraska. A visit to Nebraska today wouldn’t disclose that the state was once a treeless plain. Yet it was the lack of trees there that led to the founding of Arbor Day in the 1800s. In 1854, J. Sterling Morton, American pioneer from Detroit established a home in Nebraska, which he quickly planted with trees, shrubs and flowers. As a journalist and editor, Morton advocated tree planting and also encouraged civic organizations and groups to join in and plant trees. His prominence in the area increased, and he became secretary of the Nebraska Territory, which provided another opportunity to stress the value of trees.

Georgian’s recognize Arbor Day on February, 15th. Due to recent drought, recognizing the importance of trees and their impact on the environment has become vital to communities. The KDB recognizes Arbor Day in a variety of ways including showcasing outstanding existing trees in the county through Selected Tree Photo Contests and tree planting events. See our Photo Gallery.

For more information on the upcoming Arbor Day recognition event, please contact the KDB Office.

Who Knew?

Do you have a hidden talent, an unusual hobby? Were you once a rock star or indicted for laundering money? Would a friend or neighbor surprise us if we saw beneath that quiet exterior? (Think Clark Kent.) Let us know.

If it’s your own horn, toot away. If it’s not about you, assure us you have permission to disclose. Remember, some people prefer to keep their true identities hidden. (Again, think Clark Kent, Bruce Wayne.) Of course, The Shadow knows, but he doesn’t publish.

FYI

DeKalb County is installing hourly parking in Emory Village. Parking on N. Decatur Road and Oxford Road will be restricted to one hour on weekdays, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
O, Christmas Tree!

Rich’s Great Tree (Now Macy’s Great Tree at Lenox) once stood atop the Crystal Bridge, a four-story pedestrian bridge that crossed Forsyth Street downtown, connecting the main Rich’s Department Store building and its Store for Homes.

Every Thanksgiving evening, beginning in 1948, Atlanta citizens filled the street below, listening to Christmas carols sung by choirs on the four levels, waiting for the 70’ Georgia pine tree to be lit, never failing to ooh and ahh…and cheer. As the crowds grew, four more choirs were added, facing the south side. The street lights were turned off to further illuminate the bridge levels, each containing a choir, lighted in upward succession as each choir performed and then darkened. Finally, all levels were lit and a soloist hit the highest note in “O Holy Night,” the tree blazed into glory.

The tradition lives on, but the downtown tree could be seen from far away through the season, a special memory for many.

Poinsettia Facts

- Poinsettias are native to Mexico.
- The Aztecs called the poinsettia Cuartlexochitl. They made a reddish purple dye from the bracts.
- Chile and Peru called the poinsettia the “Crown of the Andes.”
- Poinsettias are part of the Euphorbiaceae family. Many plants in this family ooze a milky sap.
- Some people may have skin irritation from the milky sap.
- In nature, poinsettias are perennial flowering shrubs that can grow to ten feet tall.
- The showy colored parts of poinsettias that most people think are the flowers are actually colored bracts (modified leaves).
- Poinsettias are priced according to the number of blooms. The more blooms, the more expensive the plant.
- The flowers or cyathia of the poinsettia are in the center of the colorful bracts.
- Poinsettias have been called the lobster flower and flame leaf flower.
- Poinsettias are not poisonous.
- A study at Ohio State University showed that a 50 pound child who ate 500 bracts might have a slight tummy ache.
- Poinsettia sap can irritate the skin and cause an upset stomach if consumed in large enough quantities.
- A fresh poinsettia is one on which little or no yellow pollen is showing on the flower clusters in the center of the bracts.
- Plants that have shed their pollen will soon drop their colorful bracts.
- Poinsettias represent over 85 percent of the posted plant sales during the holiday season.
- Ninety percent of all poinsettias are exported from the United States.
- In the 17th century, Juan Balme, a botanist, mentioned poinsettia plants in his writings.
- Poinsettias are commercially grown in all 50 states.
- California is the top poinsettia producing state.
- December 12 is National Poinsettia Day.
- The Paul Ecke Ranch in California grows over 80 percent of the poinsettias in the United States for the wholesale market.
- Ninety percent of all the flowering poinsettias in the world got their start at the Paul Ecke Ranch.
- There are over 100 varieties of poinsettias available.
- $220 million worth of poinsettias are sold during the holiday season.
- Seventy-four percent of Americans still prefer red poinsettias; 8 percent prefer white and 6 percent pink.
- Eighty percent of poinsettias are purchased by women.
- Eighty percent of people who purchase poinsettias are 40 or older.
- Poinsettias are the best selling flowering potted plant in the United States. In 2004 over 61 million plants were sold.
- Poinsettias are the most popular Christmas plant even though most are sold in a 6 week period.
- An NCCA Bowl game in San Diego is named the Poinsettia Bowl.
- Poinsettias were introduced into the United States in 1825 by Joel Poinsett.

Tax Tips & Calculators From H & R Block

Before December 31, think about how you can help your tax situation for this year. By following year-end tax tips, you can prepare in 2011 to save on taxes due 2012. Compare standard versus itemized deductions — If your current or planned 2011 itemized deductions are more than your standard deduction, you’ll save tax dollars by itemizing. If your itemized deductions are close to your standard deduction in 2011, consider shifting some of your deductions to 2012, when you might be able to itemize more. Conversely, if you know you won’t have as many itemized deductions in 2012 as you do in 2011, consider shifting some deductions from next year to this year.

Remember your miscellaneous itemized deductions — If the total of your miscellaneous itemized deductions subject to 2% of your adjusted gross income (AGI) is close to or more than 2% of your AGI, consider if you need any items in this category. If so, buy them before the end of the year. If the total of these expenses isn’t close to or more than 2% of your AGI, postpone these expenses until 2012 if possible.

Make flexible spending work for you — If you don’t have enough medical expenses to meet the amount you set aside in your flexible spending account, you’ll lose the money. If you have extra money in the flexible spending account to spend, you might want to:
- Schedule end-of-year appointments
- Buy new prescription glasses, contact lenses, or hearing aids
- Buy medicines you’ll need in 2012

Submit your receipts for eligible expenses within the time required by the plan. Some plans allow you extra time after the end of the year to use the unspent amount — check with your plan administrator.

Review your medical costs — Keep track of your unreimbursed medical expenses all year long. You can deduct them only if they’re more than 7.5% of your AGI. If you’re close to the 7.5% requirement, you might consider having an elective or necessary procedure before year-end. Check that the procedure is among the qualifying deductible expenses. Many elective procedures don’t qualify for this deduction.

Get serious about retirement — Contribute to a retirement plan, like a 401(k), 403(b), Deductible IRA, SIMPLE IRA, or SEP.

Adopt a charitable attitude — Donating items to charities is a good deed that’s also tax deductible. Get a receipt from the organization you’re donating to. The deduction is limited to the item’s current fair market value — what you could sell it for at a garage sale.

Sell off securities — If you have a large net capital gain so far this year, you might want to sell some stock to generate a loss before year end. Doing so could reduce the amount of tax you pay. However, if you sell stock to generate a loss, you’re prohibited from purchasing substantially similar stock for 30 days before or after the sale that generated the loss. However, if the securities you sell are mutual-fund shares, you might be able to reinvest the proceeds in a similar — but not identical — fund, maintain your investment strategy, and deduct the loss.

Investigate before buying mutual funds — If you’re planning to invest a substantial amount in a mutual fund, confirm that the fund isn’t declaring a large amount of dividends in December. If you buy shares before the dividend is declared, you’ll increase your income by the amount of the dividend even if you reinvest the dividend in new shares.

Give the gift of cash — You can give a gift up to $13,000 to any one individual free of gift tax. If you’re married, you each can gift a person up to $13,000 tax free.

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The Jacksons of Ponce de Leon
By Jennifer J. Richardson

Mrs. Nina Jackson and her late husband, Mr. R. L. Jackson, bought their red brick home on Ponce de Leon Avenue in 1941. The couple met when Nina went to work for the Capitol City Candy Company, owned by the Jackson family. “My job was to add the red stripes to the peppermint sticks,” said Mrs. Jackson. “I was supposed to get an education, but Mr. Jackson was six feet three inches tall, brilliant, and good looking. He had beautiful blue eyes. We got married on a weekend so we could both go to the candy company to work on Monday. Capitol City Candy was located at 142 Jackson Street near downtown. The candy company also made peanut brittle, and Mrs. Jackson recalled seeing black workers stir the contents of big boilers before spreading the candy out on slabs to cool. The Jacksons raised two sons in the house. Jim Jackson, born in 1948, and Randy Jackson, born five years later. Jim Jackson continues to reside in the home—having lived there his entire life—and he’s the person who has lived on Ponce de Leon the longest of anyone (63 years).

“It was a boarding house when we bought it,” recalled Mrs. Jackson. “Not like a youth boarding house, like what we had later, but boarding homes for unmarried workers who worked downtown.” The Jackson house was built in 1908 and had belonged to a Dr. Campbell, who divorced his wife. In the divorce, it was said that Mrs. Campbell could live in the home for 30 years. “We bought it after that,” said Nina Jackson. “When the Jacksons moved in, the house still had a garage for cars and a stable for horses. “Dr. Campbell made home visits for his practice in a horse and buggy,” said Mrs. Jackson.

“Years ago, we still had some of his old horse boxes in the garage,” recalled Jim Jackson. “One of my boyhood memories here is of standing in the back yard and seeing the satellite ‘Telstar’ go by,” he added. “It was dark then, just like out in the country.” Jim Jackson remembers gardens in the back yard of the home when he was a young boy. His father had hauled dirt from the old Sears store on Ponce de Leon to level out the sloping back yard. At that time, there was an old wooden cabin with a stone fireplace near the corner of the Jackson lot. “It was a one room cabin,” said Jim Jackson. “There was an old black man who lived there—perhaps a migrant worker from the Johnson Farm. He drove a green wagon up and down Oakdale Road.”

In addition to their home on Ponce, the Jacksons also owned a farm near Jonesboro, where they raised Aberden Angus cattle, horses, and sheep from Canada. The 1300-acre farm was purchased as a summer home to escape the heat of Atlanta, and also so that Jim and Randy Jackson would have an experience of growing up on a farm, as had their mother.

“In the old days, a trolley ran through the [Olmsted] park across the street,” said Mrs. Jackson, “You still can see where the rails ran. The trolley helped people get to work. It ran all the way to East Lake. It cost twenty cents to ride, or you could go from my house here all the way downtown to Rich’s and back for one dollar. The girls who lived in the boarding homes along here would take the trolley to Fleming’s drugstore at St. Charles Avenue and buy lime soda. Or they’d go up to the library at St. Charles or to work. The trolley really helped them get around. This house is so well-built, we didn’t even hear the noise of the trolley when it went past.”

Mrs. Jackson recalls when Buddie Candler had his infamous zoo at his home “Brackhill.” “He had all these animals up there,” she said. “And sometimes the lion or elephant would get out and roam around the neighborhood. The police would have to come and try and round up the house animal. Finally, they shut it down because the animals kept getting out and scaring people.” “So many things have come and gone along Ponce de Leon in my lifetime,” said Jim Jackson. “Lake Plaza Drugstore, which was open all night. If you needed a last minute Christmas present on December 24, Plaza was the place to go. There were many white tablecloth restaurants in the neighborhood—movie theaters where you could stay all day and buy a Coke, popcorn, and a Charms pop for fifty cents and still have money left over for the drugstore, and mom and pop stores—all gone now. There used to be a playground with swings, a rita-wheel, and a half field across the street in the park, where I played with neighborhood children.”

“We had boarding houses that were not kept up along our block—we were the only single family still here. There would be stools all night long,” said Jim Jackson. “People constantly rang our doorbell at all hours of the night, looking for a handout, or drunks would fall asleep on our porch. We had broken windows and boarded up rooms. After the roads were defeated, people began moving back into the neighborhood and restoring the old homes. It’s nice to see people fixing up the old houses and building on. It gives another life to the street. I like hearing the children’s laughter from the private schools.”

Jim Jackson proudly tells the story of what his mother has done near Jonesboro (though the modest Mrs. Jackson would probably not have told this writer). “Our land near Jonesboro was being encroached upon by development,” said Jim. “All around us were bulldozers knocking down trees. My mother is quite an environmentalist. We were concerned that our land would be developed. My mother decided to give some of it away.” In order to prevent development, Mrs. Jackson donated 30 acres to Clayton County to be left in a wild state.

“It can’t be disturbed, cut, or developed,” continued Jim Jackson. “Then, in 2003, she donated more than 17 acres near the Flint River near Clayton County, and there’s a sign there with ‘Nina Burnham [Jackson] Greenspace.’ It was dedicated in her honor.” The donated land will become part of Clayton Greenspace Trust Program. As for the house, “Ponce de Leon, Jim Jackson said, “It’s like an old shoe—worn and familiar. Like an old horse that heads for the barn,” said Jim. “Both my mother and I am so used to the house that we can go anywhere we want in the dark, just because we know it as well.”

Local School “LEEDs” the Way in Energy Efficiency

Springdale Park Elementary School has earned the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) gold certification by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC). This is next to the highest certification for school buildings and campuses in recognition of the unique nature of the design and construction of 12 schools.

Springdale Park Elementary School underwent a $12.1 million total renovation and expansion recently that incorporated energy efficient and environmentally friendly, low-emissions geothermal technology to the school’s heating, ventilation and air conditioning system. LEED promotes sustainable building and development through a variety of rating systems that recognize projects that implement strategies for better environmental and health performance.

The rating process involves evaluating schools and campuses for such things as classroom acoustics, master planning, mold prevention and environmental site assessment.
AIEV Receives PEDS Golden Shoe Award for Emory Village Project

(Nov. 4, 2011) The Alliance to Improve Emory Village (AIEV) and DeKalb County received a PEDS Golden Shoe Award this week for the Emory Village roundabout and "road diet" project. As part of the project, a section of North Decatur Road through the Village was reduced from four lanes to three, and new bike lanes and improved sidewalks were added.

PEDS – the region’s leading advocate for pedestrians – presented its 12th annual Golden Shoe Awards at a celebration to honor the people, projects, and places that have contributed significantly this year to making metro Atlanta communities more walkable. DeKalb County Commissioner Kathy Gannon introduced the Golden Shoe winners, and PEDS President Sally Flocks highlighted their innovative design solutions that create walkable places. As an all-volunteer, nonprofit community organization, AIEV has worked for more than a decade to create a safe, pedestrian-friendly, economically viable Village. Over the past decade, the alliance of local neighbors, Emory Village businesses and property owners, and representatives from Emory University developed and championed a revitalization plan, which resulted in the Village being designated as a “Livable Center” by the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) and helped attract a $2.1 million grant to fund public improvements, such as the streetscape enhancements. The plan also attracted nearly $1 million in matching funds from DeKalb County for traffic, street, and pedestrian improvements – including the new roundabout, which has replaced the Village’s formerly congested main intersection.

Construction is expected to be completed early next year on additional sidewalks and a new garden park next to the roundabout which will include a water feature, kiosk, and a well to provide water for the landscaping in the park including the more than 40 trees to be planted in the Village. AIEV is currently raising funds to finish the park and other greening efforts on the edges of the Village. In accepting the award, AIEV Chair Lois Bernhauke thanked DeKalb County, ARC, the LCI and the neighborhood for “bringing the village back to be the center of the community and believing that it could once again provide a safe environment for pedestrians.”

The Historic Fourth Ward Park

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Bringing One for the Chipper

Every year, Keep DeKalb Beautiful sponsors “Bring One for the Chipper” as part of a Statewide effort to recycle Christmas trees. This annual event continues the tradition of trading a used Christmas tree for a tree seedling, while supplying help to DeKalb County Sanitation Division. Residents who are currently serviced by DeKalb County Sanitation Sanitation Division may also have their trees picked up by DeKalb County Sanitation Division. Residents who are currently serviced by DeKalb County Sanitation Division may also have their trees picked up by DeKalb County Sanitation Division.

Tips for Navigating a Roundabout

(Pedestrians, (courtesy of PEDS, an Atlanta-based pedestrian advocacy organization at www.peds.org)

1. Never walk through a roundabout or cross through the center island (motorists expect you will use the crosswalks and will look for you there).
2. As pedestrians approach the crosswalk, look left to make sure cars stop for you.
3. Cross to the next pedestrian island, and look right to make sure cars stop for you. Finish crossing to the opposite crosswalk.

Cyclists:

1. Cyclists should walk their bicycles across the pedestrian crosswalk.
2. If riding in the roundabout, navigate it like motorists.
3. Do not hug the curb. Ride in the middle of the lane to prevent vehicles from passing you.
4. Stop for pedestrians in crosswalks. Signal when making turns out of the roundabout. For more information on safe cycling, visit www.bike.emory.edu.

Motorists:

1. When approaching the roundabout, slow down to the posted speed limit. When pedestrians are in the crosswalk, they have the right-of-way.
2. As drivers enter the roundabout, yield to approaching vehicles. Wait for a gap in traffic, and merge RIGHT into the roundabout.
3. When in the roundabout, continue until you reach your street. Never stop for other cars while in the roundabout.
4. To exit the roundabout, signal, then bear right to exit the roundabout. Stop for pedestrians in the crosswalk while exiting.

The Way They Were…and Are

by Mary Angela Whyte

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The Historic 4th Ward Park is one of the first completed urban parks of the Atlanta Beltline project and the Historic Fourth Ward Park Conservancy is a nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing the maintenance and security of the park while advocating for the full realization of the park plan.

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A short walk from Emory University, this beautiful home combines historically inspired Tudor design with the luxuries and conveniences of state-of-the-art construction, including an elevator. Graceful brick archways adorn the front porch that welcomes you into the main level of this spacious three-level home. This level features a living room, with fireplace, that opens to a library and sunroom. Echoing the distinct exterior brick arches, an elegant archway separates the gourmet kitchen from the family room. The main floor also includes a dining room, guest suite, and screened porch overlooking a private backyard. The master suite and three additional bedrooms are located upstairs along with a laundry room and playroom. The basement level offers a two-car, drive-under garage, an additional guest suite and a recreation room.

If you are considering a move or are just curious about the real estate market, please give me a call.

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