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4th Annual CHCA Yardsale

by Michele Glaser

CHCA will host its 4th annual yard sale fundraiser on Saturday May 8, 2004 at 2042 Desmond. Join us to price items on Friday evening. It is a great opportunity to get to know your neighbors and do some pre-sale shopping. There will be pizza and cold drinks for volunteers. All day Saturday volunteers are needed to mark down prices and help buyers with their purchases. Donuts will be available to volunteers Saturday morning.

We also need items for the sale and will accept books, sheets, towels, bedding, toys, gardening and outdoor items, furniture, craft items, tools, small appliances/

electronics, kitchen items and linens, nic nacs and decorative items, and infant and young children's items. All must be in good condition; no dirty or stained items, no broken or missing pieces. No clothing is accepted. Neighbors may also donate plants from their yards or bring them to swap with other gardeners.

All proceeds from the sale go directly into the CHCA neighborhood general fund. This money helps to support neighborhood projects beautification, new signs, removal of graffiti, removal of kudzu, and neighborhood parties.

All items left after the sale will be donated to a local charity. The rain date is May 9.

Contact Mark Knowles at 404-325-8386 or knowlesm@comcast.net to volunteer your time or donate items.

Support the Community! Join CHCA!

New members and renewals are accepted throughout the year.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Interests _____

Return to:

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Dues are \$10 a year

Medlock Park Update

by Nancy Ciliax


CHCA members Martha Smith, Jeff Mercant, Joe Hale, myself; Meg Rose and Sharon Johnson from MANA (Medlock Area Neighborhood Association), County Commissioner Gale Walldorff, Dan Magee, a citizen advisor from Parks & Recreation, and Brad Gilbert from DHYAA (Druid Hills Youth Athletic Association) baseball league all gathered in the second floor meeting room of the park's concession stand to discuss future possibilities for Medlock Park. This first meeting was for preliminary discussions between all the users of the park to come to an understanding on future needs.

CHCA and MANA would like to have more areas in the park open for community use since it does not have welcoming appeal to a wide variety of users other than baseball players. Many children from our

area do enjoy playing baseball there, but many others feel fenced out of the park. Areas used most often by neighborhood residents, the playground and pool, are in need of the most help. Marvin Billups of the Parks & Recreation has assured CHCA that a shade structure will be put up at the pool by its opening and benches at the playground will be repaired.


Commissioner Waldorff suggested creating a task force including CHCA, MANA, DHYAA, the YMCA baseball summer league, and Parks & Recreation. The task force will meet May 13th, 7PM at the park's concession stand meeting room.

Please let me know if you are interested in being on the task force or have specific suggestions for the park's improvement and usage (see contact information on page 1).



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Welcome Wagon!

by Teresa Toreno

CHCA has formed a Welcome Wagon! The goal is to make new neighbors feel welcome, promote a sense of community, and increase awareness of our civic association by recruiting volunteers, soliciting local businesses for donations to include in a welcome basket, keeping an on going list of homes for sale and communication of houses sold, and greeting new neighbors in a timely manner. Baskets may vary based on response but will include the most recent Clairmont Heights Newsletter, have an area map with local businesses (those participating will be acknowledged) and volunteers can personalize this with baked goods/flowers if inspired.

Volunteers may join for a year commitment by emailing peachetree1204@comcast.net or calling 404-329-9568. If you are a business owner and would like this opportunity to advertise your service, company or product, please notify us in the same manner above. Thanks in advance for your support.

Want Free Plants? Have Some to Share?

If you are planning to split hostas, irises or other perennials, dig up overgrown bushes or just have plants that you no longer want, pass them on to a neighbor through the CHCA plant swap. The plant swap is a great way to obtain plants free of charge. Visit <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CHCAPlantExchange/> Call Michele to find out how at 404.320.7520.

Call for Nominations

by Paul Burkley

Do you have your finger on the pulse of our neighborhood? Do you have some ideas and opinions on how we can improve our great community and make it even better, safer and more beautiful? Nominations are now open for Clairmont Heights Civic Association Board Members. The time commitment is small, but the rewards for your neighborhood are immeasurable!

Nominating Chair, Paul Burkley, is accepting nominations and the elections are at the May 22 Block Party. Nominations may be made by contacting Paul at prburkley@mindspring.com or 404-218.3669 or can be made at the May 22 meeting. Elected positions are President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer. CHCA is especially in need of a Corresponding Secretary and a Recording Secretary. For more info or to nominate yourself or someone else, please contact Paul.

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News Bits

GBI Sex Offender Website – The Georgia Bureau of Investigation maintains a website listing the current addresses of all registered sex offenders in the State of Georgia. This site lets you search by name or zip code and displays the person's latest photo, address and description. There are currently 4 registered offenders living in the 30033 area.

<http://www.ganet.org/gbi/index.html>

Melton Park Cleanup Day – *Sunday, May 23, 9AM-1PM*, CHCA is sponsoring a Melton Park cleanup event. Help us make Ira B. Melton Park a clean and safe neighborhood greenspace. Everyone is welcome to participate in clearing out 40 years worth of old bottles and assorted rubbish littering the park. Trash bags will be supplied. Bring clippers, gloves, bug repellent, drinking water and lots of enthusiasm. We'll meet by the Melton Park sign on Desmond Road. If you are late, just follow one of the two footpaths to find us. The trailhead for both paths is at the tree with the pink and green surveyor's tape, not far from the sign. For information, contact Valerie Boss: 404-320-0266.

Recycling Dude – For the newer residents in our neighborhood...A man named Paul Reece, aka "The Recycling Guy & His Dog" contracts with homeowners to weekly pickup recyclable materials from your home. He charges \$15/month and will pick up glass, all types of paper and cardboard and all metal cans & #1 & 2 plastic containers (milk bottles, etc.) Paul is very reliable and a real neat guy to just talk to. He does a route in Clairmont Heights on Thursdays and is always happy to take on new customers. His number is 404.401.9677 if you'd like to find out more about this truly helpful service.

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From the President's Keyboard

by Nancy Ciliax

Our neighborhood is looking so good right now with gorgeous color combinations of azaleas and dogwoods and spring perennials. Thank you to all those neighbors who plant beautiful front yard gardens that I and other walkers, joggers and bikers can enjoy. When I walk the dogs in the morning after loading my son onto his school bus, the bird calls actually drown out the traffic noises. My birdfeeders and birdbaths are busy places right now. All this birdy socializing has paid off with the nests I've spotted in my cherry trees. Isn't spring grand? This is a great time to take a walk in the South Peachtree Creek Nature Preserve. Their spring sunset tour was lots of fun.

Have you noticed the newly planted holly trees along Webster where the sewer lines were put in? Some are dying, but the majority are alive and well thanks to our Webster neighbors who are working hard to keep them watered. Thank you.

What would spring be without our Annual CHCA Yard Sale on May 8? Don't throw out all that good junk from your spring cleaning! Donate it to our fundraising yard sale. If you have perennials in need of splitting, donate extras to the yard sale. You can also swap at the yard sale (or visit our plant exchange <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CHCAPlantExchange/>). Mark Knowles let me twist his arm at the Fernbank auction and he volunteered to organize the yard sale,

taking it over from Michele Glaser. Michelle Hiskey and Ben Smith have kindly offered their yard again. Check out the details in this newsletter.

Things are brewing at Medlock Park and I don't mean the spring batch of Atlanta Sweetwater Ale. I'm helping to form a task force that will build a master plan for the park that will include renovation of the pool and playground area and addition of multi-purpose fields, shade structures, landscaping, and possibly a fenced dog run. Check out the article I've written about the park. There's also something about the PATH foundation coming through our neighborhood in August.

Be sure to put our Annual CHCA Block Party on your calendars for Saturday, May 22 from 3-6 at the corner of Densley and Woodmoor. We'll have the moonwalk for the kids and food and refreshments. Bring a lawn chair and catch up on the latest neighborhood gossip - er, I mean news. We'll also hold nominations and elections for the CHCA Board. We need your help! We have several open board positions to be filled. If you're interested, contact Nominations Chair Paul Burkley (see page 1).

There are some new restaurants in the mall next to Athens Pizza. Be sure to check those out. A nursery has opened in the old farmer's market on Medlock Road and the card/gift shop at Emory Commons has a new owner. UPS will be moving next door to its present location there. Neighbor John Juliano has started an online shopping/delivery business. Check it out at www.sophiasshoppingservice.com. Any other area business news? Let me know and we'll run it in a new column titled "In the Neighborhood."

Any new neighbors moving in near you? Let the CHCA Welcome Wagon know. Call Teresa Toreno (4/329-9568) or email her peachetree@comcast.net or stop by if you see her in her yard at 809 North Superior at the corner of Desmond. Individuals or businesses can also donate something to the Welcome Wagon baskets, like coupons or freebies.

Hope to see you at the yard sale and block party. Drive carefully. Thanks to Teresa Toreno and Jude Lomas for organizing the neighborhood slow downs.


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SPCNP Wins Award

by Nancy Seideman

The South Peachtree Creek Nature Preserve (SPCNP) was presented with the Woolford B. Baker Green Space Award by Friends of Emory Forest during a March 17 ceremony at Emory University. In accepting the award, SPCNP President Dave Butler announced that the property's name will be changed to the Clyde Shepherd Nature Preserve.

"We are changing the name of the preserve in honor of Mr. Shepherd's lifelong efforts in DeKalb County and his generosity in letting us use the land," said Butler. The preserve is a 28-acre property in the Medlock Park neighborhood owned by the Shepherd family but leased to the County. The site opened in 1995 under the management of South Peachtree Creek Nature Preserves Inc., a neighborhood organization seeking to conserve natural spaces in the South Peachtree Creek watershed.

The Baker Green Space Award is presented annually by Friends of Emory Forest to an individual or organization that excels in the protection, conservation or enhancement of the natural environment within Emory University or in the community. Efforts awarded include tree plantings, green space creation, reforestation and visionary political leadership. Past recipients include DeKalb County CEO Vernon Jones for his support of green space acquisition, and Gene and Chester Morse, who donated their seven-acre property in Decatur for preservation as green space. The Baker Award is named for the former Emory professor of biology who did so much to create a beautiful environment for the university community.



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PATH Update

by Jim Smith

As many of you saw at our meeting on the Emory campus, the PATH Foundation in conjunction with DeKalb Parks & Recreation, has developed a plan for putting a walking/biking trail in/near our neighborhood. As of that meeting, the trail went from the bridge on Willivee Drive along South Peachtree Creek towards the railroad tracks and then doubled back under the railroad tracks and headed into Mason Mill Park. At a community meeting about improvements to Medlock Park last week, Commissioner Gale Walldorff unveiled an updated version of that map that included a spur from the old Decatur Waterworks that crossed South Peachtree Creek, traversed the Ira Melton Park and came out on Desmond Drive, across from Park Lane. This means our residents will be able to walk/cycle/skate/three-legged-hop to the library and other facilities in Mason Mill Park without ever venturing onto Clairmont Road !!! Hooray !!! We hope to have a copy of this updated map available for the Spring Block Party on May 22.

CHCA has been in communication with PATH and the County about this project for several years. Work could begin as early as August.

South Peachtree Creek Nature Preserve Upcoming Events

The South Peachtree Creek Nature Preserve is a 38-acre wildlife habitat located at the rear of our neighborhood on Pine Bluff Road. It features several trails and contains wooded areas, open meadows, a beaver pond, a native species flower garden and diverse wildlife.

Work Day - Saturday, June 5, 9AM

Work Day - Saturday, July 10, 9AM

Work Day - Saturday, August 7, 9AM

Work Day - Saturday, September 4, 9AM

Stay tuned to CHCA email updates for a possible Blues & Barbecue evening and a Bird Tour.

More Information?
Dave Butler (404) 247-2727

Spring Block Party

Saturday, May 22 3PM - 6PM
Woodmoor Drive

by Susan Thesing

It's time for the CHCA 6th Annual Block Party! CHCA will provide paper products, chicken nuggets, lemonade and a moonwalk for the kids. Feel free to bring your own side dish or snacks to share and other beverages you might desire. The rain date is May 24.

CHCA will also hold its annual election to the Board of Directors at this meeting. Anyone interested in a Board position, please see the Call for Nominations on page 3. CHCA especially needs a Corresponding Secretary and Recording Secretary. Information will also be available about the hot topics facing our neighborhood - so mark your calendars!

See you there!

Are You Getting CHCA E-mail Updates?

CHCA sends out 4 to 6 email updates a month including valuable community information and will distribute to any interested community member. Please send your name and the email address you prefer us to use to jfsmith@mind-spring.com if you would like emails.

Calling Post

CHCA is using an automated phone calling system to inform neighbors of important events such as neighborhood meetings, parties and emergencies. Neighbors interested in being added can contact Michele Glaser (404.320.7520) or join CHCA by completing the membership form included in this newsletter.

Sample of Recent Home Sales in Our Neighborhood

Address	Beds	Baths	Built	Closing Date	Sale Price
949 Heritage Hills	4	3.5	1985	7/31/2003	\$400,000
684 N. Superior Ave	4	2	1962	11/21/2003	\$310,000
705 N. Superior Ave	4	3	1956	7/31/2003	\$329,000
661 N Superior Ave	3	3	1957	10/31/2003	\$322,000
894 Heritage Place	3	2.5	1994	10/28/2003	\$325,000
697 Willivee Dr	3	2	1956	9/30/2003	\$273,000
613 Park Ln	3	2	1956	10/16/2003	\$272,100
609 N. Superior Ave	3	2.5	1956	11/14/2003	\$273,000
701 Willivee Dr	3	2	1956	11/20/2003	\$272,000
2380 Wineleas Rd	4	2	1949	12/16/2003	\$249,900
3220 Wineleas Rd	3	2	1952	9/30/2003	\$239,000
2382 Sanford Rd	3	2	1949	10/31/2003	\$214,000
2370 Desmond Dr	2	1	1950	12/22/2003	\$195,000
2387 Desmond Dr	2	1	1949	10/30/2003	\$189,000
2328 Desmond Dr	2	1	1951	11/14/2003	\$185,000

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