



# ARDMORE PARK NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

## Planning Tracks By Jim Wright

There are a variety of planning tracks in progress that will impact Ardmore Park. Geographically, planning foci are diverse and extensive. They include the entire City, Northwest Beltline Study Area, the Brookwood Alliance and our own specific Neighborhood.

The City of Atlanta has contracted with planning firm teams to develop a citywide comprehensive transportation plan. This effort will address such factors as land use and transportation linkages, opportunities for smart

growth, multi-modal opportunities -e.g. street cars, light rail, Marta expansion, shuttles, etc. As traffic congestion is reaching frenzied proportions in Atlanta, the development of such a plan is long overdue.

The Atlanta Beltline, Inc. has retained the engineering firm of Glatting Jackson. This professional company is contracted for developing a comprehensive plan for the Northwest Beltline Study Area, which includes Ardmore Park. Strong citizen participation is inherent in the planning

process. On 9/25/07, an important community meeting was held. Basically there was consensus from attendees that a new PATH extension should not go through Tanyard Creek Meadow. Rather, the preference was that the alignment should be on the west side of Tanyard Creek adjacent to the small playground that now exists there. Use of a variety of materials for the PATH other than concrete was also discussed.

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### Special points of interest:

- Mark Your Calendar for the Ardmore Park Annual Fall Picnic October 21
- Don't Forget to Pay Your Annual Neighborhood Association Dues
- Mark Your Calendar for the Ardmore Park Fall Clean Up Day October 20

## ARDMORE PARK ANNUAL FALL PICNIC

Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup> (rain date October 28<sup>th</sup>)

3:00 at Ardmore Park

**Free Moonwalk for all the kids!**

\$5 for adults: kids free

**Our annual Ardmore Park picnic is a great way to meet your neighbors!**

Check out the flyers distributed by your street captains for more details.



Thank you to Cynthia Normark for organizing this event and our sponsor - neighbor and Realtor®, Alice McDonough for supplying free beer and wine!

**See you there!**

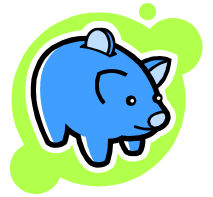
## Planning Tracks (continued)

The Brookwood Alliance is incorporated and organized with a set of bylaws. This umbrella organization includes Brookwood Hills Community Club Inc., Brookwood Civic Association Inc., Ardmore Park Neighborhood Association, Inc., Collier Hills Community Organization, Inc., Loring Heights Civic Association and Collier Hills North Civic Association. The Alliance continues to work with the Peachtree Corridor Task Force. Opportunities for new collective efforts by the organization will be addressed in the future as appropriate.

A Hospital Impact Analysis Plan is being developed by the Center for Quality Growth and Regional Development at Georgia Tech. This planning effort is the result of a generous grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Under the direction of Dr. Catherine Ross, the study will examine the impact of hospitals on neighborhoods. Strong citizen participation will be associated with the study.

Of most immediate concern, a Plan for Ardmore Park was formulated by members of the Board of Directors. The Plan purpose is to provide a concise format outlining projects and actions of importance and consequence to the Neighborhood. Many of the elements included in the Plan were the result of recommendations by neighbors. If there are any suggestions for modifications or refinements to the Plan, please contact me. For Plan specifics, please refer to page 5, 'Ardmore Park Neighborhood Planning Session.'

## Annual Dues



It's time to pay your neighborhood association dues. You should have received a notice to pay \$35 for your yearly dues. If you haven't received your notice, contact Rich Hall via email ([richhall@bellsouth.net](mailto:richhall@bellsouth.net)) to receive a payment coupon or send a check for \$35 made out to the Ardmore Park Neighborhood Association to:

**Rich Hall, Treasurer**  
**Ardmore Park Neighborhood Assoc.**  
**Ardmore Road NW**  
**Atlanta, GA 30309**

This year, dues were raised to \$35 per year (from \$25 per year for a number of years) to cover the rising expenses of protecting our neighborhood's interests with respect to the Beltline, the Peachtree Corridor, and a number of other developments in the area. This increase was approved at the Spring 07 annual meeting.

Also at the annual meeting, new bylaws were adopted which state that only residents who have paid their dues are eligible to vote at the neighborhood meetings. If you don't pay your dues, you can't vote, so please get those dues payments in soon!

## OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ARDMORE PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION—2007



### OFFICERS

President: Jim Wright  
Vice President: Julie Hall  
Treasurer: Rich Hall  
Secretary: Sandy Builder  
NUP-E Rep: Steve Fairley  
Security: Susan Crawford

### STREET REPRESENTATIVES

28<sup>th</sup>: Margaret Talmadge  
Anjaco: Katrina Ripley  
Wycliff: Anne Young  
Ardmore Sq: Gudrun Noonan  
Ardmore Rd: Shelley Kaplan

**Please call Anne to volunteer on your street!**

## No Arch in the Park

By Hank Schwab

Like our garden flowers that blossomed so beautifully in the Spring and then withered with the heat and drought of the Summer, the addition of the Mayflower Arch to our park has withered under the demands of the City of Atlanta. The final decision of the Ardmore Park Association committee attempting to locate this structure in the park and the board is to abandon the effort.

Julie Hall, Hank Schwab, Ben Darmer, and Susan Gworek, along with Jim Wright and the rest of the APA board concluded, after polling the neighborhood and with advice from neighborhood attorneys, that we could not meet the demands of the Parks Department. The requirement that we provide insurance for the Arch as well as the numerous other requirements to extend for a period of 50 years were just too much of a commitment for future neighbors.

What had appeared to be a great idea to retain this masonry monument as an architectural feature in the Ardmore Park encountered difficulties at the Parks Department from the very beginning. Parks first required an expression of support from the neighborhood. This we did. Then when we got ready to move the dismantled stones, Parks would not allow them to be moved to the Park without an agreement to maintain the structure.

As an interim step, Hank Schwab located the stones next to his home on Wycliff. Here they remain today. After months of waiting and negotiating, the Parks Dept presented a long list of requirements to APA. In short, these requirements read that Ardmore Park pay for everything however Parks will direct everything. It was clear to the committee that the City did not want the Arch in the park and would make requirements so difficult to meet that the neighborhood would eventually abandon the project, which we have. Mark Riley, the developer of the Brookwood condo project and benefactor for moving the Arch, has not decided the next step. He has sent word that he's exploring other locations, but no decision has been made yet.

It is disappointing that so much effort was made and we have so little results to show for the effort. Everyone can be thanked for their many hours of work to try and make this project successful. For now, we will all continue to enjoy our beautiful neighborhood and park, but without the Arch.

### **Ardmore Park Fall Clean-Up Day!**

Neighbors Take Care of their Park...

**Saturday, October 20th (rain date Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>)**

**10:00 AM to Noon**



- We will inspect the park playground equipment and other park amenities.
- Spread mulch at the children's playground.
- Plant flowers in the entrance containers.
- General clean-up - bring your rakes!
- We will also discuss details about the new Friends of Ardmore Park group to help preserve and enhance our neighborhood park.

Come spruce up our park and get it ready for the fall picnic. We'll get down and dirty with rakes and spades. It is a casual way to interact with other neighborhood families and do some good in our beautiful park. Refreshments will be provided!

**Everyone Please Join Us!**

## Neighbor News

Compiled by Karen Vohman and Julie Hall

Long time Ardmore Park resident and native Atlantan Helen Randolph, 97, passed away peacefully at her home on September 22nd. She was preceded in death by her husband of 70 wonderful years, Robert Lee Randolph Sr., her childhood sweetheart and the "boy next door." Helen was a loving, loyal and devoted wife, mother, daughter, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend who cherished all her family and friends. Helen and Bob were members of Peachtree Presbyterian Church. They enjoyed many years with Georgia Tech Alumni and AARP groups and spent most of their lives working together in their family business, traveling, enjoying their weekends at Lake Lanier and the time with family and friends. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Hospice Atlanta, 1244 Park Vista Drive NE, Atlanta, GA 30319. An online memorial may be viewed at [www.mem.com](http://www.mem.com). Ardmore Park neighbors will miss Helen.

**Please help welcome our new neighbors!** Our new neighbors say they are attracted to Ardmore Park for the great intown location convenient to both Midtown and Buckhead, as well as the lovely tree-lined streets and park-like setting. They also like the peaceful neighborhood parks! Here's a brief introduction to some of them.

Ben and Elizabeth Mackie are the new young couple on 28th Street. They have been in Atlanta for less than two years and moved to Ardmore Park over the Summer. Ben works at Emory. He and Elizabeth are originally from Tampa, Florida. Welcome to the neighborhood!

Mayer and Beau Buisson are new neighbors on Wycliff Rd. They have been married for 3 years and are both native Atlantans. Both are employed by Primerica Financial Services. Mayer loves to garden and Beau is a professional race car driver in the Koni Challenge Series. Welcome, Mayer and Beau Buisson to the neighborhood!

Terry and Robert Banta are also new neighbors on Wycliff. They have also bought another home on Wycliff and are in the process of restoring the home. They have two daughters, Caroline and Sallie. Sallie is a freshman in college and Caroline is in Graduate School at Vanderbilt University. They have moved to our neighborhood from Brookwood Hills. We are thrilled to have them as our new neighbors.

Bailey is new to Anjaco and is originally from Nashville. She lived in the San Francisco Bay Area during college and several following years. She has been in Atlanta for 4 years and is a partner in a consulting firm that advises government on broadband. Her hobbies include sailboat racing and mountain biking (always looking for mountain bike buddies) and when she's not working, she spends time remodeling her house. She is always happy for people to stop by and say hello, and is happy to be a part of the neighborhood.



Michael and Jenny Moran live on Anjaco. They are proud parents of Sophie, 4 and Michael 2, and are so happy to finally have made the move intown from Marietta. It is a dream come true. No commute, hurray! Mike is an attorney and she is a stay-at-home mom. The kids both go to preschool at 2nd Ponce de Leon Baptist Church. They attend church at the Cathedral of Christ the King. "Everyone we've met here has been warm and welcoming. We joke that we've met and spoken with more neighbors in the 2 months we've lived here than all the years we lived in Marietta put together. We really appreciate all the hospitality. Stop in and see us!"

Katie and Bill Hobbs also now live on Anjaco and are happy to be back in Atlanta after 4 years in Manhattan. Bill works at Arcapita, a private investment firm, and Katie was able to keep her job at ELLE magazine in advertising sales. They met at the University of Georgia and have been married 4 years.

## Ardmore Park Neighborhood Planning Session Meeting Minutes by Julie Hall

The Ardmore Park Neighborhood Association Board met at the Piedmont Hospital Community Board Room on Saturday, September 8, 2007. The Board conducted a planning session to recognize and determine planning criteria for the neighborhood association. The following comments summarize issues discussed. If you have any suggested modifications or refinements to the Plan, please contact Jim Wright.

### A. Planning Session

Jim Wright acted as facilitator of the planning session and established three planning phases to structure our session.

- Concerns
- Analysis
- Outcome / Budget



### B. Planning Outcome

The following table indicates the results of the two hour planning session.

## Ardmore Park Neighborhood Plan

Planning Criteria	Participating Neighbor Volunteers	Schedule
<b>1. Land Use and Zoning</b> A. Understand Zoning Guidelines B. Land Use and Zoning Issues C. Land Use Committee D. Trees / Greenspace E. Sidewalks & Improvements F. Tanyard Creek Trail G. Beltline	<b>1.</b> A. Steve Fairley NPU E Rep. B. Board Meeting C. Chairs A. Young /S. Fairley D. Karen Vohman E. Jim Wright, President F. J.Wright, J.Hall, T.Gordon G. J.Wright, J.Hall, T. Gordon	<b>1.</b> A. Oct. B. Mid-Oct. C. Ongoing D. Fall update E. Ongoing F. Sept. 25 meeting G. Sept. 25 meeting
<b>2. Traffic Calming</b>	<b>2.</b> Jim Wright, President	<b>2.</b> Fall Newsletter
<b>3. Communications</b> A. Newsletter B. Website C. Email confirmation D. Street Representatives	<b>3.</b> Sandy Builder, Secretary A. S. Builder, S.Kaplan, R. Hall B. Tom Gordon C. S. Crawford, S. Builder & St. Reps D. Anne Young- meet w/ Reps	<b>3.</b> A. Ongoing B. October C. ASAP D. ASAP
<b>4. Security</b> A. Neighborhood Watch B. Security Signs C. Crime Watch reports	<b>4.</b> Susan Crawford, Chair A. Jim Wright, Susan Crawford B. Hank Schwab (Graphics) C. Susan Crawford	<b>4.</b> A. Fall Picnic B. Fall Picnic C. Ongoing
<b>5. Piedmont Hospital</b>	<b>5.</b> Jim Wright, President	<b>5.</b> Ongoing
<b>6. Friends of Ardmore Park</b>	<b>6.</b> Julie Hall, Chair	<b>6.</b> Begin October
<b>7. Social Committee</b> A. Picnics - Spring / Fall B. Garden / Block Socials C. Movie in the Park D. Bookclub & others	<b>7.</b> P. Gordon, S.Gworek, B. Reeve, St. Reps A. Cynthia Normark, Fall Chair B. TBD C. TBD D. TBD	<b>7.</b> Organize ASAP A. Fall - October 21 B. TBD C. TBD D. TBD
<b>8. Treasury</b> A. Ardmore Park NA B. Brookwood Alliance	<b>8.</b> A. Rich Hall, Treasurer B. Jim Wright, Rich Hall, TBD	<b>8.</b> A. Ongoing B. TBD

By Steve Fairley

NPU-E has been very busy the past six months. At our August meeting, we added the Atlantic Station Neighborhood Association to the NPU-E. Since Atlantic Station is such a thriving and successful community, they requested and received representation on the board. We now have (11) neighborhoods that comprise our NPU: Ansley Park Civic Association, Ardmore Park Neighborhood Association, Atlantic Station, Brookwood Civic Association, Brookwood Hills Community Club, Inc., Georgia Tech, Home Park Community Improvement Association, Loring Heights Civic Association, Midtown Neighborhood Association, Sherwood Forest Civic Association and the Marietta Artery Association. These neighborhoods represent a significant area of the explosive intown growth currently taking place in Atlanta.

We address so many issues at our monthly meeting that we have extended the time for this meeting. We meet monthly at the Peachtree Christian Church from 6:30 PM—9:00 PM. Some of the issues with which we are dealing are related to the Beltline Overlay District that includes our entire neighborhood. This overlay allows for a different set of guidelines relating to development projects which occur within the overlay.

I encourage residences to take time on the 1st Tuesday of each month to come and see the NPU-E in action. It is community action at its finest.

### 301 Ardmore Circle

In July, Michael Rothman, Chairman for NPU-E, received a package from the offices of the Zoning & Development Services indicating that there had been a Special Administrative Permit (SAP) applied for ,



within the NPU-E. Michael contacted Steve Fairley, the NPU-E representative for Ardmore Park, since the SAP in question was for a parcel of land within the Ardmore Park neighborhood and delivered the SAP to Steve. Upon investigation, we learned that this SAP was applied for because our neighborhood is within the Beltline Overlay District.

The parcel in question is known as 301 Ardmore Circle. This property currently consists of rental properties. The Lane Company, applicant for the SAP, has plans to build (36) three and four story townhomes on the 3.2 acre parcel.

Copies of the SAP, along with preliminary plans, were delivered to the Land Use Committee members in early August for their review. The Land Use Committee met with the developer and their design team August 21<sup>st</sup> to review their plans. The Land Use Committee was very impressed with their proposal and felt that it would be a very nice addition to our neighborhood.

The Land Use Committee requested that since this site is heavily forested, that the developer takes all means to maintain as many of the trees as possible. They are working with Aborguard, a local arborist, to develop a Tree Preservation Plan for the project. They also indicated that they are considering building “Earth Craft” homes which are ecologically sensitive designs. The price point for these units will be between \$700,000 and \$900,000.

The schedule of development is still being finalized along with the plans, but the developer has indicated that they will close on the property in October 2007 and will assist the current tenants in finding housing alternatives through the end of the year. They would like to begin earth work in February 2008 and begin occupancy in the Fall of 2008.

Please see page 8 for the site plan for the project.

## Security Update

By "Sheriff" Susan Crawford



### Security at Ardmore Park remains good.

To date, we have not experienced any security problems as a result of the construction of the Brookwood at the top of 28th Street.

In addition, we have become members of the Citizens' Advisory Committee, which is a group of neighborhoods in our area. The Atlanta Police Department provides the group with weekly police reports for our area, and those I forward on to you via e-mail.

We are also looking into joining **Neighborhood Watch**, which essentially is a system of neighborhood awareness and communication plus the addition of signs. Criminology literature reveals that the mere existence of neighborhood watch signs reduces criminal activity in an area.

Currently, Ardmore buys about 40 hours of police patrol each month. Our security offices are Barry Miller, Justin Andersen, Steve Shultz, Steve Seawell, and Marion Battle, and they patrol our neighborhood at random times.

We could, of course, double the amount of patrol hours if everyone paid security dues. Unfortunately, only about half of our neighborhood does so.

Dues are set at \$150 a year for people who live in a house and \$80 a year for those who live in apartments or condos. However, any amount is not only acceptable but well appreciated, and all the money goes directly to buying patrol hours. There are no other expenses, not even postage.

Finally, don't forget our telephone voice mail number. It is **404/367-9895**. Our patrolmen pick up our messages every day, and you should call if you want them to know you are out of town or if there is something you'd like them to watch out for such as a constant parking problem area.

For any immediate concern, always call 911. Sgt. Barry Miller emphasizes again and again that you should never hesitate to call 911. To reach a security patrol officer directly call **404/224-3321**.

Contacts: To be added to our e-mail list for the weekly police reports and other information about our neighborhood, or if you have questions about our security, e-mail me at [susancrawford@ardmorepublishing.com](mailto:susancrawford@ardmorepublishing.com).

And to pay your security dues or to contribute to our security account, make your check (in any amount) payable to Ardmore Security Patrol and send it to me on 28th Street.

### **Ardmore Park Newsletter**

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