



ARDMORE PARK NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Letter from the President By Jim Wright



Neighborhood President Jim Wright writes this letter updating us on one of the current planning initiatives that will help shape much of the new development in the Piedmont Hospital area. Jim, a master city planner in Atlanta for several decades, brings his many years of expertise to his service position.

Dear Neighbors,
The new Health Impact Assessment (HIA) is a major study effort that has strong planning implications for Neighborhoods that surround Piedmont Hospital and are encompassed in the Brookwood Alliance (BA). The BA is an umbrella organization comprised of the Ardmore Park Neighborhood Association, Inc.; Brookwood Civic Association, Inc.; Brookwood Hills Community Club, Inc., Collier Hills Civic Association and Collier Hills North Neighborhood Association, Inc. The mission of

the BA is to be a unified force that takes whatever appropriate action is necessary to protect the integrity of our high quality residential in-town neighborhoods.

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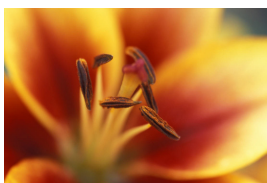
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Special points of interest:

- Mark Your Calendar for the Ardmore Park Annual Meeting Sunday, April 20
- Don't Forget to Pay Your Security Dues
- Check out our new website at ardmorepark.org

ARDMORE PARK ANNUAL MEETING

Please join your neighbors at the vital



Ardmore Park Association Meeting

Sunday, April 20th at 7:00 pm

77 Building Rich Auditorium at Piedmont Hospital.

Special Keynote Speaker Dr. Catherine Ross will be presenting the new Collier Road—Piedmont Hospital Health Impact Assessment. Find out from this expert what the health impacts are, both good and bad, of having a major hospital in a residential area. The meeting will be a great way to get involved in our community and greet neighbors.

See you there!

Letter from the President (cont)

The planning significance of the HIA relates to the innovative study design. It is not an abstract academic treatise or a general research report nor does it deal in theoretical constructs. Rather the study will yield specific, concrete, actionable recommendations on improvements that are needed in our Neighborhood such as gridlock on Neighborhood streets, safety concerns for pedestrians and motorists, and parking overflows on streets.

A very critical ingredient in formulating the HIA will be resident involvement in the planning process. So please attend our **Neighborhood Association meeting on Sunday, April 20, 2008 at 7:00 PM in the Richard Rich Auditorium at Piedmont Hospital.** Come and let your voice be heard. Any of the problems in our Neighborhood that have been bedeviling you for years can now be addressed in a forum designed for discussion, questions, answers and resident recommendations that will be seriously considered.

When recommendations are made in the HIA for Neighborhood improvements and mitigation of problems, though, they will not be self effectuating. The Neighborhoods must receive commitments from Institutional and Government leaders to take necessary action to implement identified action items in the study. The involvement of the Brookwood Alliance will be crucial in this regard.

Thank You to our present Neighborhood Officers and Representatives! New Officers for 2008 will be elected at the April 20 Meeting.

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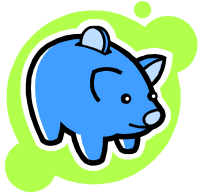
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Vice President: Julie Hall
Treasurer: Rich Hall
Secretary: Sandy Builder
NUP-E Rep: Steve Fairley
Security: Susan Crawford

STREET REPRESENTATIVES

28th: Margaret Talmadge
Anjaco: Tom Gordon
Wycliff: Anne Young
Ardmore Sq: Gudrun Noonan
Ardmore Rd: David Fosgate

Please call Anne to volunteer on your street!

Treasurer Report



Our recent increase in dues to \$35, combined with a significant increase in the number of members paying their dues, has greatly improved our financial situation. Even after some increased expenses relating to the Brookwood Alliance, we have still maintained our bank balance at approximately \$3000.

The number of dues paying households has increased in the past year but there are still about one third of our households who have not paid their dues for 2008 (notice was sent out in Fall 2007). According to our bylaws, if you haven't paid your dues, you can't vote on any neighborhood initiatives.

If you would like to pay your 2008 dues, you can 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**

Dues can also be paid at the neighborhood meeting on Sunday, April 20th. If you are unsure if you have paid your dues, you can contact Rich Hall at richhall@bellsouth.net



April Meeting Keynote Speaker Dr. Catherine Ross

Spring is here with new green growth and brilliant blooms throughout our unique neighborhood! It's also time again for our annual Neighborhood Association Meeting. Join your neighbors at the **Meeting Sunday, April 20th at 7:00 pm held in Piedmont Hospital's Rich Auditorium (Building 77.)**

Neighborhood President Jim Wright is very pleased to announce that we will have a special keynote speaker for this year's meeting. His friend and colleague Dr. Catherine Ross, Director of Georgia Tech's Center for Quality Growth and Regional Development, will introduce the center's newest research study the Health Impact Assessment for the Collier Road /Piedmont Hospital area.

With the assistance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Georgia Tech's Center is in the midst of preparing this Health Impact Assessment (HIA) to identify the potential health impacts on people living and working near a major institution, such as Piedmont Hospital. The purpose of the HIA is to identify positive and negative health impacts of major institutions and developments in our neighborhood, and to recommend designs, policies and practices to improve community health. The recommendations resulting from the HIA will be presented to governmental and institutional decision makers.

Georgia Tech wants to know what you think impacts you and your family's health and quality of life to develop actionable recommendations to improve our community. They are using an innovative process to conduct this study to understand the potential health impacts of the community design, amenities, and the major institutions and new developments near your home. Dr. Ross and her team of researchers will be joining us at our Annual Meeting to tell us more. **We hope you will join us to learn more and share your thoughts!**

Ardmore Park neighbors recently received an electronic survey called *Your Neighborhood and Your Health* to share your experiences. **To take the brief survey please go to www.cqgrd.gatech.edu/HIASurvey or call 404-385-5133 and a survey will be mailed to you.** Bring your questions and comments and find out from this expert how our community may be impacting our health at the April 20th meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Georgia Tech's Center for Quality Growth at 404.385.5133.

Please Join Our New Social Committee!



The Ardmore Park Neighborhood Association has formed a new Social Committee. Neighbor Pat Gordon has volunteered to serve as chairperson for the newly created committee and is excited about bringing more social activities to Ardmore Park!

At the annual fall picnic Pat asked neighbors for their ideas for creating more social activities in the neighborhood. At present several neighbors make up the core group for the committee, and Pat is asking for more interested neighbors to join this exciting new neighborhood initiative. If you love attending or planning parties this could be a great way to serve - making our neighborhood even better and having fun in the process!

At the April meeting she will have more information about some upcoming events- possibly a 4th of July celebration is in the works! Please contact Pat for more information at patgordon@mindspring.com. Thanks Pat!

NPU-E NEWS

By Steve Fairley

As the Ardmore Park Neighborhood Association's representative for NPU-E I will be giving periodic updates on issues impacting the greater NPU-E and our neighborhood specifically. First let me start by giving everyone a short history of the NPU (Neighborhood Planning Unit) in general and the NPU-E specifically.

The City of Atlanta is divided into twenty-five Neighborhood Planning Units, which are citizen advisory councils that make recommendations to the Mayor and City Council on zoning, land use, and other planning issues. The NPU system was established in 1974 to provide an opportunity for citizens to participate actively in the Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP), now called the Atlanta Strategic Action Plan (ASAP), which is the City's vision for the next five, ten, and fifteen years. It is also used as a way for citizens to receive information concerning all functions of government. The system enables citizens to express and comment on city plans and proposals while assisting the city in developing plans that best meet the needs of their communities. To facilitate greater community involvement please go to the City's Online Site dedicated to information on NPU's http://www.atlantaga.gov/government/planning/npu_system.aspx

NPU-E represents Ardmore Park along with the following neighborhoods; Brookwood Hills, Brookwood, Sherwood Forest, Ansley Park, Atlantic Station, Home Park, Georgia Tech, Marietta Street Artery and Midtown. We meet monthly on the first Tuesday of each month in the lower level of the Peachtree Christian Church, 1580 Peachtree Street. The meetings being at 6:30 pm and go until about 9:00 pm, pending on the size of the Agenda. I encourage everyone to join us at one of these meetings to witness our neighborhood organization in action.



The neighborhood representatives that make up the board of NPU-E consist of Architects, Engineers, Developers, and Home Builders and associated Consultants. The common bond of all of them is that they are dedicated to making certain that the various neighborhoods' concerns are being properly addressed by the City. Some of the issues that are routinely discussed during these meetings include the following:

- We start the meetings with each of the board members giving a brief overview of "Hot Topics" that are impacting their respective neighborhoods.
- A discussion of forthcoming Special Events and Outdoor Festivals. Persons associated with these events make presentations to the board as to the purpose of the event, the anticipated size of the event along with the time and place for the event. This is a great vehicle to learn what is going on in our neighborhoods.
- We review Liquor Licensing Issues associated with new and existing businesses.
- The bulk of our meeting is directed at various Zoning related issues. We address small issues such as yard setback lines and we also review plans for large scale development projects.

Recently the board selected a new Chairperson and her name is Penelope Cheroff. Penelope has served on the NPU for more than ten years and she has been a great asset to the group since taking charge back in January.

As everyone is keenly aware, there has been lots of construction taking place in and around our neighborhoods. And despite the current economic conditions there is plenty more work currently in planning. So it is vitally important that our NPU provides the services that they do. As we go forward I encourage everyone to get involved as much as possible in the activities impacting our neighborhood. If you have any questions regarding what we do or would like to know more about the NPU-E please feel free to contact me at sdfair77@comcast.net

Security Update



By "Sheriff" Susan Crawford

Security at Ardmore Park remains good.

Ardmore Park's security is, thanks to our continuing security patrol, quite good. Incidents in Ardmore Park are minimal and far less than would be expected in an in-town neighborhood.

Here are the security points to be aware of:

- In any emergency or whenever immediate police assistance is needed, call **911**.
- After calling 911, you can call a second number that goes directly to the security officer on patrol at that time. However, this number is only a backup. During the hours when we do not have patrolmen in our neighborhood, it simply rolls over to a message that it is out of order. The number is **404/224-3321**.
- When you are going out of town and want our patrolmen to give special watch to your house, leave a voice mail message at **404/367-9895**. You can use the same number to leave messages for our patrolmen about any security concerns you may have, such as that you have seen abandoned cars or evidence of vagrants in some area.
- Our security officers Barry Miller, Justin Andresen, Steve Shultz, Steve Seawell, and Marion Battle also patrol Brookwood Hills and Collier Hills and hear all the 911 calls that come in. When they are working one neighborhood and hear a call from another, they are available to respond. Our security officers patrol the neighborhood at random times so as not to establish a pattern of when security is and is not present.
- Ardmore is a member of the Citizens' Advisory Committee, which is led by the Atlanta Police Department. It provides updates on police activity in our neighborhood. George Hammond, who lives on 28th Street, attends the committee meetings as our representative. The group sends out the weekly crime reports, which you receive by e-mail.
- All security announcements are now sent out via e-mail instead of by regular mail. This obviously allows us to send out immediate and more frequent notices of whatever happens in our neighborhood. Anybody who is not on the e-mail list can get added by contacting Susan Crawford at susancrawford@ardmorepublishing.com
- Bills for security dues went out by e-mail several weeks ago. Payments are still coming in, and each week we send out an updated list of who has paid. Dues are \$150 for houses and \$80 for condos, and the money goes entirely to buying patrol hours in our neighborhood. Every \$20 buys one hour of patrol time.
- Some neighbors have paid extra, and they are highlighted on the payment list.
- Others who cannot afford to pay the full amount or who would like to pay some now and some later are most welcome to participate at whatever level is appropriate for them, and they are listed - with sincere appreciation - as having paid the full amount. Those who opt not to pay should be sure to thank those who have paid for providing the security Ardmore Park is able to maintain.

We have a New Web Site!—ardmorepark.org

Ardmore Park has a new Web Site! Go to ardmorepark.org. Webmaster Tom Gordon has successfully created the new Ardmore Park web site and it is up and running. He is asking neighbors to begin adding content to the new site. It has information about current news, upcoming events and other announcements. Ultimately we will have secure access to neighborhood directories from that page.

Secure access is expected to be done via Yahoo groups. To do this, we have established a group called ArdmorePark-Neighborhood on Yahoo.com. If you wish to join the news-group, please set up a Yahoo account via: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ArdmoreParkNeighborhood/>

Once you have your free account, please request to join our group. Tom will receive a message that you want to join. After verification that you are who you say you are, you can begin to access secure information, chat, upload and download files and broadcast announcements to the neighborhood, without having to worry about having all the email addresses! Please be patient, as it takes time for everyone to sign up and get on the news group.

If you have questions, ideas, or content to post on the web page, please contact Tom Gordon tgordon@mindspring.com or webmaster@ardmorepark.org. Thanks Tom!

Neighbor News

Special Thanks! The Ardmore Park NA Board wishes to thank neighbor Anne Young for all of her efforts over the last several years to resolve the growing parking problems along Wycliff Road. With her and other neighbors persistence and patience the city of Atlanta is working to initiate a parking permit program for Wycliff Road to begin to resolve the parking issues. The Board also appreciates Wycliff neighbors' continued patience during this process.

Please help welcome our new neighbors! 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 in the area. Here's a brief introduction....



Last Fall Ardmore Road welcomed new neighbors John and Heath Elrod to the neighborhood! John is originally from Jacksonville while Heath hails from Memphis. Heath, a medical researcher for Emory University, and John, an attorney, are also busy new parents to their baby boy John.

Allison and Michael Dalton were married in the fall of 2007 in Atlanta, and joined the neighborhood on Ardmore Road in March of this year. Allison is an artist, and works as a User Experience Designer at AutoTrader.com. Michael is Creative Director at Hartmann Studios. Allison is originally from Toronto, Canada. Michael is native to Atlanta. They are excited about making their home in Ardmore Park.

Ardmore Park families are growing again! What joy! Three beautiful baby girls have arrived recently...

From Ardmore Road David and Jenny Fosgate joyfully announce the birth of another beautiful baby girl! Ellen Elizabeth "Elsie" was born in February. Sisters Harper and Dory are thrilled. Congratulations!

Congratulations also go out to our 28th Street neighbors, Norah and Colin White, as they likewise recently welcomed home a sweet and lovely baby girl! Sarah Gannon was born on January 14th. Ian is quite happy to be the new big brother!

Also on Ardmore Road another baby girl, beautiful Claire Elizabeth was born last August. Congratulations to parents Bart and Kim Busby and to Patrick, another very proud big brother!

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