



**ARDMORE PARK NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS**

**From Our President Jim Wright**

**O**ur Neighborhood President Jim Wright has been busy over the last year with many behind the scenes planning initiatives that affect our neighborhood. Currently there is much attention from city planners focused on planning initiatives literally in our own back yards. Below is his progress update.

**D**ear Neighbors,

During the past year NPU-E Representative Julie Hall and I have been spending a significant amount of time addressing planning and zoning matters that relate to our Neighborhood. The activities in which we have been involved were primarily in conjunction with the Brookwood Alliance,

an association of surrounding Neighborhoods working collectively to achieve growth and development consistent with the preservation of high quality inner city residential Neighborhoods.

A major focus of our efforts was in providing input toward preparation of the **Peachtree Corridor Plan**. Preparation of this guide for growth and development was undertaken by a task force commissioned by Mayor Shirley Franklin. The Plan outlines a vision for creation of a grand corridor along Peachtree Street comparable to other famous urban thoroughfares throughout the world – e.g. Broadway in New York, Champs Elysees in

Paris. Members of the Brookwood Alliance met with representatives of the Task Force to help develop a Plan designating future residential, commercial, recreational development patterns and addressing zoning guidelines and transportation options. The boundaries for planning include Peachtree Street and two blocks back on the east and west sides of the thoroughway which would extend to Anjaco Road in Ardmore Park. The initial version of the Plan was presented at City Hall on March 26, 2007.

Three other planning endeavors are now in the works that will directly affect the Brookwood Alliance geographic area including Ardmore Park.

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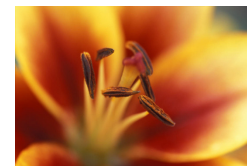
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**Annual Meeting**

**Tuesday, April 24 at 7 PM**

**Piedmont Hospital 77 Building—Rich Auditorium**



Our annual Association Meeting is a great way to voice your issues and meet your neighbors. Please make every effort to attend as there are many consequential items on the Agenda relative to our

Neighborhood including: 1) Report from the President and Officers; 2) Remarks by Councilwoman Clair Muller; 3) Presentation on developing a Neighborhood Watch Program by Christina Walker, Sen-

ior Inspector Supervisor in the Crime Prevention Division at APD; 4) Recommendations for increasing Social Interaction in the Neighborhood; 5) Presentation by Sergeant Barry Miller; elections, bylaws.

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They constitute : 1) the **Beltline Comprehensive Plan** that will address land use, urban design, transportation, greenery and open space, housing and transportation; 2) the **Citywide Transportation Plan** that will provide an overall design for traffic arteries and the creation of multi-modal transportation modes - e.g. possibly streetcars, shuttle busses, light rail, etc;

3) a third plan entitled "**Hospitals and Community Health**" that will be formulated by Dr. Catherine Ross, Director of the Center for Quality Growth and Regional Development, situated in the College of Architecture at the Georgia Institute of Technology. The Center received a \$100,000 grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to underwrite this pioneering planning endeavor that will consider neighborhood health and safety issues.

## What's up with the Beltline?

*From Jim Wright*

### BELTLINE STUDY AREA STEERING COMMITTEE NEEDS COMMITTED PARTICIPANTS

At the March 13, 2007 Beltline Study Area kickoff meeting it was reported that the Atlanta Beltline, Inc. is looking for people who want to volunteer for Sub-Area Steering Committees. Each of the two sub-areas in the Northside Study Area will have a Steering Committee that will comprehensively address issues. The intent is for no more than 20 members to be on each committee which will be comprised of area residents, business owners, developers and other relevant parties.

The Northside Study Area of which the Neighborhood is involved (Sub-Area 7) extends from I-75 all the way to Piedmont Road, and includes the Collier Hills, Collier Hills North, Ardmore, Brookwood, Brookwood Hills, Colonial Homes, and Peachtree Hills Neighborhoods.

It is crucial that committed, assertive and talented Neighborhood representatives be a major component of this Study Group. The groups need residents to protect the interests of the Neighborhoods in order that they remain high quality inner city housing enclaves. Developers are already lining up to serve on

All of this planning will commence between now and the end of the calendar year 2007. These are exciting times! Neighborhood residents in the Brookwood Alliance area, including our own Ardmore Park, will see vital plans emerge to guide development and protect and preserve residential sectors. The Ardmore Park Neighborhood Association and its Brookwood Alliance counterparts are working diligently and conscientiously to protect our collective interests to insure that development is compatible with the high quality residential character of our Neighborhoods. There will be substantial opportunity for resident input through regular public hearings and Citizen Advisory Panels that will work collaboratively with planners assigned to undertake the planning. If you want to get involved there will be ample opportunity. Please do!



these Committees and their interests do not always necessarily coincide with those of Neighborhoods. In essence residents on the Committee will be fighting to metaphorically protect the souls of our superb living areas.

There will not be theoretical constructs discussed at these meetings. Critical issues arose during the Peachtree Corridor Task Force meetings between developers and Neighborhood residents. The developers were pressuring for higher density development that would diminish the character and quality of residential areas. Neighborhood representatives strongly presented a case for maintaining Neighborhoods ambiance and livability.

To date there has not been a lot of volunteering from the Neighborhood residents to serve on the Study Groups. We cannot let this happen. Please volunteer and bring your talents and commitment to the Sub-Area 7 Study Group. The deadline for volunteering is April 30, 2007. Please e-mail Brandy Crawford of Atlanta Beltline, Inc. at [bcrawfor@atlbeltline.org](mailto:bcrawfor@atlbeltline.org). Also, please contact Jim Wright for more information by email at [wrightjr@mindspring.com](mailto:wrightjr@mindspring.com).

## Security Patrol

*From Susan Crawford.*



- Bills for security dues will be going out in the next few weeks. The dues are \$150 for houses and \$80 for condos and apartments, and the amount is tax deductible. Checks should be made payable to Ardmore Security Patrol and mailed to Susan Crawford at 81 28th Street.
- Only about half the neighborhood residents currently pay the security dues. The money is spent solely on buying patrol hours, which means that **if everyone pays, we can double the security patrol** we currently enjoy. Sgt. Barry Miller, our lead patrolman, points out that when construction begins on the Brookwood at the top of 28th Street, there will be more traffic and more opportunity for crime in our area.
- We have set up an e-mail list for sending out news about security. Currently, there are 84 names on the list. If you are not receiving e-mails about security and would like to be added to the list, contact Susan at [susan-crawford@ardmorepublishing.com](mailto:susan-crawford@ardmorepublishing.com).
- For all security members, if you are going out of town and would like for the patrol to keep an eye on your house while you are gone, leave a voice mail messages for our patrol at 404/367-9895. You can also use that number to leave messages of general concern, perhaps that you have seen a suspicious person in the neighborhood and would like for the patrol to watch for that person. For emergency police assistance, however, always call 911.
- The Ardmore Park Security Patrol is conducted by off-duty police officers from Atlanta's Motorcycle Division. Our lead patrolman is Sgt. Barry Miller, and our other patrolmen are Justin Andresen, Steve Shultz, Marion Battle, Jeff Baxter, and Steve Seawell. Their patrolling hours are done each week at random so as not to establish a schedule intruders might follow.
- At the neighborhood meeting on April 24th, there will be a presentation on developing a Neighborhood Watch Program by Christina Walker, Senior Inspector Supervisor in the Crime Prevention Division at APD. Please plan to attend.
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**Thank you Susan for all your hard work and the super job you're doing  
keeping the neighborhood informed about security!**



## Kudos for the Green Team!

Anne Young is the Land Use Committee Chair and Representative to the NPU-E. Karen Vohman is our Green-space Coordinator. We owe both of these ladies our heartfelt thanks for negotiating with Piedmont Hospital representatives in our behalf. Through their negotiating initiative it was agreed that the stark concrete "temporary" parking lot on Collier Road should be softened by the planting of evergreens. The Hospital did comply and planted evergreens along the street. This parking lot feature across from our Neighborhood is now dramatically upgraded.

Also representatives from NUP-E asked that Karen work with proprietors at the Palmer's Food and Citgo on Peachtree Street to clean up property and make other improvements like moving tubs of beer from the outside to the inside. Karen also advised the planting of pine seedlings on both sides of the property and her recommendation was adopted.

It is because of the talent and dedication of persons like Anne and Karen that we live in a vital Neighborhood. There is a repository of talent in Ardmore Park that will need to be used in the near future.

## Ardmore Park is now Incorporated!

A primary requirement for Ardmore Park to participate in the Brookwood Alliance is that the Neighborhood organizationally be incorporated and that there are Articles of Incorporation and By-laws in existence accordingly. We are now incorporated as a public non-profit corporation and registered with the Georgia State Office of the Secretary of State. Draft bylaws have been prepared and are included with this Newsletter. Please look them over and be prepared to discuss, pose questions and vote on any possible modifications and their approval at the Neighborhood Annual Meeting. The gathering will be held at 7:00PM on April 24, 2007; in the Richard Rich Auditorium at Piedmont Hospital.

### Ardmore Park Newsletter

- Jim Wright  
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## Mayflower Arch Project

Recently architect Hank Schwab sent neighbors a poll concerning the preservation of the monumental limestone archway which once stood at the demolished Mayflower buildings on the corner of 28th St. and Peachtree Rd. and its relocation to Ardmore

Park. Many neighbors responded and by a large majority support the relocation of the Arch to the Park. Mark Riley of Urban Realty Partners, the developers of the new Brookwood Condos, has offered to donate the archway to the Neighborhood. At present, the arch has been disassembled and is

stored at the Brookwood jobsite. Hank has organized several neighbors to help with the process of site selection within the park, and to develop the architectural and landscaping designs. Look for updates as the project progresses. If you have questions please contact Hank Schwab at (404) 352-8893.

## OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ARDMORE PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION—2006

Thank you 2006 volunteers! Everyone please plan to attend the annual meeting on April 24th to elect 2007 officers.

### OFFICERS

**President:** Jim Wright  
**Vice President:** Per Nomark  
**Secretary:** Sandy Builder  
**Treasurer:** Rich Hall  
**Greenspace Coordinator:** Karen Vohman  
**Past President:** Hank Schwab  
**NPU E Representative:** Anne Young  
**NPU E Alternate:** Julie Hall  
**Security:** Susan Crawford

### STREET REPRESENTATIVES

**28<sup>th</sup> Street:** Margaret Talmadge  
**Anjaco Road:** Katrina Ripley  
**Wycliff Road:** Margaret Sherrod  
 Lauren DeLoach  
**Ardmore Square:** Gudrun Noonan  
**Ardmore Road:** Rich Hall  
 Shelley Kaplan

## Welcome to the Neighborhood!

We have new neighbors on Ardmore Road! Andrew and Angeline Wamberg were recently married and have a small dog that they like to walk in the park. Andrew grew up in the area and was attracted to the intown convenience and ambience of our neighborhood. Please welcome them to the Neighborhood!

