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LAVISTA PARK
CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Quarterly Meeting Thursday, April 19th

Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1438 Sheridan Road

7 p.m. social with refreshments

7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Meeting

GUEST SPEAKER:

**South Fork Conservancy &
Toco Hills Community Alliance**

Food will be provided by Delia's Chicken Sausage Stand



President's Message

Spring has arrived (baa), and LaVista Park is as beautiful as ever this time of year! By the time you receive this newsletter, our friendly goat visitors will have left our beloved park (boo). They have entertained young and old alike while hungrily munching through invasive ivy, privet and every other green plant inside their electrified fence enclosure. Kudos to Board Member/Park Coordinator Donna Newman for bringing so many neighbors together again to witness this delightful spectacle. 39 goats arrived the first day, and it now appears, 57 will leave us. How can that be? Well, 18 are new kids on the block, native-born in LaVista Park!

April and May are LVPCA's membership drive months for both Friends of LaVista Park and Households. Annual memberships run from June 1 to the following May 31. This spring, any full-price household membership (new or renewal) paid at or before our Thursday, April 19th Quarterly Membership Meeting will enjoy a **\$10 discount!** You have a choice of paying **\$215** on or before April 19th or **\$225** thereafter. (This discount does not apply to 100% participating HOA members, who join as a group under a separate discount program.) Over 40 homeowners have already taken advantage of this special. We greatly appreciate your support and invite you to help us expand our membership by encouraging your immediate neighbors without patrol signs to join LVPCA this month. See details inside and on our website at <http://lavistapark.org/membership/>.

Please join your neighbors at our Thursday, April 19th Quarterly Membership Meeting from 7:00pm – 9:00pm at Westminster Presbyterian Church located at 1438

Sheridan Road. Our special guests will include representatives from South Fork Conservancy and Toco Hills Community Alliance. Enjoy free food and refreshments!

We often invite local public officials to attend our membership meetings to keep you apprised of critical issues. As a public service, for your information, we have an upcoming primary election on Tuesday, May 22, 2018. You must be registered to vote by April 24th to vote in this election. Early voting starts on Monday, April 30th including Saturday voting on May 12th only. In addition to numerous statewide and some county-wide races, contested local races of interest for LaVista Park residents include the following three:

State Representative, District 83 (Democratic)

Becky Evans

Howard Mosby (Incumbent)

DeKalb Board of Education, District 2

Candace D. McKinley

Marshall Orson (Incumbent)

DeKalb Soil & Water Commission

H. Anthony Gobert

Carol Hayes

Incumbent Georgia State Senator Elena Parent, State Representative Mary Margaret Oliver, and DeKalb Commissioners Jeff Rader and Kathie Gannon are running for reelection unopposed. We encourage all residents to register, vote and help us hold our public officials accountable.

Thank you!

Tom Woodward

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Patrol News & Notes

As we enter the spring and summer months it is great to see everyone outside exercising, working in the yard, and enjoying the park. The Patrol has been busy helping keep crime low in the neighborhood. Please keep in mind that as we become more active outside so do the criminals. Here are a few tips to help keep you and your property safe.

- 1) If you see suspicious activity or a crime in progress dial 911, then feel free to post the incident on social media sites.
- 2) Keep windows and doors closed and locked, especially at night.
- 3) Document model and serial numbers for your electronic devices.
- 4) Ensure that your home Wi-Fi is secure.
- 5) Change the batteries in your smoke alarms.
- 6) Have an escape plan in case of fire or other emergencies.
- 7) Thefts of weed eaters, blowers, and other lawn equipment will be on the increase. Help keep an eye on our neighbors and lawn care professionals equipment.
- 8) Secure your valuables. Hiding them is not a good way to secure them.
- 9) Think about investing in a fire proof safe. Or keep your valuables in a safety deposit box.
- 10) Do not advertise your vacations or trips on social media.
- 11) Meeting someone for an internet sale or purchase is dangerous. It is recommended that you meet at a local police station to complete the transaction.

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Executive Vice President's Message

2018 FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

Atlanta Streets Alive (Southside)	--- APRIL 8th, JUNE 10, SEPT 30
Dogwood Festival	--- APRIL 13th - 15th
Atlanta Film Festival	--- APRIL 13th - 22nd
Run Before You Can Crawl 5K & Pub Crawl	--- APRIL 14th
SweetWater 420	--- APRIL 20nd - 22nd
Inman Park Festival / Tour of Homes	--- APRIL 28th & 29th
Decatur Concerts on the Square	--- Saturdays in MAY @ 7pm
Derby Day	--- MAY 5th
Shaky Beats Festival	--- MAY 11th - 13th
Chastain Art Festival	--- MAY 12th & 13th
Sweet Auburn Spring Festival	--- MAY 12th & 13th
Shaky Knees Music Festival	--- MAY 12, 13 & 14th
Taste of the Highlands	--- MAY 13th
Kirkwood Spring Fling 5K & Tour of Homes	--- MAY 19th
Fire in the Fourth Festival (100+ Years Since Fire)	--- MAY 19th
Grant Park Tour of Homes	--- MAY 19th & 20th
Brew at the Zoo	--- MAY 26th
Atlanta Jazz Festival	--- MAY 26th & 27th
Old Fourth Ward Arts Festival	--- MAY 26th & 27th
Decatur Arts Festival	--- MAY 25th, 26th & 27th
MA Design Festival (and tour)	--- MAY 26th - JUNE 3rd
Atlanta Food & Wine Festival	--- MAY 31st - JUNE 3rd
Candler Park Food & Music Festival	--- JUNE 1st & 2nd
Virginia Highlands Summerfest	--- JUNE 9th & 10th
Peachtree Road Race	--- JULY 4th
Grant Park Summer Shade Festival	--- AUG 25th & 26th
Dragon-Con	--- AUG 30th - SEPT 3rd



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Friends of Kittredge Park

Friends of Kittredge Park opened the year with a group of Emory students on Feb. 3rd, continuing invasive plant removal and mulching. Feb. 10th saw the return of Community Bucket volunteers that cleared the area north of the vehicular bridge and installed trail marker posts. Kappa Sigma Emory brought a strong group on Mar. 24th to plant some 80 trees and shrubs donated by Park Pride in the now cleared area south of the vehicular bridge. With return of spring Kittredge Park is a great place to spend an hour or more, the wild iris are especially nice along the creek next to the deck. Like FKP on Facebook and check there for future work days.

Gene Schmidt
Your FKP rep.



Civic Association Network

C.A.N. met on Jan. 24th to hear updates from our DeKalb State Delegation (Sen. Parent, and Reps. Mosby, Holcomb, Hanson). As I write on the last day of this legislative session, you should by now know which of their initiatives passed or failed to become law. Feb. 28th was devoted to the experiences of neighborhood activists Ted Daniels, Joe Arrington, and Mike Cooper working with and around DeKalb government. Mar. 28th C.A.N. heard a presentation about the workings of Magistrate Court by Chief Magistrate Berryl Anderson with Judges Holly Mannheimer (Ordinance Div.) and Rhathelia Stroud (Mental Health). Magistrate court was formed in 1983 to handle minor Civil (less than \$15,000) and Criminal cases. Since 2015 Code Enforcement cases are placed there instead of Records Court and emphasize compliance over penalty. Mental Health court offers judicial case management in lieu of incarceration in many instances.

Gene Schmidt
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? Did You Know?

The Georgia legislature approved a bill that allows local governments to use cameras to ticket drivers who speed in school zones. Cameras will be used only in jurisdictions where local governments pass ordinances that authorize them.

The Georgia legislature also passed a bill that prohibits use of hand-held devices while driving. The distracted driving bill bans more than many people may think. Next time you're with friends who are reading an email or text message while stopped at a traffic signal, let them know it's illegal. Fines for repeat offenders are steep.

Last year, DeKalb County invested nearly \$30 million for maintenance, repair and upgrades of the sewer system. The county also cleaned 220 miles of sewers, removed 5.1 tons of debris, completed 1,821 stream crossing inspections, replaced 3,000 manhole covers, held the first consent decree public update and hosted 280 other public events. The county has inspected nearly 100 percent of all the priority sewer lines and is on target to invest an additional \$79 million in improvements during the next two years.



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LaVista Park / Garden Club

Well by the time you read this, the goats will have departed our park and left behind almost no ivy, weeds, privet, etc. But they did leave behind a group of very happy visitors, including some from outside LaVista Park. The 18 kids born during their month long stay captured the heart of everyone who saw them. They are just ADORABLE!!!

Yes, there was some tree damage, mostly the cherry laurel and mahonia (neither of which we wanted anyway). The magnolia bark will grow back as evidenced by what you see in the first section they cleared. As Michael told us, goats and trees have cohabited for a very long time and the trees have figured it out. The goats did break some branches and smaller tree limbs because they wanted to eat the fresh, young, tender leaves that appeared after they arrived. We will address this next year by making sure they come AND depart before any new growth begins. This was a learning year for us. Several important lessons learned that will be incorporated in the return of the goats next year (earlier!!).

We will now start on cleanup of the park – years of debris and trash dumped or blown there that has been virtually inaccessible until now. I'll be sending out a Constant Contact and NextDoor Neighbor announcement and PLEASE, if you enjoyed the goats, consider coming to help clear out branches to restore our park. It's why we had the goats here in the first place. They can only do so much. The rest is up to us.

Donna Newman
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LaVista Park Digital World

LaVista Park is digital! If you haven't already "liked" our Facebook page, find it today! It's an easy way to keep up on the latest happenings - the news just flows into your Facebook feed. We also post video clips from special events at board meetings, and Donna recently shared on our Facebook page a number of precious videos of the ever-popular goats in LaVista Park. (Those videos are a must see). Recently on the Facebook page, we shared news of the discount on membership fees for early renewal, and with a click of one button ("sign up"), you can renew directly from the page. We post notes on everything from lost dogs to recipes from the restaurants that participate in our Friends of LaVista Park program. Please join us on Facebook, we're also on Instagram. And of course, you can find any information you need about the association at www.LaVistaPark.org.

Join the Garden Club

Membership is only \$20 per year.
We meet 2nd Tuesday of the month
Sept through May.

Each meeting includes:

- guest speaker • social time
- beverages & light snacks

Next Meetings:

Tuesday, May 8th at 7pm
Annual Plant Swap at the St George's.

Then we break for summer and will reconvene
Tuesday, September 11th.

Locations change each month.

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