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LAVISTA PARK
CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Quarterly Meeting Thursday, January 18th

Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1438 Sheridan Road

7 p.m. social with refreshments

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

GUEST SPEAKER:

GA House Representatives **Mary Margaret Oliver** and
Howard Mosby will speak about pending legislative issues

LVPCA T-Shirts Available for Purchase



President's Message

Hello, 2018! This month we welcome our newest household members, 36 in all, from Chantilly Station Condominiums. They raise our total LVPCA membership to a record 380 households and 17 Friends of LaVista Park, from which Chantilly Station homeowners can soon enjoy member-only benefits. In 2017, your Board worked creatively to meet and even exceed our budgeted membership goals. Our proposed 2018 budget will be presented for your review and approval at our January 18th Quarterly Membership Meeting. Come, meet your neighbors, enjoy free food and refreshments, and lend your voice to LVPCA!

Also in 2017, our October 7th Fall Festival was a tremendous success, thanks to Co-Chairs Anne Marro and Heather Rainey and their intrepid committee volunteers Linda McClanahan, Shana Sinkoe, Lauren St. George, Neil Heronime and John Powell. They were supported by a dozen additional volunteers who baked goodies for the cake walk, helped set up tents, serve food, and staff our welcome table, raffle, silent auction and cake walk. Our first ever Pet Costume Contest turned out to be a big draw! It attracted 14 entries of coutured canines and their similarly decorated humanoid companions. More than 75 local businesses, community organizations, artists and musicians participated in the festival and are listed online at <http://lavistapark.org/2017-fall-festival/>. Please show them your appreciation by dining, shopping and utilizing the services of these

nearby businesses throughout 2018. And finally, we appreciate Westminster Presbyterian Church and Briarhill Apartments for graciously allowing us to use their parking lots to set up our festival tents and provide more than ample parking space for our fun afternoon.

Brrrr... 2018 is off to a frigid start! I trust you and your loved ones enjoyed some warm holiday time together and, possibly, indoor movie-watching as well. *I, Tonya* was a surprising personal favorite and one of many filmed in Georgia. Look for informal dine-outs and other social offerings your Board might organize in 2018, as we continue to encourage neighbors meeting neighbors. (This seems to happen organically with our dog owner-walkers.) In addition to meeting some fabulous people in fun settings, benefits include enhancing our neighborhood's overall safety and security. As good as they are, our security patrol can only do so much if we don't also interact with them and each other on a regular basis. Our patrol officers are dedicated public servants who, over several years now, have gotten to know our members' homes, routines, and vehicles. They intuitively sense unusual activity and follow up immediately when something seems out of place. Rather than cutting patrol hours, as your Board considered last summer, your stepped-up support for LVPCA allowed us to temporarily increase hours during a recent crime spree and even provide them with a small pay increase starting this month. Thank you!

Tom Woodward
president@lavistapark.org



Patrol News & Notes

On behalf of the LaVista Park Security Patrol, I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season. Please assist us in making LaVista Park the safest place possible for you and your family to reside. These few simple tips will help keep you and your property safe.

- 1) Do not put your travel plans on social media.
- 2) Have a trusted family member, friend, or neighbor keep an eye on your house when you are not home.
- 3) Initiate a house check with the Patrol and fill out all appropriate information when you are gone for more than a few days.
- 4) Breakdown boxes or any wrappings that may advertise your gifts or new purchases.
- 5) Ensure the lighting around your house is adequate.
- 6) Keep jewelry, valuables, and small electronic devices in a safe or safety deposit box when not being used. Hiding these types of items is not sufficient.
- 7) Dial 911 if you see anything suspicious. There is a good chance that an on-duty LaVista Park Patrol Officer will hear the call on the radio and respond immediately.
- 8) Think about investing in an alarm/ camera system with an audible siren inside and outside of the house. If you do have an alarm system, please use it when you're away from your house. The patrol listens for audible alarms and can respond before the police are notified.
- 9) Change the batteries in your smoke detectors.

Capt. F.P. Braun

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Executive Vice President's Message

Happy New Year LaVista Park neighbors! 2017 was a great year but this year we have even bigger plans. We sincerely hope that you will all join us in enjoying each other's company while supporting our community and local restaurants.

Periodically throughout the year we will send out emails with the exciting details of future gatherings and events. Please try to join us and share the information with your neighbors. The more the better!

Our 2017/2018 Friends of LaVista Park program has been one of the biggest to date. We are excited to reach out to new businesses to join in for the 2018/2019 program. If you know of any businesses that would like to join and receive promotion through our newsletter, website and events please reach out to me: execvp@lavistapark.org. As always you can find a list of participating members at the back of this newsletter. Please support their businesses and take advantage of the discounts they have offered our neighborhood.

Last year we had our inaugural Dine-Out evening at Tin Lizzy's. Thank you to those of you who joined us. It was a fun evening of food and neighborhood friends. This year we are expanding this evening to a quarterly event. Our first Dine-Out will take place at the end of February at Nicola's Restaurant. We will send out more details in the coming weeks. I am still working to secure the date and time. I hope you will join us for some great food, company and belly dancing.

There are many opportunities to meet your neighbors and be active in LaVista Park. This year we are excited to have:

- Monthly Garden Club meetings
- Quarterly Dine-Out events
- Periodic Pond Patio Pop-ups gatherings
- The Fall Festival
- National Night Out
- And other random and impromptu gatherings and get-togethers.

If you have any questions or ideas you would like to share with me for membership programs and beyond, feel free to email me at my address below. And if you haven't already, please, like us on Facebook J

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Friends of Kittredge Park

Friends of Kittredge Park had our annual Fall cleanup with students on Emory Cares Day Nov. 11th. They attacked the severely overgrown area on south side of the creek bridge. We will welcome them back again on Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Please own and use Kittredge Park. Volunteers are always welcome, follow us at Friends of Kittredge Park on Facebook.

Gene Schmidt
Your FKP rep.

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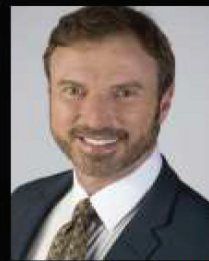
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Civic Association Network

C.A.N. met on October 25th to hear updates from CEO Michael Thurmond. Unfortunately he was not prepared to address concerns that CAN outlined in writing following his previous address on May 24th. Even though he had requested that we present issues needing his attention, he chose to present his successes with Water Billing and Sewerage issues. He said he is following the agenda he has decided of prime importance to DeKalb and would not discuss items out of sequence, nor what his next area of focus will be, and only judge him at the end of his term. The cancelled September 27th meeting to cover the TSPLOST referendum, was finally held on November 1st. Even without specifics, the bill was passed on Nov. 7th. That concluded the 2017 CAN calendar.

Gene Schmidt
Your CAN rep.



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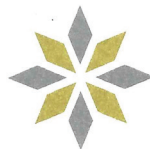


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Deer in the 'Hood

I've been waiting a long time to see this: a deer under the power lines next to my house on Kingsley Circle. I was so excited, it was awesome! My dog, Miley, was just as excited - she ran to the fence and barked, but it didn't run off, just slowly sauntered off.

I've heard several of my neighbors say they've see deer in our neck of LaVista Park. They say they've been here for years. Here's a picture of 2 deer in my neighbor's backyard. Proof!

Kathy May
Vice President, Section 4



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LaVista Park / Garden Club

Coming soon to a park near you...GOATS!!!

They will be arriving towards the end of January and staying for at least a month. And with any luck, there will be kids with them! Some of the moms are expecting and we will get to watch a few kids grow up before our eyes!

This is a prime opportunity for school children to see live animals at work doing what they were born to do. In this case, EAT. And turn overgrown vegetation into lovely vistas (get it? LaVista?) And who can resist watching babies frolic! We need a couple of parents to take the ball on working with our local schools to make the most of this. So please contact me at park@lavistapark.org if you are willing to take the lead or be part of the group.

There will be more details as we get closer, so stay tuned for a Constant Contact announcement later this month!

Donna Newman

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, February 13th at 7pm
Tuesday, March 13th at 7pm
Tuesday, April 10th at 7pm

Locations change each month.

Email **Donna Newman**

for more information:

gardenclub@lavistapark.org



Mail & Package Delivery

We continue to have issues with both our mail and package delivery and are working on that. Neighbors who attended a previous quarterly meeting got a chance to speak directly with our postal service managers, and as they told us then, it can be quite effective to take any and all concerns to the 30324 post office at 780 Morosgo Drive, and ask to speak with a supervisor. They need to hear for more of us, we believe. Members of the board have been sharing some of the comments posted on NextDoor as well, so rest assured your concerns are being heard.

We've shared that the mail often arrives late in the evening after dark, if it arrives at all. We've shared that are many reports of missing mail.

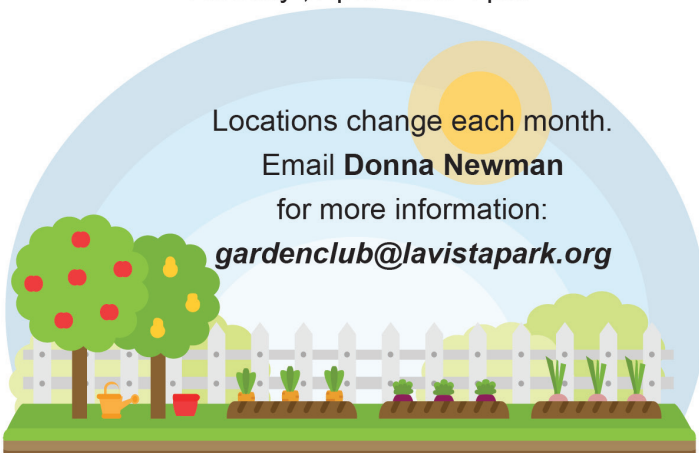
One solution is a service the postal service offers that's called informed delivery. You get an emailed photo every morning of whatever mail is about to be delivered to your home that day, or the following day. The photo is taken as the mail is being sorted. Search the internet for "how to sign up informed delivery USPS" and you'll find a web page where you can register for the service. It is -very- helpful.

<https://informedelivery.usps.com>

Now about packages.

During the holidays, we had a rash of package thieves and in response we ordered up extra security patrol hours. A reminder that both Amazon and UPS will send alerts on when packages are coming, or have been delivered. And if you happen to catch a UPS truck driver failing to ring your doorbell, please strongly remind them to ring your doorbell in the future, whenever they drop off a package. We've had many packages stolen from front doors when neighbors were home.

Steve Osunsami
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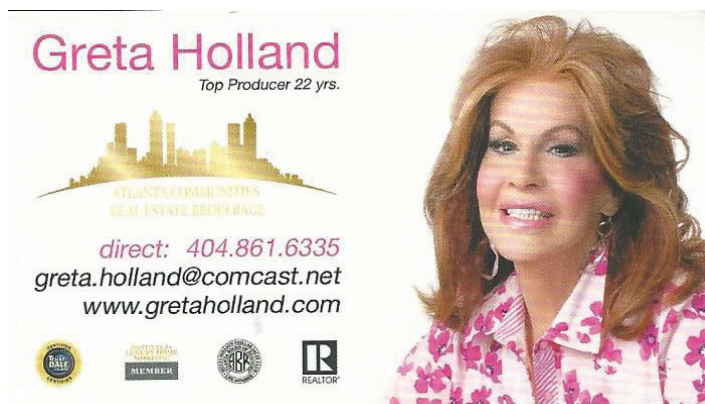
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