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## Quarterly Meeting Thursday, April 18th

Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1438 Sheridan Road

7:00 pm social with refreshments

**7:30 - 9:00 pm Meeting**



## A Message from the LVPCA President

During the past 3 months I have met many of you at the town halls we conducted and the petition signing events. Thank you for the warm welcome and energy you have shown as we embark on our annexation efforts. I have been struck by the depth of talent in the residents of Lavista Park and your willingness to bring it to the table to help in our efforts. Michael will provide you a more complete update on the annexation effort (p2).

But Annexation is not the only thing going on. With spring comes our annual Membership Drive, which kicks off on April 1st. This year we will be introducing several new features to make Membership even easier. You will now be able to pay with a credit card on-line without signing up for a PayPal account. You will be assessed a \$10 convenience fee to recoup the processing expenses we incur for this service. If you are looking for a more convenient option, you can sign up for Recurring Payments, which will automatically charge your PayPal account next year so you don't have to worry about paying your LVPCA membership fee. Lastly, many of you have offered to make a donation to further our efforts. This year you will be able to do this on-line as well.

Also, in April we are launching what will be an annual spring event – the LaVista Park Neighborhood Yard Sale. This will take place on April 27th from 9am - 4pm. Please come out to look at

the hidden treasures your neighbors are offering.

Beginning with this newsletter we will be publishing crime statistics for Lavista Park for the quarter so you can get a feel for the type of crime we experience. Along with this the Patrol is also reporting their activities in support of our neighborhood. The good news is that LaVista Park continues to be a very safe place to live.

This fall we will revive our Fall Festival at the park as a simple barbecue. The Fall Festival committee will kick off their planning in June and we welcome anyone interested in volunteering. We need folks for planning the event as well as "day of" volunteers for set-up and clean-up.

Finally, this fall we will launch our LaVista Park Tour of Homes. This event will serve two purposes for us. First, it will provide an additional source of funding for LVPCA so we are less dependent on membership dues to drive our funding. Second, it can help establish LaVista Park as a unique neighborhood within Atlanta.

Thanks you for your support as we continue to move LaVista Park forward. I welcome your questions and comments at [president@lavistapark.org](mailto:president@lavistapark.org).

- Larry Hoskins



## The Path to Brookhaven

As most of the neighborhood is aware, we are well on our way through the process to Annex most of the LaVista Park neighborhood into the city of Brookhaven. After 15 town halls and discussions with many of our neighbors, we have started the signature collection.

For those of you still wondering why we are doing this, here are the highlights:

- With the introduction of a bill for Vista Grove (HB671) and the continued work on the city Greenhaven, only 13% of Dekalb County will remain unincorporated.
- Taxes will go down for most residents with a move into Brookhaven. The Senior exemptions will be preserved and possibly increased in Brookhaven (pending a vote in November)
- We will have a greater say in the redevelopment of Executive Park that will be happening later this year.
- We will have improved police, park and road services when these are transitioned to Brookhaven.

Our efforts are going well and we hope to conclude this portion of the process in approximately 90 to 120 days.

To date, we have held 13 signing events with 9 more planned (as of this writing) and have reached 518 signatures. Of these, 261 are of voters and 257 are property owners. We need signatures from 789 voters and 624 property owners affirming their desire to annex into Brookhaven before we can submit the forms to the city for review and approval.

We consider this good progress for the amount of time that we have been at it. Many other annexation efforts have worked much longer to achieve the same results.

If you are a voter or property owner we encourage you to come to one of the signing events or to reach out to Larry or Michael if you cannot attend one. The faster we obtain the signatures the stronger our petition will be and the greater influence we will have in the future redevelopment of Executive Park.

For anyone who still has questions we are always happy to answer those. You can reach Michael at 404-664-6450 or vp3@lavistapark.org or Larry at 404-936-2045 or president@lavistapark.org.

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## Crime Tracking

To get a better feel for how crime is evolving within LaVista Park and its surrounding neighborhoods, we have started tracking crime that is reported to Dekalb County Police through the crimemapping.com database. For the first quarter of 2019, we saw the following crimes:

### LaVista Park Crime Tracking

Type of Crime	Total	Apt/Comm	Residents
	Q1 2019	Q1 2019	Q1 2019
Assault/Battery	5	3	2
Auto Theft	0	0	0
Carjacking	0	0	0
Commercial Burglary	0	0	0
Commercial Robbery	2	2	0
Fraud	2	1	1
Homicide	0	0	0
Mail Theft	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0
Residential Burglary	0	0	0
Residential Robbery	1	1	0
Terroristic Threats	0	0	0
Theft	4	2	2
Theft from Vehicle	7	7	0
Vandalism	2	2	0
	23	18	5

source: crimemapping.com

During Q1 there were 23 reported crimes in LaVista Park, down from 27 in the fourth quarter. Of these, 78% occurred in the apartments along Sheridan and at Morgan Place on Chantilly. Within the LVPCA membership and Patrol area, there were 5 crimes, with none of these in section 2. There was one case of credit card fraud, 2 assaults and 2 thefts. There was one theft reported during the day, as was the credit card fraud. Both assaults happened during the night as did the 2nd theft.

Activities completed by the Patrol this quarter in their effort to deter crime in LaVista Park were:

- 404 House Checks
- 5 stops of suspicious person(s) or automobiles
- 49 citizen contacts

Citizen contacts may be a patrol officer getting out of their vehicle to talk to a resident or emailing a member to advise them of a delivered package.



## Patrol Safety Advice

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 post the incident on social media sites if you wish.
- 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.



## Meet the Patrol

The LaVista Park Patrol is made up of off-duty DeKalb County Officers and Deputies dedicated to making LaVista Park a safer neighborhood. Their presence over the years has a direct relationship to the lower crime rates in LaVista Park compared to its DeKalb County neighbors. This will be the first of a series of profiles of our Patrol to help you get better acquainted with them.

With our first profile we are starting at the top! Captain Paul Braun has managed the Patrol for the last seven years. The Atlanta native first got acquainted with policing while serving in the USAF as a Security Policeman in the late 80's. He joined the DeKalb County Police Department in 1990. He has a wide range of experience, having worked in uniform patrol, the High Crime Interdiction Unit, Police Training, Commercial Vehicle Inspection, K-9 Unit, Accreditation and Inspections, supervisor and then Manager in the Criminal Investigations Unit and the Training Division.



Paul retired from the Dekalb Police in 2018. You will see him driving his white truck with his faithful Jack Russell terrier Kara.

- 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 and photograph 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) Residential alarms and camera systems will help protect you and your property.
- 12) Try to attend a Coffee with a Cop, or other police outreach programs to meet your local police officers.
- 13) Do not place boxes that advertise your latest expensive purchase on the curb. Try to collapse the box or find a way to hide what you purchased.

### Did You Know?

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## Seasonal Allergy Advice

Dr. Mary Dampier and Dr Darren Shoyer, Piedmont Physicians

Spring is the season of warm, breezy days and chronic sniffles, and this year is turning out to be a tough one. Time outside is often accompanied by itchy, watery eyes, stuffiness and a scratchy throat.

If you're susceptible to allergies, you may experience symptoms like a stuffy nose, watery eyes and post-nasal drip, which could aggravate respiratory conditions like asthma. Spring seasonal allergens include pollen from grass, ragweed and trees. In addition, perennial allergens, such as mold, can be more abundant in rainy weather.

But don't resign yourself to the couch just yet. There are some preventative measures you can take to stay ahead of your symptoms.

### Here's how to avoid allergy symptoms in the spring:

1. Take an antihistamine at the first sign of symptoms. Over-the-counter antihistamines are safe for long-term use.
2. Monitor the pollen and mold counts, and plan outdoor activities accordingly. Pollens surge on dry, windy days and drop on rainy days.
3. Change out air filters. Spring is a good time for seasonal maintenance.
4. Check indoor humidity levels. Mold spores increase during damp spring months, so it is important to check areas of your home for mold or mildew growth.
5. Eliminate chemicals. Avoid scented candles, potpourri and air freshener sprays. Even cleaning products have added chemicals that can impact indoor air quality and aggravate allergies.
6. Shower every night. When you shower at the end of the day, you remove allergens from your skin and hair.
7. Consider allergy testing. See your doctor if over-the-counter medications don't cut it, especially if your symptoms linger after 10 days.
8. Ask about allergy shots. By injecting tiny amounts of an allergen over a period of time, allergy shots help your body build up a tolerance to that allergen.

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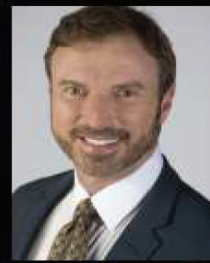


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## Treasurer's Message

Earlier this year we announced an initiative to better manage expenses with the goal of ensuring that every dollar of your membership dues is used to support the neighborhood. Since the start of the year, we have negotiated a new subscription with Intuit, the vendor we use for managing our finances (via QuickBooks Online), cutting our annual subscription in half from \$645 down to \$320 annually. We are also receiving additional savings from our Tsheets subscription through better user management (Tsheets is the software application used by the LVPCA security patrol).

This month we kicked off our membership drive for next year. As part of this year's program we have followed the lead of other community organizations in the Atlanta area that offset PayPal administrative costs to their members. Those that choose to renew via PayPal will incur a \$10 administrative fee to cover the costs of PayPal. This amounts to approximately an \$1100 savings of fees that will be available to support other efforts such as the Patrol, and the beautification and safety of our neighborhood. Remember, if you don't want to pay the extra \$10, membership payments by checks are always happily accepted.

A small group analyzed several payment hub options for LVPCA so we could broaden payment options for our members. For example, there have been numerous requests for the ability to pay membership dues via credit card without creating a PayPal account. From the research we found that PayPal was the most cost effective of all options with similar capabilities of other payment hubs, including the ability to pay via credit card without creating a PayPal account. Several months ago, this capability was implemented under our new donations section, and is now available for payment of membership dues online. (Note that PayPal still charges us an administrative fee, so the fees mentioned above also apply to credit card payments).

I am excited about the focus we have put around money management for LVPCA, look for more updates throughout the year.

**Marsha Hanus**  
treasurer@lavistapark.org



## Civic Association Network

The last meeting of the first quarter was a presentation of the SPLOST by DeKalb officials on March 27th. DeKalb has posted an interactive map on the Splost page of the County website. (dekalgis.mpas.arcgis.com)

The SPLOST funded projects are arranged in 4 basic categories of Transportation, Public Safety, Parks (including the drainage improvement project at LaVista Park), and Library. As the moneys are allocated and spent, the projects will appear on county maps. This is particularly useful with paving projects, as this weather dependent work will be posted to alert of closures and detours.

**Gene Schmidt**  
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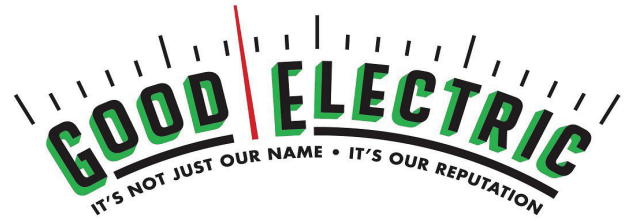
## The Good Life in LVP

Nearly 30 years ago, Mark Good was living in San Diego when his employer sent him to Atlanta to work on an extensive electrical renovation at the Center for Puppetry Arts in Midtown. Even though it was a big change from living in California, Mark found he enjoyed life in Atlanta: he liked the landscape with all the trees and, even more so, the friendliness of the people he'd met, including his future wife, Lisa Rhodes, the Administrative Director at the puppetry center. (She invited him to 'The Heaven-Hell Tour,' an adult puppet show, for their first date!)

When the renovation at the puppetry center was completed, Mark decided to stay in Atlanta and start his own electrical business, Good Electric Corp, which does residential and commercial work. Residential work includes working with homeowners on updating their electrical systems, making repairs, or installing new fixtures, outlets, etc. They also install backup generators that are fully-automated and can keep a home's electricity running during major storms and random power outages. Their commercial client list includes businesses of all sizes, as well as the city governments of Sandy Springs, Powder Springs, Union City, and others. The company has expanded its services to include installation and repair of street and parking lot lighting as well.

With Good Electric established and growing, Mark and Lisa decided to purchase a home. While Mark was working in and around Atlanta, he was always looking for the perfect neighborhood in the perfect location. After looking for over a year, Mark told Lisa he wanted to show her a great place: LaVista Park. In 1996 they bought a house and have enjoyed their life since as LaVista Park residents.

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## LVP Park Report

### The G.O.A.T. Goats

The goats have visited our charming little park again. They were welcomed with a Red Carpet event! (see our Facebook page for the link to the video.) They were only here for two weeks as they did such a good job last year that there wasn't as much for them to eat this time!

Alas, there were no babies this year. The does were pregnant, but no kids were born in those two weeks. The four that were born before they arrived stayed on the farm safe under heat lamps with their moms. Michael said that last year, while the babies survived, they did not thrive. And this year was much colder than last for the duration of their visit.

We look forward to this summer when we have the goats back to munch on the weeds that have taken off now that they're not competing with all that ivy. The plan is to have the goats back before the weeds go to seed. Hopefully after a few years of this tactic, we will have it under control.

The pollen count is still off the charts as we go to press, but once it subsides, look for NextDoor Neighbor and Constant Contact announcements of The Park Pond Patio Pop-up Parties.

### Park Improvements

Concerning the ongoing improvements to our park, we have two separate groups from Emory coming on the weekend of April 13 and 14. One on each day and the plans are to install the pavers, rebuild the low stone wall near the pond patio and landscape the area near the little library at the main park entrance.

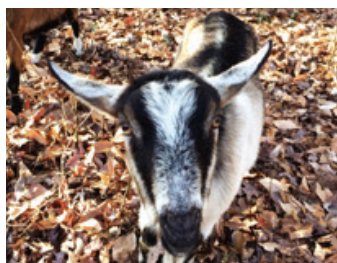
An ambitious agenda! – and based on how many people actually show up. The Emory groups have always been very good at fulfilling their commitments, so I expect a reasonably good turnout for these two days, we welcome any help you can provide.

### CHOA Green Space

Following the lead of many studies as to how nature can help alleviate stress and promote healing, CHOA (Children's Hospital of Atlanta) announced the idea to have "a Hospital Inside a Park". Their plan is to have 20% greenspace on their 78 acres. They will plant 1100 trees and 75% of all patient rooms will face a garden space. There will be public access to the great lawn (will host events there) and 3 miles of walking trails. It will connect to the Brookhaven greenspace along the creek paralleling I-85. NICE!

**Donna Newman**

Chair, LaVista Park restoration committee



*Two hard working goats cleaning up invasive species in the Park*



## Central DeKalb Senior Center

### Central DeKalb Senior Center

**Central DeKalb Senior Center Monday – Friday,  
9:00a.m. – 4:30p.m.**

**1346 McConnell Drive, Decatur, GA 30033  
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The Central DeKalb Senior Center is a great resource for DeKalb County Residents, age 62 and older, who are active and independent. The role of the CDSC is to provide programs, services, and activities that promote health and wellness, social interaction, community engagement, education, and independence.

The Center offers an impressively full calendar of daily classes and activities for a wide variety of interests. Activities run the gamut, with classes focused on everything from the Arts, Health and Exercise, Learning a Language, Music, Dancing, Birding and Bridge. Not to mention the occasional Hootenanny! In addition to the daily activities, a sample of special events are listed below.

### April 12th 11:30 – 2pm

TRIP: Piano performance by Inna Faliks: at Ackerman Hall, Carlos Museum. Reserve your spot by signing up in the Lobby.

### April 16, 12:15 – 1:00pm

DeKalb Symphony Orchestra Wind Trio: Enjoy an afternoon of Mozart and Beethoven, performed by a Wind Trio featuring Andrew Warwick, Clarinet, Ronald Penn, Clarinet and PJ Jones, Bassoon.

### April 18th 12pm-1pm

Phoenix Players: An ensemble of senior actors, (60's-90's) who perform live drama mostly about life's lessons and sometimes about life's lessons ignored. In either event, they will leave you laughing.

### April 25th 12.15 – 1pm

The Miracle of the American Revolution: The stories and the music of heroism, tenacity, coincidence, luck and perhaps...some miracles presented by Brandt Ross.

### April 26th, 9:30am

Friday Coffee and Donuts: Join us in the Lobby for coffee and donuts on the 4th Friday of each month beginning at 9:30a.m. Provided by The Holbrook of Decatur.

### April 30th, 12:15 – 1pm

Join Sandy Bramlett as she explains how Awareness + Balance = Confidence.

Interested in becoming a Central DeKalb Senior Center Member?

They would love to have you join them. If you are 62 or older, if you are an active, interested and independent senior (and a DeKalb resident) – come on in!



## LaVista Lifestyles

### Get Outside This Spring!

David Goodrowe & Matthew Doyle  
Lifestyle Experts/Interior Designers/Realtors

Here are a few ways to get outside and enjoy springtime in LaVista Park and at the same time make it a better place for all that live here!

1. MEET THE NEIGHBORS! Since last spring 38 homes have sold in the neighborhood, meaning you have a lot of new neighbors to meet. Get out and say hello! Walk or bike through our streets. Run your neighborhood instead of a treadmill. Walk your dog versus letting him out in the yard. Enjoy our park versus your living room. Get outside and say hi!

2. MAINTAIN YOUR HOME – Take your spring cleaning outside. Maintaining your home's exterior and landscaping is one of the best things you can do for your property value and in turn, your neighbors. A fresh coat of paint or a newly landscaped flower bed add curb appeal not only to your home but to the neighborhood.

3. NEIGHBORS IN NEED – There are neighbors who might not be able to physically or financially take care of their homes like they used to. Offer to spearhead a group of neighbors that quarterly take on helping a neighbor in need by assisting them with some necessary home maintenance items.

4. BUY LOCAL – Support our local businesses that help make LaVista Park unique - starting with our "Friends of LaVista Park". Maybe take the lead and coordinate a quarterly dinner and a movie night? Who doesn't love grabbing a bite at Rain then a show at the Tara?

5. GET YOUR HANDS DIRTY – Farm to Table is great, but Yard to Table is even better! Instead of planting gardens in your back yard...Try moving them to the front yard. Or volunteer to help with our regular clean up and maintenance events at LaVista Park or Kittredge Park. It's a great way to meet new people.

6. VOLUNTEER/GET INVOLVED – LaVista Park is dynamic. But you can make it more dynamic. If you have not joined LVPCA considering doing so...and get involved. Volunteer with LVPCA on one of the committees to help with the Fall Festival, Yard Sales, in the Park, or with social gatherings. Volunteer and assist in ways you're passionate about to make it better.

See you outside!

-Matt & David

*Matthew Doyle and David Goodrowe are local lifestyle gurus. Having lived in ATL for 30+ years and with backgrounds in luxury hospitality, interior design, fashion, urban development, and real estate Matt & David have become an invaluable source for all things lifestyle in LaVista Park.*

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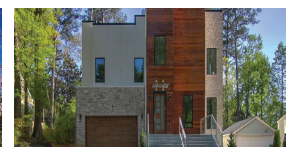
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## Spring Events

### April 12th – 14th 83rd Annual Dogwood Festival Piedmont Park

An Atlanta staple for more than 80 years, there is something for everyone at the Atlanta Dogwood Festival. The Festival features an Art Festival, a Kid's Village, "Frisbee" Dog Competition, an International Stage with performances from all over the world, Midway Rides, a 5K race, and 3 days of music on the Main Stage!

April 12th - Family Friday 2pm – 9pm

April 13th 8am The Mimosa 5K

April 13th and 14th Backyard Bites & Brews 1 – 5pm

For more information visit [dogwood.org](http://dogwood.org)

### April 13th, 3pm Dog Gone Easter Egg Hunt 4158 Peachtree Road

This Easter thing is really going to the dogs! Dog-Gone Easter Egg Hunt is at the Brookhaven Park Dog Park.

### April 14th 12 – 4pm Kites Over DeKalb Wade Walker Park

#### 5585 Rockbridge Rd SW, Stone Mountain

Parks and Cultural Affairs will host the first Kites over DeKalb Festival. Kites, Food Trucks, DJ, Bounce Houses. Bring a kite, or make a kite! (register online: [kitesoverdekalb.eventbrite.com](http://kitesoverdekalb.eventbrite.com))

### April 20th 9 - 11am Easter Egg Scramble Blackburn Park 3493 Ashford Dunwoody Road

The City of Brookhaven's Parks and Recreation Department is hosting its annual Easter Egg Scramble. Food Trucks, Music, and Egg Hunt begins at 10.30 sharp

### May 3rd 5-7pm The LaVista Park Happy Hour, Mellow Mushroom 1679 LaVista Rd

Join your neighbors and friends at the kick off of our new monthly LaVista Park Happy Hour. All residents of LaVista Park are invited to enjoy complimentary snacks and meet your neighbors. Full bar, beer and wine available for purchase. This event will fall on the first Thursday of the month.

### May 10th – 8pm Decatur Lantern Parade 508 E. Howard Ave.

Parade to downtown square. Light up the night! Kick off Arts Month and celebrate the start of summer

Make your own lantern at home or attend a lantern-making workshop where supplies and guidance are provided.

Start dreaming up your lantern now! More information at [decaturlanternparade.com](http://decaturlanternparade.com)

### May 25-26th

#### Atlanta Jazz Festival Piedmont Park

One of the country's largest free jazz festivals, this annual Memorial Day weekend event brings musicians to three stages over two days.

### May 30 – June 2

#### Atlanta Food and Wine Festival

In its 9th year, more chefs, more locations and more food and wine experiences await. For more information online [AtlFoodandWineFestival.com](http://AtlFoodandWineFestival.com)

### June 6th 5-7pm

#### The LaVista Park Happy Hour, Eataliano Kitchen 2480 Briarcliff Rd.

Join your neighbors and friends for our new monthly LaVista Park Happy Hour. All residents of LaVista Park are invited to enjoy complimentary snacks and meet your neighbors. Full bar, beer and wine available for purchase. This event will fall on the first Thursday of the month.

### June 14 – 16th

#### Juneteenth Atlanta Parade and Music Festival 1 Backyard Way

3-day black history music festival and parade and special Father's Day celebration. Parade runs from Mozley Park to Home Depot Backyard. Check out the schedule online at [JuneteenthATL.com](http://JuneteenthATL.com)

### July 9th 5 – 7pm

#### The LaVista Park Happy Hour Rain Thai and Sushi Bar 2345 Cheshire Bridge Rd.

Join your neighbors and friends for our new monthly LaVista Park Happy Hour. All residents of LaVista Park are invited to enjoy complimentary snacks and meet your neighbors. Full bar, beer and wine available for purchase. This month's Happy Hour falls on Tuesday due to Independence Day holiday.

### LaVista Park Monthly Happy Hour

We are excited to announce the Launch of the LaVista Park Happy Hour. Generally falling on the first Thursday of the month, this is an opportunity to get out and meet neighbors and friends at a local restaurant, enjoy some complimentary appetizers and enjoy a beverage for purchase. Please keep an eye on Nextdoor and on the Newsletter Calendar for upcoming events.





## Drink Pink!

Warmer weather is upon us! And it's not just the pollen that gets stirred up, as rising temperatures create a frenzied demand for rosé wine. In recent years the selection of rosé has exploded as producers have rushed to take advantage of the American wine consumer's new love affair.

If you're feeling overwhelmed in the wine store – you don't have to resort to picking the prettiest label. I put in the work of drinking a lot of wine so you don't have to. (...you're welcome)

Here are 4 great choices you may want to audition for your household's "Wine of the Summer".

These are all available in your local wine store (some at the grocery stores as well). Prices as listed at Tower Wines.



### Whispering Angel Rosé

Chateau d'Esclans, Cote de Provence, France, 2018

Provence is synonymous with rosé wine, and Whispering Angel has become its pretty pink juggernaut - the largest selling rosé in the world and credited by many for fueling the current rosé wine craze. That they have done so while maintaining excellent quality is all the more impressive. Crisp, dry, and elegant style with hints of strawberry and flowers. A wine that is easy to find in the stores and easy to love. \$17.99



### La Vieille Ferme Rosé

Rhone Valley, France, 2017

Crafted by the Perrin family of Chateaufort-du-Pape fame (they also own Chateau Beaucastel, one of the world's greatest wineries) this easy drinking French rosé is a deep ruby color and full of tart red berry, cherry, orange peel, and spice. A great picnic wine that is delicious and offers great bang for the buck. Hard to beat for the price. \$6.99



### Gobelsburg "Cistercian" Rosé

Kamptal, Austria 2017

You don't often see rosé wine from Austria, but this one is worth the search. While it's a pleasure to drink on its own with strawberry, cranberry and citrus aromas – it has great acidity and elegance, with enough structure to make it a great food wine as well. Pork, chicken, salmon, or anything off the backyard BBQ will all work well with this one. \$15.99



### Charles & Charles Rosé

Columbia Valley, 2017

This Syrah based wine from Washington state has a delicate blush of pink color with flavors of strawberry, grapefruit peel, with a hint of tropical fruit. Delicious to drink on your porch or poolside, and priced to make it easy to buy in bulk. So, invite the neighbors! \$9.99

*John Cassanos is a certified sommelier, and restaurateur with 30 years of experience helping people find a wine to love.*

## Hot Chix Rock!

LaVista Park resident Delia Champion made a name for herself when she started the legendary Flying Biscuit Café back in the early 90's.

In 2010 she decided to focus on her chicken sausage and again is garnering national media coverage at her Delia's Chicken Sausage Stand. This is one of Delia's favorite recipes...

### CHICKEN SAUSAGE & GRAVY!

#### INGREDIENTS

- 16oz bulk Chicken Sausage (Delia's Chicken Sausage, 1 chub – ask your grocer!)
- ½ cup butter
- 1 onion, diced
- ½ teaspoon rosemary
- 2 teaspoons garlic, chopped
- ½ teaspoon thyme
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 tablespoon chopped parsley
- ¼ cup all-purpose flour
- 2 cups heavy cream



**Delia's  
CHICKEN  
SAUSAGE  
STAND**

- 2 cups milk

#### DIRECTIONS

- Brown sausage crumbles over medium heat. Drain and set aside.
- Melt butter in medium saucepan.
- Add onions, rosemary, garlic, thyme, black pepper, parsley and saute until onions are soft.
- Sprinkle flour over mixture, stir and let simmer for 2-3 minutes to let flour cook, then add sausage back to pan.
- Add heavy cream and milk, stir and simmer over low heat to thicken.
- Salt and cayenne pepper to taste.

#### SERVING SUGGESTION

Delia serves this over delicious biscuits, but it's great over rice as well, and as a hearty breakfast option, the addition of poached or fried eggs will cure whatever ails you.

*You can purchase Delia's chicken sausage in area grocery stores like Kroger and Publix or at both restaurant locations...*

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**404-827-8635**

If you see a crime in progress, or something that just looks suspicious or out of place, your first call should ALWAYS be to 911. The Patrol works limited hours and may or may not be on duty. The patrol does have a dedicated phone line on which you can leave a message.





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# Friends of LaVista Park through May 31, 2019

Show your membership card and save!

Level	Friend	Address/Phone	Incentive
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	David Goodrowe & Matthew Doyle Berkshire Hathaway Home Services	David Goodrowe: 404.333.3190 Matthew Doyle 561.707.6139	
	Piedmont Physicians at North Druid Hills	2171 LaVista Rd, Suite 100 404.982.8009	
GOLD	EATaliano	2480 Briarcliff Rd 404.321.2111	10% off bill
	Mellow Mushroom Emory	1679 LaVista Rd 404.325.0330	10% off bill
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	Peachtree Creek Animal Clinic	1085 Lindbergh Drive Suite 100 404.467.8779	Free nail trim with shampoo
	Rain Thai and Sushi Bar	2345 Cheshire Bridge Rd. 404.325.6963	\$5 off on purchases of \$40 or more
SILVER	Athletic Club North East	1515 Sheridan Road 404.325.2700	2 personal coaching sessions for new members
	Delias Chicken Sausage Stand	489 Moreland Ave SE 404.474.9651 881 Marietta St 404.254.0408	quarterly meeting catering
	K & M Foreign & Domestic Auto Repair	2195 Briarcliff Rd 404.633.1677	10% off all products and services
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	Sunny's Cleaners	2280 Cheshire Bridge Road 404.248.1957	10% off dry cleaning

## Friends Program – SHOW YOUR CARD

One of the benefits of membership in the LaVista Park Civic Association are the incentives offered by the Friends of Lavista Park. These 12 local businesses have made contributions to our civic association to be good neighbors who support our mission as well as to incentivize you, our members, to patronize their business. While many of you patronize them, I know some of you don't request the discount offered, feeling that you're helping the business. Unfortunately, this approach makes it more difficult to get them to sponsor us on a recurring basis. They actually judge how effective our Friends program is in generating business by pulling data from their cash registers to see how many discounts were requested. If you don't request the discount at check out, they don't recognize you as a member of LaVista Park! So please, show your LVPCA card when patronizing a Friend (a photo on your phone doesn't count!). If you can't find your card, send an email to registrar@lavistapark.org and we will send you another one.

Larry Hoskins

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## Garbage & Recycling

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