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### QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING REMINDER:

Quarterly Meeting (Virtual)  
Thursday, October 15, 2020  
7:30 - 9:00 pm

Hosted via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81048047535?pwd=cVhOeDFLaWxMc21oT0REZWZCbW9Pd09>

## A Message from the LVPCA President

This edition of Neighborhood News brings two exciting changes. The first is that we now have an Editor for our newsletter! This new position will provide a dedicated focus to bring more interest and capabilities to the newsletter. Second, beginning with this newsletter, we are leveraging the online nature of the newsletter by adding some imbedded links that will take you elsewhere on the web where you can find more details. We are including the imbedded links within several of the articles. Also, several of our advertisers have some imbedded links in their ads. Hopefully, this will give you more information at your fingertips. Know that since we don't control the content of these redirected sites, any content or opinions expressed there should not be considered an endorsement by LVPCA.

Several of you participated in the two September meetings with Brookhaven on the "Character Area Definition", or submitted your feedback online. These meetings will help define what you would like the area south of I-85, including LaVista Park, to look like over the next 20 years. There will be a second round of ZOOM meetings to react to the information they gathered. These meetings will result in a definition of what the community wants for future development and how zoning will shape it. Please be on the lookout for announcements about these meetings and try to attend or provide feedback.

Brookhaven Code Enforcement has been successful in getting the two lots on Brook Forest and LaVista cleaned up. Look to the Zoning article for more details. If you see our assigned code enforcement officer, Larry Johnson, please be sure to thank him for his diligent work in getting these addressed.

Work is reaching an end on defining the project list for the Special Tax District. We have provided more details in an enclosed article. Brookhaven will host a community meeting to review the project list and the timeline in coming weeks.

As we did with our July Quarterly Meeting, we will hold the October Annual Meeting virtually using ZOOM. Look for an invite by email with a link to the meeting. We will continue to leverage ZOOM as a safe way to gather into next year but are looking forward to gathering in-person as soon as it is safe to do so.

One important item for this October meeting is the election of board members for the coming year. We will be holding the election on-line for the 2 weeks prior to our meeting. An invitation has been sent out to all active members that provided their email address. If you have not provided one and wish to participate, just go to [lavistapark.org](http://lavistapark.org) and enter your email address under the Stay Informed section at the bottom of the webpage. Once we get your email address, an invitation to the online ballot will be sent to you.

October will be a busy month with several important ZOOM meetings. Decisions made at these meetings will have long-term impacts on LaVista Park and reflect months (if not years) of work. The opportunity to have a say in our neighborhood's future development as one of the main reasons we worked so hard to be part of Brookhaven. This is your opportunity to let your voice be heard.

Thank you all for your continued support of LaVista Park. As always, please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns at [president@lavistapark.org](mailto:president@lavistapark.org).

-Larry Hoskins, President

# Brookhaven Special Tax District Update

Brookhaven is completing their final calculations for the projects to include in the Special Tax District. There are several of these projects that have been absorbed in their normal funding, which will reduce the project list and financial impact of the Special Tax District.

These projects are:

- Two granite and composite signs at either end of our park to replace the old Dekalb County wooden signs
- Maintenance in the park to remove invasive plants
- Storm Water drainage repairs
- Two City of Brookhaven monuments (these have been postponed to a later date)
- Police patrols and Code Enforcement in 2020

The projects that will remain in the Special Tax District are:

- Police – this includes cars, equipment, uniforms, guns, License Plate Readers, etc. to equip the 4 Brookhaven Police officers dedicated to LaVista Park (4 translates into 1 officer 24/7)
- Sidewalk Repair – recently completed repair of the existing sidewalks along Sheridan Road and Chantilly Drive

- Signage – replacement of non-reflective street signs
- Road Repair
- Assessments – costs to determine the condition and repairs needed

It is important to note that in 2020, LaVista Park did not generate any tax revenue for Brookhaven beyond fees. The first property tax revenue, which totals about \$326,000 in recurring revenue outside of the Special Tax District, will be this current tax bill. These property taxes fund 2021's operating budget.

Be on the lookout for a community meeting with Brookhaven to review the project details. At that time, we will learn the total amount to be funded by the Special Tax District and how long it will take to pay it off. Revenue generation for the Special Tax District in this first year is \$417,000.

Next steps after the Community Meeting are approval of the Special Tax District project list and funding by the City Council. We will publicize the dates for both of these meetings as soon as they are scheduled. You can find more details about the Special Tax District in the summer newsletter posted at [lavistapark.org](http://lavistapark.org) under the Leaf Talk button.



## Code Enforcement - City of Brookhaven

Code Enforcement with the City of Brookhaven takes pride in what we do for the City and strives to provide great services to our neighbors! Listed below are a couple of the main things that Code Enforcement addresses with regard to private and commercial properties within the City:

**Tall grass/weeds** - All grass/weeds are to be maintained below twelve inches in height.

**Placement and materials for fences** - A permit is required for placement of a fence within the city limits. Property owners may go online to the City web site, [www.brookhavenga.gov](http://www.brookhavenga.gov), and complete the application for a permit. Depending on the fence, you may need to get a permit to replace an existing fence. Also be aware that the finished side of all fences must face towards other properties and the right of way. A decorative feature is also required at least every eight feet. A decorative feature could be as something as simple as a post with a decorative topper. Fences are restricted to no higher than four feet in the front yard (no wire fences allowed in front yard) and eight feet in the back yard. It is possible to get a variance to the height requirement of a back-yard fence. A survey is not required, but it may be advisable to ensure you are placing the fence in the correct location.

**Exterior Surface Treatment** - All exterior wood surfaces must be maintained free from holes and rot. All wood, except pressure treated wood, must be protected from the elements by painting or staining.

**Junk Vehicles** - All vehicles must be maintained in running condition and display a current license plate.

**Accumulation of Refuse/Garbage** - All properties must be maintained free from the accumulation of trash and debris.

All properties abutting a right of way are required to maintain the right of way area free from any vegetation or other items that may obstruct driver vision or where sidewalks exist, the sidewalk area must be free from vegetation that impedes pedestrian traffic and overhanging vegetation must be maintained at a height of seven feet.

Trash receptacles cannot be placed at the curb prior to five pm the day before pick up and must be removed by seven pm the day of pick up.

To report a possible violation of City Ordinances please use the Brookhaven Connect App or go to the City's web site [www.brookhavenga.gov](http://www.brookhavenga.gov) and click on the "I Want To" tab and then click on the "Report a Code Violation" tab. Fill out the information about the address for the possible violation.

*-Keith Colquitt, CZI  
Code Enforcement Manager  
City of Brookhaven*

## LVPCA Board Elections Underway

The elections for the 2021 Board for the LaVista Park Civic Association are underway in an online ballot and will close on Wednesday, October 14th at midnight. Voting is open to all members of the civic association. Emails were sent on October 1st to all members that have provided an email address. If you have unsubscribed or did not provide an email address in the past, just go to [lavistapark.org](http://lavistapark.org) and add your email address under the Stay Informed section on the homepage. Once received, we will send you a link to the online voting.

*-Larry Hoskins, President*

## Annexation Update Briarcliff and North Druid Hills Roads

On December 17th, the City of Brookhaven received an annexation request from the potential and current owners of several properties near the intersection of Briarcliff and North Druid Hills. The properties extend from the Target and Sherwin Williams paint store on North Druid Hills Road to and including the Chick-Fil-A. The request also includes the QuikTrip and Boston Market properties across the street. This annexation request is being submitted under the 100% method, which is used when 100% of the property owners of an area contiguous to a city request annexation. This is the same method used by Emory and Children's Hospital of Atlanta (CHOA) in their annexation requests.

The annexation petition, along with a map of the annexation area, can be found on the City of Brookhaven's website: <https://www.brookhavenga.gov/commdev/project/annex19-00002-lup19-00021-related-group> The request also included a rezoning request from a Florida developer, The Related Group, to redevelop 6.74 acres of the twenty-seven acres that is requesting annexation. The Related Group proposed the creation of a mixed-use development including 300 apartments, a seven-story hotel, and office and retail buildings on the site of the current Briarcliff Station shopping center area.

DeKalb County challenged the annexation in January and an arbitration panel was appointed by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. The arbitration meetings were delayed due to the pandemic and were finally held on August 26th and 27th. On September 3rd the arbitration panel unanimously voted in favor of the city of Brookhaven. The annexation and potential rezoning requested by the Related Group can now move forward as planned. The arbitration panel also indicated that Brookhaven should not change the land use or zoning of any of the

other parcels under annexation consideration for a year. These requests will be heard at the October 7th meeting of the Brookhaven Planning Commission and the October 27th meeting of the Brookhaven City Council.

The annexation portion of this request will move forward. Brookhaven is still awaiting receipt of additional information in order to move The Related Groups rezoning request forward. The rezoning request will only move forward if the additional information is received. LVPCA is in favor of the annexation request, as Brookhaven has indicated that it is likely to open a police precinct in the new annexation area that will serve all of the Brookhaven area south of I-85, which would enhance police response times. However, we have raised concerns about Related Group's development due to the additional traffic that will be added from the 300 apartment units.

-AD McNaghten

## Editor for Neighborhood News

Let me introduce you to our new editor for the LaVista Park Neighborhood News – Dennis Bickham. Dennis and his husband, Dr. David Ecklund, purchased their home on Citadel Drive in 2018 after searching for the perfect home in our little slice of paradise. He will help us work to add more value to the articles we present to you each quarter. If you have any suggestions for articles or recipes, or would be willing to write one, just drop Dennis an email at [editor@lavistapark.org](mailto:editor@lavistapark.org).  
-Larry Hoskins, President

*(Editor's note – thanks for the welcome and I look forward to receiving input from all our members. While I am the editor, this publication only survives with the input from our entire community.)*



# LaVista Park Patrol Activities

The chart below shows the activities the Patrol conducted by quarter for the last seven quarters. In looking at the trend of activities, we saw a decline in the number of suspicious people stopped by the Patrol after our annexation into Brookhaven and are now below the level of a year ago. As we are progressing through this pandemic, our crime and patrol activities are following a familiar trajectory. During this time, shutdowns kept people at home and reduced criminal and suspicious activity. This has led to a drop in suspicious activities that precipitated STOPS. As many of you are spending time at second homes, we are seeing an increase in House Checks. Despite the coronavirus shelter in place, the patrol is continuing to operate at levels consistent with prior quarters.

-Andy More, Patrol Coordinator

LaVista Park Patrol Activities							
Activity	Q1 2019	Q2 2019	Q3 2019	Q4 2019	Q1 2020	Q2 2020	Q3 2020
House Checks	404	325	292	441	373	370	340
Stops	5	18	37	54	31	29	24
Resident Contacts	49	63	40	50	11	20	8
Alarms	0	0	0	0	16	21	12
Brookhaven PD Assists						11	5
Abandoned Cars	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Arrest Assist	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Hit & Run	0	0	0	1	0	0	0



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# LVP Park Report

Brookhaven is making good on their promise to improve our park. The most obvious improvements are the new park monument signs. They are really attractive! The Beech Haven sign has been beautifully landscaped thanks to Park Neighbors Extraordinaire Steve Graves and Mike Principino. Thanks guys! Landscaping for the other sign on Brookforest is being planned.

Brookhaven has also begun a three-year effort to remove invasive species in the park – in particular the new-to-Atlanta Japanese Chaff Flower weed. It takes over almost every place it touches and the seeds are traveling gurus. They stick to clothing, fur and easily wash downstream – which is probably how we got them. So, beware, especially if you live downstream from the park. I've published

information on them before, but you can always Google to find out what they look like and how to safely remove them (hint, do NOT compost them – put them in a plastic bag and add to the garbage).

Several residents are looking at a Park Pride grant to improve the playground equipment. Look for something new next year! Check out Park Pride's web site for more information about who they are and what they do. <https://parkpride.org/we-can-help/grant-programs/>

Meanwhile, this article on The Woods in Your Backyard from the University of Maryland Extension Service is quite good. Take a look! <https://extension.umd.edu/woodland/woods-your-backyard>

-Donna Newman  
LaVista Park Chair

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## All About The Monarch Butterfly

The time of the year has come when Georgians look to the sky to watch for signs of Monarch butterfly migration.

These butterflies are on their way to the Sierra Madre of Mexico to overwinter on the oyamel (or sacred fir) trees of the area. The fir trees provide the perfect habitat, combined with the area's optimal temperatures and humidity, to ensure that the butterflies survive the winter.

The Monarchs that fly through North Georgia most likely came from eggs that were laid in milkweed meadows in Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio and Canada. They start their migration in mid-August and travel about seven miles per hour.

About twenty years ago, an estimated one billion monarchs made this migration. In 2015, only 150 million monarchs made the trek. This dramatic decrease is due to the butterflies' loss of habitat and food sources, including the milkweed plant (also called butterfly bush). Unlike some species of butterflies,

Monarchs have only one larval plant, so they depend on milkweed for survival.

Most monarchs will live only a few weeks, but the generation that emerges in late summer and early fall is different. These butterflies are born to travel and may live for eight or nine months to accomplish their lengthy migration.

To follow the Monarch migration and to report your butterfly sightings, visit Journey North at [journeynorth.org/monarchs](http://journeynorth.org/monarchs). This organization has tabulated the reports of citizen-scientists for many years and is a great resource for school groups.

Monarch Watch, accessible at [monarchwatch.org](http://monarchwatch.org), provides online information about these insects and their habitat needs.

It is amazing to realize that this super generation of migrating butterflies endure the hazards of the trip to go to a place that they have never been before.

*(Portions of this article are from UGA Extension in Cobb County, written by Becky Griffin, in October 2019; reprinted by permission of UGA Extension— Story ID 8162)*



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## A Bit of Cheshire Bridge Road History

Sitting at a Cheshire Bridge Road red light this afternoon, I was thinking about the notorious reputation and legacy of this little corridor of Atlanta.

How did a short and winding road nestled among great neighborhoods become different? Alcohol. For decades, North Georgia was "Dry." You couldn't buy drink. But Fulton County was thirsty, the taps were open, and the bottles were lining up at the check-out counters.

When I-85 was being built in the early 1950's, the first southbound Fulton County exit was Cheshire Bridge Road and among the three liquor stores- Happy Herman's at the corner of Lindbergh and Cheshire Bridge Road. It was the headliner. Liquor brought restaurants, bars, motels, shopping, and vice.

The first neighborhood home was built in 1936 —2274 Melante Drive (very close to the former Varsity Jr. parking lot). The English Tudor was part of a large estate with a private driveway to Cheshire Bridge Road. The diminutive home looks different from every other house developed after World War II by B.A. Martin and William Hallman (Lindridge-Martin Manor).

One hundred yards away (Alco Street), was the former rhythm & blues bar once owned by James Brown, "the Godfather of Soul." Mr. Brown also performed there - "Soul City." When "The Hardest Working Man in Show Business" sold the business, his former club became the first Drag Show Bar in the south (Gumhead), and now is adult entertainment in 2020.

About a block away, 839 Cardova, is the former home of Shirley and Zell Miller. It was an easy commute downtown for the future, Lt. Governor, two-term Georgia Governor and Georgia U.S. Senator. This was the period (1971) Governor Miller was coaching Pony League Baseball at Chastain Park.

Minutes away, a right on Lindbergh, east toward the Tara Theatre, left on Cheshire Bridge Road, on a hill across from the gas station and now storage units, (next to entrance I-85-North), the 1838 home site of Captain Hezekiah Cheshire and his bride Sarah. He was fifty, she was twenty-two, they had nine children. Napoleon Cheshire (their son) would construct his house on a rise of topography toward Piedmont Road, located where the Colonnade Restaurant stands today.

*(This article was published in September 2020 by Jeff Hullinger, news personality at 11 Alive. It is reprinted with the permission of the author.)*

Nearby, in the 1870's, the Atlanta to Charlotte Railroad Line was completed (still used) and commercial development was rolling along Peachtree Creek. The intersection of Piedmont Road and Rock Spring (across from cemetery and church) housed a train station (Dunkin Donuts).

Many of the Cheshire family are buried in the Rock Spring Cemetery, you can see their headstones when you get your car cleaned at the Gorilla Car Wash. Rock Spring Presbyterian was founded in 1835, the area of rise across from the church and Fat Matts was known as Council Bluff, a meeting place for Creek Indians.

Like everywhere else in this city, perception doesn't always fit the reality. Vice and nightlife only tell a portion of the Cheshire Bridge Road corridor story.



June 1954. Courtesy AJC



July 17, 1978. Courtesy AJC



## A Case for a Locking Mailbox

Mail theft has been a frequent problem in metro Atlanta and LaVista Park has not been immune. Mail Theft is a difficult crime to address given the short amount of time it takes to commit. While our efforts with the Postal Service to get a more consistent delivery time before 6pm will help, that will not prevent all occurrences. In addition, with the increasing unemployment caused by this pandemic and pending evictions, we are likely to see an increase in mail theft and identity theft.

What can you do to protect yourself? The most effective deterrent is to install a locking mailbox. This will prevent thieves from having access to your mail and small packages, depending on what size box you install.

How much will this cost? There are two components: The cost of the new mailbox and the installation. These locking mailboxes are readily available at hardware and home improvement stores, and online. Pricing can run from \$50 to several hundred, depending on how large and fancy you want to get. The cost of the one pictured (including post and attaching bracket) is about \$145.00 online at Home Depot.com.

Where can you find someone to remove your old box and install the new one? A typical installation will take 1-2 hours. We have reached out to two local handymen in the neighborhood that can handle this type of job. Their contact information and rates are:

Aaron Brown  
404-226-5529  
YourFixItFella@gmail.com  
Rate: \$65/hour  
with a 3-hour minimum

Rob Stansell  
404-630-1710  
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Rate: \$45/hour

Pricing for each situation will depend on what you want. Simple replacements may not require a minimum. Just give them a call and tell them you are in LaVista Park.

If you decide to tackle this project yourself, know that USPS has certain requirements for mailboxes. The official guidance from the US Postal Service on installation of a mailbox is:

- Position the bottom of the mailbox opening 41" to 45" from the road surface
- Place the mailbox 6" to 8" back from the curb
- Put the house number on the mailbox

-Larry Hoskins, President



## Oven Braised Beef Short Ribs

Season all sides of the ribs with Tony Chachere's Creole Seasoning, garlic powder (or granulated) and onion powder (or granulated).

Place short ribs in an oven-safe pan with sides (at least one inch) and cover tightly with aluminum foil. A glass casserole dish works well. You can also use any baking dish that has an oven-safe, tight-fitting top.

Bake at 275 degrees for 3 ½ hours.

Remove from oven and drain juice/liquid out of pan. I usually do this by removing the ribs to a plate; draining the liquid; and then returning the ribs to the pan. If the ribs will

separate from the bone, remove the bone as well.

Liberally coat the ribs with your favorite BBQ sauce. Just pour the sauce on top of the ribs, right out of the bottle. I use Kraft Original BBQ sauce, but any brand/type will do.

Cover with foil again and return to the oven for 1 hour at 275 degrees.

They should fall apart. If not, cook for a bit more.

*(This recipe was developed by the editor after much trial and error.)*

## Mushroom and Onion Rice

- 4 Tbsp butter
- 4 oz can mushroom stems and pieces, drained (setting juice aside).
- 1 cup rice
- 1 can French onion soup

Sauté mushrooms in butter (about 2 minutes). Add rice and stir until rice turns white again (about 10 minutes). Add onion soup and mushroom juice. Bring mixture to a boil and then reduce to a simmer. Cook, covered, until done, about 45 minutes.

*(This recipe was given to the editor by his mother. Its origin is unknown.)*

## Fudge (Hot Chocolate Frosting) makes 36 pieces or frosts one sheet cake

- 1 stick butter
- 2 Tbsp cocoa (sifted)
- 7 Tbsp PET-brand evaporated milk
- 1-pound box/bag of powdered sugar (sifted)
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 cup pecans (chopped)
- 2 Tbsp light corn syrup (if making fudge)

Mix butter, cocoa, and milk (and corn syrup, if making fudge) and bring to boil. Stir constantly. \*\*

Add powdered sugar all at once and stir in well (it will harden quickly). Turn heat off. Stir in vanilla and pecans.

Place in buttered eight inch square pan (for fudge) or pour over cake for icing – quickly spread with a spoon before icing hardens.

\*\*For Fudge also mix in:  
2 Tbsp light corn syrup just before you stir in the powdered sugar

This icing works well with a yellow cake mix.

*(This recipe was given to the editor from his great aunt who got it from his great-grandmother)*

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## Neighbor Spotlight - Tony and Helen Noviello

Antonio (Tony) and Helen Noviello have been LaVista Park residents for almost thirty years. Helen D'Agnesse grew up just down North Druid Hills Road from LaVista Park. She graduated from UGA with a degree in Health, Physical Education and Exercise Science. Tony Noviello was born in Sapri, Italy, on the Amalfi Coast of Southern Italy. Tony has worked and managed some of the best restaurants in Monaco and Bermuda. He moved to the United States in 1980 and was the first person to receive the new Resident Alien Card (green card) that was designated as a permanent resident card (they held a small ceremony for him at the airport upon his arrival). Tony became a U.S. citizen in 2001. Tony and Helen own the very popular Italian restaurant, Nino's Cucina Italiana, located at 1931 Cheshire Bridge Road.

Helen and Tony met while walking on the beach in Bermuda in 1979. Helen worked on a cruise ship that went to Bermuda and was in port for four days a week. Tony was working in Bermuda at the time. They fell in love and wanted to find a way to build their life in Atlanta, but at the time it was difficult to find a sponsor in order for Tony to get a green card. They could have

simply married and Tony would have been able to get his green card, but he didn't want it to ever be said that he married for anything other than love. He tried to get sponsored by several restaurants in Atlanta, to no avail. As luck would have it, in 1981 Helen's father introduced Tony to his friend, Camillo Salvatore, Nino's owner at the time. Camillo agreed to sponsor Tony and hire him at Nino's.

After they married Helen wanted to return to her childhood neighborhood, but they could not find anything they liked. Again, as luck would have it, their dear friends they met at Nino's when they ate at the restaurant for six months straight during the renovation of their kitchen, lived on Sheridan Road and owned the vacant lot next door. Helen knew the location very well, as she had slept over and played at her friend's house on Chantilly Drive many times as a child and fondly remembered riding bikes down the middle of Sheridan Road (there was very little traffic then).

Tony and Helen bought the vacant lot and built their house in 1993. The color they chose for their house is salmon and was chosen because the color reminded them of Bermuda, where they met. The only downside was that as the traffic increased on Sheridan Road, cars would be speeding and lose control in the curve by their house and would end up in their yard and their neighbor's yard. Fortunately, the addition of speed tables to Sheridan Road have all but ended this problem. Tony and Helen raised three daughters in this home – Gabriela, Alessandra, and Michela. They now have five grandchildren.

You can see Helen and Tony walking the neighborhood almost daily. Helen was voted one of Atlanta's top yoga instructors in the 2012 yoga edition of Atlanta's Best Self Magazine. Her company, Yoga by Helen, was selected for the 2012 and 2013 Best of Atlanta Award in the Yoga category by Atlanta Awards program. She has also been featured in Atlanta Magazine and Natural Awakenings Magazine. She has conducted over seventy-five yoga retreats, many of them international retreats. Prior to the COVID outbreak, Helen was leading Yoga at the Sea Vacations on the Royal Clipper, the world's largest fully rigged sailboat, with a maximum capacity of 220 passengers. Tony's passion is tennis. He has played in several Atlanta leagues including the United States Tennis Association (USTA) and the Atlanta Lawn Tennis Association (ALTA). Prior to COVID he was an active tennis player at Athletic Club Northeast, which is within walking distance from his home on Sheridan Road.

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# Neighborhood News - Fall 2020

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Nino's was originally founded in 1968 by John Preiato, affectionately known as Nino. In 1981 Tony started working at Nino's. A year later, in 1982, Tony purchased the restaurant, quickly improved the business, and set about making it what is now the oldest authentic Italian cuisine restaurant in Atlanta. He made improvements to the original building, including adding the well-liked solarium facing Cheshire Bridge Road.

As the new owner/manager/chef, Tony developed a menu with Italian favorites. Many of the selections are original recipes brought by Tony from Italy. Some were his mother's, who had taught Tony how to cook. Tony's favorite dishes have been named after his daughters, grandchildren, wife, brother Giuseppe, brother-in-law Paola, and himself. Over the years Helen and the children have all worked in some capacity in the business. Tony's brother also worked in the restaurant

(he recently retired) and Nino's longest employee has been with the restaurant since 1985.

Like many restaurants, COVID hit Nino's hard, and they closed for three months. While they could have opened earlier, they did not until they felt it was safe. Nino's takes all the required precautions, and then some, including being at 40% capacity. In 2018, management of Nino's was taken over by Tony and Helen's daughter, Alessandra "Ali" Noviello-Hayes (who started working at the restaurant at fourteen) and her husband, Micah Hayes.

If you see Tony and Helen on the street walking, say hello. You will find them very outgoing and friendly. They are truly wonderful residents of LaVista Park.

*Editor's note: This spotlight section will be a recurring series, featuring LaVista Park residents and/or nearby businesses frequented by LaVista Park residents.*

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It is an honor to have become such an integral part of Lavista Park's success.

Having led all agents in total sales volume in Lavista Park last year (over \$10M+) and having secured 3 of the top 5 sales in Lavista Park so far this year we are excited to have become the go-to experts for luxury properties and modern homes here in Lavista Park.

We have worked very hard to increase property values in the neighborhood and proudly boast the 2nd highest EVER sale in Lavista Park with the sale of 1302 Brook Forest Dr last year.

And we are excited that within the next few months we expect to take over the record for most ever \$1M+ sales EVER in the history of Lavista Park.



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4 BD | 4.5BA | 4,810 SF | Sold For \$1,067,000



1303 Citadel Drive NE  
Lavista Park - SOLD (represented the Buyer)  
4 BD | 4.5 BA | 4,567 SF | Sold For \$1,200,000



1242 Wild Creek Trail NE  
Lavista Park - UNDER CONTRACT (representing Buyer)  
4 BD | 4.5 BA | 4,810 SF | Offered \$1,495,000



1261 Bernadette Lane NE  
Lavista Park - COMING SOON (representing Seller)  
4 BD | 3 BA | 3,716 SF | Offered \$1,714,000



## #1 In Lavista

#1 in Lavista Park in 2019  
with over \$10M+ sold

## 2020 Success

We already have 3 of the top  
5 sales in Lavista in 2020

## Records

2nd Highest Ever Sale in  
Lavista (\$1.55M) in 2019



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DeKalb Rape Crisis Center	404-377-2428
Driver’s License	678-423-8400
General Information	404-371-2000
Marta Complaint Line	404-848-4800
Potholes	404-297-3840
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**Brookhaven City Hall**

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**LVP Security Patrol 404-827-8635**

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	Peachtree Creek Animal Hospital	2171 LaVista Rd, Suite 100 404.982.8009	Free nail trim
GOLD	Atlanta Pride Massage	www.atlantapridemassage.com	Receive a FREE upgrade to a 75 minute massage for the price of 60 minutes.
	EATaliano	2480 Briarcliff Rd 404.321.2111	10% off bill
	Mellow Mushroom Emory	1679 LaVista Rd 404.325.0330	10% discount (not to be combined with other offers)
	Rain Thai and Sushi Bar	2345 Cheshire Bridge Rd. 404.325.6963	\$5 off on purchases of \$40 or more
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	K & M Foreign & Domestic Auto Repair	2195 Briarcliff Rd 404.633.1677	10% off all products and services
	Next Age Fitness	1602 Lavista Rd 404.325.2524	10% off purchase of 5 workouts
	Nicola's Restaurant	1602 Lavista Rd 404.325.2524	10% off bill

### 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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