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QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING REMINDER:

Quarterly Meeting (Virtual)
Thursday, July 22, 2021
7:30 - 9:00 pm

Hosted via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85106084999?pwd=eDBXcTc1RlRlVE00STdpVnNtdVhJUT09>

A Message from the LVPCA President

As we are emerging from the pandemic lockdown, things are slowly starting to return to normal. Restaurants are opening back up and doing a brisk business. You will see LVPCA starting to follow suit but on a bit of a lag as some of our partners are not fully open yet. Our next quarterly meeting on July 22nd will continue to be by Zoom but we will transition back to in-person meetings for our annual meeting in October at Westminster Presbyterian. Our next event will be a Yard Sale in the Fall (see related article) and look for our monthly Happy Hours then as well. We will wait until 2022 to start up the Fall Festival and National Night Out events as many attendees bring their children, a group that is just starting to get vaccinated. The Tour of Homes will also wait until 2022 as not a lot of residents are interested in opening their homes to throngs of people they don't know.

With this new membership year comes a new batch of Friends of LaVista Park and many returning favorites. You can find the new list at the back of the Newsletter. I would encourage you to patronize them and thank them for their support. Hopefully you have downloaded your digital Membership Card and will find this more convenient.

We are always looking for new board members and

will have 2 critical roles open next year. They are the Registrar's position, which maintains our list of residents and members of LaVista Park, and the Patrol Coordinator, which oversees the operation of our private security Patrol and manages our relationship with Brookhaven and Dekalb Police. The Registrar position needs to be proficient in either Access or Excel. Anyone interested in either of these roles can reach me at president@lavistapark.org to learn more.

Finally, I have heard concerns raised by several of you about the rise in criminal activity and gun violence in the metro area and the stabbing on the Peachtree Greenway felt very close to home. Gary Yandura, the Brookhaven Police chief has agreed to join our next meeting to hear your concerns and let you know steps that Brookhaven has undertaken to keep us safe. Much of this involves partnerships with other agencies, like Dekalb Police, that will impact residents on the southside of LaVista in unincorporated Dekalb. I hope you will be able to join us and offer your thoughts to Chief Yandura. 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.

-Larry Hoskins, President

Tree Ordinance Rewrite

The Brookhaven City Council approved the rewrite of the Tree Ordinance at their June 29th meeting. The revision to the tree ordinance is being driven by the results of the 2019 Canopy Study, which revealed a rapid loss rate tied to development. The Urban Tree Canopy (UTC) shrank 6.3% since 2009, with an even higher 8.7% loss of canopy in Single Family Residential lots. Single Family Residential (SFR) represents 52% of Brookhaven's land area and 79% of the tree canopy. The studies show that the pace of the loss is increasing especially with regard to larger hardwood trees.

Some of the differences with the rewrite are:

- Allowing single-family homeowners to cut only two NON-SPECIMEN trees in 18 months. Previously, up to 3 trees could be removed in a 12-month period.
- Requiring signage posted 5 days in advance of the tree cutting, issued by the City with the approval of the arborist(s). Previously, no sign was posted. Going forward, if no sign is posted when trees are taken down, it is a good indicator that the required permit has not been issued.

- Expanding the definition of "specimen tree" to consider the type of tree and size and health of those trees. The diameter at breast height (dbh) of these trees ranges from 6" to 30."

Brookhaven requires homeowners to obtain a tree removal permit for any tree that is greater than 6 inches Diameter at Breast Height (dbh). Permits are free for owner-occupied residences and \$25 for rentals. Fines for unpermitted tree removal are \$1,000. More details on the tree ordinance and permits can be found at: [Tree Canopy Preservation | Brookhaven Georgia \(brookhavenga.gov\)](#)

For areas in unincorporated Dekalb County, the county has talked about rewriting their tree ordinance but has not done so to date. Dekalb County does not require a permit, or Notice of Tree Removal, if 5 or less trees are removed from an owner-occupied, single family lot. More details can be found using this link: [Dekalb County Homeowner Guide for Tree Removal](#)

LaVista Park Neighborhood Yard Sale

We are pleased to announce the second (not annual - thanks to Covid) LaVista Park Neighborhood Yard Sale. We invite you to join the fun, do some fall cleaning and get rid of your excess STUFF. The event date is Saturday, October 2, 2021 (Rain or Shine). Advertised hours will be 9 am till 4 pm. (Individual households can adjust their hours)

Benefits of Participation:

- Increased purchaser traffic due to many neighborhood participants.
- Professionally printed 18"x24" Yard Sale advertising signs posted prior to and on the day of the sale at strategic high traffic locations.
- Balloons will be attached to the 18"x24" Yard Sale street signs on the day of the event and participating households will be issued matching balloons for easy ID on event day.
- Extensive advance advertising.
- Maps for distribution that indicate all neighborhood participants will be provided for

each participant location. The backside of the maps will include addresses and an optional summary note for each household to indicate the character of the sale, specific sale items or specific hours if other than the advertised time.

- The same maps and information will be posted on the LVPCA website.
- The event also gives you the opportunity to meet and interact with your LaVista Park neighbors.

There will be a small registration fee to cover street signs, balloons, maps, advertising etc. A discounted fee will be offered to LVPCA members. We will be soliciting participants and accepting registrations for this event in September.

The Yard Sale committee currently consists of Anne Carley, Julia Nichols, Mike Principino and Steve Graves. If you would like to be on the committee, please contact Steve at SRGraves51@gmail.com.

Crime Tracking

Our crime tracking data now has 11 quarters of data as reported to Dekalb County Police through the crimemapping.com database and from Brookhaven Police. The chart below shows the breakout by crime within the area of the LaVista Park Patrol by quarter and then a summary for the apartment and commercial areas by quarter so that you can see the total crime picture and the impact of the Patrol. After a huge decline in the 2nd quarter last year caused by the pandemic lockdown, we have seen a steady rise in crime in the subsequent 3 quarters. However, in the most recent quarter there was a decline to more normal levels. June was particularly quiet, with only 4 reported crimes in LaVista Park compared to

the average of 10/month. Please continue to be vigilant of your surroundings and secure your property and vehicles. If you see a crime or the results of one, please call 911 first (call 404-843-6670 for Brookhaven) and then the Patrol at 404-827-8635. If you are using a cell phone, be sure to download the SMART 911 app and register your phone to provide key information to first responders.

Many residents have expressed concern over the rise in criminal activity throughout metro Atlanta. You can help protect your home and assets by implementing a home security strategy. Brookhaven Police will visit your home to assess your existing home security and offer suggestions to make your home more secure. To take advantage of this service, just email officer Andrea Serrano at andrea.serrano@brookhavenga.gov.

LaVista Park Crime Tracking											
TYPE OF CRIME	Q4 2018	Q1 2019	Q2 2019	Q3 2019	Q4 2019	Q1 2020	Q2 2020	Q3 2020	Q4 2020	Q1 2021	Q2 2021
Assault/Battery	2	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	5	2
Auto Accident	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Auto Theft	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Criminal Trespass	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Domestic Dispute	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Fraud	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	0	0
Loitering	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Mail Theft	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Property Damage	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Residential Burglary	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1
Terroristic Threats	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Theft	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0
Theft from Vehicle	3	0	4	0	0	2	0	3	2	2	1
Vandalism	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	3	0	0
LVP PATROL AREA	7	5	8	1	3	11	0	9	10	12	5
Apartments/Comm'l	20	18	19	23	17	30	15	24	28	28	25
Total Crimes	27	23	27	24	20	41	15	33	38	40	30

The chart below shows the activities the Patrol conducted by quarter for the last ten quarters. In the second quarter, we saw a corresponding drop in stops of suspicious people and police assists with Brookhaven PD similar to what was seen in the criminal activity. Because of the longevity in the job (most of our officers have been with us over 10 years) and familiarity with residents, they know who should be in the area. The Patrol is continuing to help with making packages less visible to deter the porch pirates.

LaVista Park Patrol Activities										
Activity	Q1 2019	Q2 2019	Q3 2019	Q4 2019	Q1 2020	Q2 2020	Q3 2020	Q4 2020	Q1 2021	Q2 2021
House Checks	404	325	292	441	373	370	340	310	352	334
Stops	5	18	37	54	31	29	24	21	24	16
Package Assists			21	30	11	20	7	33	10	5
Brookhaven PD Assists						11	5	4	10	2
Abandoned Cars	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arrest Assist	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	0

Get to Know...Mailey McLaughlin

Mailey McLaughlin moved to LaVista park in 1966 when she was just six months old. Her parents, Dan and June, relocated from the Southland Vista Apartments (previously Post Briarcliff, now MAA) to Citadel Drive. Her parents purchased the house, built 10 years earlier, for a whopping \$16,000.00, and other than the years from 1988 through 1994 where she lived in Alpharetta, Bolton, Woodland Hills, and a brief stint in Orlando, the sturdy single-story house on Citadel Drive has been her home. She officially purchased it from her father's estate in June of 1995.

Mailey attended Immaculate Heart of Mary School and then Briarcliff High School. She holds a BA in English and a Master's degree in Education from Georgia State University. She began working at Briarcliff Animal Hospital in 1982 at the age of sixteen—the start of a long career of working with people and animals. During her college years, she worked at various veterinarian clinics in Atlanta and was a courier for Atlanta Pet Cremation Services. She also started her own pet sitting business, which led to her doing self-taught dog training for her clients. She worked at the Toco Hill Kroger and then Buckhead Home Depot to put herself through graduate school, with the goal of becoming a high school English teacher. However, after she had her M.Ed. in hand, she realized that she wanted to put her years of animal care and her education degree together, so she began volunteering at the Atlanta Humane Society and was hired within a month as a Humane Educator. Mailey took her cockapoo, Mahoney (and then her Chihuahua Gherkin) to schools all over the metro area, gave tours, and taught kids and adults about proper pet care and training as part of her career.

Very soon after being hired, her boss found out she had dog training experience, and she was put in charge of the Obedience training classes there. Mailey took apart and rebuilt the training program, which became highly recommended and attended for twenty-one years. She taught Basic and Intermediate Training in group classes and private lessons for tens of thousands of Atlanta dog lovers. In 2003, she founded The Pooch Professor, offering in-home training. In December 2020, she "retired" from the Atlanta Humane Society to focus on her company and explore other career options.

Mailey is married to Evelyn Albertson, who is originally from Jacksonville. Evelyn moved to Atlanta in 1996 to work with her father at the Atlanta Humane Society, and the couple met when Mailey started volunteering in early 2000. They started dating that year, and were married at the DeKalb County courthouse on their 15th anniversary in 2015. This was just two weeks after the Supreme Court ruling (*Obergefell v Hodges*) which mandated states to grant same sex marriages and recognize same sex marriages granted in other states. Evelyn proposed in a text about fifteen minutes after hearing the court decision. Mailey was finishing up a training class as the decision was announced and when she turned her phone back on, it was blowing up. Mailey jokes, "It doesn't sound like the most romantic way to propose, but it was very poignant, and after fifteen years together

she was thrilled that we would finally be able to be legally wed and enjoy the same legal rights as heterosexual married couples."

In addition to her passion working with people and their pets, Mailey enjoys tree climbing with ropes as her neighbors can attest, as she frequently climbs the huge white oak in her front yard. She has played recreational softball since 1975 (starting at Briarcliff Community Sports and now with the Roots Women's League), and also enjoys bowling, hiking, camping, reading, writing and mindfulness meditation. She and Evelyn also have three Chihuahuas, which keeps them busy.

As she hits fifty-five years of age, her passion has changed somewhat, although she will always love working with dogs and their owners. She is now drawn to work that examines end-of-life care and experiences, death acceptance, and alternatives to traditional funerals and burial (including home funerals, alternatives to traditional cremation, and green burial). She feels that our culture is very death-avoidant, and since our time above ground is the only time we are guaranteed, we need to cherish it while we are here, accept that we will all die, and prepare ourselves and our loved ones to make this all-too-human transition less traumatic. She feels strongly that we need to have discussions with our loved ones about what we want the end of our lives to look like, including what happens to our bodies after our death.

During her life on Citadel Drive, Mailey has watched a neighborhood of very modest ranch-style houses give way to more varied (and expensive) architecture. Her childhood home was a great investment for the McLaughlin family in 1966, and its value continues to increase, like most of the lots/homes in LaVista Park. As a child, she played all day outside with the neighbor children (and alone) building forts, raking trails, getting copious amounts of poison ivy, and catching tadpoles and crawdads in the creek in the woods between Citadel and Brookforest, and in the park itself. She feels extremely privileged that she was able to experience the childhood she enjoyed and is grateful every day that her father bought the exact house he did. Mailey has been pleased with the annexation into Brookhaven and sees the improvements that have come with it. "I have great neighbors on all sides, and we look out for one another. I love the relative quiet of this neighborhood, and it's close enough to the city but still feels a lot like a suburb. We enjoy relaxing on our deck and admiring the beautiful hardwood trees in our yard. It's quite therapeutic."



Brookhaven Police Drone Program

In April 2020, the Brookhaven Police Department (BPD) began research to create an Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) unit. Commonly referred to as drones, UAS provide an efficient and effective way of law enforcement information gathering at incident and emergency scenes and during criminal investigations.

At the time, BPD relied on aerial support from the DeKalb County Police and Georgia State Patrol Aviation units, in the form of traditional manned aircraft. This relationship continues; however, now BPD has an aerial support capability of its own.

In addition to the Department's desire to expand aerial capabilities, the COVID-19 pandemic created a need for innovative ways of limiting public contact. These reasons together caused BPD to take note of the Chula Vista (CA) Police Department's Drone as First Responder (DFR) Program.

Launched in 2018, CVPD pioneered rapid response to police emergencies by using unmanned aerial systems to respond to emergency calls. The DFR program uses drones stationed at permanent locations throughout the city and piloted by sworn police officers who fly them to dispatched calls for service and requests for backup in real time. The model allows, in most cases, for a drone to arrive on scene well ahead of traditional ground units.

Using this model, the officer operating the drone can use cameras to evaluate the situation remotely and provide timely information and video footage to responding officers and field supervisors. This practice creates a number of advantages for responding police officers, including enhanced officer safety through real-time information from another police officer; mitigation of "dispatch priming" by confirming or dispelling caller-provided information before officers arrive on scene; and improved resource allocation abilities as pilot officers guide ground units along the best routes.

Particularly as a national dialogue centers on police-citizen

encounters, the use of UAS technology in response to police calls for service serves an innovative tool for de-escalation. Prior to DFR, officers were forced to rely on third-hand information passed through dispatch from the 911 caller. By dispatching the drone as a first responder, BPD can remotely assess a scene and determine what type, if any, police response is necessary. This approach avoids unnecessary confrontations and allows pilots to cancel ground units when no evidence of a crime is found.

After extensive research into the CVPD program, Brookhaven Police in October 2020 presented a DFR model to the Brookhaven City Council. City officials enthusiastically supported the DFR model in conjunction with traditional "portable" drones to be carried by officers for rapid deployment. BPD ultimately obtained seven drones to begin UAS operations. One of the drones is assigned to DFR, and while the others are available for scene-specific rapid deployments.

During the development stages of the DFR program, BPD met with several community stakeholders and civil rights organizations including the DeKalb County District Attorney's Office and the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Georgia. These conversations helped BPD develop procedures for handling and storage of UAS videos and made clear the purpose of the DFR program. Critical aspects of the program design include using UAS only in response to calls for service or emergency scenes (as opposed to conducting random patrols or aerial "surveillance"); and prohibiting the intentional recording or transmitting of images of any area where a person would have a reasonable expectation of privacy without first obtaining a search warrant.

Video recordings that do not contain evidence of crimes or hold training value are held only for 30-days. Footage obtained in conjunction with a criminal investigation is uploaded into the same cloud-based server that stores officers' body-worn and in-car camera footage and held according to statutory retention periods.

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Water Disconnection Moratorium Extended

Dekalb County has extended the moratorium on disconnecting water service for residential customers until September 1, 2021. The moratorium was set to expire on July 1st. The moratorium was put in place in October 2016 to address a myriad of water billing issues and customer service problems experienced by users of Dekalb Watershed. This extension

was made to give residential customers more time to resolve outstanding billing issues and establish payment plans. Customers with questions about their water bills can call 404-378-4475. You can also email Dekalb Commissioner Robert Patrick, who is tracking water billing issues, at district1@dekalbcountyga.gov.

Cherry Blossom Party

The 2021 Cherry Blossom Summer Block Party on Dresden Drive and Apple Valley Road will be held July 30th and 31st. There will be an outdoor concert (clear bags only allowed in the venue) in the Brookhaven MARTA parking lot and downtown Brookhaven will a pedestrian-only zone. There will also be a free Kidz Zone. All attractions in this area will be water based, so bring bathing suits and towels.

For more information on the Cherry Blossom Party visit www.brookhavenga.gov/festival



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LaVista Park Street Repaving

Our Special Tax District dollars at work! Longwood Trace, Sheridan Court and Citadel between Wild Creek and Briarcliff have been repaved by Brookhaven. In 2-3 weeks after the new pavement has cured, street sweepers will come thru to pick up the loose debris. Residents will notice increased storm water run-off since the streets are not as porous as they have been in the past, but this is not expected to add to any flooding. Prior to this repaving work, crumbling drains were rebuilt on Brook Valley, Mayfair and Wild Creek to improve drainage.

Any existing speed humps will be removed and then replaced. The remaining streets will still be addressed but require more extensive work due to a poor sub-base. These streets have to be completely rebuilt starting with the installation of a concrete base. The contractor is having difficulty getting the needed Portland Cement that is used to create this base, upon which the new asphalt will be laid. You may have heard of the shortage of truck drivers that is impacting delivery of many products and cement is one of those. Once the contractor, Allied Paving, can secure the needed cement in sufficient quantities, paving on the remaining streets will commence – hopefully later this summer. The remaining streets to be repaved are Brook Forest, Brook Valley, Merriman,

Wild Creek Trail, Vista Valley, Mayfair and Citadel from LaVista to Wild Creek. During construction, the streets will remain open for local traffic. The work will involve doing one side of the street and then the other so that one lane will be open at all times. When work starts, residents will not be able to leave cars parked on the street.



Brookhaven City Council Race

LaVista Park resides in Brookhaven's District 4 and has been represented by Joe Gebbia. This seat is up for election this November and Joe Gebbia has decided not to run for re-election. He is the last remaining original member of the city council from when the city was formed in 2012. At present, there are several candidates that have announced their intention to run for the District 4 City Council seat. Dale Boone and John Funny have formally announced they are running but more are expected to enter the race. Dale Boone previously ran

for the District 4 seat in 2015 and for Brookhaven mayor in 2017 – losing both times. John Funny has not run for office before but has served for 8 years on the Brookhaven Planning Commission and currently heads Brookhaven's Social Justice, Race and Equity Commission. LaVista Park is expected to be a deciding factor in this seat's selection due to our high, active voter roll relative to the remaining areas in District 4. We will be inviting all candidates for this seat to attend our October meeting on Thursday, October 21st, so that you will have an opportunity to meet them and ask questions before the November election.

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When you scan this QR code using your phone or tablet, it will take you straight to the LVPCA membership page where you can pay via PayPal.

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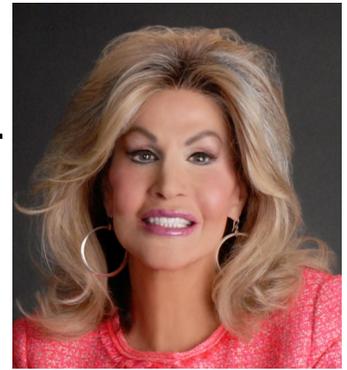
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(Recipes contributed by LaVista Park residents, and owners of The Tipy Tap Co, Alicia and Cory Wallace. www.tippytap.co)

Perfect Paloma

2oz silver tequila or smoky mezcal tequila
2oz grapefruit juice or the fresh squeeze of a grapefruit half
1oz fresh lime juice
.5oz simple syrup (can be eliminated if you do not like sweet drinks)
Top with club soda or topo chico (about 4oz)

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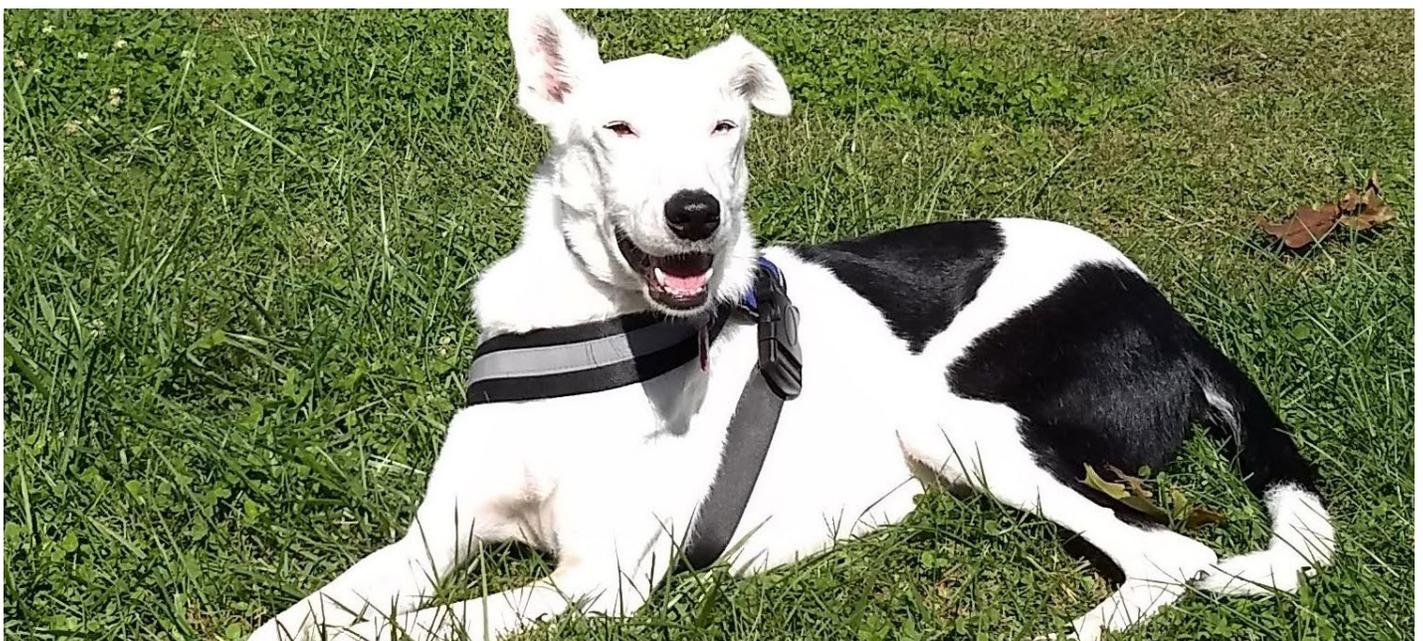
Pet Spotlight

Allison Evatt and Bob Allin who live on Sheridan Park submitted this wonderful story about their dog, Chap.

"Mommy, look! It's a cow dog!" The little boy who said these words was referring to Chap, our rescue dog of indeterminate origin – we say he's a "bovine!" You'll see him every morning and afternoon on long walks in the neighborhood. When we adopted Chap in March, 2020, we knew that he was a traumatized, fearful dog. It was clear that he had been abused by his original owner: he was afraid of

everything. Chap had been living with a rescue group, but they eventually quit taking him to adoption events because he would cower in his crate, and no one was interested in a scared dog. Chap was adopted by Alison and Bob at six years old from The Atlanta Canine Adoption Project petfinder.com

Chap has transformed! Lots of love, patience, and reassurance have resulted in a happy, relaxed dog at home, though he's still a bit fearful of strangers. When we first got Chap, he wouldn't take a treat from anyone, even us, and he wouldn't let a stranger pet him. Ed and Wilson, on Kingsley Circle, persisted on both fronts and eventually Chap relaxed. Now when he sees Wilson, Chap goes up to him and "demands" a treat. Such a different dog!



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4 Bed | 3 Bath | \$1,250,000 | Represented Buyers



1303 Citadel Drive NE
5 Bed | 5 Bath | \$1,200,000 | Represented Buyers



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LVPCA Partnership with Toco Hills Community Alliance

LaVista Park Civic Association is excited to initiate a fundraising drive to benefit our neighbors through the Toco Hills Community Alliance (THCA)!

What is the Toco Hills Community Alliance?

Toco Hills Community Alliance works to provide emergency food assistance to individuals and families in need in the northeast communities of Atlanta. THCA is a qualified 501(c)3 non-profit corporation serving 9 zip codes areas, including our very own 30324. With the goal of providing greater economic stability and independence, they provide weekly boxes of non-perishable food, fresh fruits and vegetables, dairy items, breads, meat and desserts to families or individuals without sufficient food. In 2019, THCA served 12,640 households representing 28,993 individuals – a total of 639,938 pounds of healthy, fresh food were distributed in 2019.

In 2020, COVID-19 doubled the number of families that were seen each week. THCA served 22,322 households representing 63,068 members, distributing 898,637 pounds of healthy, fresh food.

How can we help?

Toco Hills Community Alliance has partnered with businesses and organizations across Atlanta, including the

Atlanta Community Food Bank, to maximize the value of their dollar. The average box they provide on a weekly basis to their clients retails for \$75-\$100, but is purchased by THCA for \$7.50 - \$10.00. While they do accept food donations, monetary donations used directly by THCA can purchase 10 times the amount of food – our dollar donations will go further!

LaVista Park Civic Association is teaming with THCA with a goal of providing \$1500 in donations before Labor Day.

How do we donate?

Monetary donations can be made directly to THCA through their website:

[Toco Hills Community Alliance: Neighbors Helping Neighbors \(funraise.org\)](https://www.funraise.org)

If you choose “Customize Your Donation,” and then choose to “Leave a Comment,” enter “LVPCA” in the comment line. Your donation will be counted toward our community goal! If you would prefer to donate physical items, the most needed items are listed on their website and can be dropped off at their location at 1790 LaVista Road behind St Bartholomew’s.

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cloud-based server that stores officers’ body-worn and in-car camera footage and held according to statutory retention periods.

In the spirit of transparency, BPD also plans to publish monthly data on UAS operations on the department’s webpage. These data will include call type, response time, and number of incidents resulting in arrests or evidence recovered with UAS assistance.

With the program details in place, BPD launched its DFR program – the first in the southeastern United States – in April 2020. Like in Chula Vista, BPD UAS are positioned at fixed launch points in the city and teleoperated by BPD police officers. BPD strategically selected launch sites that allowed for maximum flight radius around the areas in which most calls for service are received. Geofencing and pre-flight programming ensures the drone remains in permissible air space, within City boundaries, and flying free of hazards and obstructions such as power lines.

The BPD UAS team is comprised of 16 officers who have achieved FAA certification as Part 107 Remote Pilots. To obtain a Remote Pilot Certificate, applicants must pass an initial aeronautical

knowledge test requiring demonstrated knowledge in keys areas such as weather, operations, regulations, loading and performance, and the National Airspace System. BPD policy further requires monthly in-service training for each pilot.

In addition to the DFR application, Brookhaven Police Department is using UAS technology for crime and crash scene documentation, missing and wanted persons searches, public event security, and in support of North Metro SWAT operations in the cities of Brookhaven, Dunwoody, Sandy Springs, and Johns Creek.

The mission of the Brookhaven Police Department is to “enhance the quality of life for those in our community by providing effective, high quality, and professional police services.” The UAS program generally, and the DFR program specifically, are excellent examples of high-quality and innovative approaches to policing that are enhancing the quality of life and the quality of police services available in the Brookhaven community. *(This article was provided by Andrea Serrano, Community Engagement Officer, Brookhaven Police Department. She can be reached at andrea.serrano@brookhavenga.gov)*

Walking and Biking Around

With summer here many residents are looking to do more walking and biking. We are lucky we have several close walking/biking trails from which to choose.

Atlanta Beltline

The granddaddy of the trails, so to speak. The streetcar component of the Beltline was originally developed by Georgia Tech student Ray Gravel in 1999 as his master's thesis. This eventually led to the formation of the Atlanta Beltline in 2005. The Beltline is still under construction, although a lot of it is accessible now. By 2022 the Beltline is expected to be connected to the Silver Comet Trail. Once connected it will be the longest paved trail surface in the U.S., totaling about 300 miles.

The Beltline is a former railway corridor around the core of Atlanta. The Beltline is designed to improve transportation, add green space and promote redevelopment. A longer-term vision is to have a streetcar line or light-rail lines along all or part of the corridor.

Ryan Gravel formed the non-profit Friends of the Beltline. Gravel and two of his colleagues, Mark Arnold and Sarah Edgens, summarized his thesis in 2000 and mailed copies to two dozen influential Atlantans. Former Atlanta Councilwoman Cathy Woolard was an early supporter. Together they spent the next several months promoting the idea to neighborhood groups and business leaders. The total length of the Beltline will be twenty-two miles, which will redevelop about 2,544 acres. In addition to the original railway corridor, several spur trails will be built. When completed it will connect forty-five neighborhoods.

Currently, the closest access point to LaVista Park is located at Piedmont Park (Monroe at 10th Street). However, it is anticipated that there will be an access point near where Piedmont goes under Buford Highway – near Orkin and Tower Liquor.

For more information on the Beltline visit beltline.org.

Peachtree Creek Greenway

The Peachtree Creek Greenway trail is a multi-use trail under construction along North Peachtree Creek. A portion of the trail in Brookhaven is open. Eventually the trail will traverse the cities of Atlanta, Chamblee, Doraville, and parts of unincorporated DeKalb County. Once complete, it will connect twelve miles from the Atlanta Beltline and Path 400 northward up to I-285. The goal of the Greenway

is to provide residents with close-to-home and close-to-work access to bicycle and pedestrians trails, serve transportation and recreation needs, and help encourage quality of life and sustainable economic growth.

Currently, the Greenway has about a mile of completed paths – from North Druid Hills Road to Briarwood Road, between I-85 and Buford Highway. There are three access points with parking lots. The trail is lighted at night and has benches, bike repair stations, and dog waste stations.

Access points with parking are located at 2036 North Druid Hills Road; 1801 Corporate Boulevard, and 1799 Briarwood Road - all located within the City of Brookhaven. The trail is open from 6 am until 11 pm. For more information on the Greenway visit peachtreecreek.org.

Path400

Path400 is a multi-use trail along the GA 400 Freeway in Buckhead. Once complete, the trail will be a little over five miles, ten to fourteen feet wide, and traverse the cities of Atlanta, Sandy Springs, and Dunwoody. Path400 is the first step in the implantation of the Buckhead Collection, a planned network of 106 acres of parks and trails.

From the south the trail will join with multiple regional paths, including the Peachtree Creek Greenway, Southfork Conservancy, and the Atlanta Beltline. To the north the path will go to the City of Sandy Springs with the hope of eventually extending it further north.

There are currently four official access points with parking to Path400. They are: the intersection of GA 400 and Lenox Road; Old Ivy Road

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Membership Cards

This year we have replaced the paper membership cards with a digital card that you can store on your smartphone. We made this move to make it easier to carry the card and for added security. You should have received an email invitation to download your personalized membership card. It can only be downloaded once and can not be shared with anyone else. The card will be stored in your smartphone's "Wallet". If you experience any issues with your card, please send an email to execvp@lavistapark.org so we can resolve it.

Each digital card has 2 sides. When you pull up the card, you will see the front side with the LVPCA logo, your name and the expiration date of your membership. You can access the back side of the card by clicking on the black dot in the upper right corner of your screen. On the back you will see a list of the Friends of LaVista Park and any incentive they provide. If you click on the highlighted

blue name, it will take you to their website to learn more about their business. Also on the back are two options for the card operation, both of which are turned on when you download. Automatic Updates lets us update the list of Friends as new ones join the program and change the expiration date when you renew next year. Allow Notifications will allow us to send you a notice to renew next year.

If you don't have a smartphone, or don't want to use the digital card, we have a small supply of paper membership cards available. Just send an email to president@lavistapark.org and we will drop one off in your mailbox.

If you patronize one of these Friends, please be sure to show your card so they can get a feel for how much business they get from LaVista Park. This makes it easier for us to get them to renew and see the value of the Friends program to their business.

Interactive Capabilities in the Newsletter

One of the benefits of moving the LaVista Park Neighborhood News to a digital format is the ability to provide readers with links to get more information. Many of our articles include links to additional online resources, which you can recognize because they are

highlighted in blue. Several of our advertisers also have taken advantage of this capability by including icons in their ads for their website, Facebook page or Instagram account. You can rest assured that these links are safe to use and have been verified by us before we have included them in the newsletter.

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north the path will go to the City of Sandy Springs with the hope of eventually extending it further north.

There are currently four official access points with parking to Path400. They are: the intersection of GA 400 and Lenox Road; Old Ivy Road where it crosses under GA 400; Wieuca Road where it crosses over GA 400; and, the closest one to LaVista Park, Piedmont Road at Adina Drive (Mile Zero).

The four parking areas are – The Prominence in Buckhead (3475 Piedmont); Old Ivy Road under the GA 400 overpass; Mile Zero – Street parking along Adina Drive; and Sarah Smith Elementary School – at both the Old Ivy Road and Wieuca Road campuses during non-school hours. The trail is open dusk to dawn. For more information on Path400 visit path400greenway.org

Although not listed as an official access point some of our residents have accessed Path400 at Sidney Marcus across

from the QuickTrip and have parked in the parking deck at Limburg Plaza without incident.

Cheshire Farm Trail & Meadow Loop Trail

The Cheshire Farm Trail and the Meadow Loop Trail connect where GA 400/I-85 goes over Lindbergh Road.

The Cheshire Farm Trail runs from Lindbergh Road to Cheshire Bridge Road (next to Helios Apartments). It follows a portion of the North Fork Peachtree Creek from Lindbergh Road to Cheshire Bridge Road. It is short, very scenic, unpaved and features a very nice footbridge. For more information on the Cheshire Farm Trail visit southforkconservancy.org/cheshire-farm-trail.

The Meadow Loop Trail makes a loop on the south side of Lindbergh where it crosses GA 400/I-85. The Meadow Loop Trail will eventually connect to the Beltline on Piedmont (near Tower Liquor and Orkin) and the Path400 trail. The loop portion is currently being paved. For more information on the Meadow Loop Trail visit atlnature.com/blog/meadow-loop.

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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 or 404-843-6670 for Brookhaven Police.. 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.

FRIENDS OF LAVISTA PARK...show your membership card and save!

Level	Friend	Contact	Incentive
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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.

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