

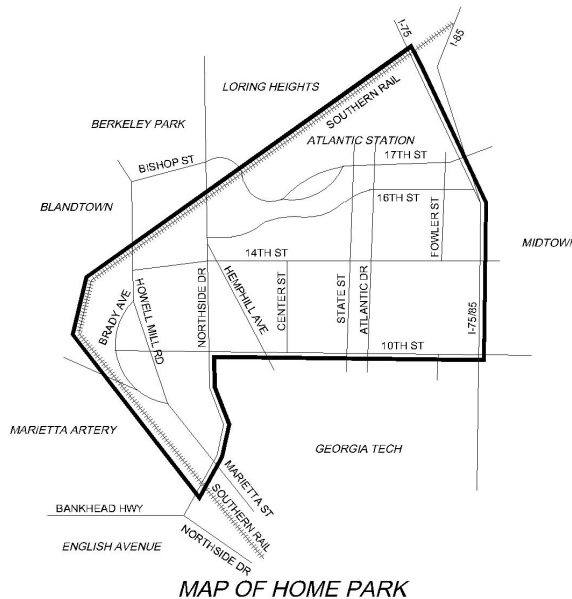
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President's Message

As is typical, there is much going on in and around Home Park, on several fronts. You can get some ideas of the varying projects and commitments HPCIA is working toward from the Committee Reports later in this newsletter.

This year's Board of HPCIA has focused in on three important goals: Public Safety, Future Planning, Social Events. This is to ensure we do everything we can to improve our current situation, shape our future and, finally, have fun while working toward an increased sense of community within Home Park and all of its parts.

Some initial tasks for 2005 include this newsletter, which is unfortunately the first in over a year being sent to the entire community, as well as a new website to be launched, which is intended to eliminate the hassles associated with continued use of the Yahoo group. It is through better communications that public safety increases. It is through better communications that everyone knows about and contributes to future planning projects. It is through better communications that the sense of community within Home Park will increase.

HPCIA is a volunteer organization. It works as a result of people being involved. These people are your friends, neighbors and community business people who take time away from their families and other activities to serve the greater interest of the Home Park community. Come out and work with us. Don't sit back and expect someone else to take care of a problem for you. Join HPCIA. Become an active member; come to the Monthly Community Meetings, get involved by joining a committee (or two) and be one to help lead the charge. HPCIA is set up in a committee structure— that's where all the heavy lifting is done and is the absolute best way to know what is going on.

Home Park is a dynamic and diverse neighborhood undergoing tremendous growth and change. These pressures are not going to go away so we aim to shape them— your input is valuable to any of the many issues the community faces.

Thanks,

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▶ Committee Talks

Don't forget to subscribe to www.homepark.org for the community message board and calendar.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

(1st Tuesday at 7pm at 10th Street Church)
Sene Sorrow: sene@trackcompany.com

The HPCIA Public Safety Committee is developing a 3-year framework plan for the committee, expected to be complete by summer 2005. One element, a draft of revised Public Safety Bylaws, was presented to the committee in March with favorable response. Other items being addressed include: an overhaul of www.homepark.org, the Neighborhood Watch program with APD, and neighborhood clean-up efforts.

The committee coordinated a neighborhood clean-up with the GT student group "Engineers without Borders". The success of this cooperative effort was encouraging; HPCIA will likely make this a semi-annual event in addition to our large-scale clean-ups, such as in Nov 2004. Also, Committee Chair and HPCIA President met with Atlanta City Council President Lisa Borders in late March to discuss potential collaboration regarding public safety. Council President comments validated the committee's current direction as well as that of HPCIA overall.

On calling 911: Many people are afraid that their issue does not warrant a call to 911. The fact is, it's OK TO CALL 911! Zone 5 police patrols of Home Park are based on crime statistics compiled from the 911 Call Center. Even if it is a parking issue or a crime that has already happened, calling 911 is the best way to report an incident to the police.

HP Permit Parking: Some streets in Home Park are restricted to resident-only parking from 7am to 7pm, M-F. They include: Calhoun St., Home Park Ave., Hunerkopf St., 11th St., Hirsch St., Tumlin St., Lynch St., Westshire Pl., Richards St. and State St. & Atlantic Dr. (both south of 14th). **Residents can- and should- email their name and street address to info@homepark.org and a City parking permit application will be mailed to you from HPCIA.**

LAND USE COMMITTEE

(3rd Tuesday at 5:30pm at 10th Street Church)
Kurt Belgum: kurt.belgum@esl.gatech.edu

The HPCIA Land Use Committee mission is to listen to and act on requests by property owners who want to modify a property outside the current limits of the City of Atlanta's building ordinances. Requests for liquor licenses are also handled by this committee.

The Land Use committee has two goals: first, to look out for the long term best interest of the neighborhood, and second, to act on all applicants in a consistent, reasonable, and fair manner. The committee consists of people who live, work, and/or own property in the neighborhood. All meetings are open to the public.

Recommendations from the Land Use Committee are taken to Neighborhood Planning Unit- E (NPU-E), which is the next step on the road to official action by the City of Atlanta's Zoning Review Board (ZRB), the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA), and/or License Review Board. Both HPCIA Land Use and NPU-E are merely advisory bodies; historically, the City supports well-reasoned decisions made by the local neighborhood organizations.

Some topics that the Land Use Committee generally does **NOT** handle are parking issues, trash cans left on the street, houses that need painting, or too many loud parties or tenants in a particular residence. *These types of issues should be directed to the City of Atlanta Department of Zoning Enforcement by calling 404-330-6175.*

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

(4th Thursday at noon at Rocky Mtn. Pizza)
Dave Brautigam: dave@atlantarefrigeration.com

The HPCIA Business Development Committee is gathering materials to create an updated outreach packet for new and existing members of the business community in Home Park. We are exploring possible added benefits to membership, which might include a business-specific newsletter, lunch and learns, etc. We are working on an updated list of business members and will be reaching out to them shortly.

*****Shout out***** A very special thanks to Dave @ Rocky Mtn for helping us get this newsletter printed, folded, and delivered to your doorstep!

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
(2nd Tuesday at 5:30pm at 10th Street Church)
Co-Vice Presidents:

Adam Baker- abaker@atlanticstation.com

Joey Widener- joeyw@mindspring.com

HPCIA has just executed a contract with Peter Drey + Company to design a streetscape for 14th Street from the proposed 14th Street Bridge to Howell Mill Road. Many of you know about this project already but those who do not will have a connection to it by way of the *Greater Home Park Master Plan* (completed in 2002, which identifies this project as one of its goals). This project will be coordinated with the Upper Westside LCI project and the Northside Drive Corridor study. We are working hard with Task Force Chairman Bill Seay (404/881-6342, bill-seay@earthlink.net) and with the Business Committee Chair, Dave Brautigam to put together an outreach plan to involve property owners along the corridor. Also, if you have any questions, ideas or suggestions, please feel free to send them our way. We look forward to more progress in 2005!

MEMBERSHIP & SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE
(3rd Thursday at 7pm at 1219 State Street)

Elisabeth Munsey: elismunsey@yahoo.com

Something's afoot on the HPCIA Community Events and Membership Committee! There is talk about a revival of The Home Park Festival. Stay tuned- we'll keep you up to date as plans develop.

Membership renewals have been sent. Email info@homepark.org for membership application if you have not already received one. When you get your renewal form, please take a few minutes and consider which committee you would like to join. We need your help with all the great ideas we hear about. As advertised, all renewals and new memberships were eligible for a chance to win a \$25 Home Depot gift card. Congratulations to John Heise and Orlando Benedetti for winning.

MARKETING/COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE
(4th Tuesday at 7pm at 10th Street Church)

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We have been working on this newsletter. Comments? Contributions? Please let me know.

Friendly Tip: Trash pickup in Home Park is Wednesday. "Herbie Curbies" and recycling bins should be put out to the curb no earlier than Tuesday night and pulled back from curb no later than Wednesday evening. This is City ordinance; stowing them off the street cuts down on vagrant rummaging and resulting crimes of opportunity. Please assist your neighbors who may not be able to do this by themselves.

HPCIA COMMUNITY MEETINGS
2nd Tuesday of each month, 7pm
10th St. United Methodist Church
425 10th Street NW

HOT TOPICS: Here's what has been on the table at the meetings so far in 2005.

- Home Park Community Improvement Association (HPCIA) www.homepark.org
- Beltline Study www.beltline.org www.itsmarta.com www.tpl.org
- Northside Drive Corridor Study www.atlantaga.gov
- Upper Westside LCI www.atlantaregional.com
- Piedmont Park(ing Deck) www.piedmontpark.org www.friendsofpiedmontpark.org
- GTSmart www.gtsmart.gatech.edu
- Atlanta Police Department- Zone 5 www.atlantaapd.org
- GT Engineers without Borders cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/ESWB
- Grady High School Robot Team www.gearboxgangstaz.org
- Centennial Place Elementary School <http://www.centennialplace.net/>

Upcoming Community Meetings

May 10: 14th St. Streetscape Design Kick-off.

June 14: Program TBD

July 12: No meeting, July picnic details soon

August 9: At Centennial Place Elementary

This is our view looking east...

