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BERKELEY PARK

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May Meeting

March 19

7:00 pm

Fire Station #23

NPU-D Meetings

Fourth Tuesday of every month

Meetings start at 7:30

Agape Center on Bolton Road

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Berkeley Park Neighborhood Association Vision Statement

To create an area of intown living that is safe, clean and has the direction and determination to take on tasks that are beneficial to the neighborhood and its residents.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Hello Neighbors,

This past month has been a good month for Berkeley Park. We as a neighborhood have successfully stopped Home Depot from building on the Castle Gate property. The property is still available for sale and could be bought by any company so we must keep our spirits up. But thank you all for the tremendous effort you as a neighborhood put forth. We showed the city that we are a neighborhood that cares.

Now enough about Home Depot lets move on to news of the good. On Sunday May 20 Berkeley Park will be hosting a neighborhood open house in conjunction with the fire truck dedication ceremony at our neighborhood fire

station. We plan on having food, drinks, door prizes and fun, fun, fun! The open house will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and we plan on dedicating the fire engine around 3. We are going to invite several local politicians as well as the media. Please plan on coming out as we hope this will be an opportunity for all neighbors to meet one another as well as have some good food and cold beverages. If you would like to help out with the party by donating time, coolers, tents, or any other spring party items please give me a call 404 609 9309.

Another reminder about the newsletter. Please let Sharon know if you still want to receive a hard copy or if you would rather it be in email form.

See you on the 20th!

V.P. LETTER

Dave Dunay

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Dear Berkeley Park,

In past issues you have heard me expound on the virtues of attending neighborhood meetings, staying active within the community, and taking on responsibility and leadership roles. I realize not everyone has time to take on leadership roles because of work, raising children or any number of other reasons. However, being able to attend a neighborhood meeting every other month appears to be relatively easy. If not everyone is able to attend, have your spouse or significant other come and represent you. You are welcome to

bring your children if you are unable have an adult watch them.

I am talking about neighborhood involvement in this issue because it appears that lately, there has been a wane in attendance for the last couple of meetings. The executive committee is trying hard to understand why there has been a lull in participation. We know that the Home Depot battle took a lot out of us. Maybe folks are taking a break. For whatever the reason, we have decided to take a new approach to entice you back to the meetings. We will lure you back through appealing to

your stomachs.

The BPNA meeting held in May will be a pot-luck dinner featuring many different types of yummy dishes. Food is always a good way to draw people to an event. The BPNA executive committee is working on the logistics whether it through the donations of food from area restaurants or Berkeley Park residents each bringing their own delicious recipes. We will let all of you know through a special bulletin prior to the May meeting. This may mean our May meeting is moved to the weekend. More details are to come on this event. Thank you and have a wonderful Spring.

SECRETARY REPORT

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The March BPNA meeting was held on March 19. There was an extremely low turnout, 6 Berkeley Park residents and one guest speaker.

Tom Shillock with the Georgia Clean Air Campaign made a presentation about the metro area's ozone problems and what we can do to help. If you would like more info contact Tom at 404-362-2536 or visit their web site at www.CleanAirCampaign.com

Committee reports:

Corey Greika - Crime Watch: there has been some activity at the abandoned Castlegate Hotel property. The city needs to be made "officially" aware of our complaints by either calling or writing letters to the police department and/or code enforcement.

Sharon Arnold - Newsletter: There has been some response to our call to scale down on the number of printed newsletters. The April newsletter will be the last one hand delivered to all residents of Berkeley Park.

Richard Arnold - An e-mail was sent out to all residents on our e-mail distribution list about upcoming NCA meetings.

Brett Marsengill - Land Use: Will start working on a petition drive to inform the city of Berkeley Park's desires for city funded improvements.

Ted Huckabee spoke about ways to increase participation in BPNA meetings. He suggested that the next scheduled meeting be in the form of a get together with food and refreshments. We will also use that as an opportunity to dedicate our new fire engine.

TREASURER REPORT

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The BPNA balance is \$992.78. Dues are \$10.00 - \$5.00 for Seniors. Please make checks payable to "Berkeley Park Neighborhood Association". You can give your check/cash to any Association officer or mail to:

BPNA Treasurer

761 Berkeley Avenue, Atlanta, GA 30318

Don't forget about sponsoring a Berkeley Park sign top- per - there are still plenty available.

CRIME WATCH

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Well, as most of you know there has been some activity in regards to crime in our neighborhood recently, even one that happened to me. We've had a purse snatching and two cars rummaged through in the last two weeks. Most of us feel that the criminals are living in the old Castlegate hotel, and that any efforts we can make to getting the hotel torn down or at least cleaned out would make our neighborhood a safer place to live. Have you written to the City of Atlanta recently to voice your concerns? It is city law that they must take action if they receive at least 5 complaints, I hope we've sent in 5 by now, so I hope to see action soon. The more letters, the more action, I'm sure.

Anyway, be safe and extra cautious in the neighborhood until at least we see a reversal in the amount of petty crimes occurring. And get those letters written!

NEWSLETTER

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THIS IS THE LAST NEWSLETTER THAT WILL BE HAND DELIVERED TO EVERY BERKELEY PARK RESIDENT.

I know not everyone has e-mail so we will still provide printed newsletters to anyone who wants one. But here's the kicker - you have to let me know if you would like to continue to receive the Berkeley Park Bulletin. We want to make sure anyone who wants the newsletter receives it either via e-mail or U. S. Mail. We will only send newsletters to those who let me know. Please do not assume that I know you want a newsletter.

Fill out the form on the last page of this newsletter - mail or fax to me. My fax # is 404-367-0575 my address is 777 Forrest Street. Or you can reach me at 404-367-9070 or e-mail me at keycon1@mindspring.com

NPU-D

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In an effort to improve attendance of NPU-D meetings, Berkeley Park submitted an amendment to the By Laws to change the starting time from 7:30 to 7:00 p.m. NPU-D meetings can run long because of the number of items on the agenda and the time change will at least give us a 30-minute jump on the start time. The vote on this amendment is set for April's meeting on the 24th. We'd like to see a good turn out from Berkeley Park residents to get this approved.

NPU-D meets on a monthly basis on the fourth (4th) Tuesday of every month. The next meeting is on the 27th of March. The meeting location is the Agape Community Center located on Bolton Road, .3 of mile south of the intersection of Bolton and Marietta Boulevard. Meetings start at 7:30. Membership is open to anyone 18 years or older whose primary residence is within the NPU, or any corporation, organization, institution or agency, which owns property or has a place of business or profession within the NPU.

An agenda is published for each meeting and is mailed to your home address. If you do not now receive the agenda, contact the Bureau of Neighborhood Conservation at 404.330.6190, fax at 404.658.7084, or Carl Smart, Director at eMail csmart@ci.atlanta.ga.us and ask them to place you on the mailing list.

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Hello neighbors, it looks like spring has finally arrived in Berkeley Park.

Since the weather is warmer, we plan on canvassing the neighborhood soon to make sure that everyone of our neighbors are aware of the activity of the BPNA. Also, help us out by inviting your neighbors to the next BPNA meeting when you see them out working in the yard or taking a walk. As we have mentioned before, if you know of any new neighbors please let us know so we can welcome them to this great neighborhood.

SENIORS

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April was an exciting month for Senior Birthdays in Berkeley Park.

Mrs. Black	April 5
Gwen Langston	April 18
Katie Anderson	April 21
Ed McGill	April 22

Please be sure and tell these special residents "Happy Birthday", and mark your calendars for next year.

E. RIVERS ELEMENTARY

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We at E. Rivers are excited about spring and the month of April. We have many interesting activities taking place this month.

E. Rivers International Festival will take place the week of April 16 - 20. During this week, we will celebrate our rich cultural diversity through many different activities. The students will see dance performances from different countries, hear storytellers, participate in classroom projects about different countries, and see displays and exhibits from every continent. The culminating event will be the International Night on Thursday, April 19. Each family will bring a sampling of food from their country of origin and share with the other families. We are fortunate at E. Rivers to have such a natural and wonderful way of teaching our children about diversity and respect for each person's special heritage.

Our Kindergarten Kaleidoscope will take place on Thursday, April 26 from 3:30 to 4:30 pm. This fun event is designed to make rising kindergarten students feel more comfortable about entering kindergarten next year. The children will do a craft in each kindergarten classroom, enjoy snacks, meet the teachers and get to know their future fellow classmates. If you have a rising kindergartner and have not received an invitation in the mail, please contact Liz Jacobs.

On May 9 and 11, please visit the Barnes and Noble

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One of our last events of the year will be our Family Night Picnic on May 17. Families bring picnics and enjoy each other's company. Listen for the sounds of the orchestra and fun as we celebrate a wonderful year at E. Rivers.

Visit our Bake Sale at the Peachtree Battle Spring Fling on May 18. Our fall bake sale was a big success, thanks to you and the folks at Peachtree Battle Shopping Center. Come and sample some more delicious treats and support your neighborhood school.

SPECIAL TOPICS

BERKELEY PARK WEB SITE

Berkeley Park Neighborhood Association has a Web site! The address is <http://www.accessatlanta.com/community/groups/berkeleypark/>. And we're doing our best to keep it updated.

Here's what you'll find at the site:

- Latest Crime Watch information on recent incidents
- Current and past Berkeley Park Bulletin Newsletters
- History of Berkeley Park
- Contact info on BPNA officers, committee chairs, and city officials

We're looking to add new features and one suggestion is to list "Homes For Sale" since AccessAtlanta community sites are viewed by users all over the United States.

If you'd like to list your "home for sale" on the BPNA Web site, send detailed listing information to our Webmaster via eMail to keycon@mindspring.com. Include a photo file in .jpg or .gif format. This will be a free service to residents of Berkeley Park and the association only asks that if your home sells because of contact made through the site that you make a donation of \$300 to the association. What a deal!

Get on the eMail distribution list: The BPNA is doing a great deal of communicating through the use of eMail. We have developed a good start on a BPNA eMail

distribution list (60 residents now) but need you to help us keep it updated and current. If you wish to receive BPNA updates via eMail that includes each month's issue of the Berkeley Park Bulletin and Crime Watch incident reports, please verify your eMail address (home, work, or both) by sending a message to "Update Me" to keycon1@mindspring.com. Include your name, address and phone number.

FOR LADIES ONLY

Rich's at Lenox is having a special event.

Girls Just Want to Have Fun!

Enjoy great music, food, drink and the hottest spring looks. Plus wardrobe consultations, head to toe makeovers, handwriting analysis, stress busting chair massages, beauty tips, gardening ideas and more.

Thursday April 26 at 6 pm

\$10 advance registration (you'll receive a \$10 coupon good for use in the store) call Rhonda Mackay at 404-231-2832.

TIRE AMNESTY DAY

The City of Atlanta is holding a Tire Amnesty Day this Saturday, April 28. If you have any tires that need to be disposed of, you can take them to the Turner Field parking lot. Recyclers will be on hand from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm. This is for tires only.

There is no cost to you, the City of Atlanta is sponsoring this drive in an effort to help clean up the city.

THANK YOU!

A very special Thank You to Jim & Ken at Florist Atlanta for their support of our Senior Birthday program. You are wonderful!

THIS IS THE LAST BERKELEY PARK NEWSLETTER THAT WILL BE HAND DELIVERED TO EACH RESIDENT. IF YOU WISH TO CONTINUE TO RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER IN SOME FORM, PLEASE COMPLETE THE INFORMATION BELOW AND SEND TO SHARON ARNOLD.

From: The Berkeley Park Newsletter Committee

To: Berkeley Park residents and friends

In an effort to help curb the cost of printing this newsletter on a monthly basis, we are going to start using e-mail as a form of newsletter distribution. For residents and friends who wish to continue to receive a printed newsletter we will continue to provide them (via U.S. Mail).

Beginning with the May 2001 newsletter, only those who have responded will receive a newsletter. I will only send newsletters to those who let me know. Please do not assume that I know you want a newsletter.

Yes, I want to continue to receive the Berkeley Park newsletter

please e-mail to: _____

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Name _____

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**Mail or fax this form to Sharon Arnold.
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