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BPNA Election News

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It's still election time in Berkeley Park!! Now that the national and local elections have ended, it's time to choose officers and board members for 2009. Please attend the November 17 meeting at 7 pm at the Senior Citizen Center to vote. Only dues-paid members may vote, and you can pay dues at the meeting.

Absentee ballots are permitted on any vote as long as the voting Member certifies he or she is unable to attend the meeting on Nov. 17. The absentee ballots (on page 3) must be hand delivered to the Secretary (Michael Hagearty) prior to the meeting. Each absentee ballot must be signed and sealed (in an envelope). There shall be no write-in ballots. Michael's address is 795 Verner St.

According to the BPNA bylaws, Article IV, the duties of the Board shall be as follows:

1. To conduct the business and advance the purpose of the Association, including acting upon the proceedings of the Association and of the Standing Committees. The Board shall annually appoint the Chairs of the Standing Committees.
2. To authorize the expenditures of funds less than \$500.00 as is necessary to conduct the business and advance the purpose of the Association, but only when a written expenditure report is accompanied with the request. Requests for expenditures of \$500.00 or more shall first be presented to a General Meeting for approval by majority vote. Once having passed, the Board of Directors, through financial oversight, shall endeavor to assure the expenditures are made only as approved in the General Meeting.
3. To form Ad Hoc committees and delegate to them such power as deemed appropriate to meet their objective. At the end of a set time (not to exceed six months) the Board shall review the need for the committee and may authorize an extension up to six months.

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4. To fill vacancies on the Board by interim appointments which shall be valid for the remaining term of the position.
5. To set such rules as appropriate for the conduct of the duties of the Board, and to present these rules to the Association for approval in a General Meeting.
6. To appoint an Ad Hoc "Election Committee" of three Members not on the Board of Directors at the September meeting of the Association, who shall take nominations for Board of Directors and Officers, as described below.
7. To call General Meetings in addition to the regularly scheduled meetings.
8. To appoint representatives to such area regional or other organization as is deemed appropriate to represent the neighborhood.

The Board shall conduct business by majority vote. A minimum of five Members must be present for a quorum. Section 6. Officers of the Association shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. These officers shall be elected annually and serve for one (1) year and may succeed themselves if elected. Officers must be dues paying Members of the Association and must maintain a permanent residence within the boundaries of the neighborhood. The annual term for these officers is from January 1 to December 31 of each year.

1. The duties of the President shall be to preside over the monthly meetings of the Association and to establish and disband any subcommittees with the advice and consent of the Membership. The President shall call meetings of the Board of Directors. In presiding over the General Meetings, all Members desiring to speak on questions up for vote shall be recognized by the President in order to speak. The President is also the Chairperson of the Board of Directors and shall preside over its meetings in a like manner.
2. The duties of the Vice-President shall be to fulfill the obligations of the President should the President be unable to perform the duties. The Vice President shall notify Members of meetings.
3. The duties of the Secretary shall be to record and maintain the minutes, records and correspondence of the Association and to maintain the list of all Members. The Secretary shall maintain the Corporate Minute book, the original of the By Laws and the corporate seal.
4. The duties of the Treasurer shall be to keep the books and accounts of the Association, collect dues, receive funds, and disburse funds in accordance with the By Laws and resolutions of the Members as duly passed in a General Meeting. The Treasurer shall make monthly reports in writing of the receipts and disbursements of the Association, and the Association's financial records shall be open to Members for inspection at a reasonable time and place. The Treasurer shall keep a record of all dues paying Members and shall annually in writing assess the annual dues to each Member.

Berkeley Park Neighborhood Association Ballot

November 17, 2008

All voters must be paid members of the Berkeley Park Neighborhood Association.

Place an X next to your choice for each position.

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President

___ Michael Wagoner

Vice President

___ Chandler McCormack

At-Large Board Members (choose only 3)

___ Jim Martin

___ Deborah Wagoner

___ Jeffrey Rogerson

Secretary

___ Michael Hagearty (incumbent)

Treasurer

___ Nina McCormack

___ Joel Iverson

___ Melody Harclorode

Ballot submitted by: *(name)* _____

Address: _____

Signature of Voter: _____

Seniors Report

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I am happy to report one of our seniors is enjoying some new teeth. Dr Majeska on Collier Road gave us a discounted price for Ms Bush's dentures so she would wear them. We enjoyed watching her chew her dinner at Picadilly, after almost 2 years!

In lieu of preparing dinners delivered to our 17 Seniors, I am going to give each Senior a \$20.00 gift card at Picadilly, their favorite restaurant. They can take a friend, go when they want, and order what they like. I will sign the card from Tawn Chi and all your Neighbors in Berkeley Park.

I could use some help in December if anyone would like to volunteer. I haven't decided what we're going to give the Seniors for Christmas so send me some ideas! Please email me direct. Thank you for all your support!

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NPU-D Report

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The October 28 th NPU-D meeting was pretty uneventful. There were more presenters and city staff members there than there were residents. We did not have any business items on the agenda other than a city wide

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ordinance intended to permit storage facilities in MRC districts. There was a brief discussion of whether the proposed legislation was salvageable or should be completely rejected. We settled on complete rejection.

We had two presentations on ballot issues for November the 4 th . In the first we were told how much the approval of the library bond referendum would cost the taxpayers and what we would receive in return. In the second we were told about how TADs would miraculously cost the taxpayers nothing and yield many beautiful ill-defined things in return.

Things should be more interesting in November. We will be voting on the rezoning of the “goat farm” property at the end of Foster St off of Huff Rd. We will also be considering a variance to allow for new signage on the new Piedmont Hospital building on Howell Mill at the freeway and discussing a proposed ordinance that will create a new zoning category for planned residential developments with environmental features.

Next NPU-D meeting:
Tuesday, November 25
7:30 pm
Agape Center, 2351 Bolton Road, NW
ALL NPU RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME

Neighborhood News

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In what has become an unofficial tradition, Berkeley Park neighbors gathered together for Trick-or-Treating on Halloween night. Members of at least 10 families knocked on doors on Antone St. and Berkeley Ave. to collect candy. Afterwards, neighbors gathered at the home of Deena and Andy Earnest for socializing and more delicious goodies. Thanks to Patrick Brady for photographing the fun and thanks to all the neighbors who decorated and provided treats for our little ghouls.

Announcements

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Are you looking for a service opportunity that benefits homebound senior citizens?

Do you have weekday morning hours or Saturdays available to do good in the neighborhood?

Are you a stay at home mom looking for something that you can do with your children?

Do you know someone who needs community service hours?

If you answered “yes” to any of the above, Senior Citizen Services of Metropolitan Atlanta needs you.

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Since 1970, SCS has remained one of the largest meal providers to homebound senior citizens in the metro Atlanta area. Our clients range in age from 60-100 years old and depend on our meals to meet their daily nutritional needs.

Your time will not only provide a necessary meal but your daily visit is so important to our seniors that have very limited mobility or access outside of their homes.

We deliver on Tuesday, Thursdays & Saturdays up until 11 a.m.

Please know that we are a “volunteer driven” organization and are nothing without the fine men & women who assist us in our mission to enable our seniors to enjoy a high quality of life, maintaining their independence and dignity.

Why don't you join our MOWA Family as a volunteer, the reward is priceless!!

CALL 404-351-6194 for details or register with us at www.scsatl.org FOLLOW the “volunteer” prompts.

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Membership in the BPNA is \$10 per person (up to 3 adults per address are eligible to become members), and \$5 for seniors. To join the association, attend a monthly meeting and pay dues to the treasurer, [Nina-Daniela McCormack](#), or the president, [Ron Horgan](#). If you cannot attend a meeting but wish to join, or for more information, email us at info@berkeleypark.org.

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