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Kay Beynart, Long-time Neighborhood Leader, Dies at 75

By Gordon Certain
NBCA President

Many of you probably didn't know Kay. She was a major force in the North Buckhead Civic Association when I joined the board in 1998. The last time I saw her was in 2012 at Basil's Restaurant. She had flown down here from Massachusetts to celebrate her 69th birthday with a restaurant full of old friends.

Kay was amazing and words can't fully convey her impact on North Buckhead and on me. She had so many connections to important people,

like nobody else I have ever known. I remember when we were fighting the court-ordered \$½-billion TAP Associates' commercial development back in 2000, slated to set precedents by invading the North Stratford Road cul-de-sac/Phipps Boulevard/Lenox Road area. The developers had convinced a Superior Court judge that they should be able to build a couple of office towers and a restaurant in an area that had been very clearly designated by the City for high density residential use for a decade. That site was part of the buffer that kept commercial

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Camera Pilot Project OK'd

By Gordon Certain
NBCA President

In May, NBCA committed \$3,000 to Flock Safety to install and support an advanced security camera system for the next two years. The installation site we picked for this pilot project is the dead-end segment of Ivy Road, south of Old

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Help with "Quick Fixes"

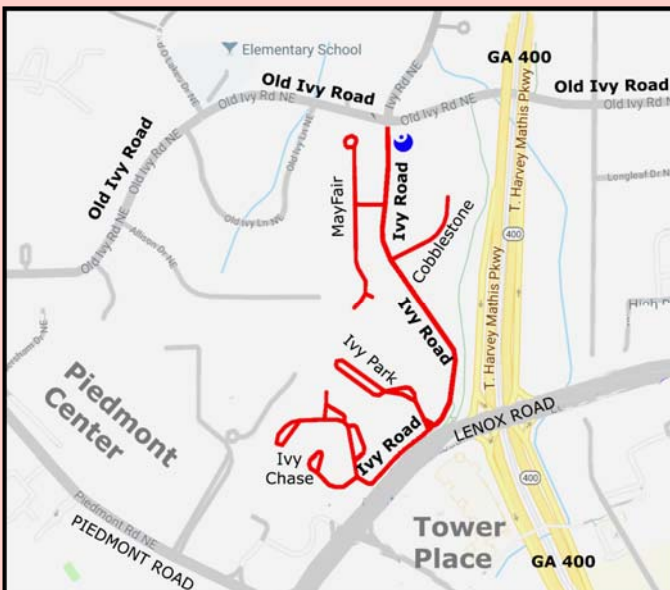
By Sally Silver

Office of City Councilmember Howard Shook

The Atlanta Office of City Planning is beginning the process of updating the City Zoning Code. The last update was in 1982. This effort is expected to take several years to complete. The goal is to have a less complicated, easier to read and interpret code, so that everyone, not just planners, can utilize the information.

A part of this update effort is to begin by identifying zoning issues that can be addressed

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Ivy Road Camera Site: Southern Ivy Road. The red lines shows streets feeding Ivy Road. The blue dot near Old Ivy Road shows where the camera might be located to monitor outgoing traffic.

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MWC Phase 2 Changes Begin this Fall

By Marvin Pastel

President, Friends of Mountain Way Common

Mountain Way Common is pleased to announce that this fall it will install an 8 to 12 foot wide multi-use trail corridor along Mountain Way.

The walkway will start at the park's pedestrian bridge over the creek. It will rise to Mountain Way near the GA 400 overpass. From there it will extend along Mountain Way to North Ivy, effectively widening the pavement by 8 to 12 feet. Turning at North Ivy, the corridor narrows as it crosses the creek and then widens as it extends to the main entrance of the park. This long-awaited path will provide a safe way for pedestrians to walk along Mountain Way so that all can enjoy safely the upper loop trail of the park.

City officials from Public Works, Parks and Recreation, and other City Departments have visited Mountain Way, have taken measurements, and have approved the innovative plan. For pedestrian safety, there will be a minor narrowing (one to two feet) of the portion of Mountain Way used by vehicles.

MWC was very fortunate to have **Perez Planning + Design** develop the concept at the park's master plan development meeting. The concept is to integrate the road, path, and park as a shared space for all. We anticipate that a row of planters would separate the walkway from vehicle traffic. Adding street art would tie the two parts of Mountain Way together as a very special place. The concept is a first for



This picture illustrates a concept of the trail planned along Mountain Way. It would be added at the same level as the existing pavement and without a curb. The planters would divide the non-vehicle uses from the rest of the road.

The road's pavement could be decorated so drivers, bikers and hikers would know that this is a special shared space.

Atlanta's parks and will become a showplace along PATH400.

The path's innovative design demonstrates the value of sustainable, collaborative design and positive social, health, environmental and economic impact. More than just a path, it serves as a catalyst to transform this underutilized site. It provides residents with access to a walking trail and natural greenspace while also limiting the impact to the natural environment and celebrating the site's natural and infrastructure characteristics.

Mountain Way Common is another demonstration of how greenspace adds enormous benefits to a community. Study after study shows that parks and multi-use trails have a greater return on investment than just about any other public investment possibility — just look at the economic growth along the Beltline. The recreational and health benefits of the park are obvious. Plus, it provides a wonderful place for kids and pets to play and explore.

Once connected to PATH400, the park will provide connectivity to pedestrians and cyclists: from here to Miami Circle, to eventually all the way around the Beltline and its numerous spurs to the south and to Sandy Springs to the north.


Finally, the park protects important habitat and provides natural buffer zones for pollution runoff and improvement to water quality.

Mountain Way Common is in the final stage of documenting its Master Plan with many potential amenities, such as an amphitheater with open fire pit, meeting pavilion, colonnade slides, treehouse adventure play area, and much more.

See www.MountainWayCommon.org to learn more or to donate. For a donation of \$2,500 you can become a member of the Founder's Circle.

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Survey: Park Over 400 & MARTA's Role in North Buckhead

NBCA conducted an online survey about these topics in the last two newsletter issues. The topics surveyed were the proposed Park Over 400 and an exploration of MARTA's role in North Buckhead. This article summarizes the results. A caution: with only 128 responses, the results may be a guide but are not statistically strong.

PARK OVER 400

This proposed park would be a half-mile long, spanning from Peachtree Road north to Lenox Road and capping much of the GA 400 right of way in that area. The park would also provide a traffic-free route for PATH400 over both Lenox and Peachtree Roads. It would be a costly quarter of a billion dollar project, so one of the issues explored was how it might be paid for.

Here's what we learned:

The large majority of survey takers were at least somewhat familiar with the park concept. A slight majority (52%) of survey takers supported the plan. A third were willing to have tax money help pay for the park. Similarly, a third expected charitable contributions to help pay for the park, and a majority (57%) were willing to see event admittance fees help pay for it.

Concerns were expressed about the park. These included a slight majority (52%) who were concerned about the park's potential to increase area traffic congestion and about a third (36%) who worried that noise from events at the park might be disturbing.

Who might use the park and how much? Here we saw a geographical difference not seen in earlier questions, which is not very surprising. Of residents in the 30326 ZIP code, 28% said they would use the park very frequently versus just 17% by 30342 residents. Overall, less than half (43%) of all respondents said they expected to use the park frequently.

MARTA'S ROLE IN NORTH BUCKHEAD

This part of the survey was interesting, especially in highlighting how few North Buckhead resident use MARTA. That low ridership should not be very surprising. North Buckhead is almost unique in having a MARTA train station inside its boundaries. But it is a train station with no parking in a neighborhood two and a half miles long with no internal MARTA bus service.

Just 1% of survey takers reported that they used MARTA bus service even weekly. By contrast, 2% reported using MARTA trains daily and 7% more rode trains weekly. Bus ridership was higher for 30342 residents; train ridership was much higher for 30326 residents, all of whom live within a mile of the train station.

However, the survey highlighted that residents want improved transit service. As shown in the figure at the top of the next column, more than any improvement, almost half of survey takers/residents want to be able to ride Uber-style from home to the MARTA train and back without spending a lot of money.

Possible Transit Improvement	Support Level
Low Cost UBER-type Home To MARTA Train	42%
Bus on Wieuca Road	26%
Signalized Crosswalks on Roswell Road	19%
Bus on Lenox Road	16%
Parking near Roswell Road For MARTA Bus	13%
Bus on Peachtree Dunwoody Road	13%
Bus on Old Ivy Road	12%
Cobb County Transit Bus Stop in Buckhead	11%
Bus on Loridans Drive	6%
Bus on Lakemoore Drive	4%

The next most popular MARTA improvement would be bus service along Wieuca Road.

The third most popular improvement would be signalized crosswalks across Roswell Road. Up until Roswell Road was repaved a few years ago during the recovery from the Great Recession, there were unsignalized crosswalks on Roswell Road. These were simply paved over. That left a span of .8 miles of Roswell Road between Powers Ferry Road and the Post Chastain Apartments with no crosswalks or traffic signals.

With changes of the kind listed above in mind, we asked how their ridership might change if MARTA-related service was improved. The two tables below show how ridership might improve.

Bus ridership could increase significantly, with daily or weekly frequency increasing from the 1% level to 13% of survey takers.

MARTA Bus Use	Cumulative Percentages		
	Current Service	Improved Service	Ridership Gain
Bus Ride Frequency			
Most Days	0%	2%	2%
Most Weeks	1%	13%	12%
Occasionally	5%	27%	22%

Similarly, MARTA train use anticipated by survey takers on a daily or weekly frequency could rise from 9% to 30% of survey takers.

MARTA Train Use	Cumulative Percentages		
	Current Service	Improved Service	Ridership Gain
Train Ride Frequency			
Most Days	2%	6%	5%
Most Weeks	9%	30%	22%
Occasionally	59%	70%	12%

In conclusion, we normally publish the narrative comments received in surveys on our web site. However, our web site is currently being redeveloped and we cannot post them at this time.

Loridans Greenspace Visioning

In our March Newsletter, we had an article about McClatchey Park on Loridans Drive, adjacent to GA 400. So we need to start out with a correction because it turned out that Atlanta already has a McClatchey Park, down in the Ansley Park neighborhood. Needing a different name, this future city park is now called Loridans Greenspace. Is that its permanent name? Maybe. Maybe not.



Park Pride is a charitable non-profit which works closely with the City of Atlanta and DeKalb County and other municipalities in helping to

improve the number and quality of public parks. Park Pride makes a major impact through giving a million dollars a year in grants to public parks. Also, each year, Park Pride honors two city parks with the award of "visioning" grants. The grants involve providing structured guidance to these parks in helping the community around the parks achieve a consensus needed to make major park improvements.



Park Pride's Andrew White points out the location of a historic feature of the Loridans site in response from a visioning meeting attendee's question.


Loridans Greenspace was awarded a park visioning grant earlier this year. Two visioning experts, Director of Park Visioning Andrew White and Visioning Coordinator Teri Nye, were designated to guide the visioning process.

A 20+ member Loridans Visioning Steering Committee, largely made up of immediate neighbors of the park, was organized and has held several monthly meetings. These meetings were in preparation for the first of several public meetings.


The first public meeting, held on June 12, had about three dozen attendees. Meeting attendees were provided information about the history of the site which includes one of Atlanta's oldest family cemeteries, dating from 1852. It contains more than two dozen graves, mostly those of unknown individuals.

After the introductory session, attendees broke out into three work groups to provide their suggestions about park features to consider or avoid. Suggestions ranged from benches, bike racks, a water fountain, maybe a community garden, and many more. The treatment of the historic cemetery was also discussed. As the park site abuts seven private homes, park hours were considered: should the park remain open until 11 pm like most city parks, or since the park would be adjacent to PATH400, should the park have special rules and close at sunset like PATH400?

The next public meeting will be the Park Design Workshop on July 12, 6:30 to 7:30 pm. That will be followed by the Preliminary Design Presentation, same times on September 11, 6:30 to 7:30 pm. All meetings are being held at St. James United Methodist Church, 4400 Peachtree Dunwoody Road.




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NBCA Security Camera Pilot Project—continued

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Ivy Road, which includes about 140 homes. The system is expected to be operational in August.

The purpose of our pilot project is to try out this technology and, without spending a great deal of money and time, figure out if this or similar systems are effective enough to use broadly throughout North Buckhead.

What service is the camera system supposed to provide? To understand its purpose, understand that the vast majority of crime in residential North Buckhead is property theft: burglary, car break-ins and similar thefts.

The camera system is diligent: it captures photos with date/time data of vehicles passing the camera, day and night 24x7. It's also smart: it digitizes tag numbers of vehicles leaving the area, and during daylight, can determine the color and type of vehicle (truck, SUV, car, etc.). It keeps a log of this information for 30 days.

If a hypothetical burglary happens somewhere on this part of Ivy Road and the home's security system says the house was entered at 2:10 pm, we expect the system to list all the tag numbers which passed the camera in the minutes up to and after 2:10, along with any vehicle description data. If the system reports three tag numbers it tracked, that's potentially valuable evidence that the police can use to identify suspects.

We negotiated a contract provision that permits us to relocate the camera to other locations. We may do so if we expect we can learn more at a new site. Suggestions are welcome.

In addition to being pretty smart, the camera system is advanced in other ways. No wiring is needed to hook it up since it has its own solar panel and it broadcasts image data directly to the cellular phone network. While a video camera is used and video data is uploaded to the cloud, software selects and stores images, not forever but just 30 days.

Alexander Road Camera Pilot

The Ivy Road installation is one of two pilot projects NBCA has planned. The other is on Alexander Road, a dead-end street complex connecting to Phipps Boulevard.

The Alexander Road pilot is considerably more complex than the one on Ivy Road. It requires two security cameras, one for each exit lane. The area includes perhaps 1,500 residents and around 1,000 housing units, including both apartments and condominiums. A number of major landowners are involved. We expect that the area's homeowners' association will play a key role in this pilot, which will be perhaps starting late this year.

Security Camera Management and Controls

This is a pilot project. The intent is to learn about operating a security camera system and determine its value to the neighborhood's

quality of life. What we learn will likely result in updates to our procedures governing camera operations and data access and distribution.

Procedures governing camera system operations and data access, including NBCA Security Committee membership, will be approved by the NBCA Board and available on NBCA's web site.

All of us want to see a reduction in crime, although crime in our area is generally less prevalent than in other parts of the City. NBCA cameras are intended to supplement APD cameras and patrols with specific emphasis on security improvements in North Buckhead.

Signage

NBCA will have publicly visible signage announcing the presence of security cameras.

Opt Out List

An opt out list will be available to residents who don't want their vehicle traced. Once signed up, if the vehicle's license tag is detected, that event and related images will be erased immediately.

30-Day Data Retention

Online camera data will be automatically erased after 30 days.

Fixed Camera Orientation

The camera will be mounted about ten feet above the ground on a pole and will be manually pointed at the road to optimize license tag recognition. The camera will continue to point in one direction and can't be remotely panned back and forth or up and down.

Controlled Access to Camera

NBCA's Bylaws and related rules and procedures approved by the NBCA Board will govern security camera operations. NBCA's Security Committee will oversee camera operation and monitoring of its data.

While camera data will be internet accessible, it will not be freely available to the public. In the event of a crime or suspicious event, camera data and images may be shared with law enforcement officers. Data and images from the online database may be extracted by the Security Committee during its 30-day online lifetime to be made available to the police, for system documentation, and for other limited purposes approved by the NBCA board.

Resident crime victims, having filed a police report, may be given limited temporary access to the online camera system to help them research the crime.

Demonstrations of the camera system may be provided to the public and/or to government officials as approved by the Security Committee.

If you live in/near the pilot area and want to participate in implementation briefings, please let NBCA know at NorthBuckhead@yahoo.com.

NBCA Annual Meeting

NBCA held its Annual Meeting on March 20 with about 90 in attendance. We had a broad range of speakers, including :

- **Beth Beskin** - Georgia Representative
- **Jen Jordan** - Georgia Senator
- **Garrett Langley** - Security Cameras
- **Kevin McCauley** - Blue Heron Preserve
- **Felicia Moore** - City Council President
- **Lee Morris** - Fulton County Commissioner
- **Howard Shook** - Atlanta City Council
- **Denise Starling** - Livable Buckhead

One of the big rewards of attending our annual meetings is to learn who our elected officials really are, what their priorities are, and how they respond to questions and comments from the audience.

The presentations by all the elected officials were relevant, informative and polite. All had attended previous NBCA meetings except for Jen Jordan, who had been recently elected to the Georgia Senate. Felicia Moore had attended before, but this time her role was as City Council President.

Garrett Langley, a Peachtree Heights East resident, gave a presentation about his company's neighborhood security camera technology (see related article on page 1).

Kevin McCauley, Executive Director of Blue



From left to right:
 New job: City Council President **Felicia Moore**
 As always: City Councilmember **Howard Shook**, District 7
 New face: State Senator **Jen Jordan**, District 6

Heron Nature Preserve, briefed attendees on the Blueway trail system which may some day connect PATH400 to Chastain Park.

Denise Starling spoke about PATH400 and how the trail is now fully funded. Significant progress can be expected. PATH400 will be extended over the Mountain Way valley to Lolidans Drive by 2022.

As part of the program, an election of NBCA board members was conducted. All the candidates were elected/reelected:

- **Rita Christopher** (Incumbent)
- **Richard Newton**
- **Robert Patterson**
- **Robert Sarkissian** (Incumbent)

Jackie Goodman

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PATH400 Wins Atlanta Urban Design Commission Award

During a public ceremony on May 17, the Atlanta Urban Design Commission announced the winners of the 41st Awards of Excellence. Fourteen projects were honored in categories ranging from public art to historic preservation. PATH400 was named an Award of Excellence winner in the parks, landscape design and connectivity category; and three additional Buckhead projects took home honors as well.

“PATH400 was in excellent company at the awards ceremony,” said Denise Starling, Executive Director of Livable Buckhead. “It’s no coincidence that there were so many Buckhead projects among the honorees. They are just a few outstanding examples of the work that is making Buckhead a more connected, sustainable community every day. Livable Buckhead has been fortunate to partner with all of the other award winners in some capacity, and we are thrilled to see them honored for what they are contributing to this community.” Other Buckhead projects receiving honors include:

- AMLI 3464 Apartments and Condominiums for Sustainable Design
- 255 Ottley Drive for Adaptive Use
- The Lloyd and Mary Ann Whitaker Building at the Atlanta History Center was given a Community Design Award.

Through its annual Awards of Excellence, the Atlanta Urban Design Commission honors projects, programs, individuals and organizations that have significantly contributed toward the enhancement of the City of Atlanta’s built environment, the preservation of its physical heritage and the sympathetic balance between the old and the new.

“Great partnerships lead to great projects, and PATH400 is no exception,” said Starling, whose organization is spearheading the development of PATH400 in partnership with the PATH Foundation and the Buckhead Community Improvement District. “We’re honored for PATH400 to be recognized with this award, and we’re thankful to everyone who has helped PATH400 come to life.”



From left, **Patrick Peters** of Heath & Lineback Engineers, Livable Buckhead Board Chair **Robert Stoner** and Livable Buckhead Executive Director **Denise Starling**.

For more information about PATH400 or to sign up to receive project updates, visit path400greenway.org.

NBCA Standing Meetings

(NBCA meetings are open to the public)

Board — 6:30 pm, 4th Monday of month except March, Nov., and Dec., Room S-103, Wieuca Road Baptist Church. March meeting: the Annual Meeting. Joint Nov./Dec. meeting on Dec. 3, 2018.

Land Use/Zoning — 6:30 pm, 3rd Monday, Room S-103, Wieuca Road Baptist Church.

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Blue Heron Nature Preserve's *DOGGIE DAZE*



By Miranda Swaim
BHPN Communications Coordinator

Every year, Blue Heron Nature Preserve brings the community and their dogs together during *Doggie Daze*! This year, we will host a doggie fashion show, take walks along the trails, have adoptable dogs, and so much more.



Saturday, July 14, 9 - 11 am

Come out to support local businesses that range from dog bakeries to walking and training services. Be sure to bring your pup to the Preserve on **July 14th, 9am - 11am**, and enjoy a morning full of pup-loving fun!

North Buckhead Home and Garden Club

By Jackie Goodman
NBCA Board, Loridans Drive

The North Buckhead Home and Garden Club has been connecting ladies in the neighborhood since the 1970s. The club meets the second Thursday evening of each month from September through April. In December and May, there are parties to which spouses and partners are invited. The September meeting is always an organizational meeting, then there are six educational programs each year.

For more information, contact Membership Chairman Susan Frierson, 404-261-0375, SusanFSpecFoods@bellsouth.net. Dues are \$35 per year, and visitors are welcome.

Rosanne Kohanim, Home and Garden Club President for the coming year, says, "It's a great way to meet people in the neighborhood, as well as enjoying terrific programs and social events. Even if you are not a serious gardener, we have very interesting programs relating to home and neighborhood issues. Everyone is welcome." The programs committee is always delighted to hear of interesting program ideas and presenters, too. If you or someone you know speaks on a topic that could be of interest, or even if you just have a good program idea, Jackie Goodman of the Programs Committee would love to hear from you at 404-966-9220, jackiegoodrealtor@gmail.com.



From the Left: Rosanne Kohanim, 2018-19 President
With Programs Committee members
Mary Holmes, Elizabeth Tallmadge,
Carolyn Withers Jones, Jackie Goodman

NBCA Land Use and Zoning Committee

By Walda Lavroff
Chair, NBCA Land Use

The NBCA Land Use/Zoning Committee did not meet in January or in February 2018 because we received no applications for review and comment.

In our March meeting we reviewed the following application:

U-18-008, 3655 Roswell Road, Zoned C-1.
The owner seeks a "Special Use Application" for outdoor seating at an existing restaurant, located in the Tuxedo Festival Shopping Center. A new food service tenant of this restaurant would be open seven days per week. This facility is planned to be quick service.

Our committee expressed concern about parking for customers and employees. The owner stated that employees would be required to make use of remote parking. While parking remains a concern for us, we voted to recommend approval for the outdoor seating.

During our April 16, 2018 meeting we reviewed the following application:

V-18-038, 4237 Wieuca Road, Zoned R-3.
Homeowner Tejal Lalaji seeks to add a swimming pool on the east side of the existing house (the backyard relative to Wieuca Road on this corner lot). The seven-foot-plus shrubbery to be planted should be sufficient protection toward the street. Adjacent neighbors voiced no objection, per statements presented by owner Mrs. Lalaji.

Per referral certificate from City Planning, applicant Bill Caldwell of Harrison Design seeks:

- to reduce the required east side yard setback from 20 feet to 6 foot 4 inches,
- a special exception to allow a seven-foot wall into the required half-depth front yard, and
- a special exception to allow an active recreation area in the yard adjacent to the street.

From a site visit with and presentation at our meeting by property owner Tejal Lalaji (applicant Caldwell did not attend), we found that:

- This lot does not conform to R-3 zoning because the frontage is only 89.8 feet, not the 100 feet required by the ordinance.
- Since it predates City of Atlanta Zoning Regulations, the size is considered "grandfathered".

Our committee members reasoned that while this property may be overbuilt, it does barely meet the conditions for a Variance. We recommended approval.

At our April meeting we also reviewed the following application:

V-18-093, 350 Valley Green Drive, Zoned R-3. Applicant Nikki Hawkins of JT Knight Corporation seeks to reduce the required eastern side yard setback from ten feet to 6.4 feet for a second story addition. Applicant Hawkins did not attend. Owners Joseph and Caroline Heatherly explained that this house was built in the 1950's with an open carport. They want to preserve the character of the existing structure; but since they have a small child, they seek to enlarge the carport to a garage which can accommodate two cars. Currently they need to park one car outside in order to be able to open the car doors. They also seek to add a second floor over the garage. Several adjacent neighbors submitted statements of support. Our committee voted to recommend approval.

Since we received no applications, the meeting scheduled for May 2018 was cancelled.

On a committee membership note: We very much miss the expertise of our longtime committee member Andrea Bennett, who moved outside the City of Atlanta. **Our committee needs one or two new members with applicable skills.**



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Lenox Square CHaRM Recycling Center Coming? Sadly, No

By Sue Certain
Associate Editor

A new CHaRM recycling facility was planned for Buckhead. This second facility, if approved, would have been located behind Lenox Square. It would have had all the virtues of the existing CHaRM facility in Peoplestown, with the added virtue of being located nearby. It would have been in the back of the mall, in a vacant lot owned by Simon Properties. This facility would have been blocked from view from the street.

As we reported in our last issue, this recycling center has many advantages. CHaRM is an acronym for Center for Hard to Recycle Materials: they take just about everything, like glass, computers, paint, old carpet, mattresses, furniture, household items, electronics, books, and more. They take paper, and paper for shredding, at no extra charge. For more information, see March, 2018 *North Buckhead Newsletter*, or visit CHaRM's web site at www.livethrive.org/charm. CHaRM is located at 1110 Hill Street, SE, Atlanta, GA 30315.

The original plan was to have a CHaRM facility on both sides of town, but as we all know space in Buckhead is scarce. The NPU-B Board voted to support the proposal to change the Lenox site zoning at its June 5 meeting, to make locating the CHaRM facility in Buckhead possible. The proposal would have gone to the City's Zoning Review Board, then the Atlanta City Council.

The new center would have been a wonderful addition to our community, but it appears that it is not to be. On June 13, we received an email from Peggy Whitlow Ratcliffe, who is a long-time North Buckhead resident and Executive Director of LiveThrive (which operates CHaRM), which stated: "Unfortunately, Live Thrive Atlanta and Simon Properties were unable to reach an agreement on the proposed site for the CHaRM facility. The strong community support we received for this potential second location has strengthened our commitment to pursuing sites in North Atlanta. Please contact Peggy Whitlow Ratcliffe, Executive Director, at pwhitlow@livethrive.org with any location opportunities."



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more quickly. Yet, needed public feedback is not being provided. More of the public must get involved.

The Chairs of Neighborhood Planning Units (NPU) A, B and C met with City Planning Commissioner Tim Keane to express concerns about the lack of public awareness and feedback. They feel it was a very productive meeting.

We will keep you up to date via newsletter and email about future public meetings. In the meantime, please visit Zoningatl.com to get additional details. And please become engaged in the process!

Kay Beynart — continued

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development south of the Lenox Road/Phipps Boulevard line, and keeping it from invading the established residential areas farther north.

I remember being amazed one day in March, 2000 that it was actually me, of all people, sitting there at Kay's request in the conference room at the Atlanta Journal Constitution building. I had been with the NBCA Board for two years, just one as treasurer. Having recently retired from Lockheed Martin, I knew far more about building airplanes than about fighting major neighborhood policy battles. Now here I was in unfamiliar territory, right in the middle of it, with Kay. She was strategizing with some of the AJC board about how the newspaper might cover the threat of impending commercial invasion into North Buckhead in a manner that could convince the Georgia Supreme Court into taking, of all things, a land use/zoning case appeal by the City of Atlanta. Kay had already lined up support for our association's amicus brief by 42 municipalities and organizations throughout North Georgia. They joined with us in a critical fight for both land use planning principles and for our quality of life.

The AJC editorials resulting from that meeting were compelling. I remember sitting in the Supreme Court that September next to Kay, listening intently as NBCA's own lawyer, Bob Zoeckler, helped the City Attorney David Blum argue our case. We ended up winning in a landslide 4-3 victory. The Supreme Court directed the City to reverse the mixed commercial/residential zoning previously ordered by the Superior Court. And while the Superior Court's ruling had been based in part on discarding the notion of municipal land use planning, the Supreme Court ruled otherwise. Its decision was based on the need for land use planning as an important government function. The Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP) remains an important tool to this day. (Text of the Supreme Court decision is available at www.nbca.org/TAPAssociatesDecision.htm.)

The victory that Kay orchestrated has provided the land use policy framework that has protected our North Buckhead neighborhood from additional commercial invasion ever since.

Kay was also a major force in the fight against GDOT running GA 400 through the middle of our neighborhood. She told me later that "if we had had email", which was just then becoming popular with NBCA members, "we would have won".

Kay is now gone. But North Buckhead will remain as her legacy.

Kay Beynart's Obituary

Kay's obituary in the Boston Globe is at <http://hosting-24281.tributes.com/obituary/show/Kay-Minkovitz-Beynart-106177437>.

It lists some of the many ways Kay was involved:

- Board of Visitors for Grady Memorial Hospital
- The Urban Land Institute's Smart Growth Committee
- The Common Cause Board
- Atlanta Regional Commission Environment and Land Use Committee
- Co-chair of the 2007 Georgia Conservancy Eco-Benefete
- President of the North Buckhead Civic Association
- A visible leader in the late 1980's legal fight against the extension of GA 400
- Worked on staff for Mayor Maynard Jackson and for several Atlanta City Council members.

"She and her loving husband, the late Robert William Beynart, of Hudson, NY, were married for 35 years until his death in 2000. She is survived by her daughter, Jennifer Pachus (Christopher) of Needham, MA, son Daniel Beynart (Loretta) of Athens, GA, son Timothy Beynart (Tabatha) of Athens, Georgia; sister Donna Darracott (David) of Cumming, GA, brother David Minkovitz of Savannah, GA, brother Alan Minkovitz of St. Simons Island, GA, and grandchildren Elizabeth, William, Clayton, Tucker and Frances."

Celebration of Kay's Life on July 21

A celebration of Kay's life will be held on July 21 at 10 am at Canon Chapel, Emory University, 515 S. Kilgo Circle, Atlanta. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the Georgia Conservancy, 230 Peachtree Street NW, Suite 1250, Atlanta GA 30303, or the Tybee Island Historical Society, 30 Meddin Drive, Tybee Island, GA 31328.

Southern Bistro: Southern Charm like Nancy G's

By Marianna Lee, North Buckhead Drive

Situated in the cozy corner of Fountain Oaks Shopping Center on Roswell Road, the Southern Bistro restaurant serves your customary favorites but with a touch of flair. Just try today's special and you'll see what I mean. An omelet taken to another level: crispy fried oysters nestled within a mound of sweet yet vinegary turnip greens are exceptionally delightful. Wow, the mix of flavors excites taste buds with each bite! Or order the specialty fried chicken tucked in a homemade biscuit with sausage gravy and topped with an over easy egg. Weekday specials, evening specials and weekend brunch specials always please.

Nancy and Colman Goodrich (you'll recall the restaurant was formerly named Nancy G's) have been in the restaurant business for well over 20 years. The restaurant has flowing curtains and white tablecloths providing an intimate and upscale feel, while delivering menu items at a very reasonable price. On nice days and evenings the patio is open and your beloved pups are a welcome addition. In fact, Southern Bistro offers "doggie bowls" of chopped bacon or diced chicken — with complimentary dog bones! Wine Wednesdays feature wines at half price, while seasonal events like Valentine's Day and Mardi Gras offer thoughtful specialty menus.

Much of the restaurant's staff has been with Nancy since its opening in 2005. When asked about the restaurant's name change, Colman said, "Nancy felt that after 12 years of having



Note that their sign says "Bistro", not "Southern Bistro". It also mentions Chastain Park, which is about a mile away.

her name on the front of the restaurant, she wanted a change. For us it was like living through a much needed home renovation; we enclosed the garage!" In other words, only the name has changed. The same high-quality Southern food with flair can still be found at Southern Bistro.

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Big Changes Proposed for City Solid Waste, Recycling, Etc.

At June's NPU-B meeting, Department of Public Works (DPW) spokesperson Kanika Greenlee provided a preview of the many changes that are planned for Atlanta's solid waste services, beginning as soon as July. Although it has been reviewed by Public Works staff, treat this article as an overview and not as a detailed guide. Changes may be announced in the future.

Garbage/recycling/yard waste/bulk pickup

- **Garbage and Recycling** solid waste trucks currently operate four days a week in the four quadrants of the city. Since the quadrants have different populations, inefficiencies result. The City plans to change to a five-day pickup schedule. (North Buckhead's day is not yet known.)
- **Yard Waste** has been scheduled to be picked on the same weekday as garbage and recycling. Yard waste pickup will switch from a scheduled basis to an as-requested curbside service. For service, contact the 311 Service Center*.
- **Backyard services** for elderly or disabled residents will remain available. Details: contact the 311 Service Center*.
- **Bulk Pickup** service has been offered for a few days each month. Bulk pickup items include furniture, mattresses, kitchen appliances, tools, etc. Bulk Pickup service will remain the same.

Proposed Solid Waste Fee Changes

Fee changes are coming. The City's Solid Waste fee has had no significant adjustments since

2004. As a result, fees are insufficient, resulting in an operating deficit funded by the City's General Fund in recent years.

- Rates for the average resident are proposed to increase by about \$9 a year.
- Surcharges for lot front-footage size will be eliminated, so some homeowners may pay reduced solid waste fees.
- New fees will be imposed on vacant lots to provide enhanced enforcement, removal of dumping and similar costs.
- Other fee changes may impact some residents. Commercial fees may change.

Planned use of Increased Fee Revenue

Proposed fee adjustments may provide the following:

- Stop dependence on City's General Fund.
- Restructure an aging garbage truck fleet, replacing many worn-out trucks.
- Respond to current labor rates.
- Respond to current landfill disposal fees.
- New services such as CHaRM drop-off centers (four are ultimately planned), enforcement officers, environmental education, and a Solid Waste website.

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North Buckhead resident Peggy Whitlow Ratcliffe is Executive Director of Live Thrive Atlanta. Live Thrive operates CHaRM (Center for Hard to Recycle Materials). See article, page 10. We are very pleased to have Live Thrive as an NBCA non-profit business member. The Live Thrive web site is at www.livethrive.org.

North Buckhead Parks

If you are interested in parks, we have lots of information on North Buckhead area parks on our web site. Go to www.nbca.org/Parks/.

If you have suggestions or would like to volunteer to keep our neighborhood beautiful, go to NorthBuckhead@yahoo.com.

NBCA Board Transitions

At the April board meeting, election results for the board election conducted during the Annual Meeting were presented and accepted. Four candidates had stood for election to the NBCA Board and all were approved by ballots validated by the association's secretary and president.

Incumbent Board Members **Rita Christopher** and **Robert Sarkissian** were re-elected to two-year terms.

Richard Newton and **Robert Patterson** were elected to their first two-year terms. They had been appointed to interim board positions by NBCA's Board late last year.

Lisa Aman (Beverly Lane) was elected on an interim basis to NBCA's board. Lisa and **Dan Berschinski** (Mountain Way) have both joined NBCA's Membership Committee. Dan was a candidate in May's primary for Georgia House District 54.

The board elected these officers for 2018/9:

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