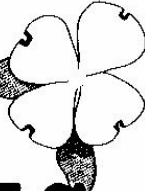


Dogwoods & Sidewalks



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*Historic
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We're Back in Print! By Kim Cline



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Neighborhood Association

Dogwoods and Sidewalks is a news publication sponsored by the Historic College Park Neighborhood Association. It began several years ago by some of the founding members of the association. After numerous suggestions, HCPNA revived the publication of Dogwoods and Sidewalks. Our goal is to publish this newsletter on a quarterly basis. There are a lot of things happening in this great city we live in and we don't want to miss a thing! If you would like to include any newsworthy information in this publication, please contact board member Kim Cline at Kimberly.d.cline@delta.com.

Trees Atlanta By Tom Fulkerson

On March 24, 2007, Trees Atlanta volunteers and neighbors in the College Park Historic District will combine efforts to plant 30-50 trees in our neighborhood! Trees Atlanta is a non-profit citizens' group dedicated to protecting and improving our urban environment by planting and conserving trees. This event is sponsored by the Historic College Park Neighborhood Association (HCPNA) and will be funded by the neighborhood association as well as sponsors from the neighborhood. For a \$25 contribution, our participating neighbors will have a new tree to provide shade and beauty on their property. Trees and landscaping add additional value to your home and property as well. Our goal is

to continue to replenish our beautiful tree canopy in the neighborhood. This effort will help our neighborhood continue to look beautiful with our mature Tree canopy as well as buffer the Airport noise overhead. Susan Pierce, Trees Atlanta representative, and NeighborWood Coordinator, will be visiting our neighborhood and reviewing the area where each tree is to be planted. Based upon the location, Susan will make a recommendation as to the proper species for that particular spot. The trees to be planted will be native to Georgia and will combine a blend of maple, oak, dogwood, crepe myrtle, etc. There may be a few trees that can still be purchased if you are interested, and there are definitely volunteer opportunities. Please contact Tom Fulkerson, HCPNA President at 404-680-1228 or tomfulkerson@remax.net. about sponsoring a tree or volunteering to plant HCPNA is very excited about this wonderful neighborhood venture.



Woodward Update

Woodward Academy will open the doors of a new building to house its Primary School in August 2007. The new facility serving kindergarten through third grade will offer teachers and students the space and resources they need for optimal learning.

Located in Historic College Park, near Woodward Academy's Main Campus, the new school is built on the site of the former Longino Elementary School, returning the site to its historical purpose of educating young children.

The new school will bring together the younger grades of the current Main Campus Primary School and the Busey Campus satellite elementary school. Both of those facilities will close upon the opening of the new facility.

Airport Noise in the Historic College Park Neighborhood

By Ambrose Clay

Look! It's a bird. It's a plane. No... it's a BIG plane – flying right over my house! That's the experience that some of our neighbors had last summer, after the Airport opened the Fifth Runway, runway 28. Prior to that, planes departing on runway 26L (nearest the North side of the Terminal) had been departing on a path that took them mostly near Camp Creek Parkway. Coincident with the opening of the new runway in May 2006, and without notice to our City, that departure vector was pointed 5 degrees further toward the north, and a second departure vector was added for use during "rush hours". The second vector pointed 15 degrees further north, and planes following it flew over homes in our neighborhood.

College Park Councilman Rusty Slider described the situation at an HCPNA meeting. Shortly thereafter, I suggested to Rusty that we get volunteers to document over-flights, in preparation for confronting Airport officials. Rusty concurred and I formed an Aircraft "Spotters" Group consisting of several of our neighbors living in the affected areas. Their mission was to record the date and time of particularly offensive over-flights.

The situation got worse on September 16, 2006 when runway 26L was closed for re-paving, and its departures were moved to the next runway further north, 26R. This pushed the flight paths 2 blocks further north. Using a database on the web, I was able to take information from "spotters" reports and plot the paths of offending planes on a map.

Armed with this information, we confronted Airport and FAA officials at a public meeting at the GICC last October 3. Ben DeCosta, Airport General Manager, apologized and promised co-operation. Richard Dickson, Jane Randolph, myself and others were taped by TV reporters at the meeting. The next day, I went with Channel 11 TV crew to visit long-time CP resident and "spotter", Charlie Dillard at his home. Charlie provided great historical perspective to an interview with investigative reporter Jerry Carnes, as planes flew by and the reporter measured the noise level with a meter. Local TV news carried the aircraft noise story for about a day.

Since the public meeting, and the re-opening of runway 26L on November 6, 2006, most neighbors say that the noise is much better. This is largely due to Air Traffic Controllers being more precise in telling pilots where to turn onto the new vectors, and due to them avoiding use of the northernmost vector except when necessitated by heavy traffic. Further improvement will be achieved if the point at which pilots turn onto the new vectors is moved out another half mile or more, from the end of the runway. This was mentioned at the public meeting, and is currently being discussed in meetings between the City, the Airport, and the FAA. Another potential improvement will occur when the Airport begins using Radio Navigation to control departures while planes are still on the runway. This will make turns onto



the new vectors even more precise, and reduce the number of planes that stray north of the northernmost vector. However, it seems unlikely that this will happen until late this year. Hopefully, at that point, that big bird overhead will just be a hawk, and aircraft noise will be centered back over Camp Creek Parkway.

2006-07 HCPNA

Join us at the Historic College Park Neighborhood Association Meetings to find out what's happening in College Park. Everyone is welcome to attend! Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Woodward's Main Campus Dining Hall at 7pm. Light snacks are provided. Visit our website at hcpna.org to learn more about our organization.

Board Members:

President: Tom Fulkerson **Vice President:** Kim Cline

Secretary: Ambrose Clay **Treasurer:** Robert Golden

Board Members:

Richard Dixon - Past President

Jane Randolph - Government

Eileen Murphy

Phyllis Ray

Edward Whitesides

The purpose of the association is to seek to preserve and improve the quality of life in the neighborhood and to provide support in all matters of neighborhood concern.

Plans Underway For A New Southside School

Imagine Main Street Academy: A Charter School By: Noel Mayeske

Do you feel we need more schooling options in our area? Have you ever known a neighbor in College Park, East Point or Hapeville who decided to move away because they had kids and were unsatisfied with the schooling options?

If you answered yes to either of these questions, here is your chance to get involved and address those issues. A large and growing group of parents and other citizens in our area feels strongly that we need an alternative to the present local schooling options. To address that, we are seeking to start a charter school to serve our area. And we need your help!

What are charter schools? Charter schools are independent public schools that are open to all students, regardless of income, gender, race or religion. They exist under a contract with an authoritative public body, such as a state or local school board, that holds the charter school accountable for results. Charter schools run independently of traditional school districts, yet since they are public schools they are funded by taxpayer money, not tuition.

Imagine Main Street Academy: A Charter School will be a small-to-medium-sized, community-based charter school specifically formed to serve our diverse and growing population. The school would be kindergarten through fifth

grade initially, and would primarily serve the College Park, East Point and Hapeville area. We envision a program focused on high student achievement, with a wide-ranging curriculum solidly based in reading and math. The curriculum could also include elements that many of us remember fondly from our childhood – art, foreign language, music, science, and physical education, all taught on a regular basis. The curriculum might have a special focus on language and international cultures, or environmental science, or a number of other focus areas.

We have initiated discussions with Imagine Schools (www.imagineschools.com), a company that works with communities to develop charter schools. The current plan is to have a charter school up and running by Fall 2009, with Imagine Schools' help. We invite you to join us for our next meeting and make your voice heard as these plans move forward. Even if you don't have school-age children, please get involved. And please spread the word. We can't do it without you!



Please review the information below and plan to join us for the next meeting. Thank you!

- **Next meeting:**
Thursday, April 19, 2007,
7:00 - 8:30 p.m. at First
United Methodist Church of
College Park at 3726 E. Main
Street
- **Who should attend:**
Parents and other
concerned citizens in the
College Park / East Point /
Hapeville area
- **Contact:** Carol Shaginaw
carolshaginaw@comcast.net
- Please sign the petition
for this charter school:
<http://atlantasouthside.com/>

April is Clean-Up Month

April is Clean-Up month in College Park. During April, residents can place items on the curb for pickup which are not normally accepted.

Accepted items include:

- Furniture
- Paint (with thickener like kitty litter to make sure paint is dried up)
- Yard debris and other unwanted items.

Unaccepted items include:

- Tires
- Motor oil
- Chemicals and pesticides
- Concrete and hazardous waste

Contact the College Park Public Works Department at 404-669-3778 for complete list of acceptable and unacceptable items.

Local Students Win First Place!

By Allison Hanlin and Kim Cline

Exciting things are happening in the surrounding schools of Historic College Park. One of the schools, Frank McClarin High School, is located on Main Street and is a home to multi-talented students. Frank McClarin has brought back their art program that has been lost over 15 years. The Art Department, led by Allison Hanlin, has achieved many goals this school year. Mrs. Hanlin believes a child's education is not complete unless it includes the arts. The arts provide the skills and knowledge students need to develop the creativity and determination necessary for success. The students have created drawings, abstract paintings and overall found their hidden talents. Many students had never picked up a drawing pencil before and if they had, it was a relief to know that art is now an elective. The students had a chance to show off their talents at the first annual art show, held in the media center at the school. Their self portraits looked so real that when other students passed by they automatically knew who created it. The show was a huge hit! The next journey guided by Mrs. Hanlin was to the High Museum of Art. With this eye opening experience the

students got excited for other art which fulfilled a creative void. This past month has been the most exciting with a 1st place finish at the Greenbriar Mall Black History month art contest. Two students creatively pieced together a 4x8 foot mural depicting the history of Auburn Avenue. With images of Atlanta, The Royal Peacock, The Daily Word Newspaper, MLK, and a poem to summarize the mural our students swept the competition. Frank McClarin High School is filled with students waiting for a chance to shine and the art department has created these opportunities. Congratulations to Mrs. Hanlin and all the students of Frank McClarin High School!



Mrs. Hanlin, Art teacher of Frank McClarin High School, with students Kash and Montrail who won FIRST PRIZE for high school entries in the Black History Contest at Greenbriar Mall.

Did You Know?

By Jane Randolph

ATLANTIC CITY! The area now known as College Park was called Atlantic City in the mid 1800's. In 1892, a group of Atlanta investors purchased several hundred acres of land and called it Manchester in hopes of developing a manufacturing city like East Point. When this endeavor failed, the investors decided to reinvent their purchase as an academic community. They helped establish Southern Military Academy (which became Georgia Military Academy in 1900 and now Woodward Academy) and were instrumental in moving Cox College for young women from LaGrange to the site where McClarin High School sits. In order to promote interest and protect their investment, a contest to name the town was advertised in the Atlanta Constitution. The prize was a "fine lot". Five thousand people sent in their ideas. Attica was the most popular name submitted but College Park was selected! (Aren't you glad!)

Mark Your Calendar		
March 5	City Council Meeting	7:30pm City Hall Council Chambers
March 11	Daylight Savings Time	Set your clocks forward 1 hour
March 13	HCPNA Monthly Meeting	Woodward Academy Cafeteria, 7pm
March 17	St. Patrick's Day	Support your local pubs!
March 19	City Council Meeting	7:30pm City Hall Council Chambers
March 21	First Day of Spring	Let the planting begin!!
March 24	HCPNA Trees Atlanta	Volunteer—Contact Tom Fulkerson
April 2	City Council Meeting	7:30pm City Hall Council Chambers
April 8	Easter Sunday	Happy Easter!
April 10	HCPNA Monthly Meeting	Woodward Academy Cafeteria, 7pm
April 14	HCPNA Annual Plant Sale	10-3pm at the Womens Club (Main St & Rugby)
April 16	City Council Meeting	7:30pm City Hall Council Chambers
April 22	Earth Day	What can you do to save the earth?
May 7	City Council Meeting	7:30pm City Hall Council Chambers
May 13	Mother's Day	Don't forget Mom!
May 15	HCPNA Monthly Meeting	Woodward Academy Cafeteria, 7pm
May 21	City Council Meeting	7:30pm City Hall Council Chambers



Spring Cleaning

Clean away the cobwebs
 make light of dirt and grime
 wave high those feather dusters
 it's now spring cleaning time
 for spring's first day has broken
 and those windows must be cleaned
 cold winter's grey has gone away
 replaced with fresher scenes
 ah! the joy of such spring cleaning
 oh! the joy of household life
 sometimes i am the paragon
 of a 1950's wife!

David Keig