

the **PACES** News

Welcome New Neighbors

The Olsen Family
50 Old Ridgewood Place

Pau & Shirley Broadberry
3620 Ridgewood Road

Jonathan & Jane Hedgepath
2903 Rivermeade Drive

Frederick & Susan Saint
1865 River Forest Road

Paul & Shelley Marshall
1999 W. Paces Ferry Road

Christian S. Hobbs
3430 Old Plantation Road

Zak Lee & Cara Isdell-Lee
3785 Paces Ridge

Timothy & Maria Tassopoulos
1611 Nancy Creek Ridge

Scott & Beth Mayfield
2945 Nancy Creek Road

Gregg D. Adzema
2969 Ridgewood Road

Rick & Charlene Zalensky
3470 Rivery Road

Anthony & Lynn Clavo
1930 West Wesley Road

David & Jana Ladner
2010 Rivermeade Way

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Estes
3518 Paces Place

David & Sabrina Duncan
3295 Ridgewood Road

Clark & Lane Howard
1631 W. Paces Ferry Road

Wonya Lucas
2326 Mt. Paran Road

Glenn & Alex Walter
1900 W. Paces Ferry Road

Steve & Jenne Chaudoin
2992 Rivermeade Way

Mr. & Mrs. David Webb
2900 Nancy Creek Road

✧ **From the President** ✧

Dear Neighbors,

I am about three quarters of the way through my two year term as president and it has certainly been a busy term so far. I have worked with so many amazing neighbors and learned so much about a variety of topics including city and state government, traffic, zoning, school systems, movie making, and wildlife. I would have never thought that this volunteer position would be so diverse in its job description. The old saying that many hands make for light work applies to the Paces Civic Association. We need new volunteers take on an issue and follow it. It is imperative that our neighborhood stay on top of issues affecting our neighborhood and to proactively address them in order to protect our very special and unique neighborhood.

Please pick up the phone and call me (404-352-9272); introduce yourself if you don't know me. We can discuss how you can get involved based on your interests and talents. It could be traffic, protecting the wildlife, schools, government or welcoming new neighbors, to mention a few. I am so appreciative of the group of volunteers that are currently serving on our board. Many of them have been involved with the Paces Civic Association for far longer than I have. They are talented and it has been my pleasure to work with them. But, we can always use a little more help. So, whether you want a tiny, get your toes wet job, or want to take on a larger issue, want to chair a committee or want to be a committee of one, there is a place for you to volunteer.

I am looking forward to hearing from you!!

Debra Wathen

Around Town

Live from The Metropolitan Opera: Donizetti's Anna Bolena

Chastain Park Arts Festival

High Arts Day Fundraiser to benefit the High Museum of Art

AMC Fork & Screen Buckhead Theatre

Chastain Park

High Museum of Art

November 2, 2011

November 4-6, 2011

November 14, 2011
8am-3pm

Paces Gardeners is a one of the neighborhood garden clubs and is always open to new members or visitors. They meet once a month on Tuesday morning from 10 am - 12 noon. If you are interested in gardening or just in meeting other neighbors, you can contact Andrea Strickland at andreast@bellsouth.net.

Their meetings start again on Sept. 13 with a Cooking from the Garden demonstration. The speaker makes pepper jellies and chutneys as well as being an expert on day lilies. Future speaker topics include container gardening with herbs, confers for Southern gardens, Vegetable Gardening and How I Survived an HGTV Shoot.

We want your news and articles for the Spring issue! Please email your information to Lisa@LisaGleim.com

Peachtree Road Farmers Market located at the Cathedral of St. Phillips is the largest producer -only market in the state. It features over 65 vendors with everything from fruits, veggies, eggs, organic meats, baked goods, cheese, yogurt; Savannah caught shrimp and so much more!



- Chef Demos include:
- October 1st Lance Gummere of The Shed
 - October 8th Steven Satterfield of Miller Union
 - October 15th Market Mash-up Event
 - October 22nd Matt Swickerath of Valenza
 - October 29th Halloween Parade & Costume Contest at 11am
 - November 5th Lisa Rochon
 - November 12th Stephen Herman of Haven
 - November 19th THANKSGIVING HOPPING!
 - November 26th Holiday Artists Sale
 - December 3rd Peter Dale of The National
 - December 10th Anne Quatrano of Bacchanalia Restaurant
 - December 17th Holiday Artist Sale



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SUNDAY LIQUOR SALES

Atlanta City Council held a hearing on legislation to allow voters to decide on Sunday alcohol sales. Buckhead council representative Yolanda Adrean is a co-sponsor of the legislation.

If approved, the local ordinance would call on city voters to decide on Sunday alcohol sales in a Nov. 8 referendum. The ballot already includes the Atlanta School Board's request to extend a 1 cent sales tax and a special election to fill the vacant school board District 2 seat, outside of Buckhead.

'Buckhead Atlanta' project to begin moving forward

Construction of an upscale, mixed-use shopping center in Buckhead Village could begin as early as April and it could open in 2013, its developers say.

On Sept. 29, San Diego, California-based OliverMcMillan held a series of small meetings with members of the local media at the Capital Grille to elaborate on its vision for the Buckhead Atlanta project that will be located at Peachtree and East Paces Ferry Road.

The project was renamed and re-imagined after the proposed Streets of Buckhead development came to a grinding halt in 2010. Investors forced original developer Ben Carter out of the project.

OliverMcMillan is beginning the permitting process to get the \$600 million project off the ground, a smaller version of the \$1.5 billion

project Carter planned.

Douglas Hoerr, the architect, described Buckhead Atlanta as a place where shoppers stop to admire their surroundings as they move between high-end stores. The development will include luxury apartments, which OliverMcMillan thinks is a stronger real estate market.

Buss and Richardson suggested improving traffic flow by diverting traffic along Pharr Road, with Richardson saying the road is an "under-utilized" traffic conduit. Buss also said the lights along Peachtree need to be synchronized.

Buckhead Community Improvement District (CID) Capital Projects Manager Brian McHugh said the CID and OliverMcMillan share the same goals.

Buckhead Neighborhoods to Join Cherokee, Bartow in Redrawn District

The northern neighborhoods of Buckhead would be included in a congressional district with Cherokee and Bartow counties under a recently released draft map.

The proposed change would put some Buckhead neighborhoods into the 11th Congressional District now represented by Republican Rep. Phil Gingrey of Marietta.

Today, Rep. John Lewis (D-Atlanta) represents virtually all of Buckhead and much of the city of Atlanta. But his heavily Democrat 5th district would be redrawn so it would include only the southern neighborhoods in Buckhead.

Lewis called the proposal to split Atlanta into two congressional districts "an affront" to the Voting Rights Act.

The AJC quoted Lewis as saying, "The City of Atlanta should remain whole and attempts to split the City are nothing more than naked partisanship."

The prospect of two congressmen representing Buckhead pleased some community leaders. "Personally I think its great," said Jim King, president of the Chastain Park Civic Association and chairman of the Buckhead Council of Neighborhoods, who stressed that he was giving his personal opinion.

"This gives us two senior congressman, one from each party to represent the city of Atlanta when now all we have is John Lewis. We just don't get enough done for our community and our city. Having a Republican and Democrat in Congress will help Buckhead and help the city of Atlanta."

Political observers saw Republican Rep. Tom Price of the 6th District as a natural fit for Buckhead, since he represents Sandy Springs, seen as a community with similar interests. But the redrawn maps stop the 6th at the Chastain Park border and the city of Atlanta line.

Every decade, the state Legislature must redraw political district boundaries to match new U.S. Census numbers and population shifts. For the first time in living memory, the GOP has a majority in both the Georgia House and Senate during the redistricting so maps were chiefly the product of GOP members.

The proposal extends the 11th District, which now includes part of Smyrna, into Vinings with a dogleg reaching into Buckhead.

In Buckhead, the neighborhoods below the top end of Chastain Park would be in the 11th District and the south border of that district is sketched along Nancy

Creek, part of Moore's Mill Road, curving through Tuxedo Park and Lenox before twisting toward the DeKalb County line.

Gordon Certain, president of the North Buckhead Civic Association and secretary of the Buckhead Council of Neighborhoods, has annotated the maps to show which neighborhoods would be covered by which district.

It will take at least a few days for the new districts to work their way through the Georgia Legislature. If they receive the same treatment as draft maps for the state House and Senate, passage under the GOP majority will essentially be a formality, with no edits to the maps.

Next, the maps must be sent to Washington, DC for approval by federal officials. Georgia, like most of the South and other areas with a history of disenfranchising minority voters, must prove to the federal government that the new maps will not dilute minority voting power.

If the maps are found unfair, a federal judge can impose interim borders until the Legislature draws an improved plan. Otherwise, the maps will be in place for the 2012 election cycle.

-Reprinted from the Buckhead Patch writer Maggie Lee and editor Louis Mayeux

Council District 8 and Redistricting 2011

How it Will Affect District 8:

The district boundaries and current population of District 8 are going to change. City Council is about to embark on its 2011 redistricting process, which means district boundaries and resident populations will shift as new boundaries are drawn to make sure the populations of each council district are balanced and representation on Council is fair. Redistricting is conducted every ten years following the US Census results, which showed in 2010 that District 8 actually has more residents- 38,063 to be exact- than the average goal of 35,000 being that Atlanta has a total of 420,003 residents. This means that the natural boundaries of the district, those to the south and east, will have to change in order to give and lose (for those districts that are too small) some residents to bordering districts, which include Districts 7, 9 and a small part of 3.

Federal and State Requirements/Guidelines:

Even though Full Council has final say-so over the new district boundaries, we must follow Federal and State requirements and guidelines when redrawing the lines. As mentioned above, the goal is to even out the district populations so that each district has around 35,000 residents. In addition, district lines must be contiguous and follow natural boundaries. Council will also strive to keep current voting precincts whole and communities of interest intact. A Federal requirement that must be adhered to is that new boundaries must not in any way improperly dilute the minority vote. This requirement stems from the 1965 Voting Rights Act and further means that the City must gain pre-clearance of the final, proposed district lines from the US Department of Justice prior to them being adopted and becoming effective.

Citizen Input and Participation:

One of the most crucial components of redistricting is hearing from residents since they know their neighborhoods and their representative

needs best. During the year-long redistricting process (the final district lines must be ready by August 25th in order for candidates to meet the 2013 General Election residency requirements) multiple proposals and maps will be created and shared with the public for review and comment. The maps will be made available on-line and in the City Hall atrium. In addition there will be set public hearings which you will receive notice of through the NPU's as well as the City's website and my office. I want to make sure that I hear directly from my constituents regarding the upcoming proposals, which is why I've gone ahead and included the current redistricting schedule below.

2011 Redistricting Schedule

Thursday, October 20th, 6 p.m., Council Chambers:

1st Redistricting Public Hearing

Thursday, November 3rd, 10 a.m., Committee Rm #2: 2nd Council Redistricting Work Session

Thursday, November 3rd, 10 a.m., Committee Room

Thursday, November 17th, 6 p.m., Council Chambers: 2nd Redistricting Public Hearing

Monday, December 5th-20th Proposed Final Adoption of Final configured District Boundary Lines by Full Council; Signature by Mayor & Submission to US DOJ for preclearance approval

Saturday, August 25th, 2012: Date of Required Residency for 2013 General Election Candidates

(New District Lines MUST be in place by this date).

I hope you find this information helpful, and I look forward to hearing from you throughout the 2011 redistricting process.

Sincerely,

Yolanda Adrean

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Ryan Heazel Showcases His Talent at Westminster

There is a growing interest in theater and musical performance among high school students due in part to the popularity of recent television, movie and theater hits such as *Glee*, *High School Musical*, *Wicked* and *Hairspray*. A look at the upcoming offerings from our neighborhood high schools bears evidence to this trend: Oct. 28, Nov. 1-2 *Fame* at North Atlanta High School

Nov. 3-5 *Monty Python and the Holy Grail* at Lovett

Nov. 10-12 *Curtains* at Pace Academy

These local schools have produced many well known professionals, including Brian Baumgartner, Alex Cole, Ed Helms, Shuler Hensley and Christine Lakin. Ryan Heazel, a senior at Westminster and Ridgewood Road resident, hopes to follow in their footsteps.

Heazel developed an interest in theater six years ago and has appeared in a number of school and community productions. His roles have covered a wide range from the sinister Jud in *Oklahoma* to the comedic Bottom in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and encompassing such notables as the valiant Jean Valjean in *Les Miserables* and the defiant

Bobby Strong in *Urinetown* to name a few. He most recently played Max Bialystock in *The Producers*.

Heazel will play the role of Max Bialystock, the failing, but funny, theater producer, in Westminster's upcoming staging of Mel Brook's *The Producers* which runs at 7 p.m. on Oct. 13-15. Tickets are free and available by calling 404-367-5080.

"Theater has been the center of my extracurricular life at Westminster. The opportunities are tremendous in drama as well as music, and I feel fortunate my efforts have been recognized and rewarded. I don't know what I'd do without a large dose of theater in my life," Heazel said.

Heazel is also a member of the Westminster Ensemble and Men's Acapella. He plans to pursue his study of theater and his second love, history, at a liberal arts college next year.



Ryan Heazel, center, in his role as Max Bialystock in *The Producers*

Solid Waste Services New 3 in 1 Program Household Garbage, Recycling and Yard Trimmings

Effective **August 1, 2011** the city will begin weekly collection service for household garbage, recycling, and yard trimmings on the same day.

The new 3 in 1 service will allow for concentrated efforts in a given area, reduced carbon emissions and reduced missed pickups.

They will also provide residential street sweeping, scheduled bulk waste pick-up and concentrated solid waste education and enforcement. Customers will receive prior notice of scheduled street sweeping and bulk waste pick up dates.

Household garbage, recycling, and yard trimmings will be collected weekly per quadrant of the city as follows:

Northwest - Thursday

North: City Limits
East: Northside Drive
South: I-20 West
West: City Limits

For questions or concerns please call the Customer Service Center at (404) 330-6333, or send an email to: publicworks@atlantaga.gov.

Atlanta's Leash Laws

The City of Atlanta urges you to be a responsible pet owner.

- Walking your pet on a leash and cleaning up after your pet is the law!
- Please urge violators to clean up after their pets as well.
- Fines for allowing a dog to run off-leash or for not cleaning up after them include penalties up to \$1,000, a prison term up to 1 year, community service up to six months, or a combination of all the above.
- City Ordinance 110-70. Pets. No person shall walk any pet in any park except on a leash, unless the area of the park is explicitly designated as an off-leash dog area.

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SECURITY PATROL UPDATE

In reviewing activity in the neighborhood this year, there have been 23 incidents that have been reported to the Atlanta Police Department within our Beat:

- 12 Home Burglaries
- 3 Larcenies from Automobiles
- 1 Non-Residential Burglaries
- 7 Other Larcenies

Generally speaking, the Paces neighborhood has fared better than most of the neighborhoods that encompass Zone 2. Credit should be given to our Security Patrol, but also to the diligence of our residents removing valuables from cars and locking them, utilizing alarm systems in their homes, reporting suspicious people or activity and generally keeping an eye out for anything that doesn't look right. Criminals are brazen in their methods as recently seen with most of the recent burglaries taking place during broad daylight in the middle of the day. Take special care to insure that you don't place yourself or your property at risk by letting your guard down. If you see anything suspicious, do not hesitate to call 911.

Stay up to date on security related matters by signing up and utilizing the Paces Civic Association website. To view up to date Security issues sign in and go to "Discussions" and then the sub

category "Security Discussion". Feel free to post anything that you feel is relevant or reply to current postings.

One great benefit of being a Security Patrol member, Officer Steve Sewell of the PCA Security Patrol will conduct a free Home Security Assessment for those members who are interested in taking advantage of his knowledge and experience of dealing with potential intruders. He will walk you through a checklist of items to consider and point out where you can strengthen your homes defenses against unwanted intruders. This free assessment can be scheduled by contacting Tim Robinson, PCA Security Chairperson, at 404-626-5318 or pacessecurity@gbehavior.com

Another added benefit is being able to call upon our officers to keep an eye on your house when you are out of town for vacation. Sergeant Barry Miller reports an average of 750 house checks per month where residents are away. Those who have used this service would agree that this feature alone is worth the annual dues and gives them peace of mind that their property is well protected while they are away. If you aren't yet a member please join!

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These statistics represent year to date figures for Zone 2, which represents most of Buckhead. Included in these figures are 7 Larceny, 1 Non-Residential Burglary, 12 Residential Burglary, and 3 Vehicle Larcenies that occurred in the Paces neighborhood.

Crime Down 12 Percent in Zone 2

Buckhead's Zone 2 leads the city with a 12 percent drop in crime so far this year, APD officials said this week.

Before the NPU meeting, Zone 2 Commander Maj. Robert Browning shook his head over the low number of crimes, joking that even a handful of future incidents could register as a big jump. Browning left before the meeting to talk to other Buckhead NPUs.

Ewing told NPU-B that the city has a 3 percent drop in crime overall. "We are 460 something crimes down for the year, which is a lot," Ewing said.

The zone's decline in crimes could be affected by another announcement from Ewing, who told the NPU "beat alignment is still in the works." Under the citywide beat alignment by Police Chief George Turner, Zone 2 will add beats in the Cheshire Bridge and Morningside areas, which has raised concerns about higher crime in Buckhead. Ewing

said the beat realignment continues to wait on "15 officers we need" from the police academy.

With the drop in crime, problems persist: NPU member Bob Stasiowski asked night watch supervisor Lt. S.R. Purvis about reports of increased property damage and incidents involving rowdy bar patrons in the West Village area along East Andrews.

Purvis said that the problems are occurring right when his officers go off shift, but that he is aware of the situation and seeking to adjust resources in response.

He said that Browning, to follow up on a recent Buckhead Coalition meeting with tavern owners about noise and other complaints, is planning another such meeting. "We'll try to get more of a conversation going" and inform the tavern owners about their responsibilities under the law, Purvis said.

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Coyote Trappings Scheduled

Chip Elliott from Atlanta Wildlife Relocators will be setting coyote traps beginning September 21st. We are fortunate that the Paces Civic Assoc., Rivermead and a group of concerned neighbors will all be contributing so that we will be able to have one month's worth of trapping in a significant geo-graphic range. This will allow the trapper to watch patterns and make adjustments for best impact.

Warning signs have been posted around the neighborhood. Do not let your pets or children roam these areas unattended.

Within Rivermead, the traps will be set in the water company area along the river and in our common area by the lake. Beginning Wednesday and continuing for one month, only walk on the path behind the lake and in all mowed common

areas around the lake. Keep your dogs on a leash, and keep them within the mowed areas.

Chip will be watching for signs of coyote activity within the Paces Neighborhood. If he sees signs of coyote activity within the private yards, he will ask to set traps on the property. Last year, traps on private land caught coyotes. Signage will be posted accordingly.

Pets have been lost to coyotes in nearby areas as coyote activity is on the rise with the change in the weather. If you hear coyotes or see signs of their presence please contact

Jamie Brownlee - jamie.brownlee@comcast.net or Kathleen Carr - kccjcc@yahoo.com.

Thank you all very much for your cooperation and patience.

Have you noticed those green signs around the Westminster campus?

The signs relate to a revision to Westminster's Special Use Permit which was filed with the City on July 12, 2011. The application included the list of conditions recommended by the PCA zoning committee. The Board is very grateful to Karyn Hume and Linda Sessler for heading up that effort. These conditions were the result of a great deal of discussion and hard work regarding this zoning application, paying closest attention to how the addition of a proposed field adjacent to the summer camp will affect the neighborhood. The Paces Civic Association Board has worked diligently on behalf of the entire neighborhood to address the concerns and issues raised by the adjacent neighbors as well as those neighbors throughout the neighborhood.

The number one priority was to preserve the R-1 zoning which is unique to our neighborhood and to provide for continued peaceful enjoyment by the neighbors surrounding the Westminster campus. The property at 1578 and 1606 West Paces Ferry Road will remain R-1 and the rear portion of these lots will be subdivided and used for an athletic field. Westminster added a condition that the new and the existing athletic fields would not have lights or speaker system and would limit the bleachers to accommodate not more than 100 spectators.

Second was to address traffic and parking. The Board felt that the conditions that the PCA zoning committee recommended would significantly reduce the traffic to the summer camp by moving the majority of parking onto campus and away from the Summer Camp. Students as well as spectators would park on campus and use the foot bridge to access the fields. These same procedures were put into effect during the Spring 2011 lacrosse season and seemed to significantly reduce traffic and eliminate the overflow parking onto Nancy Creek entirely.

The goal of the board was to try to address every concern and they got pretty close. With the conditions proposed and ultimately agreed upon by Westminster, the Board feels that they have done a good job of representing our neighbors. The application is currently deferred by Westminster in order to allow them to address any voiced concerns about the application.

If you wish for additional information or have any questions, please feel free to contact any Paces Civic Association Board Member.

Did you Know?

Before being named 'Atlanta', Atlanta was originally called Terminus and then Marthaville.

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