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Meet Your Neighbors at the Merry Hills Block Party!

You are invited to our annual Merry Hills Block Party on Sunday, September 11, 2005. The party will take place on Pine Tree Circle between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. In case of bad weather, the party will be held on Sunday, September 18. Please check your e-mail or the MHHA webpage for updated information on the Thursday or Friday before.

Please Recycle!

The DeKalb County Recycling Program began Wednesday, August 24, 2005. Subscription curbside recycling is a voluntary program available to all sanitation residential customers who presently receive solid waste collection services. Initial subscription cost includes: a \$25.00 annual fee for Collection Services, a \$15.00 fee for mixed paper recycling blue bin and a \$15.00 as needed fee for commingled blue bags (box of 100). Information is available by e-mail: sanitation@co.dekalb.ga.us or telephone: (404) 294-2900. Program specifics can be viewed on the NDHRA website: http://www.ndhra.org/misc/dekalb_recycling_program.htm

Just a Little Reminder

A community in the Lavista Rd/N. Druid Hills Rd/Clairmont area recently experienced thefts from vehicles or car break-ins. Be more aware of security measures at home and away from home. You might consider the Watch Your Car initiative. This is a voluntary program designed to help reduce the number of auto thefts in DeKalb County. The next Watch Your Car registration will be held on August 27, 2005 during Show on the Road (Town Hall Meeting) from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Perimeter Mall, 4400 Ashford Dunwoody, NE, Atlanta, 30346. Please contact J.A. Hightower for more information at (404) 294-2184 or (404) 294-2695 fax; or jahight@co.dekalb.ga.us.

MHHA President Resigns:

Steve Bighouse has moved to a new neighborhood (...can't be as nice as ours...) and has resigned from his position as MHHA president immediately. If you have any questions or comments, please contact MHHA vice president Jorn Winter at vicepresident@merryhills.com.

Development Around Merry Hills: Kittredge Park

A good group attended the May 15 meeting at School of the Arts and toured Kittredge Park. Past Commissioner Judy Yates attended and was given a token of our appreciation for all her work toward the acquisition of the Kittredge Park property. In the fall, we hope the county will be schedule a couple of charrettes where we may give input about the facilities we want in this park. MHHA is taking a lead in the Kittredge Park planning, along with the N. Druid Hills Residents Association, as we have all worked hard to make this wonderful expansion happen. We submitted to the county park staff a list of items that you have asked for, both by our e-mail solicitation of Dec. 2003 and our meeting of Nov. 2004. These are ideas that will be discussed at the charrettes.

Kittredge Park (continued) Residents have asked what they can do to help with the park. We suggest walking the trails and roads, carrying a trash bag to help clean up the site. Spread the word about this wonderful piece of real estate. Try out Kittredge pool--hours are posted at the door. Take a hike up the big hill. All the buildings have been removed, and the park is totally open to all. There is a trail from the dirt road off Holly that

leads to Biltmore Drive. As you become acquainted with the site, try to picture what kind of recreational facility would be useful. Think of the park as a giant sheet of artist canvas. Put in the knowns such as roads, pool, ball fields, etc. - then imagine what a grand place it could be. We have a park map on our website (www.merryhills.com). Linda Billingsley is the chairperson for park information and team coordination. Please e-mail your ideas to parcs@merryhills.com.

People of Interest

- Sandra and Ira Leff have purchased the Milani mansion at Pine Tree Circle
- Debra Frank and Michael Edelson, Holly Lane, were married in September
- Rosa and Charlie Landers, Christmas Lane, are moving to Clairmont Crest Apartments
- Brian Spaner has sold his house on Pine Tree Circle to LaVista Investors and purchased one on Bramble Road
- Virginia Brown, wife of Charles Brown, longtime resident of Merry Lane passed away in early June.
- Susan McCauley, Principal of DeKalb School of the Arts, will be returning again in the fall for another school year. Mrs. McCauley has graciously allowed us to meet at the school.
- Buck Lanford, Merry Lane, sports reporter for WAGA-TV, has won another Emmy.

News of Interest

- The Fall/Winter Children's Clothing Sale at Glenn School for Young Children will be held Friday, September 16 from 9:30 am to 7 pm (no children/babies, even in carriers/car seats before noon) and Saturday, September 17 from 9 am to 2 pm (half-price day). Sale items include: fall and winter clothes in girls' infant through size 14; fall and winter clothes in boys' infant through size 14; children's shoes and accessories; baby equipment such as strollers, cribs, car seats and carriers; maternity items; toys, books, games and videos. The sale is held at the Glenn Memorial Youth and Activities Building, located at 1669 N. Decatur Road, NE, near the Emory campus. For more information, call (770) 331-5731, or visit www.glennclothingsale.org.
- The home at 2066 LaVista Road (at the corner of Merry Lane) has a new owner who plans to tear down the present house and build a new one for his son.
- The Open Campus High School at the Jim Cherry Center will be moving to new quarters in the fall of 2006.
- Sidewalks will be built along Briarcliff Road from N. Druid Hills to Henderson Mill Road under a Project Management Agreement between DeKalb County and the Ga. Dept. of Transportation. Project completion date will be in the spring of 2007.
 - Plans for a future museum that would show how water is processed, purified, and delivered to DeKalb Homes, are projected for Mason Mill Park, which is located on the grounds of the former DeKalb waterworks.
 - DeKalb County is the only place in Georgia named in a new book, "Nature-Friendly Communities" as one of 19 areas in the US that have done the most to safeguard natural landscapes and protect wildlife.
 - The DeKalb Commission has approved 34 townhouses to be built behind the CVS at N. Druid Hills and LaVista Roads in an application from Jeffrey Cohen and Sidney Malkin. The present apartment building and many of the trees will be removed.
 - Get in touch with the Sanitation Department's garbage inspectors by calling 404-294-2931 (Homer Eatmon) or 404-294-2837 (Ron Reid) to file a complaint about pickup or violations of the pickup rules.

Welcome to all our New Neighbors!

Ashley Carraway has purchased a house on Christmas Lane
Darin and Michelle Edler are the new owners of a house on N. Druid Hills Road
Michael Nefoesco and Kevin Eastburn are now on Merry Lane

Robert Gillian, Merry Lane
Craig Ashapa, N. Holly Lane
Jeffrey Johnson, Holly Lane
Sandra and Ira Leff, Pine Tree Circle
Carole and Ray Paciga, Jody Lane

Merry Hills Homeowner Association Dues

Membership dues for the Merry Hills Homeowner's Association 2005 Calendar Year are now due. We appreciate your continued support and welcome new and returning members. Dues for 2005 continue to be a low \$20 per year. Checks should be made payable to Merry Hills Homeowners Association. If you would like to become a member or renew your membership, please forward your check to:

Tracy Alexander
 Merry Hills Homeowner's Association
 P.O. Box 98490, Atlanta, GA 30359

In addition to money, it takes volunteers to keep our association strong. Please lend any skills or time you can.

<input type="checkbox"/> New Member <input type="checkbox"/> Renewing Member		<input type="checkbox"/> Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Renter	
Name(s):			
Street address:			
City:		State:	Zip:
Home phone:		Office phone:	
E-mail address(es):			
List me in the membership directory, which prints names, street addresses and home phone numbers of members (does not list E-mail addresses): (Yes/No)			
List my name in the membership directory: Exactly as above, or as follows:			
I am interested in volunteering for:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Board position	<input type="checkbox"/> Section representative	<input type="checkbox"/> Membership	
<input type="checkbox"/> Zoning	<input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/> Website	
<input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Watch	<input type="checkbox"/> Welcoming newcomers	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
I can contribute the following professional expertise to the Association:			

Why am I not receiving an E-mail newsletter?

We have e-mailed two newsletters to residents on our mailing list during 2005. If you think your e-mail address is on our mailing list, but you have not received your e-mail newsletters, we have published information to help you on our website. Go to www.merryhills.com and click the Help link at the top of the page. If your e-mail address is not currently on our mailing list, you can subscribe by clicking the Subscribe button on the website.

Please Note -- Hotmail Account Users: We will no longer be able to support NEW e-mail addresses for Hotmail accounts. Too often the e-mails fail when the mailbox reaches its maximum size. We want to make sure that the e-mail address we use to contact you is a viable one. If you are already subscribed to our mailing list, we are recommending that you provide an e-mail account other than a free Hotmail account. Yahoo, for instance, gives 100 MB of free e-mail storage in comparison to Hotmail's 1MB. Thanks for your cooperation! Steve Jenkins/E-mail Admin -- mailinglist@merryhills.com

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Section Definitions

Section 1..... 1252-1330 Merry, 1235 Christmas, 2002-2066 LaVista, 2178 LaVista
Section 2..... 1331-1413 Merry, 2771-2801 N. Druid Hills
Section 3..... 1246-1341 Christmas, 1724 and 1725 Pine Tree Circle
Section 4..... 1348-1448 Christmas
Section 5..... 1722-1755 Reindeer, 1708-1798 N. Holly
Section 6..... 1260-1402 Holly
Section 7..... 1406-1519 Holly, 2487-2515 N. Druid Hills
Section 8..... 1426-1472 Wembley Court
Section 9..... Jody Lane
Section 10..... Bramble Road

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Holiday Schedule: Garbage/Yard Waste Collection

Labor Day, Monday, September 5: Garbage pick-up is Wednesday. No change – yardwaste.
Veteran’s Day, Friday, November 11: Garbage pick-up is Thursday. Yardwaste pick-up is Wednesday.

Have an item for the MHHA Newsletter? E-mail to newsletter@merrvhills.com by October 1, 2005