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President's Message

Our spring meeting in May went over very well. We greatly appreciated the warm hospitality of Torah Day School. They were very helpful as always. We had a great program with Officer Heckert from Code Compliance and Jean Hightower from Neighborhood Watch. Afterwards, everyone enjoyed complimentary ice cream from Bruster's.

Our big news from the meeting is that our membership has voted to amend the MHHA Bylaws. Neighbors on Jody Lane and Bramble Road are now eligible to join the Association. Although we encourage you to become a member, we welcome participation in our events by all our neighbors, members and non-members alike. You can support our Association in two ways: through payment of membership dues (\$20) and as a MHHA volunteer.

Mark your calendar for these MHHA events: National Night Out on August 3 and our Block Party on September 12. If you are willing to help plan or staff the Block Party, contact me or any of the Board Members. After the tremendous job she did last year, Traci Lanford is once again coordinating the Block Party, but she needs many helpers to make it a success.

Thank you to Larry Gilger for doing a fantastic job, as usual, in coordinating the distribution of American flags for Flag Day, and thank you to the section representatives and officers who placed them at the mailboxes. The flags will remain in place until after July 4, when they will be retrieved for redistribution next year.

Steve Bighouse

June 29 Candidate Fair and New Voting Precincts

On Tuesday, June 29, 7-9pm, a Candidates Fair--sponsored by the Merry Hills Homeowners Association and seven other neighborhood groups--will be held at the Greek Orthodox Church Hellenic Center Ballroom, 2500 Clairmont Road. Meet candidates for the contested offices in the 2004 General Primary listed below. For more information, go to www.dekalbpolitics.org

Board of Commissioners, Districts 1, 6
Board of Education, Districts 1, 2
CEO
Clerk Of Superior Court
District Attorney

Judges: Probate, State Court, Superior Court
State House, Districts 57, 80, 81, 82
State Senate, Districts 40, 41, 42
Tax Commissioner
U.S. Representative, Congressional District 4

The 2004 General Primary will be held July 20. For complete information on the newly redrawn districts in DeKalb County and to find out where you should vote in the upcoming primaries, go to <https://dklbweb.dekalbga.org/voter/locator.asp>.

Development around MHHA

- **PDK Airport:** A community meeting was held June 17 about international jet traffic. According to PDK Watch, plans and developments to make PDK Airport international are currently being promoted by the DeKalb Chamber, Mayor of Chamblee, the FAA and DeKalb Officials. Contact PDKWatch@yahoo.com or see PDKWatch.org for more information.
- **Congregation Shaarei Shamayim:** This Traditional Jewish synagogue received approval from DeKalb County to construct a new building on the site they purchased from the North Druid Christian Church at 2490 North Druid Hills Road.

News of Interest

- **Mason Mill Dog Park:** In early June, DeKalb County Parks and Recreation dedicated the opening of Mason Mill Dog Park located at Mason Mill Park, 1340 McConnell Drive. For more information, call 404-479-5917.
- **Kittredge Pool:** Kittredge Pool will remain open through August 8. It is located at 2535 North Druid Hills Road, on the road between Adams Stadium and Kittredge Magnet School. Admission fees are \$3 for adults; \$2 for children and senior citizens age 55 and older. Season passes are available for \$45 for DeKalb County residents. Call 404-679-5925 for operating hours and information on swim classes, swim teams and pool rental for private parties.
- **Trees for Toco:** The Providence Homeowners Association, the townhouses on the other side of Toco Hill on North Druid Hills Road and Clairmont Road, organized a tree planting at Toco Hill on January 24. They asked for and received our support in their efforts to secure trees from Trees Atlanta. Providence's Jean O'Connor announced that 30 volunteers showed up to plant 35 trees around businesses at Toco Hill.
- **Whole Foods Recycling Center:** Located behind Whole Foods, an expanded recycling center includes bins for #1 and #2 plastics; green, brown and clear glass; corrugated cardboard, mixed paper, colored paper and white office paper.

Help for Older Adults

Many older residents have lived in our neighborhood for 40 to 50 years. The latest US Census listed Toco Hill as being home to 2097 adults over the age of 65. As a result, Toco Hill has been designated a Naturally Occurring Retirement Community, or NORC, because many long-term residents have "aged in place." Several organizations provide services, such as transportation and home repair, to help senior residents stay in their homes longer. One organization is the Jewish Family and Career Services at Toco Hill, located at 1855 LaVista Road, 678-244-6658. Another organization offering help is Life Enrichment Services, 1340 McConnell Drive, which is now providing "Faith in Action," a friendly visitor program to help with shopping, picking up prescriptions and other errands. Life Enrichment also has a handyman service for small repairs at a very small cost for seniors. Call 404-321-6960 for brochures and other information about the programs.

The Weatherstone Townhome Association

In December 2003, control of the board of The Weatherstone Townhome Assn. passed from the developer to a newly elected board of the homeowners. The officers are President Aidan Connolly, Vice President Robert Farrimond, and Secretary/Treasurer Leroy Fass. The Weatherstone Townhomes are fee simple properties. Owners have title to the ground under their homes and maintain their own properties. The Association maintains the common areas and enforces covenants and bylaws of the development.

Parks Update

- **Arnold - Toco Commons:** The property in the vacant lot surrounded by trees at Toco Hill continues to come up before the DeKalb Board of Commissioners for rezoning to commercial use. On May 25, the applicant, through their attorney, asked for another deferral until the September BOC meeting. MHHA, along with many other homeowners' associations, has asked DeKalb County to preserve this spot as a park. July 13, 2004, marks one year since we had our big park rally at Toco Hill.

- **Kittredge:** The county office of Greenspace continues to work on acquiring additional acreage and funding for development for Kittredge Park. The Emory Parks research group did not choose Kittredge for their intense study, but they did pick Mason Mill Park. New information about Kittredge may be known by the end of June.

People in the Neighborhood

- Jeff Brickman, son of Shirley and Perry Brickman, has been appointed DeKalb District Attorney by Governor Sonny Perdue, to fill the remainder of the term of the preceding DA who resigned. Jeff grew up in Merry Hills, attending Kittredge Elementary School and old Briarcliff High School.
- Aminadav Recca, son of Carol and Claude Recca, is the 2004 STAR student for Yeshiva High School.
- Sherman Sable, a 35-year resident of Merry Hills has moved to assisted living. He and his late wife raised their family at two locations in Merry Hills on Christmas Lane.
- Milton Kuninasky, owner and landlord of 2052 LaVista and a member of MHHA, starred in an article in the *Atlanta-Journal Constitution's* March 22 Garden Section. He was pictured in his extensive hellebores garden at his home on Nantahalla Drive.

NEW NEIGHBORS

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Stillman, Christmas Lane

NEW MHHA MEMBERS

Ariel Asa, Holly Lane
 Angela and Arris Nantz, Christmas Lane
 Eileen and David Price, Wembley Court
 Peggy and John Wylie, Holly Lane

NEW BABIES

Sam and Stacie Linsky, Christmas Lane, a little girl, Melinda, born in May
 Peter and Rachel Globus, Holly Lane, a little girl
 Traci and Buck Lanford, Merry Lane, a little girl, Olivia, born in June

CONDOLENCES

Shirley Chapman, Merry Lane, lost her sister

2004 MHHA Membership \$20 - What a Bargain!

The 2004 annual membership drive is well under way – as a matter of fact six months under way! Help us make this fiscal year bigger and better than ever. Without you and your continued monetary support, we will have a difficult time planning and paying for things like the upcoming National Night Out, and our annual Block Party to name a few. Don't forget membership is renewed annually in January, so renew your 2004 Membership dues today. Take a minute to complete the attached form and return it with your check to the address below. Or if you prefer, you can fill in the membership form on-line at our website: www.merryhills.com. Either way you will need to print the completed form, make your check payable to the Merry Hills Homeowners Association, Inc., and mail your check with the form to:

Treasurer, Steve Jenkins, 1385 Holly Lane, Atlanta, GA 30329

<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:							

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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

Independence Day, Monday, July 5, and Labor Day, Monday, September 6:

Mon-Thurs pickup will be Tues-Thurs ***** Tues-Fri pickup will be Wed-Fri

Yardwaste: Mon pickup will be Tues and Tues pickup will be Wed

A friendly reminder ... when walking your dog, please be considerate of your neighbors' property, and clean up after your pet. There is a DeKalb County ordinance requiring owners to "scoop the poop."

Have an item for the MHHA Newsletter? E-mail to newsletter@merryhills.com by September 1.