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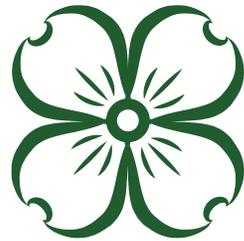
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# HISTORIC BROOKHAVEN

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

## Krewe du Foret



Ten years ago, Club Forest resident and Louisiana-native David Moffett wanted to get to know more of his Club Forest neighbors. Leveraging Moffett's vision and the help of neighbor John Greiner, the two men created Krewe du Foret, a Club Forest men's group that is now comprised of over 50 members. The group connects neighbors through multiple annual events.

Club Forest and Historic Brookhaven neighbors know Krewe du Foret best for its rain-or-shine Mardi Gras parade, a nod to Moffett's Louisiana roots. The event draws neighbors from around Historic Brookhaven for a morning of family-friendly fun, creativity, and, of course, beads and candy for the littlest krewemates.

This year, the group celebrates the 10th anniversary of its signature event.

Festivities include the event's signature handmade parade floats, family entertainment – one member is even known to walk on stilts to hand out candy – and the crowning of the Krewe's 10th annual Queen. All Historic Brookhaven neighbors are welcome and encouraged to attend this family-friendly event. Thank you to the members of Krewe du Foret for continuing to make this event a wonderful neighborhood tradition.

**Krewe du Foret's Mardi Gras parade will take place on  
Sunday, March 19 at 2:00pm (rain or shine).**



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[HistoricBrookhaven.org](http://HistoricBrookhaven.org)





## Past Presidents Reflect: HBNA During Their Term

My wife Russell and I moved to our East Club Lane home in 1968. It is our first and only home. As a founder and past president of the neighborhood civic association, I am honored to be asked to reflect upon the civic association's early history, and how this history relates to the present. My reflections are from memory, as club archives do not go back that far.

In 1974 a group of Brookhaven neighbors gathered to discuss the need for an organization to represent the neighborhood. We believed it was necessary to address a range of Brookhaven problems and governmental issues, and to create leverage through a united neighborhood voice. These Brookhaven citizens included Bill Pope, Ingram Dickinson, Bob DeCastro, all no longer with us, and Elsie Thompson, and myself. Bill Pope and Dick Stobbs served as first president.

Our initial meetings led to the founding of the original Brookhaven civic association. Years later, due to enlarged association boundaries, the name North Atlanta Club Area Civic Association (NACACA) was adopted, which later became today's Historic Brookhaven Neighborhood Association (HBNA).

From the beginning we valued the cooperation and support we received from the Capital City Club, whose Brookhaven property is geographically central to our community.

Among the early challenges we faced was the extension of MARTA northward through Brookhaven. We successfully negotiated and moderated some of the ensuing commercial development that MARTA stimulated along Peachtree Road. We also organized and promoted educational events, including an annual meeting. Each year officers and directors were elected, and we held annual "Street Parties", to provide neighbors, young and old, a forum to meet, socialize, and develop friendships. The first "Street Parties" occurred on our adjoining Lakehaven Drive property, and our basement bathroom served as the street party "portolet". HBNA Street Parties continue as a popular social event.

The signature accomplishment of my term as 1985 president was recognition of Brookhaven on the *National Register of Historic Places*. Neighbors Bettie and John Brannen were instrumental in helping Brookhaven achieve this important status. Historic Brookhaven was designated the "first planned golf club community in Georgia, having been built around the Capital City Country Club between 1910 and 1940". Henceforth we became *Historic Brookhaven*.

Fast-forward to today. While there is now the City of Brookhaven, Historic Brookhaven remains a well-recognized entity, and the Historic Brookhaven Neighborhood Association continues to be a vital, unifying force, with a website, traffic and zoning oversight, beautification, and enhanced security, all advancing Brookhaven's best interests.

While much has changed over the past half century, Brookhaven continues to be a premier Atlanta residential neighborhood. Visitors come from far and wide to jog, bicycle, stroll, and walk their dogs, while experiencing the unique ambience of our beautiful golf course environment. Brookhaven has an illustrious past, a splendid present, and a very bright future.

What a privilege to call Historic Brookhaven "home".

### Jack Huber, 1985 term





## A Continued look with Past Presidents

### What was your main focus as HBNA President?

My main focus as President was neighborhood beautification. We created a committee to plan improvements to the neighborhood green spaces and encouraged neighbors to participate in the efforts on workdays.

### What changes have you seen in Historic Brookhaven since serving?

We have lived in the neighborhood 40 years and thankfully it remains a beautiful and welcoming place to live. The changes I have seen are mostly regarding the density in our surroundings and the tear downs/rebuilding of neighborhood homes. Some of those new ones are not my cup of tea.

### How do you envision the future of Historic Brookhaven?

I think the future of our neighborhood is great with our strong Board birdogging zoning issues, traffic, and other concerns. It is the greatest family neighborhood in the city in my opinion!



### Bonnie Copeland, 1993 term

### What was the biggest challenge you faced during your term?

My you main focus when I was president was putting sidewalks along Mabry Rd. Talk about a lightning rod! I thought all the neighbors would support it, but I did have two who waged a constant battle. We did finally succeed, but it wasn't easy. Mabry Road is very narrow and used as a cut through. I rallied for the addition of speed bumps and sidewalks, and I feel it is much safer!

As far as changes, there are so many new cul de sacs and original houses being torn down, adding much more density to our quiet and hidden neighborhood. Development adds more traffic, which is always a concern. I am very pleased with the HBNA and the active volunteer roles so many neighbors invest their time and energy in to keep our neighborhood connected and organized. With the uptick in crime in our city, our neighborhood patrol is more important than ever and I encourage all to participate in order to have more hours of security.



We live in the best neighborhood in Atlanta and I am proud to have played a small part in its legacy. I encourage everyone to get involved to insure HBNA's continued success!

### Toni Rhett, 1992 term





## Fireworks Safety Reminder

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July will be here in no time. Please remember that while fireworks are not illegal, they are dangerous in a densely populated residential neighborhood.

On New Year's Eve someone on either the 4300 block of Club Drive, East Brookhaven or Club Valley streets set off fireworks.

One landed on a neighbor's cedar shake roof and the fire department had to put out a small fire on their roof. They are lucky to have caught it in time. It could have been much worse.

If you set off fireworks, you could be held liable for damages caused to homes in the surrounding area.



## Signature Streets: A Progress Report

What is the Signature Streets project about?

The genesis for the ambitious project known as Signature Streets springs from the forthcoming creation of a roundabout at Wieuca Road near Phipps Plaza. Seventh District Councilman Howard Shook's office and the Buckhead Community Improvement District (BCID) invited the North Buckhead Civic Association (NBCA) to participate in the landscape design for the roundabout, with engineering design work provided by Atlanta firm Pond & Company. NBCA decided that the public realm and horticultural ideas developed for the roundabout should be spread throughout North Buckhead along Old Ivy Road and Wieuca Road. It was later suggested that Peachtree Dunwoody Road should be included as well. Once NBCA and BCID agreed on the addition of Peachtree Dunwoody Road, HBNA was invited to provide input into the design, safety, and beautification efforts on the Peachtree Dunwoody portion.

What are the project's goals?

- To create a safe and distinctive visual aesthetic on these three principal residential connector roads: Old Ivy, Wieuca, and Peachtree Dunwoody.
- To include pedestrian facilities and traffic calming elements to improve safety for all.
- To connect existing and planned pedestrian facilities within the neighborhood.
- To provide a beautification upgrade.

Where does the project stand this spring?

Last April, members of the HBNA Signature Streets Committee (HBNA Board President Maribett Varner, Transportation Committee Chair Shelby Cobb, and Transportation Committee member Gordon Anderson) joined NBCA President Robert Patterson, members Matt Oja, Gil Rapley, and Pond & Company engineers for a discovery walk on Peachtree Dunwoody from Peachtree Road to Carter Drive. The group took many notes and pictures, documenting that stretch's lack of contiguous sidewalks, dangerous crosswalks near Little Nancy Creek Park, overgrown foliage blocking signage and clear views for drivers, etc. After numerous iterations of the overall plan for the three streets, which included input from both neighborhood associations, Pond & Company completed the final 168-page document in late January 2023.

NBCA and HBNA are now in the early stages of presenting the plans to potential funding sources, including Councilman Howard Shook's office and the Buckhead Community Improvement District leaders. BCID is dedicated to community planning, road improvements, greenspace, transportation, and safety. Formed in 1999, the mission of BCID is to create and maintain a more accessible and livable urban environment by investing tax dollars collected from commercial property owners in the district. These taxes are self-imposed and provide funds for far-ranging improvements within the prescribed commercial district. Fortunately, Peachtree Dunwoody Road is located just at the eastern edge of the district.

Meetings and presentations will continue as the associations pursue other funding sources. Signature Streets is a complex, worthy project. HBNA is grateful to NBCA for inviting us to be part of the process for Peachtree Dunwoody Road, our mutual neighborhood boundary.



## Community Maintenance and Beautification Updates

The stone walk in front of the benches at Vermont Park was recently repaired and now features new plantings on the Western point of the park. We thank Club Estates Garden Club for their contribution of funds to purchase the plant materials.

Edging and mulch were added to the two circles at either ends of Angelo Court to make the parks safer for neighbors walking over exposed tree roots.

We also began a clean-up of vines and invasive plants in the upper Mayson Ravine park. This will help preserve the health of the trees and make the area more attractive.

The City of Atlanta owns the green spaces within the city limits. The larger parks, such as Mayson Ravine and Vermont Park, were turned over to our neighborhood for maintenance with the stipulation that we do not add structures or use the areas for recreational use. Our community is free to enjoy the parks from the perimeter, but our agreement with the city is that neighbors would not enter the interior of the parks. It is unsafe, with hazards, including snakes and falling trees. Please respect this agreement so we can all continue to enjoy these green spaces.

Thanks to Callahan Lawn Service for the monthly maintenance of our parks.

## Blue Star Memorial Marker Dedication

**When:** April 11, 2023 1:00 pm

**Where:** the Triangle Park at Brookhaven and East Brookhaven Drive (just inside the neighborhood from Dunkin Donuts)

Please park on one side of the road only.

**Reception to follow at 3914 East Brookhaven Drive**



Please join Club Estates Garden Club, Historic Brookhaven Neighborhood Association, and the Garden Club of Georgia to commemorate a new Blue Star Memorial Marker dedicated to the Armed Forces and those that served. Special guests will include Mayor of Brookhaven, John Ernst, President of the Garden Club of Georgia, Peggy Tucker, President of Club Estates Garden Club, Cheryl Durham, representatives from the American Legion and many other dignitaries. A formal flag dedication and ceremony will conclude the dedication, after which punch and cookies will be served.

The Blue Star Program honors all men and women that serve in the United States Armed Services. This program began with the planting of 8,000 Dogwood trees by the New Jersey Council of Garden Clubs in 1944 as a living memorial to veterans of World War II. In 1945, the National Council of State Garden Clubs (now NGC, Inc.) adopted this program and began a Blue Star Highway system that covers thousands of miles across the Continental United States, Alaska, and Hawaii. Blue Star Memorial Highway Markers were placed along the way. The Blue Star was adopted because it had become an icon in World War II and was displayed on flags and banners in homes for sons and daughters away at war as well as in churches and businesses.



## Letter from the President

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Dear Historic Brookhaven Neighbor:

I hope all of you are safe and well as we begin 2023. The HBNA Board has continued to work endlessly for our neighborhood and will continue to do so.

If you've joined the Historic Brookhaven Neighborhood Association, you'll receive a new 2023 directory along with this newsletter. If you haven't joined, it's never to late. Go to our website ([historic-brookhaven.org](http://historic-brookhaven.org)) and follow the links to pay your dues.

We have a number of exciting things happening as we kick off 2023. First, we're finally seeing the City of Atlanta working on the long overdue watershed project. Our Transportation Committee has been working with a number of Atlanta entities for many years trying to get this accomplished and it's begun. It'll be messy for a while but handling rain water in the Club, Vermont, Stovall and Winall Down areas will be a huge benefit.

Secondly, if you haven't driven by Vermont Park lately, go take a look. Our Community Maintenance and Enhancement Committee has made huge strides in beautifying that lovely little park. Thanks to all who worked on this.

Lastly, 2023 is the year that we "dig up" a time capsule that was buried 25 years ago. None of us know what's in it but we plan to have suggestions from the neighborhood as to what to put into its replacement capsule. Stay tuned for more details but the digging up and re-burial will happen at this year's Street Party so you won't want to miss it.

Thank you for being a part of this vibrant neighborhood.

Sincerely,  
Maribett Varner

### **Historic Brookhaven Time Capsule**

Do you know that Historic Brookhaven has a time capsule? It was buried 25 years ago in the triangular park on Davidson and East Brookhaven. There is a stone marker on the ground showing where it lies. The neighborhood association will be digging it up at the next neighborhood street party! Nobody knows what has been stored over the years so it will be exciting to reveal the time capsule. Stay tuned for more news on the reveal. We are planning to bury another one that day too. If you're interested in donating a small item for the new capsule, please contact Rebecca Harvill, HBNA Events Chair at [Rebecca.harvill@gmail.com](mailto:Rebecca.harvill@gmail.com). We will be collecting new items for this special burial. Kids are especially invited to donate a letter, photo, or small object for the capsule too. Please let us know if you're interested in participating in this exciting event!





HBNA had a very successful membership drive for 2023. Out of the 1100 homes in Historic Brookhaven, 737 have joined our Association as of 2/3/2023. We ended 2022 with 753 members of the Association and we hope to surpass that number during this year. The following streets had a very high rate of membership renewal:

Bellaire Drive  
Brookgate Way  
Brookhaven Court  
Brookhaven Lane  
Brookhaven Walk Way  
Carter Drive  
Club Commons Circle  
Club Drive  
Club Valley Drive  
Davidson Avenue  
East Brookhaven Drive  
East Club Lane

Farm Brook Lane  
Farmington Lane  
Fuller Road  
Davidson Avenue  
East Brookhaven Drive  
East Club Lane  
Farm Brook Lane  
Farmington Lane  
Fuller Road  
Hunters Brook Court  
Lakehaven Drive

Mabry Lane  
Mabry Road  
Moore's Club Place  
Stovall Boulevard  
Town Commons Circle  
Vermont Place  
Vermont Road  
West Brookhaven Drive  
West Club Drive  
West Club Lane  
Winall Down Road

**The following streets had a 100% renewal rate:**

Bellaire Lane  
Brookhaven Square  
Calvert Lane  
Club Station Drive  
One Brookhaven Drive  
Stone Brook Park

Thank you to all neighbors who have paid their \$200 dues for 2022. If you have not yet joined, please go to <https://www.historic-brookhaven.org/join--pay-dues.html> and pay your dues today. You can also send a check made out to HBNA to:

**HBNA**  
**4062 Peachtree Road**  
**Suite A Box 427**  
**Brookhaven, GA 30319**

**Little Nancy Creek Park** is excited to announce several upcoming events. The first is our Easter Egg hunt to be held on **Saturday, April 8th at 10am** rain or shine. The second event is our ever popular Spring Concert on Friday, May 12th featuring *Carter Rude and Friends*. The event usually kicks off around 5pm and is sponsored by *Cathy Boston of HOME Real Estate*. There will be food trucks and kids activities as well.

Please be sure to follow us on Instagram (@littlenancycreekpark) for more information or visit our website [www.littlenancycreekpark.org](http://www.littlenancycreekpark.org) to donate, learn about other events and opportunities to volunteer.





## WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

Patrick Viguerie	1065 Abington Court	Laurie Holton	3141 Havenridge Court
Christie and James Hill	1110 Angelo Court	Florian and Lisett Salamon	3147 Havenridge Court
Karen Lanpher	934 Carter Drive	Tiffany and Rhett Zeigler	1093 Hunters Brook Court
Donna and John Baumstark	1161 Brookgate Way	Matt and Kenna Ellis	3091 Mabry Road
Amy and Kirk Morris	1186 Brookgate Way	Richard and Jennifer Gerspach	3116 Mabry Road
Jennifer Fuqua	1194 Brookgate Way	Laura and John Allen	3715 Manor Brook Court
Thomas and Valerie Usilton	1007 Brookhaven Lane	Maria Munoz	3734 Narmore Drive
Cathy and Jeff Cravens	991 Club Commons Circle	Jordan and Sara Stephens	3760 Narmore Drive
Ryan and Christina Paddock	3952 Club Drive	Jeffrey Friedlander and Morgan Ward	3760 Narmore Drive
David and Alexandra Vadnais	4387 Club Drive	Susannah and Will Lovell	4347 Town Commons Circle
Ali Smith	3986 East Brookhaven Drive	David Tyndall	1061 Stovall Boulevard
Meghan and Adnan Flipovic	4449 East Brookhaven Drive	Michael and Erin Moran	4370 West Club Drive
Zach McLeroy	1010 East Club Lane	Khaleel Farzana	4238 West Club Lane
Matthew Helwig	3135 Havenridge Court	Charles and Meghan Milner	4070 East Brookhaven Drive

## Women's Bible Study Group

The **Women's Brookhaven Bible Study** is off to a fabulous start to 2023! Open to any woman in the neighborhood, we meet Thursday mornings from 8 to 9:30 a.m. at various member's homes for coffee, fellowship, Bible study discussion and prayer.

We are currently discussing a study entitled, *Spiritual Gifts* by Dan Darling. In addition, we just welcomed a guest speaker who is doing ministry among refugees in Clarkston. We were excited to find ways that we can assist her in welcoming and helping refugees from all of the world get settled and demonstrate God's love to them through our help and kindness.

We also enjoyed a couple of fabulous social events: our annual Christmas breakfast in early December 2022 and a new tradition, a January luncheon to welcome new members!

It has been wonderful to be back together after a break for Christmas, and we look forward to a Lenten study, community service projects and an upcoming retreat at Lake Burton this Spring! We love welcoming new members to the study. For more information, please contact Suzy Brister at [suzbrister@aol.com](mailto:suzbrister@aol.com).

## SAVE THE DATE Spring General Meeting

On the evening of **Tuesday, April 18, 2023**, HBNA will be hosting its annual Spring General meeting, which will also include the new neighbor welcome cocktail hour. It will be held at Gable Hall at St. Martin's Episcopal Church again due to renovations at Capital City Club. More information will be forthcoming as the date approaches regarding the agenda and guest speakers. Until then, please mark your calendars! We look forward to seeing another great turnout.

