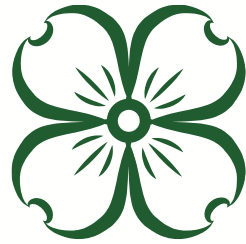


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Maribett Varner
2022 President

NEW NEIGHBORS

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HBNA Street Party

It's that time of year again. The annual neighborhood street party will be held on Friday, September 23rd from 5:30pm to 8:30pm. It will be in the same location as always, and that is at the triangular mini park located within the intersection of Lakehaven Drive, East Brookhaven Drive, and Davidson Avenue. Here's a breakdown of the vendors attending: Atlanta Alcohol Hero's Beverage Truck, Grubbin' Out Food Truck with their gourmet sliders, Repicci's Italian Ice & Gelato, a live DJ, Face Painter, a local fire truck and more! It's sure to be fun for all ages. We hope to see as many neighbors there as possible. If you'd like to bring some folding chairs, please feel free to do so. There will be a few tables and chairs provided for anyone that would like to sit down and enjoy their food. Please note that the first 100 neighbors that arrive and are of legal age will get a free drink from HBNA. If you have any questions about this event, please feel free to contact HBNA's Event Chair: Rebecca Harvill. She can be reached at 770-842-0842 or via email at rebecca.harvill@gmail.com We're looking forward to a fun and safe night for all!



Save the Date
Friday, September
23rd

5:30-8:30 pm

**Triangle of
Lakehaven, Davidson
and East Brookhaven
Drive**

CONTACT INFORMATION

4062 Peachtree Rd, Suite A427, Brookhaven, GA 30319

Visit our website for more information at:

HistoricBrookhaven.org





Meet your neighbors: Bob Connelly



Bob Connelly has been a fixture in Historic Brookhaven for over 20 years and he's lived in Atlanta his entire life. He grew up in the Clarkston/Stone Mtn area and attended Clarkston High School where he and his wife (Sharon) of 53 years met and were high school sweethearts.

His Dad started R. L. Connelly and Company over 50 years ago to build custom homes in the Atlanta area and Bob and his son Michael run it today. Bob played football and basketball in high school and then went on to study Architecture at Georgia Tech as he had decided that he would rather work inside than in the hot sun like his dad.

Bob married Sharon 1 year out of high school while attending Georgia Tech. After a stint in the Army reserves starting in 1969 where he trained as a scrub nurse, he came back to finish his studies at Georgia Tech and then joined his dad in the construction business. Sharon studied at Georgia State and went on to have a career in executive recruitment. They began their family after 5 years of marriage with Melissa being their oldest and then came Michael. Melissa is a professional dog trainer and lives in the Briarlake area of Atlanta and Michael works with Bob in their family construction business.

Bob and Sharon lived in the Covington Highway area for the first few years and then moved to Stone Mountain for 13 years and then Snellville for another 13 years before finally moving to Historic Brookhaven. Bob is now in his third house in Brookhaven after spending several years at Club Drive and Vermont Road in houses he renovated/built. He's lived at his current house on East Brookhaven Drive since 2008.

Historic Brookhaven is a special place according to Bob. The neighbors go out of their way to meet each other and to get to really know each other. Capital City Club is a great anchor for the neighborhood and Bob and Sharon can be found playing golf there on a weekly basis.

Bob is the past President of the Historic Brookhaven Neighborhood Association and continues to serve on it's Board. He also spent 16 years on the NPU-B (Neighborhood Planning Unit) Board. The NPUs are the official avenue for residents to express concerns and provide input in developing plans to address the needs of each neighborhood, as well as to receive updates from City government. Thank you to Bob for your dedication to making Historic Brookhaven the great neighborhood that we all enjoy today!



Bob Connelly with Mayor Andre Dickens at the HBNA Spring General Meeting

Spring General Meeting

We had a large attendance for our Spring General meeting. Thank you for all who attended. It's such a good way to socialize with your neighbors and hear more about what's going on around us. We got an update on the budget for the organization from Treasurer Mark Bryson and a discussion on a proposed traffic light on Peachtree across from Kroger from neighbor Ben Raney and the Traffic Engineer from the City of Brookhaven (since tabled). We had a short presentation by Matt McKinney, the General Manager of Capital City, about the proposed renovations to the Brookhaven facility. To cap off this dynamic meeting, we had a presentation from Andre Dickens, the new Mayor of Atlanta, along with two of his chief aids, Courtney English (Senior Policy Advisor) and Odie Donald (Chief of Staff). It was so helpful to hear them talk about their priorities particularly regarding crime and street racing and to give our membership an opportunity to ask them questions.



License Plate Reader and Camera Success



The License Plate Reader cameras by Flock Safety continue to do a great service for Historic Brookhaven and the surrounding area. Everyone is benefitting from this program. Thank you for your financial support!!

Listed below are details of the program and some stats, along with two significant cases in Brookhaven this year which were successfully resolved in large part because of the cameras. As compared to the prior two years, there have been fewer crimes and arrests, both significant and minor ones, in Historic Brookhaven.

28 cameras are located at all 14 of HBNA's entrances. This technology has dramatically increased both Atlanta and Brookhaven police departments' ability to investigate and deter crime, and to protect our residents. Flock Safety cameras are in 40+ states and 1,000+ cities.

QUICK FACTS

One of the features of the License Plate Reader (LPR) system is the ability to alert police officers in their patrol car in real time about the location (in our case the exact HBNA entrance) and direction (coming into or out of that entrance) of a suspect vehicle. This allows police to respond more quickly to the situation. The system continues to track the vehicle if it goes into other neighborhoods which have Flock cameras. The vehicle is identified as suspect from the FBI's and local databases as either a stolen license, a stolen vehicle, missing or wanted person. Flock's system also has the unique ability to identify the vehicle type and color in case the license plate can't be read by the camera.

Since first installing the LPRs in late 2018, there have been 262 alerts to officers patrolling in Historic Brookhaven, 98 of which resulted in arrests. During the first six months of 2021, there were 37 alerts, 19 resulting in arrests. In the first six months of 2022, there were 22 alerts resulting in 12 arrests. The majority of these arrests were theft of stolen vehicle or stolen license, but others involved possession of cocaine, flight/escape offense, wanted person, and theft of stolen property. Because cars are most often stolen for use in future crimes, these cases likely represent a significant

number of crimes averted in Historic Brookhaven and surrounding areas. The goal is to get fewer alerts meaning criminals avoid driving into HBNA. With fewer alerts, residents might wonder if the cameras are working. But the police assure us that without the cameras, there would be more incidences like we see in other parts of Buckhead.

SIGNIFICANT CASES SUCCESSFULLY RESOLVED IN BROOKHAVEN

Capture of Fleeing Felon from Charlotte, NC

On May 24, 2022, Brookhaven Police Department arrested two suspects who were wanted in a violent armed robbery that occurred in Charlotte, NC earlier in the day. Officers were alerted by a Brookhaven license plate reader of a felony vehicle. The alert also stated the occupants were potentially armed. Officers learned after the arrests that one person was accused of shooting a victim in a Charlotte armed robbery before fleeing to Georgia.

Wisconsin Inmate Captured in Georgia

On March 23, 2022, a Green Bay, Wisconsin male wanted for multiple crimes in Wisconsin escaped custody at Chicago O'Hare Airport. Brookhaven officers were able to locate a vehicle that was connected to the wanted male using a license plate reader. K9 officers and dogs captured the criminal.





Signature Streets: Peachtree Dunwoody

Working in concert with members of the North Buckhead Civic Association and Atlanta engineering firm Pond & Co., your HBNA Board is exploring safety improvements for Peachtree Dunwoody Road from Peachtree Road to Carter Drive. This common border between our two neighborhoods is being studied for increased pedestrian safety, traffic calming measures, and a beautification upgrade. Stay tuned as plans develop and government / corporate funding is identified.



Calling 911

Our neighborhood is unique as it is split between two cities and counties that have their own 911 centers, police and fire departments. These emergency responders only cover their specific jurisdictions. City of Atlanta will not (and can not) respond to City of Brookhaven emergencies. It is the same for City of Brookhaven.

Most of us no longer have landlines and now use cell phones exclusively. It is important to understand if you have an emergency the cell phone tower that connects your call may or may not be in the immediate area and may or may not be in the correct jurisdiction for your emergency. You could be calling from your home in City of Atlanta but your cell phone call may connect to a cell tower in the City of Brookhaven. You may be calling 911 under duress but it is still important to listen to which operator answers your 911 call.

If you are connected with City of Brookhaven, the 911 operator will answer with: “Chatcomm, Operator #_____ what is your emergency?”

If you are connected with City of Atlanta, the 911 operator will answer with: “City of Atlanta, operator #_____ what is your emergency?”

If you get the wrong jurisdiction, simply tell the operator you need to be transferred. They will stay on the line with you until another 911 system answers. This will usually take 1-2 minutes. It will seem like an *eternity* if you are in the middle of an emergency, but do not hang up. If you hang up, the 911 center must call you back to verify your call which ties up that 911 operator from answering other incoming calls.

If you still have a landline and call from that landline, you will always be connected to the correct 911 center in which you live.

One way to avoid the confusion if you need to reach the City of Atlanta 911 center and are using a cell phone use this landline number that will connect you directly to City of Atlanta 911.

**Program this number into your phone. This is to reach City of Atlanta 911.
The number is 404-658-6666**

It is very important for you to know where the county lines are and whether the emergency is in the City of Atlanta or City of Brookhaven when reporting an emergency.

Sign up for Smart911.org

Program your vital information and emergency contacts for when you call 911 and the system will auto populate for the 911 operator.

Connectatlanta.org

There is much confusion over “registering your cameras” for the police department. There are 2 levels of participation. In Level 1, you are *only* registering your address *and* that you have a camera that can be checked remotely by you. You are providing a phone number or email so the police can contact you for YOU to check your video. In Level 2 (mainly for commercial properties), you can purchase a CORE devise that plugs into your camera system and through that devise the police could review the video.



Brookhaven Police Department Traffic Safety Unit: Speed study follow up

Second Speed Study Conducted on Brookhaven Drive

Sergeant Bayshawn Fleming, Special Operations—Traffic Safety Unit, City of Brookhaven Police Department, conducted a second speed study on Brookhaven Drive, this one at the intersection with East Brookhaven Drive, over an almost 17-day period, from June 27th to July 14th. This follow-up to last December’s speed study on the same street aimed to inform the Traffic Unit of any success in tracking speed reduction along this heavily travelled residential road. Large, flashing message boards displaying drivers’ actual speeds were deployed for the duration of the study. December’s study indicated a serious speeding issue.

Over this summer’s 16-day, 19-hour, 44-minute study, the volume of approaching traffic (coming westbound from Peachtree Road at the Truist Bank corner) was recorded at 62,584 vehicles and the number of speeding vehicles (speeding defined as going one mph over the 25mph posted speed limit) was recorded at 23,611. The average speed was 23mph, the median speed was 24mph, and the 85th percentile speed was 29mph, a significant improvement over the December findings. The maximum speed recorded was 57mph.

As Sergeant Fleming wrote in an explanation of the study, “The most important part of the study will be the 85th percentile and the average speed. The 85th percentile number tells you about the speed at or below which 85% of all vehicles are observed to travel under free-flowing conditions past a monitored point. Law enforcement can only enforce speeds 11mph or over the speed limit with a speed detection device. So, in other words, if the 85th percentile and the average speed is 10mph or below the posted speed limit, the roadway does not have a speeding issue.”

He also stated, “Based on the second speed study, it appears speeds have lowered drastically with an average speed of 23mph and an 85th percentile speed of 29mph. I believe traffic speeds currently are within guidelines and this area will be kept on the Traffic Unit list to monitor in order to keep the speeds within guidelines.”

Transportation Committee chairman Shelby Cobb has the full 14-page SpeedView Analysis Report available to email to anyone who makes a request. Contact: shelbywcobb@gmail.com

City of Atlanta Department of Watershed Management

In early August the Atlanta Department of Watershed Management advised that bids for the Stormwater Improvement Project, affecting portions of Winall Down, Club Dr., Vermont Rd., and Stovall Blvd., were expected to be received by mid-August. A Zoom meeting for those affected households was held on Thursday, August 25th, with a good turnout, especially from Vermont Rd. neighbors, and others from Club Dr., Winall Down, and Stovall Blvd.

Further consultation between DWM and the original primary engineers was necessary to bring the DWM up to speed on placement of inlets and other matters that neighbors had previously agreed upon. A second Zoom meeting will be held on Thursday, September 8th. Updated drawings, a start timeline, and other points will be discussed.

Please stay tuned for further updates from Commissioner Mikita Browning at Watershed.

FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL



**STOP, YIELD, & CRAWL
IT'S THE LAW**





Filming in HBNA

Filming in Georgia is re-emerging with Covid protocols loosening in the filming industry. As such, the Filming Committee for Historic Brookhaven is beginning to see more requests to film in our neighborhood. With the small increase of these inquiries, we wanted to re-address our stance on filming in Historic Brookhaven and measures we take to ensure our neighbors has a pleasant experience when these opportunities come to fruition.

The Filming Committee remains open towards the filming industry and our neighbors interested in allowing to film in their residences. We have found that our position fosters strong relationships with those within the filming industry. It is of the utmost importance that we do our best to communicate to the neighborhood at large when a filming event is to occur, especially when there is any inconvenience to our neighbors.

The residents that allow the filming events should do their best to address their direct neighbors that may be impacted with the shots, especially if there are road closures or nighttime scenes. Further, the Filming Committee would greatly appreciate knowing when or if a filming event may take place, to help facilitate that information to the neighborhood at large, especially if there are minor inconveniences due to traffic re-routing.

The City of Atlanta and Brookhaven provide the permitting for these events. The HBNA Filming Committee does not have any permitting power, either to grant or deny these permits. However, our solid relationships with the filming industry have allowed our opinions in any filming event to be heard and respected.

For example, a recent scene was to be shot on Club Drive, Stovall Boulevard and Vermont Road. In this circumstance, the scene was not in a particular residence, but rather on the street, and therefore, no particular resident would be compensated. While the City of Atlanta granted the permit, our vocalization of our collected apprehension of the filming prevented that event from taking place. In this circumstance, we were pleased to see that filming group acquiesced to our call to find an alternative location.

If any neighbor is interested in learning more about potential filming opportunities, we invite you to reach out to us. Further, if a filming event is solicited, please review the filming guidelines found on the HBNA website for direction and best practices.

We remain open to these opportunities, should any residents in our community like to volunteer their homes to the filming industry. The filming industry, in turn, has been generous in donations towards the HBNA, which are used to help fund beautification projects.

Women of Brookhaven: Are you looking for ways to meet neighbors and grow in your faith?

The Brookhaven Bible Study is planning to begin our weekly Bible study meetings on Thursday morning, September 8th from 8 to 9:30 am at the home of Deborah Wurtsbaugh at 4485 Club Drive.

We are excited to announce our first Bible study for the fall: In View of God's Mercies: The Gift of the Gospel of Romans. We will walk through Paul's powerful words to unpack the ramifications this provides in our daily lives: peace, freedom, hope and love. There is good news for us today!

We meet each week of the school year with a break for Christmas, and we enjoy coffee, fellowship and great discussion each week. Community service projects and social events are also important to our group. And we LOVE welcoming new members. Please contact Suzy Brister for more information at suzbrister@aol.com.





Blue Star Memorial Marker

CEGC, in cooperation with HBNA, has received permission from the City of Brookhaven and the National Garden Club, Inc. to place the marker in the triangle at East Brookhaven and Brookhaven. The dedication of the marker will be during a ceremony to which the whole neighborhood will be invited, as well as dignitaries of the City of Brookhaven and National Garden Club. The dedication ceremony is anticipated for October or November. More information will be forthcoming.

The Blue Star Memorial Program has been in existence through the garden club movement for more than 70 years. It 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.

The Blue Star was adopted because it had become an icon in World War II and was seen on flags and banners in homes for sons and daughters away at war as well as in churches and businesses.



This is the first such marker in the City of Brookhaven, and one of only 8 in metro Atlanta.

Dear Historic Brookhaven Neighbors,

Where were you in 1998? And what was going on around us in that year?

- Microsoft released Windows98 (First Edition)
- Mulan debuted as Disney's 36th feature length film
- Brittany Spears was the sweetheart of MTV
- Dale Earnhardt finally won the Daytona 500 (on his 20th attempt)
- Google was founded in Menlo Park California

Want to know what was happening in Historic Brookhaven? 24 years ago we buried a time capsule which will be dug up next year at the Annual Street Party. It'll be exciting to see what was included. Winston Weinmann who was President of Brookhaven-Club Neighborhood Association (now HBNA), reports that the box was buried for the 25th anniversary of the Association and as a hint, we know one of the items included was a neighborhood directory.

So when we dig it up next year, it'll be the 50th anniversary! We plan to bury a new box next year. More details will follow and a chance to give input on what should be included.

In the meanwhile, I hope to see you at the Street Party on Friday, September 23rd and at the Fall General Meeting.

Maribett Varner
HBNA President





WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

Joseph Keough	1065 Abington Court	Ryan Dolan &	
Jacob & Jade Naviaus	4605 Angelo Drive	Jacqueline Van De Velde	3790 Narmore Drive
Tricia Phelan	1193 Bellaire Drive	Patty McGinnis	3730 Paige Way
Chad Dorsey	5 Brookhaven Drive	Jeff Baker	3736 Paige Way
David & Laura McDaniel	1146 Brookhaven Walk Way	Thomas & Melissa Cotton	3811 Peachtree Dunwoody Rd
Devin & Jon Barnwell	1006 Club Commons Circle	Alexander & Maya Heideman	4055 Peachtree Dunwoody Rd
Adiran Robinson	4175 Club Drive	Matthew Jollay	956 Stovall Blvd
Deda Zheng	1062 Club Place	Tom & Jan Hough	975 Stovall Blvd
Jonathan & Jessica Keenur	4650 Club Valley Drive	Kelly Doll	1047 Stovall Blvd
Kevin & Carrie Wendelburg	4314 Davidson Ave	Mel & Judy Hall	42 W Brookhaven Drive
Andy Bayman & V Elizabeth	4262 E Brookhaven Drive	Bob & Charlene Alvarez	4391 W Club Drive
Richard & Meredith Vincent	4429 E Brookhaven Drive	Dustin & Mallory Atkinson	1183 Angelo Court
Emily Haas	4080 E Brookhaven Drive	Jane & Nick Cassoule	2905 Stone Brook Park
Bruce Peters	3135 HavenridgeCourt	Julie Johnson	3679 Brookhaven Manor Crossing
Suleka Neelagaru	2914 Mabry Lane	Heather & Des Collins	2955 Mabry Lane
Bill & Liza Nordmark	2744 Mabry Rd		

If you are a new neighbor and not included on this list, please email maroberts65@yahoo.com.

VERMONT PARK GRANT

Thanks to the efforts of two neighbors, Diane Beck and Lydia Criss Mays, Park Pride awarded two grants of money for improvements to Vermont Park, one of the more significant focal points in our neighborhood.

In 2019 we received a grant from Park Pride with matching funds from Club Estates Garden Club to install a water meter and hose bib to water new plantings in the park.

In 2021 we received an additional grant of \$2600.00 with matching funds from Club Estates Garden Club to replace some of the older benches in Vermont Park and also add native plantings to the park.



Dianne Beck and Lydia Criss Mays

This Fall we will continue to add plantings to several of the micro parks in our neighborhood.

Many thanks to Diane and Lydia for their hard work obtaining these funds to improve our neighborhood.

Join us for the 2nd annual Women of Historic Brookhaven Shop Night at **Poppy's Boutique** in Buckhead on **Thursday, 11/3 at 6:30pm**. Twenty percent of all purchases will go to Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. Come get your fall and holiday wardrobes ready to go while enjoying your neighbors and fundraising for CHOA!!

