



# Fern Creek Crier

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*This flyer is a special edition of the Fern Creek Crier to make you aware of the various planning committees and meetings currently taking place that will impact the future of our neighborhood.*

## **PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE OF THE NORTH DRUID HILLS COMMUNITY IS ONGOING**

Work is being done under the supervision of DeKalb County to plan several important aspects of our neighborhood. Commissioner Kathy Gannon led the efforts to get the Master Planning process for Kittredge Park underway. Commissioner Jeff Rader facilitated the Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) transportation/zoning study for the North Druid Hills Corridor that is currently in progress.

### **KITTREDGE PARK MASTER PLAN**

The first two of three public meetings for the **Kittredge Park Master Plan** development process were held in late 2009. You can join Friends of Kittredge Park on Facebook or visit the Merry Hills web site <http://merryhills.com/Parks.htm> to see the two preliminary alternatives presented by the County's planning consultant, MACTEC.

Participants were generally happy with many features of the proposed plans, but were not in agreement that a driveway and parking lot should be constructed in the field in the heart of the park, our only serene oasis away from automobiles. The next (and FINAL) public meeting for Kittredge Park Master Plan is scheduled for Thursday, January 28, 2010 (time TBD) at the International School, formerly Kittredge Elementary, located next to Adams Stadium on North Druid Hills Road and across from Target. MACTEC will be presenting their final scheme for our review and approval, so your attendance is strongly encouraged to see what the proposed improvements to Kittredge Park will look like and how they will be implemented.

### **NORTH DRUID HILLS LIVABLE CENTERS INITIATIVE (LCI) STUDY**

The LCI Study Group has also conducted two of its three public meetings already in late 2009. They were very well attended by developers, neighborhood representatives from all over the study area, and county officials.

Issues being discussed include future zoning targets and land use designations along North Druid Hills Road, appropriate transportation infrastructure for the area, green space, and implementation solutions.

The next (and FINAL) Public Meeting will be held in Executive Park (Building TBD) on Thursday January 21, 2010 (time TBD). Get details and view presentation materials at <http://www.northdruidhillslci.com>.

We hope that you find this information useful, and that you will plan to attend these final planning meetings to offer your input and ideas. If you would like more information, or if you would like to get involved, please contact our Association through our website at [www.ndhra.org](http://www.ndhra.org), where you can also register to receive our email announcements of these and other important communiqués on news, activities, and alerts affecting our community. *Please note that your email information will be held strictly confidential by NDHRA and will not be released to any other party; it will only be used for our internal communication.*

## 2010 NDHRA Membership Information

2009 was a banner year for NDHRA membership, with new members and renewals greatly exceeding our rolls for the past several years. Your NDHRA Board would like to thank those of you loyal members who have already renewed your dues or perhaps even joined NDHRA for the first time last year! Your support is very much appreciated! If you have yet to join NDHRA for the first time or renew your dues, we encourage your support for many important reasons. Our Neighborhood Association is committed to enhancing the value of your home and to maintaining and improving the quality of life in our neighborhood by:

- Representing your interests in the face of developments that are deemed incongruous with our community; Representing your interests in meetings with County officials
- Acting as your eyes and ears regarding zoning news and planned development; expeditiously alerting you about crime, lost pets, and other important neighborhood news and events
- Taking proactive measures to maintain the cleanliness and enhance the environment of our neighborhood and giving you timely legal and practical tips to protect and enhance the value of your home

Your annual dues provide NDHRA with the resources it needs to:

- Maintain our website (which will be overhauled this year into a more "user friendly" format since its creation many years ago, including the ability for member dues to be securely made on-line);
- Prepare and distribute the *Fern Creek Crier* for special announcements; Perform quarterly neighborhood clean-ups and beautification projects;
- Support community sponsored events such as the **Candidates' Forum** at the Greek Orthodox Church during election years;
- Contribute as a vested stakeholder to studies affecting the future of our neighborhood, such as Alex Garvin & Associates' *A New Pubic Realm for DeKalb County* study in 2007 of the 688-acre area around the intersection of North Druid Hills Road and Briarcliff Road; the N. Druid Hills LCI study, and the Kittredge Park Master Planning process.
- Afford the necessary legal consultation on an as-needed basis to address real estate development matters;
- Support our monthly "grass roots" efforts to maintain the 34-acre Kittredge Park as a precious amenity for us all to enjoy; and, provide special community social events, such as our **Annual Cook-out and Pool Party** at Emory University's Clairmont Campus (held in July).

For our current members, if you have already paid your NDHRA dues earlier in 2009, then it is not necessary to pay at this time. The form below is for new members or for members who did not renew in 2009. Current paid members' renewals will be issued in June 2010. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please feel free to contact any board member via our website at [www.ndhra.org](http://www.ndhra.org).

### North Druid Hills Residents Association Membership and Donation Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ New Member:  Renewing Member:  Home Delivery of The Crier?

#### **The following committees are available for your participation – please indicate your interest:**

\_\_\_ Zoning/Land Use \_\_\_ Environmental Enhancement \_\_\_ Newsletter/Communications \_\_\_ Membership

Annual Membership is \$25.00 per household and technically runs from April 1 – March 30 to coincide with our calendar year; however, we are working to match the actual date of your payment for a full year's cycle until its renewal next year, as well as the ability to securely pay on-line in the future.

Please make your check payable to NDHRA. Payment should be mailed to NDHRA, Inc., P.O.Box 29249, Atlanta, GA 30345 in the envelope provided.

*Please note that NDHRA is incorporated as a not-for-profit 501(c)(4), but membership dues and donations are not tax deductible.*