



## Note From the President

Hello Residents,

**Happy New Year. 2011 is going to be a banner year for WHNA. We have split our board into two sections to maximize our results.**

**Over the last two years we have worked hard to make this a community through multiple social events. In 2011, we will continue to have our social events, but we will not ignore the neighborhoods infrastructure needs.**

**2011 will be my last as President, and I look forward to it being a successful year.**

**Brad Grulke**

Also, be sure to visit the website at [www.woodlandhillsatlanta.org](http://www.woodlandhillsatlanta.org).

## Woodland Hills Street Blues

Can you play/sing the Blues? Novice bass player here, hoping to find some folks in the neighborhood to get together and play with. Drop me a line. ([brian.bilski@gmail.com](mailto:brian.bilski@gmail.com)).

## Have your Voice Heard

The forum is the place to discuss anything and everything. Check it out on the website! [woodlandhillsatlanta.org](http://www.woodlandhillsatlanta.org)

## Traffic Concerns

For downed signs and traffic issues, please email us at [traffic@woodlandhillsatlanta.org](mailto:traffic@woodlandhillsatlanta.org).

## New Neighbor?

Do you have a new neighbor or are you new to the neighborhood? Email us at [welcoming@woodlandhillsatlanta.org](mailto:welcoming@woodlandhillsatlanta.org).

## WHNA Goals for 2011

The WHNA board has divided into two groups this year in order to better achieve this year's goals: The Infrastructure group and the Social group. The Infrastructure goals include: continued work on the Briar Vista Fitness Trail, the Shepherd's Lane Initiative (working to improve commercial traffic conditions on Shepherd's Lane), and neighborhood maintenance, such as street lights, MARTA signs, potholes, and additional neighborhood signs. The Social goals include: website improvements, neighborhood BBQs, 2 movie nights (spring and fall), a summer ice cream social, trivia nights at local restaurants, and a membership drive in May.

## Good News Regarding the Briar Vista Nature Trail

Imagine having a wonderful place in our neighborhood to work out, enjoy and explore the outdoors, and let your children play. The Briar Vista Nature Trail will soon be that place. The WHNA, Briar Vista PTA, the Marcus Institute, the Weatherstone Condominiums, and the Boy Scouts have all committed to improving and restoring the fitness trail! The vision includes expanding the trail to allow easier access to the community and potentially adding a community playground. WHNA has planned a workday for Saturday, February 19 from 10 am until noon. Your help would be greatly appreciated! Please bring loppers, shovels, and assorted gardening tools and join in to be a part of reinvigorating this neighborhood gem!



## Briar Vista Elementary a Winning School!

Residents, we are very pleased to announce that BriarVista Elementary will NOT be closing. BriarVista was included in the 2020 vision for DeKalb County Schools. For those of you who don't know, I found this information and I thought it was very much worth passing on about how great of school BriarVista is.

Brad Grulke

From <http://dekalbschoolwatch.blogspot.com> "Fernbank vs Briar Vista- by the Numbers..."

The 2010 AYP numbers for Briar Vista and Fernbank show that among the tests takers of the 2010 math and reading CRCT, if you are Black, White, or Asian, you will probably score equally well in either school. Since no Hispanic students were listed in the Hispanic subgroup at Fernbank, no comparison was possible for Hispanic students.

## 2010 CRCT Scores Briar Vista:

1. Math Performance based on the CRCT:  
82% of the students MEETS+EXCEEDS in Math.  
The rates of MEETS+EXCEEDS for Black students is 81% and White students is

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## Lost Dog Notice From a Neighbor

We found this abandoned dog in Virginia-Highland during the snowstorm. We took him to a vet, who gave him a rabies shot and exam. He was taking medicine and is due for another round in Feb. We already paid for medicine and can donate it. It was never our intention to keep him because of our other pets. We just wanted to get him healthy and adopted. He escaped our fenced yard the other week. If you have seen him or have adopted him, we would like to provide his medicine and vet records. Please call 678-296-3327.



## **Briar Vista cont.**

97% so both groups did well. The Hispanic rates of MEETS+EXCEEDS is 68%. The rate for MEETS+EXCEEDS for Asian/Pacific Islander students is 92%.

### 2. Reading Performance based on the CRCT:

89% of the students MEETS+EXCEEDS in Reading.

The rates of MEETS+EXCEEDS for Black students is 98% and White students is 96% so both groups did extremely well. The Hispanic rates of MEETS+EXCEEDS is 80%. The rate for MEETS+EXCEEDS for Asian/Pacific Islander students is 92%.

## **Fernbank:**

### 1. Math Performance based on the CRCT:

94% of the students MEETS+EXCEEDS in Math.

The rates of MEETS+EXCEEDS for Black students is 83% and White students is 96% so both groups did well. The rate for MEETS+EXCEEDS for Asian/Pacific Islander students is 100%.

### 2. Reading Performance based on the CRCT:

98% of the students MEETS+EXCEEDS in Reading.

The rates of MEETS+EXCEEDS for Black students is 98% and White students is 99% so both groups did extremely well. The rate for MEETS+EXCEEDS for Asian/Pacific Islander students is 100%.

The exact figures can be found in the 2010 NCLB numbers on the state of Georgia DOE website. It appears that when comparing subgroups, Briar Vista can hold its own academically with Fernbank even though it has a greater number of ESOL and Economically Disadvantaged students.

## **A Note From the President of LLCC**

Thanks for all your support of the Lindbergh LaVista Corridor Coalition. I first became involved with LLCC three years ago, as a way to become more deeply engaged with my own community. I had lived and or worked here for six years prior, and was eager to take a more active interest. I've loved becoming familiar with our neighborhood associations, small businesses, public officials, schools, and places of faith. It's an eclectic mix, on the edges of DeKalb County and City of Atlanta, but it's been extraordinary to see such a genuine spirit of collaboration and cooperation. Hundreds of people have part-

nered together to make a more livable Corridor, and it's been exciting to be a part of that progress.

Our Board of Directors is currently hard at work planning for the coming year. We'll be excited in coming months to tell you about the number of residents learning English in our new weekly ESL program. We'll be excited to show you Lindridge Martin Manor's plans for a Creekside Trail under the coming I85/GA400 interchange. We'll be excited to help sponsor the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Taste & Tour of Cheshire Bridge event, and we'll be excited to announce the public launch of our web-based GIS system – one

of only a few GIS systems owned by a non-governmental agency.

As our young organization continues to grow, we remain eager to hear from you and covet your active participation. Be sure to stay up to date by visiting our blog and website, and don't ever hesitate to contact us with any thoughts or questions.

We look forward to seeing you in 2011,  
Jason Stephenson

## **1489 LaVista Update**

We are pleased to announce that the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners has approved the compromise reached between Dr. Wendy Jacobson and the WHNA regarding the redevelopment and vehicular access to the 1489 LaVista Rd. property.

For those of you unaware, the property was bought by Dr. Jacobson to redevelop as a location for her psychiatry business. The primary compromise was regarding vehicular access. The property will only be accessed from LaVista Rd. from either a left-in or a right-in. Exiting the property will be done from Shepherd's Lane, but only as a right-out to the light at LaVista and Shepherd's Lane.



Let us evaluate your home with a FREE energy savings estimate and find out how you can reduce your energy bill by half!

CALL TODAY: (770)NRG-SVRS or (770)674-7877  
Or visit [www.nrgsvrs.com](http://www.nrgsvrs.com)!

Mention that you are a member of the Woodland Hills Neighborhood Association.