



# NEWSLETTER

## BOULEVARD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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Athens, Georgia, USA

## SURVEY SAYS ...

### Next step for Buena Vista is map of area

*By Kristen Morales*

It's not easy fundraising for a neighborhood project in the height of a recession.

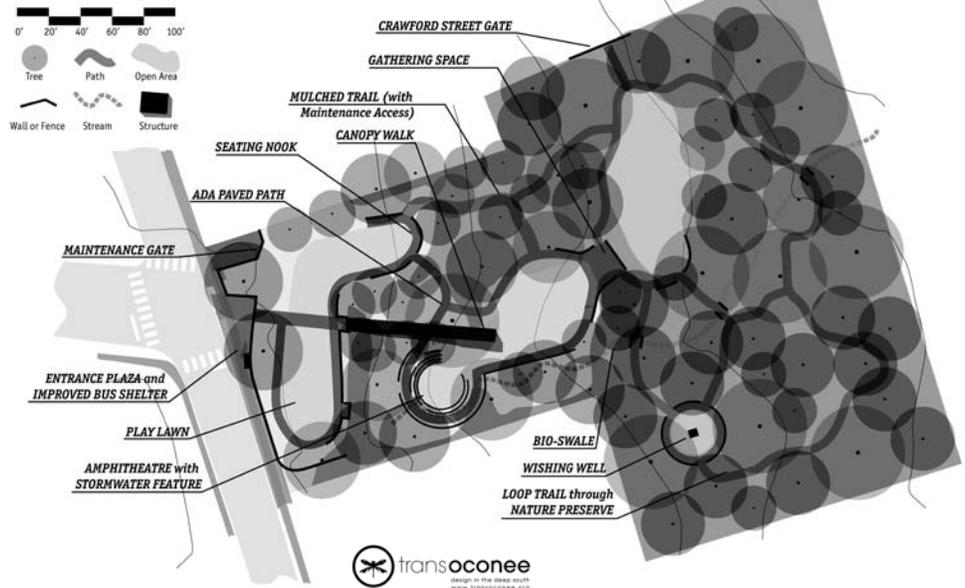
But a few intrepid souls on the Boulevard Neighborhood's Steering Committee have pushed forward during the past year, raising a little more than \$1,000 and getting halfway to the goal of funding a survey of the proposed Buena Vista Historic District.

The project kicked off in the fall of 2008, when Melissa Link, Kristen Morales and Marie Woods revived a decade-old plan to make the Buena Vista Heights section of the Boulevard neighborhood a historic district, just like its sister neighborhood to the east. The first step was to secure money to pay for a

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### BOULEVARD WOODS

Concept Plan 10-19-10



Proposed plan for "Boulevard Woods," small neighborhood park on Barber Street where Boulevard ends. The graphic was produced by Kevan Williams.

## Design team forms plan for 'Boulevard Woods'

*By Dan Lorentz*

After lots of hard work, the Barber Street Park Project's design team has created a concept plan for a small neighborhood park. But even though the concept plan is a big accomplishment, there are many more steps to be taken before the park becomes a reality.

In the design team's plan, the proposed park — which is located on empty county-owned lots off Barber Street where Boulevard ends — includes a graceful canopy walk, a

small amphitheater/gathering space built to fit the landscape's contours, a play lawn, a bioswale and walking trails through wooded areas, among other features.

Neighborhood residents identified these as favorite features at a "charrette" or public design meeting held in late July at the ATHICA gallery space in the Chase Street Warehouses. At the charrette, about 35 residents reviewed four alternative concepts, expressed preferences and made suggestions.

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# Boulevard Neighborhood Association Membership Form



## Fees:

- \$10 Household, one year
- \$25 Household, three years

- \$5 Student household, one year
- \$20 Commercial, one year

Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt # \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to **Boulevard Neighborhood Association** and mail to:

**Jane Travis**  
**150 Cohen Street**  
**Athens, Georgia 30601**

*Note: Your personal information is for the exclusive use of communicating BNA membership news and events. Your information will not be shared with or sold to third parties.*

## Buena Vista

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professional survey of the neighborhood, identifying historically significant homes and general architectural styles of the neighborhood. Most of 2009 was spent fundraising, because a professional survey can cost anywhere from \$2,000 to \$4,000.

But after successful fundraising events such as a neighborhood yard sale and a party at White Tiger featuring musicians Bain Mattox, Wilder Embry, Chris Bennett and Heather Heyn, the effort is now ready to move forward with the survey of the neighborhood.

Two local historic professionals are in negotiations with the Boulevard Neighborhood Association

subcommittee working on the effort, with the survey completed by the end of the year. Then, the survey — which includes a map of the proposed historic district, significant homes and proposed guidelines for architectural guidelines — will go to Athens-Clarke County’s Historic Preservation Board.

But because there is still money to be raised for the project, the Boulevard Neighborhood Association’s annual neighborhood meeting will also serve as a fundraiser for the Buena Vista survey. Stop by Chase Street Elementary School between 2 and 4 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 13, and have a hot dog or tie one on for the three-legged race, all while benefitting part of the Boulevard neighborhood.

## Boulevard Neighborhood Association NOTICE TO MEMBERS

The BNA Steering Committee has voted to amend the bylaws of the Association. These bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of two-thirds of the membership in attendance at a membership meeting:

### **Art. VIII.1 Membership Meeting**

This was amended to read notices of meetings can be mailed, e-mailed or hand delivered.

### **Art. VIII.2 Steering Committee Meeting**

This was amended to remove the requirement that there be an emergency for the steering committee to vote via e-mail.

**The current bylaws can be found at**  
<http://historicboulevard.com/bylaws.htm>

ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2  
**DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!**

Special thanks go out to David Lynn, who has served as our District 5 commissioner for the past eight years!

## Support our local businesses who are Boulevard Neighborhood Association members!

**Balance: A Pilates and Wellness Studio**  
160-1 Tracy St. — 706-546-1061

**Carson Plumbing, Inc.**  
259 Wynburn Ave. — 706-548-3397

**Certa Pro Painters**  
645 Oglethorpe Ave. — 706-353-3555

**Healing Arts Center**  
843 Prince Ave. — 706-613-1142

**Kudzu Graphics**  
919 N. Chase St. — 706-548-8789

**Sunshine Cleaners**  
754 N. Chase St. — 706-543-0664

**Urban Sanctuary Spa**  
810 N. Chase St. — 706-613-3947

Do you like your neighborhood?

# WELL, LOVE IT.

## SERVE ON THE BNA STEERING COMMITTEE

Some serve on the steering committee because they want to get to know their neighbors or volunteer their time. Others are looking for a way to teach people how to curb their dogs. A couple members would run for public office, but their shadowy past keeps them on the steering committee instead. **But whatever your reason, we promise it's time well spent.**

**Time requirements:** Communication is mainly via e-mail, with four meetings a year, held quarterly.

**How to volunteer:** E-mail Matt Elliott at [mjelliott\\_99@yahoo.com](mailto:mjelliott_99@yahoo.com), or speak up at the annual Neighborhood meeting at 4 p.m. Nov. 13 at Chase Street School.

## Boulevard Woods

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Calling the park "Boulevard Woods" emerged as a preference at the charrette, too.

The design team — led by Allen Stovall, a longtime Boulevard resident, landscape architect and professor emeritus of UGA's College of Environment and Design — used this feedback to develop the composite concept plan.

The immediate next step for the park project is to show the concept plan to representatives of Athens-Clarke County Leisure Services and Central Services departments to get additional feedback from them both about the site plan and about how to structure a county/

neighborhood partnership to build, fund and maintain the park. As this article was being written, ACC Commissioners Kelly Girtz and Mike Hamby were working to set up meetings with these two departments.

Many other steps are to follow before any park is built. These include incorporating feedback from ACC into a final buildable park plan, developing a plan to build the park in phases, creating some form of county/neighborhood park partnership and demonstrating success in fundraising.

Still, the concept plan is a big step forward. Everyone in the neighborhood owes thanks to the Barber Street Park Project's design team for developing an exciting yet practical plan that captures the

Boulevard neighborhood's spirit.

In addition to Stovall, design team members include Henry Parker, a Boulevard resident, architect and planner; Kevan Williams, a recently graduated UGA landscape architecture student; Katherine Melcher, an assistant professor at UGA's College of Environment and Design; Greg Denzin, a professional landscape designer; and Krysia Haag, an Athens-based mosaicist who created the mosaic murals at Chase Street Elementary School. Boulevard residents Marci White and Dan Lorentz, organizers of the park effort, also are members of the design team.

For continuing project updates, please visit [www.barberstreetparkproject.net](http://www.barberstreetparkproject.net).

## Know your ACC ordinances

### For animals:

- Animals cannot be chained, tied, fastened or otherwise tethered to stationary objects unless temporarily confined ... while attended by its owner.
- Animals cannot go upon others' property without consent.
- Animals cannot urinate or defecate on others' property without permission. (Owners must remove feces) from public sidewalks, streets, parks, or other public property.

### For parking on sidewalks:

- Parking an automobile on a non-prepared surface such as grass in a yard in a residential zone when adjacent to the public right-of-way is prohibited.

### For bicycles:

- Bicycles should not be ridden on sidewalks. The downtown district or any areas where the door of a building opens directly onto the sidewalk are areas where this is enforced. Signs note these prohibited areas outside of downtown.

### For noise:

- Generally, noise is prohibited if it is audible 300 feet from property line on Sundays-Thursdays from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. and on Fridays and Saturdays from 7 a.m. to midnight.
- Noise is prohibited if it is audible 100 feet from the property line Sundays-Thursdays from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. and on Saturday and Sunday mornings from midnight to 7 a.m.
- Car stereos cannot be audible 100 feet away during any time.
- Noise cannot be plainly audible at five feet beyond the adjoining property line wall or boundary of any apartment, condominium, duplex, or other residential dwelling units with adjoining points of contact.
- Landscape maintenance devices (leaf blowers, lawn mowers, etc.) in or within 300 feet of any residential zoning district cannot be used from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m.

Get ready for an old-fashioned, knee-slappin', cake-walkin', 3-legged-racin'

# NEIGHBORHOOD PARTY!

(and annual meeting, too)

The Boulevard Neighborhood Association is hosting a **family fun day from 2-4 p.m. on Saturday,**

**Nov. 13, on the grounds of Chase Street Elementary** and all are invited to attend.



**Celebrate the end of lubber season!**

The BNA will be selling hot dogs with toppings as well as baked goods. Other fun events include a cakewalk and games including wheelbarrow and three-legged races, Shoot the Lubber, and musical chairs. Proceeds will benefit the efforts to establish an officially designated Buena Vista local historic district.

Following the festivities, the annual membership meeting of the Boulevard Neighborhood Association will begin at 4 p.m. Changes to the bylaws and new steering committee members will be voted upon. The steering committee is also seeking nominations for officers and at-large members. Anyone interested in serving on this committee, or if you would like to nominate someone, please contact Matt Elliott at [mjelliott\\_99@yahoo.com](mailto:mjelliott_99@yahoo.com) prior to this meeting.

**Volunteers are needed to donate baked goods for the sale and cakewalk, as well as to help with set-up, clean-up, and running activities throughout the event.** If you are interested in helping out in any way, please contact Melissa Link at [melissajlink2000@yahoo.com](mailto:melissajlink2000@yahoo.com).

## Annual meeting

**When:** 4 p.m. Nov. 13

**Where:** Chase Street Elementary School (outside by the playground)

**RAIN DATE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2-4 P.M.  
WITH MEETING TO FOLLOW**

**Please note that the school building will be closed during this event, so no restroom facilities will be available on site.**

**REMEMBER:** Neighborhood party, 2-4 p.m. Nov. 13, next to Chase Street Elementary's playground. Food and fun for all!