

## **BHCA Board October 2021 Update**

### **Incident at Standard/Pine Grove**

A couple of our community members experience an unfortunate event around 3:00 am, early on the morning of Friday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. A tractor trailer coming down Standard caused property damage as it made the turn into Pine Grove. The incident was captured on the resident's security camera, but they could not make out the DOT details on the side of the tractor door. The only item recognizable was a blue star on the trailer.

While some time has passed since this event, please email us if you have any video footage that might have captured the vehicle and/or know of any reason that this vehicle would have been in that part of our community at that time in the morning. Unfortunately, the BHCA camera at Colonial/Standard did not capture the vehicle.

### **Colonial/Standard Flock LPR Camera**

As an ongoing reminder, the only ones with access to our BHCA funded camera are the Brookhaven Police. In checking with them on this event, no footage was captured – which means that the vehicle did not come from Peachtree across the Colonial Bridge. This event served to remind me that as we only have one camera at this location, vehicles on Colonial crossing Standard and heading towards Peachtree as they exit Brookhaven Heights will not be captured. As additional context, Historic Brookhaven provides Flock LPR cameras at all of their 14 points of access into their community, with 2 cameras (one inward facing and one outward facing) at each access point.

While we are not financially positioned to mirror Historic Brookhaven's camera strategy, I did want to make our community aware of what might be required to have better coverage of the traffic flow near the bridge. If we have any BHCA members that want to pursue our association funding an additional camera at this location, please contact the BHCA board so that we can vet the issue at our upcoming board meeting and potentially provide our membership an opportunity to consider this project in November.

### **Community Activities**

**Thank you** to Bill & Roxanne Rea for your ongoing assessment and communication on how the Brookhaven/MUP plans impact Brookhaven Heights. **Thank you** to Allison DePalma for her leadership and efforts on the Colonial Bridge beautification initiative. **Thank you** to Leesa Flora for her ongoing efforts and recent communication on the upcoming BHCA Fall Festival event at Langford Park. COVID considerations have made planning for this event a bit more challenging than similar events in years past, and we appreciate Leesa's efforts. Each of these are great examples of individuals making selfless contributions to our community.

### **BHCA Membership Drive**

Brookhaven Heights appears to have had a bit more movement in and out of the community than in years past. While we have lost several members, we have also been able to attract new members through community welcoming efforts, holding our total membership levels flat over last year.

When one considers the full reach of Brookhaven Heights, residences comprise about 22% of our full community (see table at the end of this update). While there are unique properties in the total (rentals, condominiums, residences in other associations), these same properties are potential beneficiaries of actions taken by the BHCA, and we welcome their membership. To encourage their participation the BHCA board will conduct a broad-based outreach via U.S. mail to all non-BHCA members within our community.

### **BHCA Project Funding**

Whether it be additional security cameras or contributions to other projects, the BHCA board must exercise good judgement on how funds are allocated, particularly since only 22% of the community is the source of all funding. Provided are some of the guidelines exercised by the BHCA board:

- Most funding decisions for the next year activities are presented and approved as a calendar year budget at the annual membership meeting
- If discretionary funds become available during the year, the board exercises some flexibility on reallocating those funds as long as those reallocations do not cause the overall scope (breadth or magnitude) of the budget to be exceeded
- Additional funding requests outside of the scope of the approved budget must be BHCA board vetted and BHCA membership approved
- Additional funding requests must be sponsored by BHCA members or by an existing board member that can sponsor the request with the full board

### **Annual BHCA Meeting**

Our annual BHCA meeting will occur in early to mid-November (Tentative Date of Tuesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm). We are prepared to offer an in-person meeting only if sufficient space is available for socially distanced seating for our membership. With that in mind, we are inquiring on the availability of a couple of the churches near our community on North Druid Hills Road. If those locations do not work out, we will identify membership preference to either meet at the Lynwood Park community center or to conduct the meeting via Zoom.

As a reminder, two board positions: 1) VP – Secretary and 2) VP – Community Engagement will be open in 2022. Please let us know if you would be willing to have BHCA membership consider you for one of these positions. Also, if any BHCA members have a particular interest in driving an initiative that requires BHCA funding, please approach the board ASAP so that the item can be vetted at our upcoming board meeting prior to engaging the full membership in November.

### **BHCA Membership**

If you are not a BHCA member, I encourage you to join the BHCA at <https://www.brookhavenheights.org/join>. While the BHCA board is pleased to communicate community wide updates with our non-BHCA members, we will only consider BHCA funded initiatives from our membership.

## BHCA Membership Composition

Street	Residences	Membership	%
Standard Dr	85	21	25
Pine Grove Ave	66	21	32
Colonial Dr	49	11	22
Oglethorpe Ave	36	7	19
Brookhaven Woods Ct	34	1	3
Matthews St	33	15	45
North Druid Hills	33	1	3
Thornwell Dr	28	9	32
Valley Brook Way	22	3	14
Loraine St	18	3	17
Brookhaven Heights Ct	18	0	0
Lenox Ridge Ct	15	7	47
Lenox Walk	11	0	0
Ataway Walk	7	1	14
Brookhaven Hideaway Ct	6	2	33
<b>Total</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>22%</b>