

Colonial Hills Neighborhood Association, Inc.

2007 President's Report

Dustin Drabot, 2007 CHNA President

There is no doubt, 2007 has been a busy year for Colonial Hills Neighborhood Association. After spending nearly all of 2006 restructuring to become a registered non-profit we entered 2007 with our first major project – build a new entrance marker. This project seems to have loomed over the Association all year, its lack of progress acting as a distraction. Though 2007 may be marked by the never-ending entrance marker saga, a lot of good happened this year.

Colonial Hills residents have been active within our community, beginning in January some of our neighbors began mobilizing to battle the creosote odor which permeates throughout portions of our neighborhood. This group has successfully obtained legal counsel and filed suit against the W.C. Meredith Corporation.

At the same time many of our members were attending the McPherson Local Redevelopment Authority meetings. These involved residents listened and offered feedback on the proposed development plans. After several meetings throughout the year, a final development plan was submitted. Our residents continued to stay involved in the future of Ft. McPherson by joining the Risk Advisory Board. We are now one year closer to this major redevelopment.

Within the Association we spent the spring planning for various projects and events. Our plans began to take shape with our Community Yard Sale in June. We had 9 successful Yard Sales throughout Colonial Hills that day.

The activities continued in July with the Annual Colonial Hills Block Party. Our friends and neighbors gathered for an evening of food, fun and games. Congratulations go out to **Katy & Marta** for winning the Couple's Game and to **Vicky Lafayette** a repeat winner of the \$100 Lowes Gift Card Drawing. We didn't let the threat of rain stop us from enjoying *The Pursuit of Happiness* under the Colonial Hills Unity Park Pavilion.

The pinnacle of our public events took place in October where we successfully promoted Colonial Hills at Destination East Point. We won second place in the Neighborhood Promotion Board, then rallied together to sign-in more residents than any other neighborhood and won the Neighborhood Participation Contest. We also had a booth at the event selling baked goods, our new EPGA T-shirts and tickets for a 50/50 Cash Drawing – won by our very own **Paul Brightbill**. We maximized the opportunity to promote Colonial Hills to the residents of East Point and surrounding areas.

I'm extremely proud to report that all of all three of these events were financially successful and portrayed Colonial Hills in a positive light. I look forward to continuing these events in 2008!

Let's not forget our new Colonial Hills Store hosted by Café Press. Here you can find great quality shirts, cards, bumper stickers, magnets, bags & more! Each product is branded for you to show your Colonial Hills or East Point pride. The store is open to the public and can be found under the "For Sale" section of our website: www.epColonialHills.com

Looking back over the past two years I'm excited about the framework our Officers, Board of Directors & Committees have put in place to ensure a successful future for Colonial Hills Neighborhood Association. I know that there are great things in store for us. I challenge our group to grow membership & participation, increase our funding and give more back to our neighborhood. Let's make next year a banner year for Colonial Hills!

In closing, I'd like to take a moment to thank everyone who contributed to making 2007 a success for Colonial Hills Neighborhood Association:

- Officers: Paul Brightbill, Katy Means, Alicia King & Teresa Harrison
- Board Members: Julie Broadus & Elizabeth Foster
- Newsletter Editor: Matt Sweitzer
- Block Captains: Kelly & Gary Estime, Elizabeth Foster, Katy Means, Marta Ringenberg , Alicia King & Matt Sweitzer
- Knott's Island Maintenance: Randall Burke
- Entrance Marker Committee: Alicia King, Paul Brightbill, Brandon Sutton, JP Curran, Matt Sweitzer & Tony Roberts
- Yard Sale Coordinators: Kirk Surgeon & Katy Means
- Block Party Committee: Julie Broadus, Elizabeth Foster, Pat Stone & Matt Sweitzer
- Destination East Point Poster Contest: Alicia King, Paul Brightbill & Matt Sweitzer
- Destination East Point Booth: Paul Brightbill, Pat Stone, Robbie Jones, Alicia King & Matt Sweitzer
- Café Press Setup: Alicia King, Matt Sweitzer & Paul Brightbill

Most of all ...

- Thanks to all our members, we could not succeed without your continued support & feedback.