



OLPA's Mission Statement

To protect and preserve Olmsted Linear Park by engaging and educating the public to treasure and invest in the improvement of this historic, landmark asset; and to champion the teaching and the legacy of Frederick Law Olmsted, Sr. in creating a thoughtful, well-designed green space to enhance urban living.

CELEBRATING FREDERICK LAW OLMSTED, SR.'S BICENTENNIAL BIRTHDAY IN 2022

2022 marked the 200th birthday of Frederick Law Olmsted Sr. where Olmsted-designed spaces across the nation celebrated with live events, online lectures and exhibits. The Druid Hills neighborhood was Olmsted, Sr.'s last design before his death. His sons and the Olmsted Firm would pick up the mantle to complete the design and create thousands of beautiful open spaces that are enjoyed today. Druid Hills and Olmsted Linear Park are honored to be a part of this legacy and in partnership with our communities, we pledge to continue this legacy.

So, where's Fred today? Visit Olmsted200.org to read more about these celebrations and Olmsted's legacy.



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Weslee Knapp 2022 OLPA President

President's Remarks

Warm Greetings from the Olmsted Linear Park Alliance Board of Directors,

It has been a pleasure to serve on the OLPA Board these many years and as Board President in 2022. I want express a sincere appreciation to my fellow board members, friends and colleagues for their support and commitment to preserving our historic Olmsted Linear Park. It takes dedicated advocates to care and nurture this historic community asset. Thank you to all those unbelievably generous friends of the park, our greatest pool of supporters ever. You are extraordinary! My board term may be ending but my love and support for the park is not. As we turn a page to the next 200 years of Olmsted's legacy, I can only hope that we all do our part to continue our love and support for our historic Olmsted Linear Park.

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Jenny Fletcher 2023 OLPA President

2023! As we embark upon the closing months of the Olmsted 200 celebration, we

also reflect on the fantastic year of 2022. How nice to be back to "normal" in 2022 with an in-person gala and events that celebrated Frederick Law Olmsted and his amazing landscape legacy. Special thanks for 2022 go to our outgoing President of the OLPA Board, Weslee Knapp, and to our most appreciated Executive Director, Sandy Kruger. They managed a full year of awareness, activities, long range planning, fundraising, and camaraderie among lovers and supporters of the Olmsted Linear Park. We certainly hope to replicate their successes in 2023. Our OLPA Events Chair, Sydney Thompson, also deserves special recognition. Remaining nimble to push the gala to Fall and manage all the related activities was key to a fabulous event. Many thanks go out to all of our OLPA Board

LET'S KEEP IT GOING!

Members old & new. Dick Henneman and his excellent service as the outgoing Board Development & Governance Chair. Dave McCauley continued his irreplaceable service as chair of the Maintenance Committee. We said goodbye to the long and successful tenure of Commissioner Jeff Rader and welcomed our new liaison to the Dekalb County Commission. Jennifer Richardson & Spencer Tunnell published their second and aptly timed book on Olmsted's Linear Park. So many wonderful accomplishments we cannot list them all.

The Olmsted Linear Park is a precious resource of nature and beauty and it generates a community of folks who are unmatched for service. Thank you, thank you to all of you who contributed, supported and enjoyed the Park. Let's keep it going for 2023 and our next generations!

2023 New Board Members and Member Recognition

Board Highlights

OLPA welcomes new board members Miriam Gutman, Robert Herrig, Sarah Catherine Tunkle, and Danette Van Trump.

Miriam Gutman is a
senior attorney in the
Economic Justice
Project at the
Southern Poverty Law
Center, She first

discovered Olmsted Liner Park as an Emory University law student looking for a running route and an excuse to leave the library. One of her favorite things about Atlanta and the area around the parks is the vibrant green spaces that always seem full of life year-round.

Before joining the OLPA Board, Miriam served on the Events/Gala Committee since 2016. She resides in Westside Atlanta with her husband Chris, dog Riley and cat Cleo.

Robert Herrig is the Director of Supply Chain and Advanced Manufacturing at the Metro Atlanta Chamber. In this role, he works to recruit new companies to the 29-County metropolitan region that create jobs and make impactful investments. Robert holds a Master of Public Policy in Planning and Economic Development from Georgia State University and a Bachelor of Philosophy from the University of Georgia. Previously, he served as a board member of the Georgia Planning Association, the Georgia Logistics Association, CHACE Village, and the Climate Reality Project Atlanta Chapter. He is an alumnus of LEAD Atlanta Class of 2022. Robert and his family reside in Atkins Park.

Sarah Catherine Tunkle graduated from the University of Georgia's Grady College of Journalism in 2009. Since then, she has worked for UGA's Washington Semester

Program in Washington, D.C., and Oxford, England. She is a certified domestic relations mediator through the Justice Center of Atlanta. She has been a resident of Druid Hills since 2020. As a native of the north Georgia mountains, she is a born nature lover, and is

enthusiastic about having the opportunity to support Olmsted's vision for Druid Hills with Olmsted Linear Park Alliance.

Danette Van Trump is a native Atlantan who grew up right outside of the city of Conyers and attended Georgia State University. After a 30-year career, she retired from Transplace as the Senior Vice President in 2020. As a community volunteer, Danette dedicates her time to Dekalb County CASA as a Guardian ad Litem, and to the Druid Hills Civic Association, as the Membership Chair. Danette resides in Druid Hills with her husband, Phil, her dog Ollie, and two cats, Talullah and Dorito. She enjoys playing golf, traveling with Phil, and spending time with her pets. On Saturdays in the fall, you can find her at Sanford Stadium rooting for the Georgia Bulldogs.

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

Many thanks to **Toby Brooks**, **Dick Henneman** and **Janice Whitener** for their service on the OLPA Board. They are not going too far as we are welcoming them to the Advisory Board along with former board member Robin Chalmers. We thank you for your continued dedication and commitment to Olmsted Linear Park.

Volunteer **Appreciation**

THANK YOU OLPA VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers logged over 1200 hours in 2022!

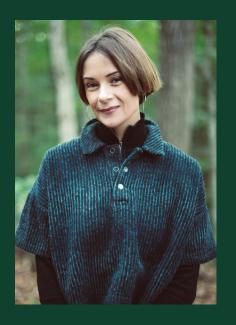
Thousands of invasive plant materials and debris were removed from the park - english ivy, cherry laurel, privet, wisteria. In addition, hundreds of shrub beds were weeded and mulched

Whether pulling ivy out of the Deepdene forest or urging guests to bid on those coveted silent auction items at the Gala, our volunteers are invaluable and we appreciate all their hard work. Volunteers, you could donate your time anywhere but you chose to dedicate your efforts into our Olmsted Linear Park.

Thank you so much!

Many thanks to Georgia Audubon Society (GAS and Hands On Atlanta for all their support this year. Since 2016, OLPA and GAS have worked in partnership to restore and enhance bird-friendly habitats in Deepdene. GAS guided birding walks for nature enthusiasts, conducted citizen-science education events, and continues to support the removal of nonnative invasive plants. This year, OLPA partnered with Hands on Atlanta to educate and build awareness of the Olmsted Linear Park. This partnership allowed OLPA to expand its reach to volunteer across metro Atlanta. It's partnerships like these that help continue OLPA's mission of enhancing and preserving this beautiful urban park in Atlanta.





OLPA Welcomes Park Maintenance Director Anna Hauser

Anna has worked with OLPA for several years as a contractor pruning shrubs and performing structural pruning on young trees. She brings a plethora of expertise to the Olmsted Linear Park. Anna studied at Longwood Gardens' Professional Gardener Training Program and worked in horticulture

and organic agriculture in Ireland and Italy. She later received an Honors Interdisciplinary Degree from the College of Agriculture at the University of Georgia, where she enrolled in graduate courses in forestry, environmental design, and historic preservation. Concurrent to that, Anna qualified as an ISA Certified Arborist. Most recently, she earned a Master's in City and Regional Planning from the Georgia Institute of Technology, as well as a

Master's in Social Psychology from the London School of Economics and Political Science.

We are excited to have her on our team as well as **Doug Strohl**, **Daniel Lough**, and **Gabe Jacobs**.

They spend many hours making sure the park is clean and safe for your enjoyment. If you see them in the park, please say hello and thank them for their hard work.

Sincere Appreciation to our Elected Officials and Stakeholders.

We want to extend our sincere gratitude to the multitude of stakeholders who continuously work to help keep our Olmsted Linear Park and Druid Hills Community clean, safe, and green for everyone to enjoy:

- · Fernbank Museum of Natural History
- City of Atlanta Council Member Alex Wan
- City of Atlanta Department of Parks and Recreation
- DeKalb County Recreation, Parks & Cultural Affairs
- DeKalb County Commissioner Michelle Long Spears
- Georgia House Representative Becky Evans
- Georgia State Senator Elena Parent

Thank you Commissioner Jeff Rader

Jeff Rader served as an advocate and friend of Olmsted Linear Park during his tenure as DeKalb County Commissioner. The OLPA Board of Directors and staff extend their sincere appreciation for his commitment and dedication to preserving our historic park and community. Executive Director Sandra Kruger and 2022 Board President, Weslee Knapp, presented this original drawing of the Deepdene Bridge in recognition of his service.



Fall in the Love with the Park Gala

Raising over \$65K, guests, donors and sponsors enjoyed a beautiful evening at Fernbank Museum of Natural History.























Long time friend of the park, Jennie Richardson, received the Fredereck Law Olmsted Legacy Award.



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Noteworthy Moments & Events

Deepdene and The Olmsted Legacy. Deepdene Forest is featured on The Cultural Landscape Foundation's Landslide 2022 website. This year's report highlights threaten and at-risk landscapes that include parks, parkways and park systems all designed by Frederick Law Olmsted, his frm and successors. The purpose of Landslide is to "foster awareness and curiosity about the scope, scale and richness of the Olmsted landscape legacy, and to encourage a stronger shared responsibility for its future" (www.tclf.org/sites/default/fles/microsites/landslide2022/locations/deepdene.html). For more information about TCLF and Landslide visit their website at tclf.org.



In October, OLPA and Park Pride hosted a showing of "Olmsted and America's Urban Parks" at the Atlanta Botanical Garden in celebration of Olmsted 200. We want to thank **Mike and Jenny Messner** for their generosity in bringing the flm to life and making this event a huge success.

Celebrating Frederick Law Olmsted, Sr. Bicentennial Birthday - April 26, 2022

Olmsted 200 Gala

OLPA and community partners joined together to celebrate Frederick Law Olmsted, Sr.'s legacy with several signature events in April. To commemorate this occasion, an Olmsted 200 Birthday Party was held at Callanwolde Fine Arts Center where guests danced the night away to festive tunes performed by jazz musician Joe Gransden. This was followed by the annual Druid Hills Tour of Homes, an Artist Market, and a concert to wrap up the celebration.





















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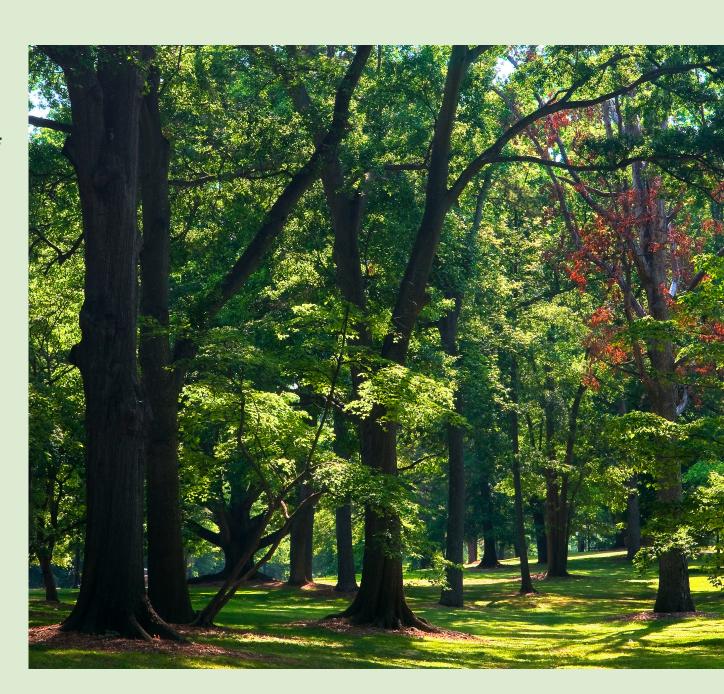
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