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Details on Emory Healthcare Plans

In the July/August *Community Partnership Update* newsletter, Emory's overall plans were announced, and site plans of the Clifton Road redevelopment and Clairmont campus parking expansion were shown. To view these plans, visit www.cliftoncommunitypartnership.org and review the June 24, 2008 community presentation.

Several aspects of the plans for a new hospital, clinic and research facility were refined by input that Emory received from community members at meetings and briefings over the past three years.

The sites for the hospital and clinic were selected, in part, based on the low topography for the hospital (it will sit off Clifton Road behind the current Clinic A), to minimize the visual



Nation's Top Hospitals:

According to annual ranking by *U.S. News & World Report*, Emory University Hospital (EUH) ranked among the nation's best hospitals. There are eight specialties at EUH scoring rankings, including seven top 20 rankings:

- Ophthalmology 9th
- Geriatrics 11th
- Psychiatry 11th
- Heart 13th
- Neurology/Neurosurgery 13th
- Ear, Nose, Throat 19th
- Kidney Disease 20th

impact to neighboring communities. Both the new hospital and clinic sites are within the interior footprint of Emory's current health care and law facilities (the new clinic will sit on Clifton Road behind the law school). View the June 24 community presentation to see the actual sight lines from several community vantage points.

To address concerns about net gains in parking from health care facilities on Clifton Road, Emory is relocating most of the health care staff parking from the core campus to Emory's Clairmont campus. The two campuses are connected by alternatively fueled shuttles, on a limited access road. Employees who currently travel to the center of campus from the east will

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Community Planning Project for Lindbergh/LaVista Area

The Lindbergh LaVista Corridor Coalition (LLCC) recently kicked off a partnership with the Georgia Conservancy and Georgia Tech's City and Regional Planning Program for the next *Blueprints for Successful Communities* planning project, scheduled for August through December 2008.



The public is encouraged to participate in the *Blueprints* planning process, which will include four meetings during the four-month period.

The *Blueprints* project focuses on the area defined by I-85/GA 400 to the west, Sheridan Road to the north, Briarcliff Road to the east and the CSX rail line to the south – also looking at opportunities beyond these boundaries. Some areas to be addressed in the *Blueprints* process include major transportation initiatives, pedestrian needs,

natural resource opportunities and redevelopment of urban design issues.

To learn more about the *Blueprints* planning process, contact Saskia Benjamin at sbenjamin@gaconservancy.org.

Cooking Classes for Natural Appetites

Have you always wanted to learn to cook healthy and delicious meals for yourself, family and friends? This fall, you can take part in a series of three cooking classes at The Cook's Warehouse in Decatur, benefitting



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get off the road sooner by parking at the Clairmont campus. This is expected to remove hundreds of commuter vehicles from North Decatur, Haygood and Clifton roads during peak commute times. Emory is actively working cooperatively with the Clairmont Heights Civic Association and DeKalb County on community traffic calming and pedestrian improvements in Clairmont Heights.

Emory plans to remove the Lowergate South parking deck and other parking decks currently located on the Clifton Road campus. New underground patient parking will be added, out

of sight from the community. The net number of parking spaces for Emory's health care facilities on its Clifton Road campus will be less than today.

A third area addressed in the health care redevelopment plan involved access to Emory along North Decatur and Clifton roads. A planned parking deck on Haygood Road, adjacent to Druid Hills High School, was eliminated.

Emory will add a new access road off North Decatur Road, between Clifton and Burlington roads, to enter its clinic and improve traffic flow approaching Clifton Road.

Visit the CCP website for updates on these plans.

Community Meeting Outreach



John Fox, CEO of Emory Healthcare, addresses neighbors at the June 24 meeting at Druid Hills High School.

For the past three years, Emory has been keeping community members up to date on its health care redevelopment plans. Through August 2008, Emory has made over 45 presentations to civic association meetings, large community meetings, DeKalb County public forums and other groups. To see the complete list of meeting dates, visit www.cliftoncommunitypartnership.org.

"We are pleased to move ahead with state-of-the-art programs in patient care and research that will address the most acute health needs of our population in this new century. We look forward to working with our surrounding communities and government leaders to give DeKalb County and metro Atlanta a destination health care system that will be an unsurpassed source of civic pride and competitiveness, high-quality patient care and job growth well into the 21st century."

- James W. Wagner, president of Emory University

"These new facilities will be designed to support top-tier patient care, research and medical training in a new and more nimble way that sets the standard for academic medicine and teaching hospitals everywhere. Emory's enhancement in programs and facilities will enable us to create the ideal patient and family experience, now and for the future, as we pursue our vision of transforming health and healing in the 21st century."

- Fred Sanfilippo, MD, PhD, Emory's executive vice president for health affairs

"As we continue to develop the ideal integrated model for health care delivery, the dedication to quality is at the heart of all of our facilities planning. Dedication to quality will drive everything we do now and in the coming years."

- John T. Fox, CEO of Emory Healthcare

Stay Informed:

Want to stay involved in the health care redevelopment planning process? This fall there will be regularly scheduled public meetings. Sign up to receive meeting announcements at www.cliftoncommunitypartnership.org/enhance/get_involved.html or call 404-727-7065.

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Emory's Sustainability Initiative and weekly farmers market.

Join Chef Barbara Petit on Monday, Sept. 8 from 7 to 9 p.m. for "Georgia Flavors with International Flair," as she shares secrets for preparing food that's delicious, healthful and environmentally responsible. As President of Georgia Organics, Barbara is passionate about sharing the benefits of local and sustainable farming. During this session, learn how to prepare organic meat and produce and maximize flavors from these local gems.

Emory physician, Dr. William Eley, will also be present during each class answering questions on diet and nutrition, and discussing simple changes in your daily routine to improve overall health and well-being.



Can't make the class in September?

Two more classes are offered in October so you can try your hand at organic-inspired feasts. For more information, visit www.cookswarehouse.com.

All proceeds from these classes will be used to support Emory's farmers market. The market is held Tuesdays on the Cox Hall Bridge from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The Cox Hall Bridge is located between Emory University Hospital and Dobbs University Center; visitors are encouraged to walk, take public transportation or Cliff to Emory's campus.

DeKalb School Board Candidate Forum

Join DeKalb County's Board of Education candidates, District 2 and Super District 9 in a round table discussion. This event will be held in October; the location and date to be determined. Visit the CCP website (www.cliftoncommunitypartnership.org) for details.

The forum will provide an exclusive opportunity for candidates running for the Board of Education to address topics that are important to Clifton community parents and residents. The general election is on Nov. 4.

Board of Education, District 2:

- Marshall Orson
- Don McChesney
- Ella Smith

The discussion is presented by Emory's Office of Governmental & Community Affairs, the Clifton Community Partnership, the League of Women Voters of DeKalb County and the Emory LaVista Parent Council. For more information about the forum, call 404-727-5166.



Did You Know?

- Emory University was recently ranked as one of the 2008 "Great Colleges to Work For," in a survey conducted by *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.
- *The Princeton Review* recently named Emory University as one of 11 "greenest" colleges in the nation. The "green" rating measured how environmentally friendly the institutions are; Emory received a 99 – the highest score allowed.
- Emory's water conservation efforts led to the University receiving the 2007 Fox McCarthy Certificate of Achievement for its "outstanding water conservation program," presented by the Georgia WaterWise Council.

To read the complete articles on these awards, visit www.cliftoncommunitypartnership.org.

Sharing the Road



As the cost of gas reaches all-time highs, bicycling is gaining momentum nationwide as a way to commute. With the number of bicycles increasing on local streets, it is important for bicyclists and motorists to remember the rules of the road.

Motorists should be prepared to encounter bicyclists using the road. Bicycles are considered vehicles under Georgia traffic law.

Did You Know?

- In cases where the traffic lane is too narrow to safely share the road with another vehicle, it is safer for the bicyclist to move left and take the center of the lane, even if riding slower than traffic. When the lane becomes wide enough, the bicyclist can move back to the right allowing vehicles to pass.
- Bicycles are subject to the same traffic laws and have the same rights and responsibilities to the road as do motor vehicles.
- Riding in tandem, two bicyclists side-by-side, is legal under Georgia law.

Parking AVP Hired at Emory

Lisa Underwood joined Emory University in August as the new associate vice president in charge of transportation services and parking facilities. Underwood previously directed the same services during a period of increased ridership at Washington University in St. Louis.

As the new AVP for parking and transportation, Underwood will manage the largest private fleet of shuttles in Atlanta, with 56 Cliff buses, and the extensive, popular alternative transportation program.



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Five Questions

A snapshot of questions for leaders in the Clifton community



Michael Starling, senior project manager for life science, DeKalb County Office of Economic Development

CCP: What is the mission of your office for DeKalb County?

Michael Starling: DeKalb County wants to attract new industries and cultivate existing industries that are growth oriented and yield high-paying jobs. Typically, academic institutions and health sciences institutions are targeted industries that counties aggressively compete to attract. Emory's recent health sciences plans are significant because of the magnitude of its investment in what I call 'industries of the future.'

CCP: How competitive is the economic development market?

Starling: It's very competitive. I believe that Emory and its facilities will represent the center of the universe for life sciences in Georgia.

CCP: Clifton Road is known as the 'public health capital of the world.' How will Emory's proposed new research facilities support these facilities?

Starling: In my opinion, Emory's new research facilities are the greatest strategic asset for the entire region from an economic development standpoint. The benefit of new research facilities is that research usually creates a 'pipeline' of additional new companies for Georgia that spin off from the research facilities. The ancillary impact on new business is significant. Emory represents world-class health care and life sciences facilities. The synergies between Emory, Yerkes, the CDC, Children's Healthcare and nearby Georgia Tech create a dynamic atmosphere for new investment and jobs

CCP: How do these projects impact the DeKalb workforce?

Starling: The educated workforce that we seek is drawn to this type of investment, the jobs that it produces and a unique sense of place, all of which are found in the Clifton community. These young people can work anywhere, and we want them to stay here. Once these workers settle into good jobs, they tend to stay in a region so it is critical to employ them here early in their career.

CCP: What brought you to DeKalb County?

Starling: I moved to Atlanta from Florida prior to the Olympics. I could have chosen anywhere to locate my family in 1995, but I moved to Atlanta, fell in love with the city and its people and have remained ever since. There was great opportunity when I moved here, and that holds true today.



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