




**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Mayor and Alderman  
**FROM:** Rob Hernandez, City Manager   
**DATE:** February 5, 2018  
**SUBJECT:** Renaming Petition Request- Brinkman Park

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**Current Name:** Brinkman Park  
**Proposed Name:** J. DeLorme-Brinkman Park  
**Location:** Northeast corner of East 49th Street and Waters Avenue  
**Applicant:** Rob Hessler, 1414 East 50th Street, (213) 454-1363,  
ParksideSAV@gmail.com

Staff Recommendation

1. Recommend approval of renaming park to reflect contributions of John S. DeLorme to the improvement and beautification of Brinkman Park.
2. Recommend renaming to "Brinkman-DeLorme Park."
  - a. The applicant requested the park be renamed J. DeLorme-Brinkman Park. It is important to set a precedent for the renaming of parks under circumstances that reflect a combination of historical and new names. These standards include the historical name listed first followed by the new proposed name. Additionally, it is recommended that in instances of combining historical and new names into hyphenated names, only last names are used.

The petition request has been unanimously approved by the Sites and Monuments Commission and Park and Tree Commission.

Attachments

1. Applicant's petition application
  - a. District Four Alderman Julian Miller endorsement of petition request
  - b. Property owners support signatures
  - c. Historical contributions of John S. Delorme
2. Research Library and Municipal Archives application and historical review
  - a. History of Brinkman Park



## **Public Property Naming Application and Guideline**

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This application allows for the public to propose a name or to rename public property provided all the requirements outlined in Article E. Section 4:1100-1108 are met.

### **Criteria**

All public property names should meet one of the following criteria:

- To honor and commemorate noteworthy persons associated with the City of Savannah, Chatham County, State of Georgia, or the United States of America;
- To commemorate local history, places, events or culture;
- To strengthen neighborhood identity; or
- To recognize native wildlife or natural features.

### **Restrictions**

- Persons that resided in the City of Savannah for less than 5 years, other than prominent national figures;
- Names assigned to existing public property within the City or unincorporated Chatham County where duplication of the name is likely to lead to confusion; and
- Except as set forth in Section 4-1106, commercial names where usage of such name would amount to advertising.

### **Considerations**

Naming requests shall take into account:

- The number of residents and businesses directly affected;
- Community diversity;
- The historical significance of preexisting name or location;
- The appropriateness and compatibility of the request in relation to the existing area;
- The impact on emergency service delivery; and
- Continuity and stability.

### **Natural Person Naming Request**

Requests should consider following;

- Absent extraordinary or extenuating circumstances, the proposed honoree for permanent naming shall be deceased;
- Whether the proposed namesake made a sustained contribution over an appreciable time period, exerted efforts of benefit or significance to local, state or national affairs and/or demonstrated leadership in governmental, cultural or historical affairs, humanitarian efforts, or community development;
- Contributions that beneficially changed the nature and characteristics of the community; and
- Achievement by a native Savannahian of national or international acclaim in a specific field of endeavor that has reflected positively on Savannah.

**Applicant Information**

Name: Rob Hessler Phone Number: 213-454-1363

Address: 1414 E 50 Savannah GA 31404

Email: ParksideSAV@gmail.com

**Request Type**

- Honorary street designation
- Newly acquired or created public property or previously unnamed
- Public property renaming request

**Property Type**

- Park, playground, trail or recreation space
- Building or facility
- Street or roadway
- Other public property

**Property Location**

Property address and/ or location description:

Northeast corner, Waters Ave. and 49th Street.  
Grass lot with trees, neighborhood sign

Aldermanic District:            1       2       3       4       5       6

Present property name: Brinkman Park

Proposed Name: J. Delorme - Brinkman Park

## **Requirement Checklist for Naming Request**

*(Check each item to verify that all requirements are included along with this application according to requested property type.)*

### **Honorary Street Designation**

- The present official name of the street and proposed Honorary Designation
- Identify section of street to receive the designation
- A thorough discussion regarding the history of the street, including all prior names
- A statement of reasons supporting the honorary naming request
- Evidence that such person resided in the City of Savannah for at least five years during his/her lifetime
- Petition, in favor, by 51 percent of abutting property owners
- An endorsement by the current Mayor, an at-large alderman or the alderman representing the district in which the property is located.
- A non-refundable fee of \$150

### **Street or Roadway**

- The present official name of the street and proposed new name
- The specific location of the street or roadway
- A statement of reasons supporting the renaming request
- A thorough discussion regarding the history of the right-of-way, including all prior names
- A supporting petition signed by not less than 75 percent of all property owners abutting the public right-of-way
- An endorsement by the current Mayor, an at-large alderman or the alderman representing the district in which the right-of-way is located

### **Park, playground, trail or recreation space**

- The present official name of the street and proposed new name
- The specific location of the street or roadway
- A statement of reasons supporting the renaming request
- A thorough discussion regarding the history of the right-of-way, including all prior names
- A supporting petition signed by not less than 51 percent of all property owners abutting the public right-of-way
- An endorsement by the current Mayor, an at-large alderman or the alderman representing the district in which the right-of-way is located

### **Building or Facility**

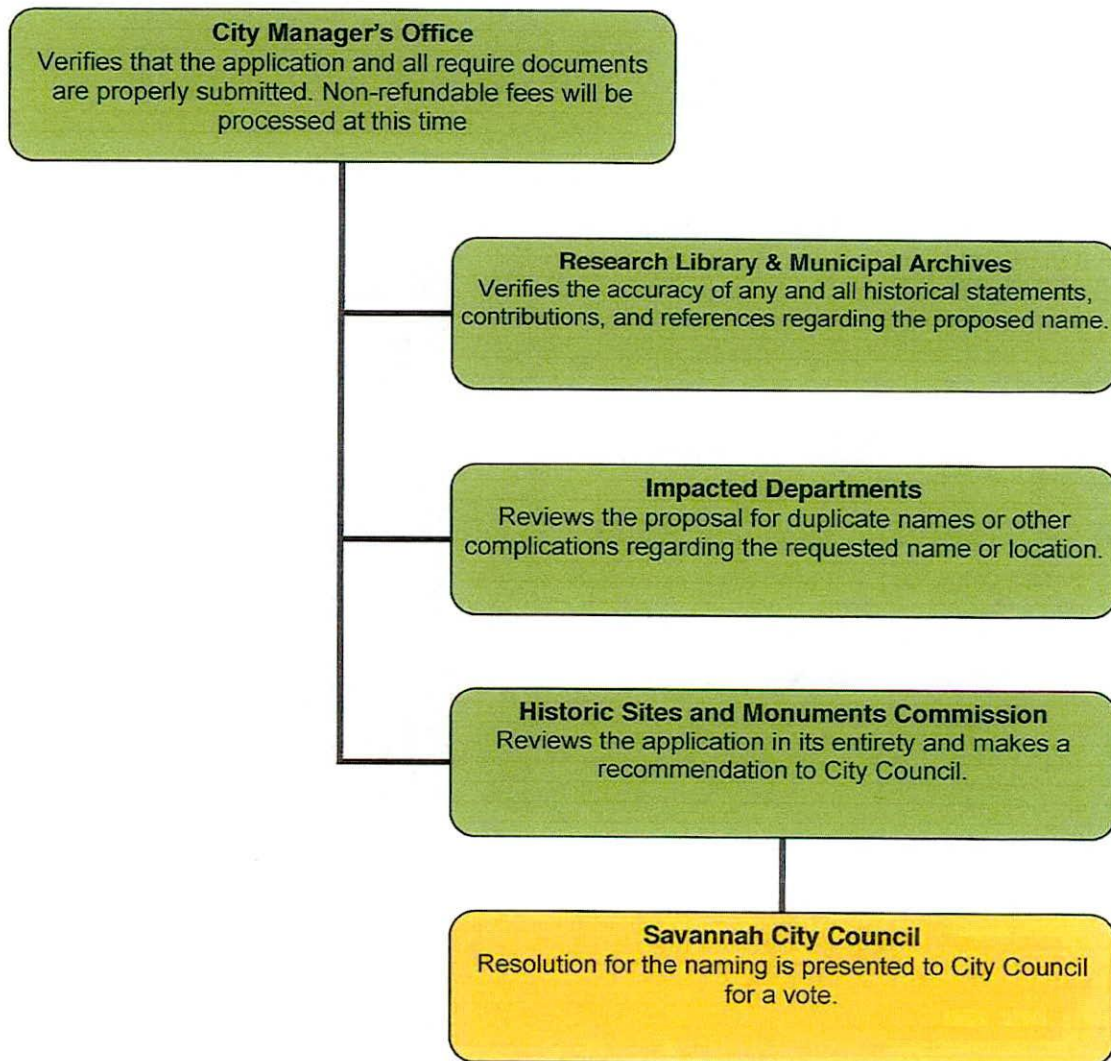
- The present official name of the building, structure or facility
- The proposed new name
- The specific location of the property;
- A statement of reasons supporting the renaming request;
- A thorough discussion regarding the history of the building, structure or facility
- An endorsement by the current Mayor, an at-large alderman or the alderman representing the district in which the building, structure or facility is located.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES & APPROVAL PROCESS**

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All requests should be submitted to the City Manager's Office at;

*2 East Bay Street  
Savannah, Georgia 31401  
ATTN: City Manager's Office- Public Property Naming Request*



Questions?  
Contact the Office of the City Manager at (912) 651-6415.



## City of Savannah - City Council

**Julian Miller**  
Alderman, District 4  
Chairman of Council

January 18, 2017

City Staff and To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter as my endorsement of the application to rename Brinkman Park in the Parkside Neighborhood at Waters Avenue and East 49<sup>th</sup> Street to Brinkman-DeLorme Park to honor long-time resident and neighborhood supporter John DeLorme.

The late Mr. DeLorme was an intensive supporter of the Parkside Neighborhood and encouraged the city to establish the park during his presidency of the neighborhood association. Association leaders, following in his footsteps, have taken great efforts to re-establish the park on the property and their desire to honor him for his work on the neighborhood's and city's behalf is admirable.

Staff, I understand, will review and formally make a recommendation to City Council at a later date.

Sincerely,

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Julian Miller  
Alderman  
District 4

**City of Savannah  
Name Change Petition Form**

Page \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_.

I (We) plan to request a name change with Savannah's City Council through the City Manager's Office.

**I (We) understand that our address will change if a permanent street name request is approved by City Council.**

Present Name: Brinkman Park

Proposed Name: J. DeLorme - Brinkman Park

This is your opportunity to express your opinion about the proposed name change.

ADDRESS	SIGNATURE	Owner		Tenant	
		Agree	Disagree	Agree	Disagree
1108 E. 49 <sup>th</sup> Street	<i>[Signature]</i>	X			
1108 E. 49 <sup>th</sup> Street	<i>[Signature]</i>	X			
1110 E. 49 <sup>th</sup> Street	<i>[Signature]</i>			X	
1110 E. 49 <sup>th</sup> Street	<i>[Signature]</i>			X	

To whom it may concern,

My husband and I purchased our home at 1108 E. 49<sup>th</sup> street, adjacent to (what was then an empty lot that we much later learned was called) Brinkman Park, in 1997. We appreciate the generous gift the original donor made to the city. We believe as many of our neighbors do, that it adds to the beauty of Parkside.

As acting president of the Parkside Neighborhood Association, John DeLorme was committed to the upkeep and beautification of the park. He regularly organized maintenance days within the community to clean-up and add flowering and evergreen plants to the park. John took personal responsibility in keeping the park looking its best. He spent many hours tending the plants, watering and picking up stray trash. We often looked out our window and saw John working in the park on his own.

John selflessly spent his own personal time contributing to an asset we all enjoyed in Parkside. For this reason, we believe it would be fitting to recognize John DeLorme for his dedication to the park and his contribution to the Parkside Neighborhood by adding his name to the park.

Sincerely,

  
Kristen Aspaas and George Shaw






12.22.17

To Whom it May Concern,

Please accept our support of the renaming of Bunkman Park to Bunkman Delorme Park to honor John Delorme. John was our neighborhood association president and served selflessly, often maintaining the park himself. The renaming would be befitting.

Sincerely,

Mary Sanders

  
1220 E. 49<sup>th</sup> St

26 December 2017

TO: Sites and Monuments Commission  
Savannah City Council

As long time residents of both the City and the Parkside Neighborhood, we would like to express our enthusiastic support for renaming Brinkman Park to Brinkman-Delorme Park. Mr. Delorme spent many years working tirelessly to improve both the Parkside Neighborhood and City at large, and is more than deserving of this recognition.

Sincerely,



Charles C. Watson, Jr.



Aspasia P. Watson

1202 E 49<sup>th</sup> ST  
Savannah, GA, 31404

12/26/17 EB  
Eileen Baker

1129 East 49<sup>th</sup>

Savannah, Georgia

31404

912 433 9907

To Whom It May Concern:

I am in favor of adding the name Delorme to identify and commemorate the park located at the corner of East 49<sup>TH</sup> Street and Waters Avenue. I fully support the renaming of the park to Brinkman-Delorme Park.

I am the resident home owner of 1129 East 49<sup>th</sup> Street, Parkside Neighborhood



Eileen Baker

To Whom It May Concern -

12/22/17

As a proud resident of Parkside I completely  
support the re-naming of Brinkman Park  
to Brinkman-Delorme Park to celebrate  
& recognize the years of work & devotion of  
John Delorme. Connie Folk

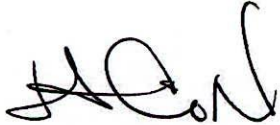
CONNIE FOLK  
1413 E. 49TH

December 26, 2017

To Whom It May Concern,

I am a resident of Parkside Neighborhood and I support the changing of the name from Brinkman Park to Brinkman-Delorme Park in honor of the late John DeLorme, former Parkside Neighborhood president.

Signed,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John DeLorme". The signature is stylized with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

Address:

1117 EAST 49<sup>th</sup> ST  
31404

December 26, 2017

To Whom It May Concern,

I am a longtime resident of Parkside Neighborhood and live across the street from the current Brinkman Park. I support the changing of the name from Brinkman Park to Brinkman-Delorme Park in honor of the late John DeLorme, former Parkside Neighborhood president. John was instrumental in having Parkside placed on the National Register of Historic Places and worked tirelessly to better the neighborhood during his decade as president, and afterward until his death.

Signed,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rachel Green".

Rachel S. Green  
1109 E. 49<sup>th</sup> Street  
Savannah, GA 31401

December 26, 2017

To Whom It May Concern,

I am a resident of Parkside Neighborhood and I support the changing of the name from Brinkman Park to Brinkman-DeLorme Park in honor of the late John DeLorme, former Parkside Neighborhood president.

Signed, *Alex Lewis*

Address: 1317 E. 49<sup>th</sup> St  
SAVANNAH GA 31404

December 26, 2017

To Whom It May Concern,

I am a resident of Parkside Neighborhood and I support the changing of the name from Brinkman Park to Brinkman-DeLorme Park in honor of the late John DeLorme, former Parkside Neighborhood president.

Signed,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. B. Awade".

Address:

1316. East 49<sup>th</sup> SE  
Savannah, Ga 31404



December 26, 2017

To Whom It May Concern,

I am a resident of Parkside Neighborhood and I support the changing of the name from Brinkman Park to Brinkman-DeLorme Park in honor of the late John DeLorme, former Parkside Neighborhood president.

Signed,

*Rita H. DeLorme*

Address:

Rita DeLorme

1314 E. 49th Street

Savannah, GA 31404

My son, John S. DeLorme, worked for many years to enhance the Parkside Neighborhood. It was because of John's tireless efforts that Parkside made it to the National Historical Registry designation. (Doing this was truly a feat given the physical activity that was involved.)

John later was diagnosed with a Chordoma (a brain tumor) which he fought via surgery, medical treatment, etc. John's death not only removed him from our family, but also from the neighborhood he loved and in which he had resided almost his whole life, from infancy on.


Hello,

My name is Jenny Hawkes and I live at 1701 E 50<sup>th</sup> Street in Savannah.

I strongly support the renaming of Brinkman Park to Brinkman-Delorme Park.

Thank you very much for your time and help in this matter and Happy Holidays to you and yours!

Sincerely,

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12.19.2017

12/27/17  
1414 E 50<sup>th</sup> St.  
Savannah, GA  
31404  
323-661-4868

To Whom It May Concern,

As a resident of Parkside I fully endorse the name change of Brinkman Park to Brinkman-Delorme Park. Mr. Delorme was a staple of this community for many years and Parkside deeply felt the loss of him. Brinkman Park was a special place for John and being able to change the name to honor him would be a wonderful way to keep his memory alive.

Thank you,



Gretchen Hilmers  
Social Media Coordinator  
Parkside Neighborhood Association

December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
1414 E 50<sup>th</sup> St.  
Savannah, GA  
31404  
213-454-1363

To Whom It May Concern,

As a resident of Parkside I fully endorse the name change of Brinkman Park to Brinkman-Delorme Park. Mr. Delorme was a staple of this community for many years and Parkside deeply felt the loss of him. Brinkman Park was a special place for John and being able to change the name to honor him would be a wonderful way to keep his memory alive.

Thank you,

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Rob Hessler  
Co-chair  
Parkside Neighborhood Association

TO ALL CONCERNED:

I am in favor of changing of the name of Brinkman Park to "Brinkman-Delorme Park". I live in Parkside at 1301 E. 50th St. and really enjoy our park!

Thanks for your support

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June Denlinger

*Ardley Park / Chatham Crescent Neighborhood Association*

December 26th, 2017

City of Savannah  
2 E. Bay Street  
Savannah, GA

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing as a representative of the Ardley Park/Chatham Crescent Neighborhood Association to support the Parkside Neighborhood Association's effort to amend the name of Brinkman Park to Brinkman-Delorme Park. This park abuts our shared neighborhood border on Waters Avenue. I sincerely appreciate and endorse their effort to recognize and honor Mr. Delorme, who worked tirelessly as a volunteer to improve his community.

I know that Mr. Delorme was personally invested in improving the open space which will carry his name on Waters Avenue and his park is an ideal place to honor his commitment to the neighborhood.

I support amending the name of the park to Brinkman-Delorme Park.

Sincerely,



Nick Palumbo  
APCCNA President



12/26/17

To whom it may concern,

I am a resident of Parkside and support the changing of the name from Brinkman Park to Brinkman-DeLoorme Park.

Thank you,

Jo Pat

1312 E. 51<sup>st</sup>

Savannah GA 31404

DECEMBER 26, 2017

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

I AM A RESIDENT IN PARKSIDE AND  
SUPPORT THE CHANGING OF THE NAME FROM  
~~BRINKMAN~~ PARK TO BRINKMAN - DELORME  
PARK.

JANET LEVINE

*Janet Levine*

314 E. 51ST. ST.

SAN ANTONIO, CA 78204

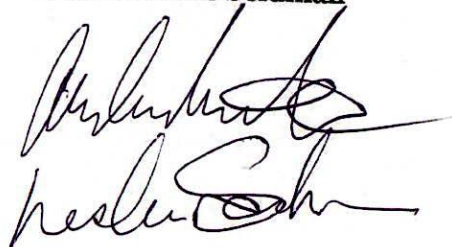


1207 East 51<sup>st</sup> Street  
Savannah, GA 31404  
December 12, 2017

We would like to officially support renaming Brinkman Park to Brinkman-Delorme Park.

Thank you,

Alan & Leslie Seidman

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**ARTICLE E. – NAMING AND RENAMING OF PUBLIC PROPERTY, FACILITIES AND  
STREETS.**

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Section 4-1100. - General policy.

As a general policy, the Mayor and Aldermen find that public property should be named after its principal function, location, or historical reference; however, significant community events, organizations or well-known persons with important contributions to the community, state or nation may deserve public recognition, which may occur by way of naming or renaming public rights-of-way or facilities.

Section 4-1101- Naming criteria and requirements.

- (a) Naming or renaming of a public right-of-way or facility shall occur only when the proposed naming or renaming satisfied at least one of the following criteria:
- (1) It honors and commemorates a noteworthy person associated with the City of Savannah, Chatham County, the State of Georgia or the United States of America;
  - (2) It commemorates local history, places, events or culture;
  - (3) It will strengthen neighborhood identity; or
  - (4) It recognizes native wildlife or natural geographical features.
- (b) The following shall not be considered for purposes of naming or renaming:
- (1) Persons that resided in the City of Savannah for less than 5 years, other than prominent national figures;
  - (2) Names assigned to existing public property within the City or unincorporated Chatham County where duplication of the name is likely to lead to confusion; and
  - (3) Except as set forth in Section 4-1106 of this Article, commercial names where usage of such name would amount to advertising.
- (c) Naming requests shall consider:
- (1) The number of residents and businesses directly affected;
  - (2) Community diversity;
  - (3) The historical significance of preexisting name or location;
  - (4) The appropriateness and compatibility of the request in relation to the existing area;
  - (5) The impact on emergency service delivery; and
  - (6) Continuity and stability.
- (d) Requests to name a public right-of-way or facility in honor of a natural person should also consider the following:
- (1) Absent extraordinary or extenuating circumstances, the proposed honoree shall be deceased;
  - (2) Whether the proposed namesake made a sustained contribution over an appreciable time period, exerted efforts of benefit or significance to local, state or national affairs and/or demonstrated leadership in governmental,

- cultural or historical affairs, humanitarian efforts, or community development;
- (3) Contributions that beneficially changed the nature and characteristics of the community; and
  - (4) Achievement by a native Savannahian of national or international acclaim in a specific field of endeavor that has reflected positively on Savannah.

Section 4-1102. - Naming new facilities or public property.

- (a) All requests to name newly acquired, created or previously unnamed public property shall be made in writing and directed to the attention of the City Manager. Such requests shall include:
  - (1) The precise location and description of the subject property;
  - (2) A thorough discussion regarding the history of the property or surrounding area, as may be applicable;
  - (3) The name, address and contact information of the requestor; and
  - (4) An endorsement by the current Mayor, an at-large alderman or the alderman representing the district in which the property is located.
- (b) Upon receipt of a property naming request submitted pursuant to this section, the City Manager shall submit the request to the Historic Sites and Monuments Commission. The Commission shall consider the requirements of this Article and submit a recommendation to the City Manager for presentation to the Mayor and Aldermen no later than 120 days after receipt of the request. Recommendations are subject to approval by City Council.

Section 4-1103 – Renaming of public property, facilities or streets.

- (a) All requests to rename public property shall be made in writing and directed to the attention of the City Manager. Such requests shall include:
  - (1) In the instance of a street or roadway:
    - (A) A supporting petition signed by not less than 75 percent of all property owners abutting the public right-of-way;
    - (B) The present official name of the street;
    - (C) The proposed new name;
    - (D) The specific location of the street or roadway;
    - (E) The name, address and telephone number of the person requesting the name change;
    - (F) A statement of reasons supporting the renaming request;
    - (G) A thorough discussion regarding the history of the right-of-way, including all prior names associated therewith; and
    - (H) An endorsement by the current Mayor, an at-large alderman or the alderman representing the district in which the right-of-way is located.
  - (2) In the instance of a park, playground, trail, recreational area or space:

- (A) A supporting petition signed by not less than 51 percent of all property owners abutting the subject property;
  - (B) The present official name of the property;
  - (C) The proposed new name;
  - (D) The specific location of the property;
  - (E) The name, address and telephone number of the person requesting the name change;
  - (F) A statement of reasons supporting the renaming request;
  - (G) A thorough discussion regarding the history of the property, including all prior names associated therewith; and
  - (H) An endorsement by the current Mayor, an at-large alderman or the alderman representing the district in which the property is located.
- (3) In the instance of a building, structure or facility:
- (A) The present official name of the building, structure or facility;
  - (B) The proposed new name;
  - (C) The specific location of the property;
  - (D) The name, address and telephone number of the person requesting the name change;
  - (E) A statement of reasons supporting the renaming request;
  - (F) A thorough discussion regarding the history of the building, structure or facility, including all prior names associated therewith; and
  - (G) An endorsement by the current Mayor, an at-large alderman or the alderman representing the district in which the building, structure or facility is located.
- (4) In the instance of all other public property:
- (A) The present official name of the property;
  - (B) The proposed new name;
  - (C) The specific location of the property;
  - (D) The name, address and telephone number of the person requesting the name change;
  - (E) A statement of reasons supporting the renaming request;
  - (F) A thorough discussion regarding the history of the property, including all prior names associated therewith; and
  - (G) An endorsement by the current Mayor, an at-large alderman or the alderman representing the district in which the property is located.

Section 4-1104 – Honorary Street Naming Designations.

- (a) Honorary street name designations are intended to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to the City. Where deemed consistent with the objectives of this section, the designation will be a temporary assignment of the honorarium and shall be in addition to the official name of an existing right-of-way.

- (b) Requests to affix an honorary designation to a public right-of-way shall be made in writing and directed to the attention of the City Manager. Submissions shall include:
- (1) Identification of the particular section or block of an existing City street for which the honorary designation is sought.
  - (2) A supporting petition signed by not less than 51 percent of all property owners abutting the subject right-of-way;
  - (3) The present official name of the right-of-way;
  - (4) The proposed honorary designation;
  - (5) The name, address and telephone number of the person requesting the name change;
  - (6) A statement of reasons supporting the honorary naming request, including a discussion of the historical significance, contributions, heroic service or personal sacrifice by the honoree to the City, state or nation;
  - (7) A discussion regarding the history of the property, including all prior names associated therewith; and
  - (8) An endorsement by the current Mayor, an at-large alderman or the alderman representing the district in which the property is located.
- (c) Honorary designations may be bestowed under the following non-exclusive circumstances:
- (1) Where the proposed namesake made a sustained contribution over an appreciable time period, exerted efforts of benefit or significance to local, state or national affairs and/or demonstrated leadership in governmental, cultural or historical affairs, humanitarian efforts, or community development;
  - (2) Where the proposed namesake made contributions that beneficially changed the nature and characteristics of the community;
  - (3) Where the proposed namesake is a native Savannahian whom achieved national or international acclaim in a specific field of endeavor that has reflected positively on Savannah; or
  - (4) Where the proposed namesake resided in the City for at least 5 years.
- (d) Individual family tributes, commercially concerned and corporate-related recognitions shall not be eligible for honorary designation.
- (e) Roadways under the control of the Federal Highway Administration, Georgia Department of Transportation or Chatham County are not subject to honorary naming.
- (f) Honorary designations shall be limited to two City Council-approved designations per calendar. Requests will be reviewed and evaluated in the order in which they are received.
- (g) Upon receipt of a request submitted pursuant to this section, the City Manager shall submit the request to the Historic Sites and Monuments Commission. The Commission shall consider the requirements of this section and submit a recommendation to the City Manager for presentation to the Mayor and Aldermen no later than 120 days after receipt of the request. Recommendations are subject to approval by City Council.

- (h) Requests approved by the Mayor and Aldermen shall be effective for five years from the date of such approval. The City may remove the sign at the end of the five-year period. If requested, the sign may be given to the applicant, honoree, or a family member of the honoree.
- (i) Renewal requests may be submitted; provided, however that they are transmitted no less than 60 days before the termination of the effective period. Renewal requests will not be given priority over pending honorary designation requests, if any.
- (j) Honorary signs may be mounted on the same post as the existing street sign or mounted free standing on a separate post. The City will maintain the sign after installation. Installation of the honorary sign(s) shall be within a reasonable time but no later than 45 days from the date of approval. The City shall replace signs stolen or damaged during the five-year approval period.
- (k) Along with any application submitted, the applicant shall include payment of a non-refundable fee to defray the costs associated with the review, design, fabrication, installation and maintenance of the sign. The fee shall be charged as set forth in the City's annual Revenue Ordinance. All fees will be deposited in the City's General Fund upon receipt. Fees and costs shall not be waived unless the honorary designation is initiated by City Council.

#### Section 4-1105. – Naming Dedication Ceremony

An applicant may request a dedication ceremony at the time application is made to the City Manager. The City Manager, or his designee, shall be responsible for scheduling such ceremony.

#### Section 4-1106. – Donations and Gifts

A donation or gift of land, goods, funding, equipment or other items may constitute a basis upon which to name or rename public property. The donation or gift shall be documented and recorded by the Clerk of Council.

#### Section 4-1107. - Notification of street name changes; publishing and posting of notices.

When the name of a street permanently has been changed pursuant to this Article, the public works administrator shall notify utility companies and interested state and local agencies of the street name change. Notifications may encompass more than one renaming event and may be provided by publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

#### Section 4-1108. - Discontinuance.

The City retains the right to reject, discontinue or abandon any naming that occurred pursuant to this Article when deemed in the best interests of the health, safety and welfare of its residents and visitors.

Petition to rename Brinkman Park, Parkside neighborhood, corner of 49<sup>th</sup> Street and Waters Avenue as John S. DeLorme Park, in memory of former Parkside neighborhood President John S. DeLorme.

- John Delorme was a life long resident of Parkside. His parents moved to Parkside in 1962. He lived there almost continuously until his death in 2017.
  - John, a resident of 1314 E. 49<sup>th</sup> Street, served as President of Parkside Neighborhood Association for close to a decade, assuming leadership of the association in the late 1990s.
  - As President, John played an important role in the designation of the neighborhood on the National Register of Historic Places in 1999.
  - In 2001, John made a formal request to the City of Savannah to create a sign in Brinkman Park as an entry point to the neighborhood to enhance neighborhood pride and visually recognize the history of Daffin Park and the Parkside neighborhood.
  - John coordinated with neighborhood residents to design, produce and install a sign and landscaping beautification, which were installed in 2002.
  - John made a request to the City under the City's Property Enhancement Program, agreeing to assume maintenance of the park, which at that time had only minimal maintenance from the city. John renewed this request several times as President.
  - For six years, John arranged for mowing and maintenance of the park out of dues from Parkside Neighborhood Association, and in between, he would singlehandedly clean the park and remove debris and trash, saving the City significant maintenance costs.
  - As President, John organized monthly meetings, speakers and annual block parties and events to foster community and neighborhood pride.
  - A history major, John documented every house in Parkside in photographs, interviewed older residents, and maintained a scrapbook of newspaper articles related to the neighborhood.
  - John regularly advocated on behalf of his neighborhood to the City on issues from zoning to crime.
  - John was ahead of his time, promoting and recognizing the history of Parkside more than a decade before the City's celebration of Daffin Park and Parkside's centennial in 2013.
  - In late 2004, after suffering seizures, John was diagnosed as having a chordoma, a rare, skull-based tumor.
  - John resigned his duties as President in 2007, only after his brain tumor had advanced, prompting numerous surgeries and radiation treatment.
  - For years after his tenure as president, in between recovery from brain tumor surgeries, John continued to regularly maintain and clean the park.
  - John continued to participate in Parkside Neighborhood Association meetings until two months before his death from complications caused by his brain tumor in January 2017.
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SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 1986

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By Mary Landers  
Savannah Morning News

When Harry and Rita DeLorme moved to Parkside with their two baby boys, the clipboard Arts and Crafts home they bought cost \$10,000, the Savannah White Sox tore up the bases on sticky summer nights in nearby Grayson Stadium and John F. Kennedy was president.

A lot has changed and a lot has stayed the same since then.

The quiet, laid-back neighborhood east of Artsley Park remains "convenient and cheap," according to Harry Jr., the older of those two baby boys who's now 38.

A quick drive to downtown and affordable house prices were two factors that swayed the Telfair Museum staffer to buy a house just blocks from where he grew up and where his parents and two of his six siblings still live.

Last month the National Park Service gave Parkside residents another reason to tout their tree-lined streets and Craftsman bungalows. Parkside joined seven other Chatham County neighborhoods on the National Register of Historic Places -- the federal government's list of historic buildings, structures, objects and districts worthy of preservation.

The honor comes to a neighborhood that's so low-profile many Savannahians respond with "Where?" when visitors say they live in Parkside.

The official boundaries are Victory Drive, 51st Street Lane, Bee Road and Waters Avenue, but residents have developed a shorthand description.

"You have to explain -- on the other side of Daffin Park," said Rita DeLorme.

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*P* Savannah neighborhood joins  
prestigious National Register  
Parkside's place





John Carrington/Savannah Morning News

Lorme, left, and his parents, Harry and Rita DeLorme, moved into their 49th Street home 36 years ago. John is the president of Parkside Neighborhood Association and his brother, Harry Junior, recently moved back to the neighborhood.

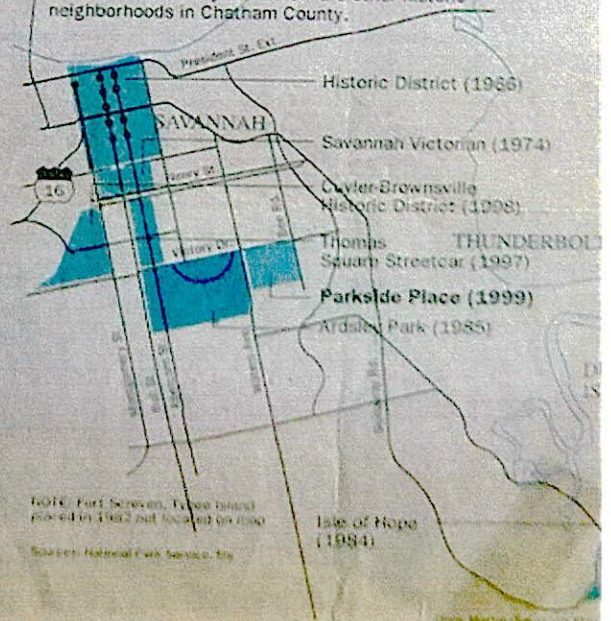


John Carrington/Savannah Morning News

Resident Wendy Foster walks her dogs in and around the lake at Daffin Park.

### A new kid on the block

Parkside Place was added to The National Register of Historic Places May 12. Below are other historic neighborhoods in Chatham County.



NOTE: Fort Screven, a Civil War fort established in 1862 but located on Ogeechee Island.

Lake of Hope (1994)

Source: National Park Service, Inc.

John Carrington/Savannah Morning News

## Criteria for listing on the National Register

Buildings, structures, objects and districts can be added to the approximately 70,000 listings of the National Register of Historic Places, an inventory begun in the 1980s in response to the destruction of historically significant sites in the name of urban renewal. According to Edson Beall, a historian with the National Parks Service, properties can be listed under four criteria:

- The site is connected with an important event.

The event can be narrow, such as a battle, or it can be broad. In the case of Daffin Park and Parkside Place (the original name for the Parkside neighborhood), the area is an example of community planning and development. Daffin, named for Philip Daffin, the first chairman of the Savannah Park and Tree Commission, was designed and approved by the commission in 1905. The park represents efforts by the city to establish parks and green spaces within the city. Parkside is one of Georgia's early automobile suburbs.

- The site displays significant architecture or engineering.

Parkside's architecture features architectural styles built throughout Georgia during the first half of the 20th century, including Craftsman, Colonial Revival, Cape Cod and English Vernacular Revival. In Daffin Park, Grayson Stadium is an excellent example of World War era stadium design.

- There contains information about Archaeological dig sites as an example.
- The site is associated with a significant person.

## What the historic designation means for homeowners

Parkside Place, the neighborhood just south of Daffin Park, was added to the National Register of Historic Places last month. What that means for local residents depends on their appreciation of history and whether they intend to rehabilitate their homes. The designation typically has no effect on property values, according to Edson Beall, a historian with the National Parks Service, the federal agency that administers the National Register.

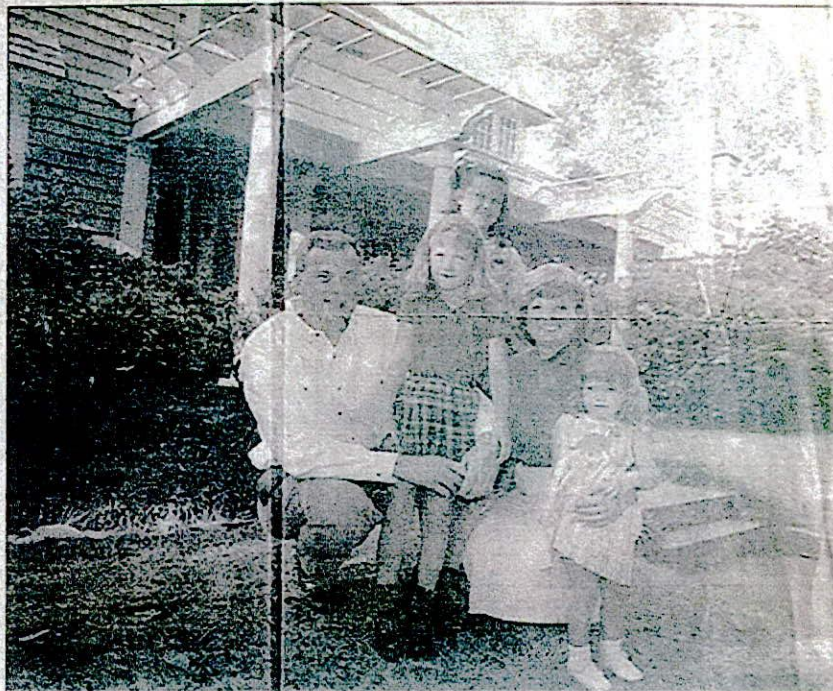
"It depends on who's buying the house," he said. "Some people think it's the best thing, some think it's the worst — they think the government's going to come and tell them what to do."

That fear is unfounded, at least at the federal level. Listing on the register has no bearing on what an owner can do to a property.

"Private owners can do with them as they please — tear them down, change the colors," Beall said.

A listing in the register recognizes a property's importance and ensures the property will be taken into account in the planning of federally funded or licensed projects.

Additionally, rehabilitated homes in historic districts may be eligible for an eight-year freeze on property tax assessments. For more information on the tax-freeze program, contact Lee Webb at the Historic Preservation Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources at (404) 651-5566.



Parkside residents Nell and Lori Dawson say the neighborhood offers opportunities not available elsewhere. An example: Letting their daughters Emily, 8, Elizabeth, 6 and Ellie, 2, watch Grayson Stadium fireworks from the back windows of their 50th Street house.

## Parkside

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The historic designation didn't surprise Neil Dawson, an architect who loved his 1925 cedar-shingled house at first sight.

"We bought it without even seeing the backyard," he said.

Dawson and his wife, Lori, had one daughter, 1-year-old Emily, when they moved from downtown Charleston seven years ago.

Now their front porch sports three identical blue swings at graduated heights — one for Emily, 8, a lower one for Elizabeth, 6 and one nearly touching the brick-red floor for Ellie, 2.

The family prefers the feel of the neighborhood over that of the bigger, better-known Ardley Park.

"Our yards aren't perfectly manicured," Dawson said. "It's more the young and loose neighborhood."

Dawson just finished his term as chairman of Georgia's National Register Review board. He

*"Private owners can do with them (houses on the Historic Register) as they please — tear them down, change the colors."*

**Edson Beall,**  
National Parks Service  
historian

abstained from the vote on his own neighborhood, but later learned it sailed through the process.

His house is a great example of why.

"If you look up Craftsman in an architectural dictionary, you'll see this house," he said.

He could design a house as beautiful as his current residence, he said, but he couldn't afford to build it — the Dawson's three-bedroom house boasts 65 windows, a butler's pantry, a built-in china closet and four fireplaces.

"There are so many details and it's so well designed," he said.

And then there's the nearby Daffin

Park from which Parkside draws its name.

The National Register cites the 75-acre park as a rare example of the Beaux-Arts-influenced "City Beautiful" plan with a live oak-lined mall through the center ending in nodes that branch toward the four corners of the park.

Parkside residents cite Daffin as their extended backyard.

The Dawsons spent a recent evening letting their girls wind down after dinner on the emerald expanse of the city's largest park.

"We just let the kids run in the grass," Lori Dawson said. "There was a baseball game over there and we could hear the noise of it."

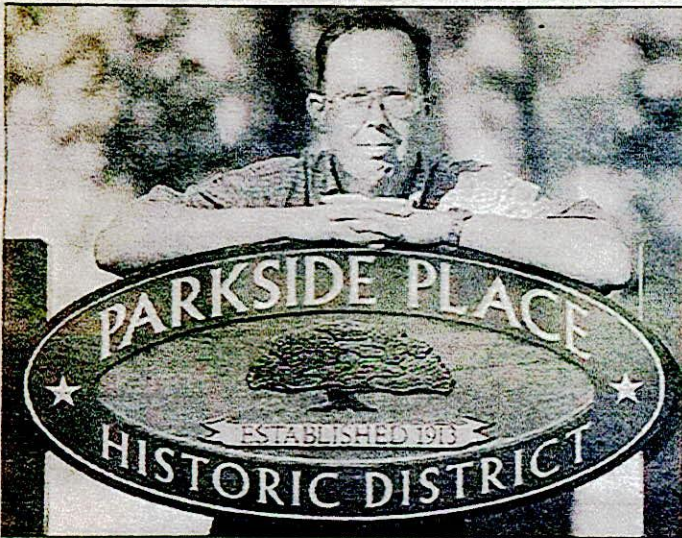
Sounds a lot like Rita DeLorme's routine three decades ago when she'd pack up three or four of her brood in a wagon and pull them around under the shade of the park's live oaks.

"It's made a complete circle," she said of the neighborhood. "When we moved in there were a lot of older people and we were the young couple. Now there's a good many people — young couples — with children."

Reporter Mary Lambert can be reached at 632-4337.

Stephen Berend/Savannah Morning News

Daffin Park is a lure to residents as well as businesses.



Stephen Berend/Savannah Morning News

John DeLorme, President of the Parkside Neighborhood Association, is proud of the fact that the Daffin Park/Parkside Place district was added to the National Register of Historic Places on May 12, 1999. DeLorme, who has lived in the Parkside neighborhood for most of his life, thinks that the new businesses around Daffin Park will be good for the area.

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## Help getting district honored is appreciated

Both Daffin Park and Parkside Neighborhood received a boost on May 12 when they were placed on the National Register of Historic Places. The district honored includes the area within Victory Drive on the north, 51st Street lane to the south, Bee Road to the east and Waters Avenue to the west.

I would like to thank the Savannah College of Art and Design's Department of Historic Preservation for the assistance it gave in processing paper work and related materials.

Special thanks, too, to SCAD students

Michelle Collier, Terri Gilbert, Michele James, Sarah Leith and all others from SCAD who helped with the nomination.

Credit and thanks are also due to Patricia Norton of Parkside Neighborhood Association, who made minor corrections on the nomination paperwork and to all members of the group who sponsored this nomination.

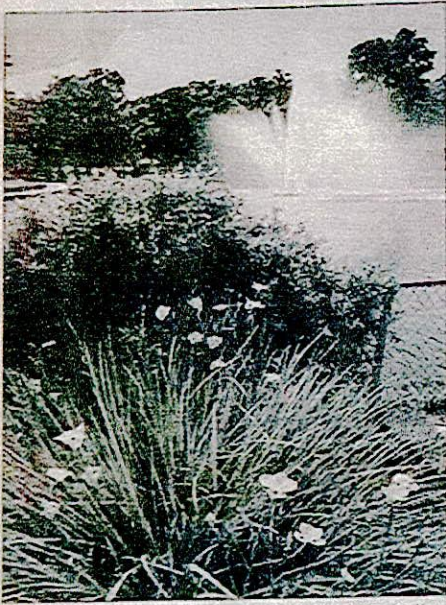
Past President Amy Hatch and past vice president Roddy Hatch spearheaded the group in its early days and should also be mentioned for their contribution. The late Betty Palmer, past treasurer, and Ellen Hatcher, present treasurer, were also helpful.

Last, but not least, I would like to express appreciation to W. Ray Luce and Steve Moffson of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, the National Park Service, and anyone else who worked for this honor which will benefit the Parkside Neighborhood for years to come.

JOHN S. DELORME

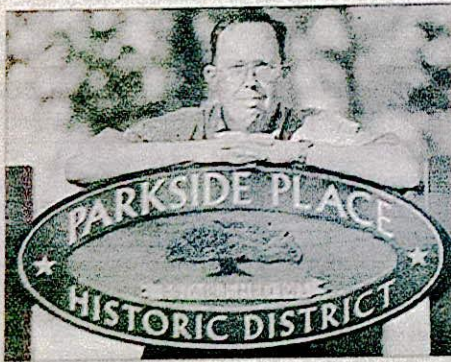
President

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Three major elements determine how fast an area

# RECIPE TO FLOURISH

will succeed in its mixed-use zones. And the property

around Daffin Park may have just what it takes.

Story by Keala Murdock • Savannah Morning News

Daffin Park is at its tipping point. Experts say the area needs three ingredients to morph into a flourishing area — it has knocked two off the list. But the final ingredient remains as to whether the neighborhoods of Daffin Park tip toward a scene of thriving neighborhoods and businesses.

## THE INGREDIENTS

### Instructions

If there were a recipe for balancing commercial and residential areas, Samuel Simowitz, the commercial sales manager with Kontor Realty Co., would be the chef du jour.

According to Simowitz, there are three major elements that determine the speediness of whether an area will flourish in its mixed-use zones.

The recipe for success calls for three ingredients.

**One: If an area is blighted, filled with vacancies or is "begging for a different use, the process is likely to be swift, including if there is a move by a developer to begin such an upgrade."**

**Two: There must be a high best use factor for the area — that the area is capable or is used to the fullest of its resources.**

**Three: The acceptance and encouragement of such growth by the surrounding residents.**

The results: A chain reaction between the development and real estate values of neighboring area. With rising businesses there are rising real estate rates. But what makes Daffin Park ready to change is its unique ability to mix old neighborhood charm with new businesses.

Technically, the area would be stereotyped under "suburbia," but its unique architecture and the history of its houses has earned it a spot on the list of the National Historic Register of Landmarks.

And unlike most places in Savannah, its form allows businesses to border alongside the neighborhoods — recalling a more close-knit time when residents walked to work or the store.

And that time may be coming around again.

However, Simowitz said areas with similar zoning don't always add up to strong commercial and residential change.

The Chippewa Terrace neighborhood, which surrounded on all four sides by 100 percent commercial use including the Oglethorpe Mall, seems to be a prime target for development changes, Simowitz said.

"But this condition has existed for many, many years without change," he said.

Another example is the pre-tipping district of the Virginia Highlands neighborhood in Atlanta.

"The Virginia Highlands area has flourished recent years with 'neighborhood' type businesses faced with restaurants, lounges, quaint shops and an upscale clientele," Simowitz said.

As a result, the area has seen property values including the surrounding homes, increase at an unusual rate.

"This is not always the case," Simowitz said. "Often a whim of the patrons may determine what an area is hot, or not."

## PROPERTY USE AGREEMENT

We, Parkside Neighborhood Association (name or organization) have been granted the use of city lot #100 block East 49th St. + Waters Ave. (property address) by the City of Savannah. It is our intent to use the land for a neighborhood park and for no other purpose. In addition to its intended use, we agree to clean, mow and otherwise maintain the lot during the period of this agreement.

The term of this agreement is for 24 months beginning February, 2001. Should the City of Savannah determine that the lot is not being used for its intended purpose or that it is not being maintained, this agreement shall terminate immediately. Parkside Neighborhood Assoc. has the right to terminate the agreement by submitting a two-week written notice to the City in care of Real Property Coordinator, City of Savannah, P.O. Box 1027, Savannah, GA 31402

### Provisions

1. We acknowledge that this land may have flooded in the past and that it may do so in the future.
2. No structure, walkway, fence or other alteration, permanent or temporary, will be constructed or erected on the lot without the prior knowledge and written permission of the City of Savannah.
3. Parking, repair work or other similar use of the land is strictly prohibited.
4. The City of Savannah must have 24 hour access.
5. The land shall not be used for any commercial purpose. Occasional fund raising events may be permitted with the prior approval of the City of Savannah.

Further, Parkside Neighborhood Association affirms that they will carry out the above functions with due care and that they shall indemnify the City of Savannah against any and all losses and liability arising out of their actions and use of the lot.

Signed:

John DeLorme, President

For Parkside Neighborhood Association

Witness: [Signature]

Address: 1120 E 50

Savannah GA

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For City Of Savannah



DYANNE C. REESE, CMC

Office of the Clerk of Council Savannah, Georgia

April 6, 2001

John Delorme, President  
Parkside Neighborhood Association  
1314 East 49<sup>th</sup> Street  
Savannah, GA 31404

Dear Mr. Delorme:

**Your petition requesting to encroach onto a City-owned lot at 49<sup>th</sup> Street and Waters Avenue with a neighborhood identification sign was heard at the regular Council meeting of April 5, 2001 and was reported on:**

Denied \_\_\_\_\_  
Cont'd \_\_\_\_\_  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

Approved   X    
Deferred \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: Recommend advising the petitioner that the encroachment grants no rights to the property and, if ever required by the City, must be removed at the Association's expense.

Yours truly,

  
Clerk of Council

PER \_\_\_\_\_

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN  
OF THE CITY OF SAVANNAH

PLEASE ALLOW FOUR TO SIX  
WEEKS FOR PROCESSING

I respectfully request your Honorable Body to

allow us (Parkside Neighborhood Association) to adopt the city lot at the 1100 block of east 49th street and Waters Avenue. We would like to beautify this property. The neighborhood association would pick up trash on the lot, mow the grass, sweep and edge the sidewalk, plant some flowers and small bushes, and other minor landscaping. We would also like to erect a sign calling attention to our historic neighborhood. The neighborhood association would apply for all the necessary permits on this matter of the sign. I feel the Parkside Neighborhood Association is up for the job. This lot needs all the help it can get. We would be performing a service for the community as well as the City of Savannah. Please consider it and thank you all very much from the Parkside Neighborhood Association

Respectfully,

John DeLorme, President, Parkside Neighborhood Association

Address: 1314 East 49th Street

## **PARKSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

**The mission statement of Parkside Neighborhood Association is to protect the historic Arts and Crafts era architecture of this area, to protect our neighborhood from commercial encroachment, to maintain rapport among residents in order to develop a sense of pride in our community, to establish good relations with our local law enforcement officials and other city departments to ensure a safe neighborhood, and to keep our neighborhood involved through meetings, block parties and other social events.**

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1314 E. 49th St.  
Savannah, GA 31404  
June 23, 1999

W. Ray Luce, Interim Division Director & Historic Preservation Officer  
Georgia Department of Natural Resources  
Historic Preservation Division  
500 The Healey Building, 57 Forsyth St., N.W.  
Atlanta, GA 30303

Dear Mr. Luce:

I was pleased to learn that Parkside Place was listed in the National Register of Historic Places as of May 12, 1999. Because I am president of the Parkside Neighborhood Association, I would like to have a copy of this announcement as well as a summary of the proposed National Register nomination if possible. Any other related materials on the Parkside Place nomination would also be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your time and interest in this matter as well as for this honor.

Sincerely,

John S. DeLorme  
President Parkside Neighborhood Association

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The term of this agreement is for 24 months beginning October 1, 2003. Should the City of Savannah determine that the lot is not being used for its intended purpose or that it is not being maintained, this agreement shall terminate immediately. Parkside Neighborhood Association has the right to terminate the agreement by submitting a two-week written notice to the City in care of Real Property Coordinator, City of Savannah, P.O. Box 1027, Savannah, GA 31402

### Provisions

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Signed:

John De Lorme  
For Parkside Neighborhood Association

Michael B. Brown

Michael Brown, City Manager

For City Of Savannah

Witness:

Address:

Henry H. De Lorme Sr.  
1314 E. 49<sup>th</sup>  
Savannah, Ga  
31402



**CITY OF SAVANNAH - Real Property Services**  
Gamble Building • P.O. Box 1027 • Savannah, GA 31402  
912-651-6510 • FAX 912-651-6519

October 6, 2003

Mr. John DeLorme  
Parkside Neighborhood Association  
1314 E 49<sup>th</sup> Street  
Savannah, GA 31404

Re: Use of City owned Lot  
49<sup>th</sup> and Waters

Dear Mr. DeLorme:

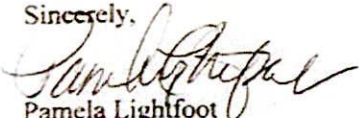
Thank you for your interest in the City of Savannah's Property Enhancement Program. Attached is an use agreement for your review. This agreement must be signed by a minimum of two officers of your organization. In addition, the following items must be included with your application:

1. A mission statement, bylaws or other similar document which would define your organization.
2. A detailed plan of your organization's intended use of the property including a summary of how the maintenance is to be carried out.
3. Minutes from an association meeting indicating the organization's agreement to maintain the property for the three year period.

It is the City of Savannah's intent that the Property Enhancement Program be used as a community enhancement project by the organizations that become involved. Once enrolled in the program, the use of the lot will be monitored by City staff. If the agreement is not adhered to, it will be immediately cancelled and any improvements made to the lot must be removed or abandoned.

Should you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at (912)651-6510.

Sincerely,

  
Pamela Lightfoot  
Real Property Director

## **PARKSIDE PRESS**

**I am retiring...**

**Effective September 24,2007 I will be chairing my last Parkside meeting. I will continue to be involved with the neighborhood and related activities.**

**Particulars of this meeting:**

**DATE: September 24, 2007**

**PLACE: First Presbyterian Church,  
520 Washington Avenue,  
John Knox Room**

**TIME: 7:00 PM**

**SCHEDULE:**

**7:00 -7:15: Officer Tony Lopez will update us on crime statistics and address our safety concerns.**

**7:15 -7:30: DOOR PRIZES  
John DeLorme will distribute door prizes he was unable to distribute at June's cancelled block party.**

**7:30 - 8:00: Election of Officers  
(President, V. President, Treasurer,  
Secretary)**

**NEWS, etc.**

**\*\*\*Did you know that you are responsible for keeping your lane property mowed? Your lane property extends several feet beyond your back yard.**

**\*\*\*I will still be collecting signatures to enable Parkside's architecture to be protected by law.**

**\*\*\*Parkside Membership is \$10 a year. This money is used for upkeep of our city lot (neighborhood park) at 49<sup>th</sup> Street and Waters Avenue. Money for door prizes for this meeting comes from this source of revenue.**

**\*\*\*Make an effort to attend this meeting. Otherwise, we will be without a neighborhood association and representation. Property values (now excellent) will go down.**



## memo

**To:** Joseph Shearouse, Jr.  
**From:** Luciana Spracher, Library & Archives Director *LS*  
**Date:** December 8, 2017  
**Re:** Public Property Naming Application Review: Brinkman Park

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*The Research Library & Municipal Archives "Verifies the accuracy of any and all historical statements, contributions, and references regarding the proposed name."*

**Current Name:** Brinkman Park

**Proposed Name:** J. DeLorme-Brinkman Park

**Location:** Northeast corner of East 49<sup>th</sup> Street and Waters Avenue


**Applicant:** Rob Hessler, 1414 East 50<sup>th</sup> Street, (213) 454-1363, ParksideSAV@gmail.com

### Requirement Checklist for Naming Request

- A supporting petition signed by not less than 51 percent of all property owners abutting the subject property;
- The present official name of the property;
- The proposed new name;
- The specific location of the property;
- The name, address and telephone number of the person requesting the name change;
- A statement of reasons supporting the renaming request;
- A thorough discussion regarding the history of the property, including all prior names associated therewith; and
- An endorsement by the current Mayor, an at-large alderman or the alderman representing the district in which the property is located.

### Comments/Recommendations:

1. Requirements include a supporting petition signed by not less than 51 percent of all property owners. The applicant provided a petition signed by two property owners of



1108 East 49<sup>th</sup> Street and two tenants of 1110 East 49<sup>th</sup> Street. Upon review of the Chatham County Tax Assessor's Property Record Cards, 1108-1110 East 49<sup>th</sup> Street is one property owned by the two petition signers of 1108 East 49<sup>th</sup> Street (PIN 2-0085-08-014, Lots 247-248 Pierpont Ward). This is the property immediately east of the park in question. Since Brinkman Park is the only park in the Parkside Neighborhood, designated in 1924, and has been supported by the Parkside Neighborhood Association since 2001 (see attachment "Brinkman Park"), it is recommended additional comment be solicited from the abutting property owners within the bounds of Parkside (this would include those to the north and south of the park) and the members of the Parkside Neighborhood Association.

2. The application includes the present name of the park, Brinkman Park, and includes a letter from Kristen Aspaas and George Shaw that states "We appreciate the generous gift the original donor made to the city." There is no additional information provided in the application regarding the history of the property or the original donor. The Library & Archives recently completed a brief review of the history of Brinkman Park (see attachment "Brinkman Park"). The park land was donated to the City by the Parkside Land Company in 1922. In 1924, City Council passed a resolution setting aside the land as a public park under the management of the Park and Tree Commission. No record of the park's official naming has been located in City records. However, during this period it was typical for City wards and parks to be named for City leaders, particularly mayors and aldermen. It is likely that Brinkman Park is named for Henry Christian Brinkman (1871-1934), who served as aldermen for several terms between 1925 and 1934. Brinkman died of a heart attack while serving as alderman in 1934. It is unknown when the park began to be referred to as Brinkman Park.
3. The packet received by the Library & Archives lacked an endorsement by the Mayor or an alderman for review.

#### **Criteria**

All public property names should meet one of the following criteria:

- To honor and commemorate noteworthy persons associated with the City of Savannah, Chatham County, State of Georgia, or the United States of America;
- To commemorate local history, places, events or culture;
- To strengthen neighborhood identity; or
- To recognize native wildlife or natural features.

#### **Comments/Recommendations:**

1. The application and supporting documents testify that John DeLorme was instrumental in improving and beautifying Brinkman Park, as both President of the Parkside Neighborhood Association and as a private citizen. The Library & Archives' research in

City records documents that John DeLorme, as Parkside Neighborhood Association President, led an effort to improve and beautify Brinkman Park, starting in November 2000 when he petitioned City Council on behalf of the Association for permission to adopt the park (in order to pick up trash, mow grass, sweep the sidewalk, and perform minor landscaping) and install a sign identifying the Parkside Neighborhood, utilizing the City's new Property Enhancement Program. His efforts were successful in gaining attention for the park and its improvement, and installing a sign drawing attention to Parkside as a distinct and historic neighborhood.

**Restrictions**

- Persons that resided in the City of Savannah for less than 5 years, other than prominent national figures;
- Names assigned to existing public property within the City or unincorporated Chatham County where duplication of the name is likely to lead to confusion; and
- Except as set forth in Section 4-1106, commercial names where usage of such name would amount to advertising.

**Comments/Recommendations:**

1. Not applicable


**Considerations**

Naming requests shall take into account:

- The number of residents and businesses directly affected;
- Community diversity;
- The historical significance of preexisting name or location;
- The appropriateness and compatibility of the request in relation to the existing area;
- The impact on emergency service delivery; and
- Continuity and stability.

**Comments/Recommendations:**

1. Brinkman Park is a neighborhood park. It is the only park within the bounds of the Parkside Neighborhood. It has been supported by the Parkside Neighborhood Association over the years through maintenance and beautification efforts. As such, renaming of the park would directly affect all residents of the neighborhood, not just those immediately adjacent to it.
2. The historical significance of the preexisting name, Brinkman, has not been fully documented at this time, though it is believed to be named for Henry Christian Brinkman. It is not recommended to remove names which previous generations have chosen to honor without a full understanding of specifically who they are named for and why.

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3. To provide continuity to the use of the name Brinkman Park, it is recommended to maintain the historical portion of the name first and include the new addition second.

#### **Natural Person Naming Request**

Requests should consider following:

- ⊗ Absent extraordinary or extenuating circumstances, the proposed honoree for permanent naming shall be deceased;
- ⊗ Whether the proposed namesake made a sustained contribution over an appreciable time period, exerted efforts of benefit or significance to local, state or national affairs and/or demonstrated leadership in governmental, cultural or historical affairs, humanitarian efforts, or community development;
- Contributions that beneficially changed the nature and characteristics of the community; and
- Achievement by a native Savannahian of national or international acclaim in a specific field of endeavor that has reflected positively on Savannah.


#### **Comments/Recommendations:**

1. John Stephen DeLorme was born January 2, 1962 and died on January 12, 2017. He was a native of Savannah, and a graduate of Benedictine Military School and Armstrong State University. Source: "John DeLorme," *Savannah Morning News* (13 January 2017), available online at <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/savannah/obituary.aspx?n=john-delorme&pid=183586855&fhid=5316> (last accessed 30 November 2017).
2. Research conducted by the Library & Archives on Brinkman Park and documentation submitted by the applicant demonstrate the sustained efforts of John DeLorme to maintain and improve Brinkman Park for the benefit of the Parkside community for almost twenty years.

#### **Research Library & Municipal Archives Recommendations**

1. Recommend approval of renaming park to reflect contributions of John DeLorme to the improvement and beautification of Brinkman Park.
2. Recommend renaming to "Brinkman-DeLorme Park."
  - a. The applicant requested the park be renamed J. DeLorme-Brinkman Park. Since this is the first application for the renaming of a park under this ordinance, it is important to set a precedent for the renaming of parks under circumstances that reflect a combination of historical and new names. It is recommended this be consistently handled moving forward with a naming convention standard by presenting the historical name first and then the new addition. Additionally, it is recommended that in instances of combining historical and new names into hyphenated names, only last names be used.



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3. Recommend notification of Historic Site and Monument Commission meeting during which the application will be considered be forwarded to the Parkside Neighborhood Association for dissemination to the neighborhood residents.

**Attachments:**

"Brinkman Park," prepared by L. Spracher, City of Savannah, Research Library & Municipal Archives, May 16, 2017

## BRINKMAN PARK

*Acquired by the City:* 1922

*Designated a Public Park:* 1924

*Named for:* possibly Alderman Henry Christian Brinkman (1871-1934)

*Location:* Northeast corner of East 49<sup>th</sup> Street and Waters Avenue

*Legal Description:* Lots 244, 245, 246, Pierpont Ward

*PIN #:* 2-0085-08-015



Brinkman Park, looking northeast from East 49<sup>th</sup> Street, photograph May 15, 2017.

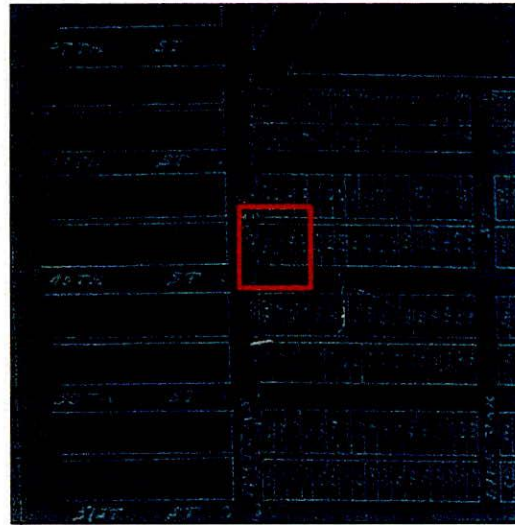
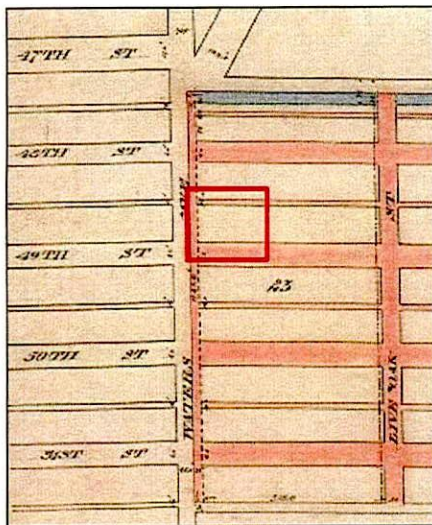


Location of Brinkman Park taken from [www.sagis.org](http://www.sagis.org) (last accessed May 15, 2017).

Brinkman Park is located on the northeast corner of East 49<sup>th</sup> Street and Waters Avenue, encompassing three lots (Lots 244, 245, 246, Pierpont Ward) in the Parkside Place Historic District. The passive park measures approximately 9,450 square feet or 0.22 acres, features seven (7) trees and a few boxwoods and azaleas, and is currently maintained by the Park and Tree Department.

Brinkman Park is listed in an inventory of the City's scenic parks and squares as a neighborhood park with a capacity for 50.<sup>1</sup>

Parkside Place Historic District is bounded by Victory Drive, Waters Avenue, Bee Road and East 51<sup>st</sup> Street Lane, and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1999. Parkside Land Company laid out Parkside Place and began selling lots in 1913. The residential subdivision is comprised of mostly single family dwellings. The development company set covenants/restrictions on the lots as they were sold starting in 1916, which remained in effect until 1936. Lots are typically 100 feet deep and range from 60-120 feet wide. Brinkman Park is the only park within the bounds of Parkside Place, as the neighborhood makes use of Daffin Park, immediately adjacent to the north.<sup>2</sup>



Left: "Map of property of the Parkside Land Co., showing proposed street lines and land to be exchanged with the City" (indicated by red shading), February 23, 1914, W. O'D. Rockwell, Assistant Chief Engineer. Right: Map of Parkside Place, circa 1914. Faint original red lines outlined 3 lots which comprise Brinkman Park.<sup>3</sup>

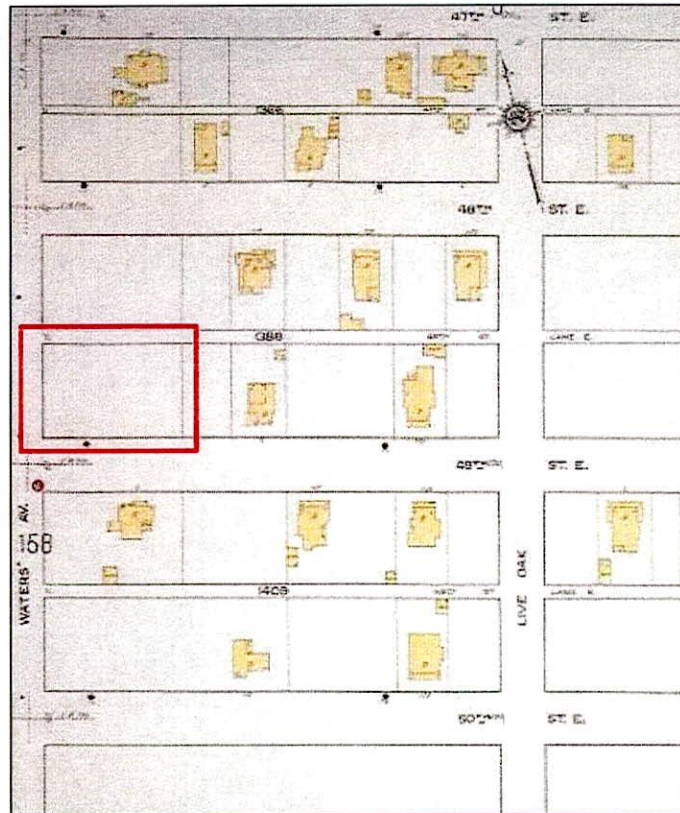
Parkside Place was annexed into the City of Savannah's corporate limits in August 1914. In exchange for the City of Savannah extending a water main along Waters Avenue and grading the streets within Parkside Place, the Parkside Land Company deeded the streets to the City of Savannah. The entire subdivision was designated within the City's ward system as Pierpont Ward, named and

<sup>1</sup> Robin Poleynard, Administrative Assistant for City of Savannah Park & Tree Department, to Luciana Spracher, Library & Archives Director, email May 15, 2017; "Regulations, Policies, Procedures and Fees for Special Events and Public Gatherings in the City's Scenic Parks and Squares," prepared by Leisure Services Bureau (approved December 13, 2005, updated January 4, 2010), page 16, available online at: <http://www.savannahga.gov/documentcenter/view/872> (last accessed May 16, 2017); 2016 Chatham County Board of Assessors Property Record Card, PIN 2-0085-08-015, available online at: <http://boa.chathamcounty.org/DesktopModules/ChathamCounty/BoardofAssessors/PropertyRecordCard.aspx?RollYear=2016&PIN=2-0085-08-015> (last accessed May 16, 2017); Lots 244, 245, 246, Pierpont Ward measure 90 feet by 105 feet, resulting in 9,450 square feet or 0.2169421 acres.

<sup>2</sup> "National Register of Historic Places Registration Form: Daffin Park-Parkside Place Historic District," National Park Service Certification May 12, 1999, Savannah Area Local Reference Files: Neighborhoods-Parkside Place, City of Savannah, Research Library & Municipal Archives (hereafter RLMA).

<sup>3</sup> Record Series 3121-009, Engineering Department – Property Maps, Map #16-06A, RLMA; Record Series 3121-020, Engineering Department – Major Subdivision Maps, Map #045-A, RLMA.

defined by City Council on February 3, 1915. At the same time, the City's streets were officially extended through Pierpont Ward. The 1916 Sanborn Insurance Map of Savannah reflects early development in Parkside Place, with residences starting to appear on lots. However, Lots 244, 245 and 246, Pierpont Ward are depicted as vacant on the 1916 map (see below).<sup>4</sup>



Lots 244, 245 and 246, Pierpont Ward in Parkside Place, 1916.<sup>5</sup>

On October 4, 1922, the Parkside Land Company deeded Lots 244, 245, and 246, Pierpont Ward to the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah. The deed included Parkside's original covenants/restrictions and was signed by company President, James T. Wells, and attested to by Secretary, Paul E. Seabrook (Seabrook would soon serve as Savannah Mayor, from January 22, 1923-

<sup>4</sup> Deed 682, The Parkside Land Company to the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah, August 15, 1914, Record Series 0115-003, Clerk of Council's Office - Deeds, Box 0115-003-4.4, Folder 53, RLMA; *The Code of the City of Savannah*, prepared by David S. Atkinson, Assistant City Attorney, by Authority of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah, adopted July 3, 1918 (Savannah, GA: Press of M. S. & D. A. Byck Co., 1918), pp 438-439.

<sup>5</sup> Sanborn Map Company, *Insurance maps of Savannah, Georgia, 1916 : volume 2 : [sheet 166 of 144]*, University of Georgia Libraries Map Collection, Athens, Ga., presented in the Digital Library of Georgia, available online at: [http://dlg.galileo.usg.edu/sanb/id:savannah\\_ga-1916-2-s-166](http://dlg.galileo.usg.edu/sanb/id:savannah_ga-1916-2-s-166) (last accessed May 16, 2017).

January 26, 1925). Following receipt of the deed transferring ownership, City Council acknowledged and accepted the transfer of property as a gift from the Parkside Land Company.<sup>6</sup>

In a resolution passed on April 30, 1924, City Council set aside the Pierpont Ward lots given to the City by the Parkside Land Company in 1922 as a public park under the management of the Park and Tree Commission:

*By the Committee of the Whole. Resolved by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah, in Council assembled, that that certain tract of land conveyed to the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah by deed, dated October 4<sup>th</sup>, 1922 from the Parkside Land Company and recorded in the records of Chatham County, Georgia, Book 17 N's, Folio 175, and described in said deed as being those three certain lots, tracts or parcels of land situate, lying and being in Pierpont Ward, in the City of Savannah, Chatham County, Georgia, and shown and designated upon a certain plat and survey made by W. O'D. Rockwell, C. E., for the Parkside Land Company, recorded in Map Book 1 in the records of Chatham County, Georgia, as lots numbers 244, 245 and 246, said lots lying contiguous and having a combined frontage of ninety (90) feet by a rectangular depth of one hundred and five (105) feet and as a whole bounded on the North by a lane; on the East by lot No. 247, Pierpont Ward; on the South by 49<sup>th</sup> street and on the West by Waters Avenue, be and the same is hereby set aside as a public park and as such, the Park and Tree Commission for the City of Savannah shall have the exclusive management of all matters and things relative to the care, preservation, improvement, adornment, good order and regulation thereof. Adopted and approved.*<sup>7</sup> [underline added for emphasis]

No record of the park's official naming has been located in the City Council's records or the Park and Tree Commission's records. However, during this period it was typical for City wards and parks to be named for City leaders, particularly mayors and aldermen. It is likely that Brinkman Park is named for H. C. Brinkman. Brinkman served as alderman for five terms, dying in office during his fifth term from a heart attack following a car accident:

*Brinkman, H(enry) C(ristian) (born 1871, died 1934)*

- *alderman January 26, 1925 - January 24, 1927*
- *alderman January 24, 1927 - January 21, 1929*
- *alderman January 21, 1929 - January 26, 1931 (vice- chairman of council)*
- *alderman December 28, 1932 (replaced Garrard Haines who died December 18, 1932) - January 23, 1933*
- *alderman January 23, 1933 - August 19, 1934 (died)*<sup>8</sup>

Upon his death, City Council passed a resolution on September 5, 1934 memorializing Brinkman's public service:

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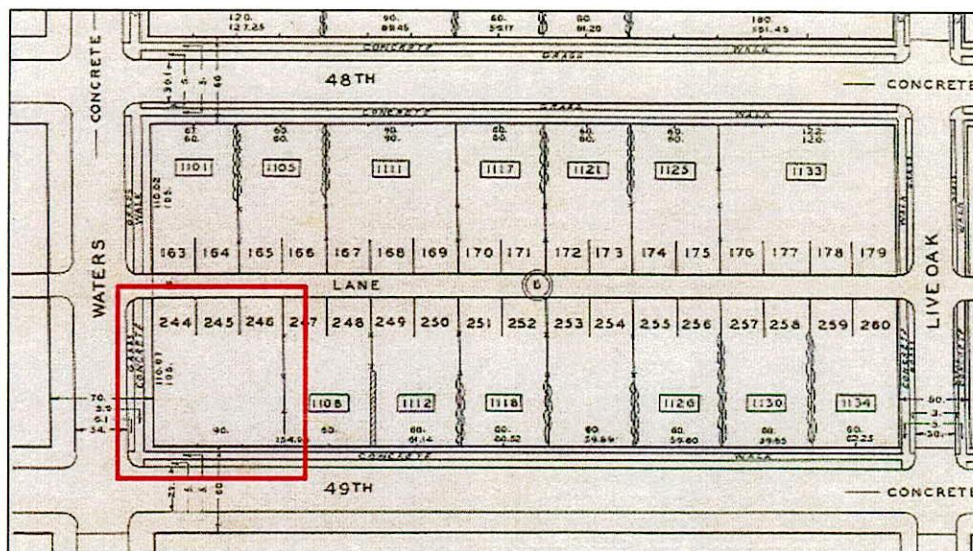
<sup>6</sup> Deed 887 (Chatham County Superior Court Record Book 17N-Folio 175), The Parkside Land Company to the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah, October 4, 1922, Record Series 0115-003, Clerk of Council's Office – Deeds, Box 0115-003-4.6, Folder 71, RLMA; Resolutions, Official Proceedings of City Council (October 22, 1922), page 445; "Index to Mayors and Aldermen, 1790-2012," p 34, RLMA.

<sup>7</sup> Resolutions, Official Proceedings of City Council (April 30, 1924), page 288.

<sup>8</sup> "Index to Mayors and Aldermen..." p 18; "Prominent Citizen," *Spartanburg Herald* (August 20, 1934), available online at <http://www.genealogy.com/forum/surnames/topics/brinkman/401/> (last accessed May 16, 2017).

*That in the death of Alderman Henry Christian Brinkman, on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of August 1934, the City of Savannah has sustained a great loss, and this Body has been deprived of the services of one its most conscientious and painstaking members.... No man ever served the City of Savannah in an official position who was more devoted to his duties than Alderman Brinkman. Unselfishly and unsparingly he gave a large portion of his time daily to the City's business. By reason of his thorough knowledge of the financial affairs of the City and of his grasp of business details and his infinite patience and great firmness, he was largely instrumental in steering the City of Savannah through the financial crisis which prevailed for the past several years. Not only has the Board of Aldermen been deprived of his valuable counsel and painstaking labors, but the community itself has lost one of its most public-spirited citizens. Savannah could ill afford to lose such a splendid citizen and high-minded public official whose devotion to his public duty and his love for the City of Savannah were always placed by him above his private [sic] interests....<sup>9</sup>*

Brinkman served as Chairman of the Finance Committee and was described by Mayor Thomas Gamble as the “right arm” of the City government. He was a native of Neuenlande, Germany, immigrating to Savannah around 1885, and was an active member of the German County Club and the German Friendly Society.<sup>10</sup>



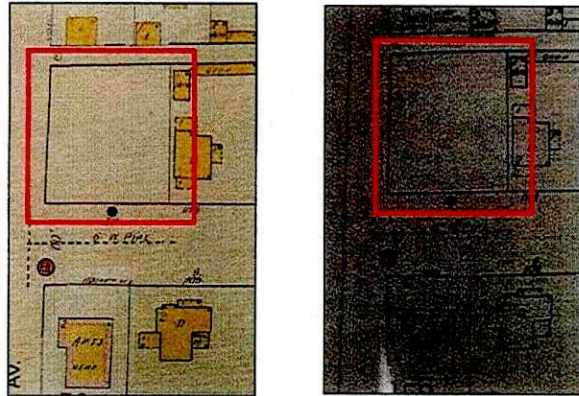
Pierpont Ward, 1939.<sup>11</sup>

Maps throughout the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century depict Brinkman Ward as simply empty lots, including those produced as part of the Works Progress Administration’s (W.P.A.) Savannah Cadastral Survey and the Sanborn Insurance Company’s periodic maps of Savannah (see above and below).

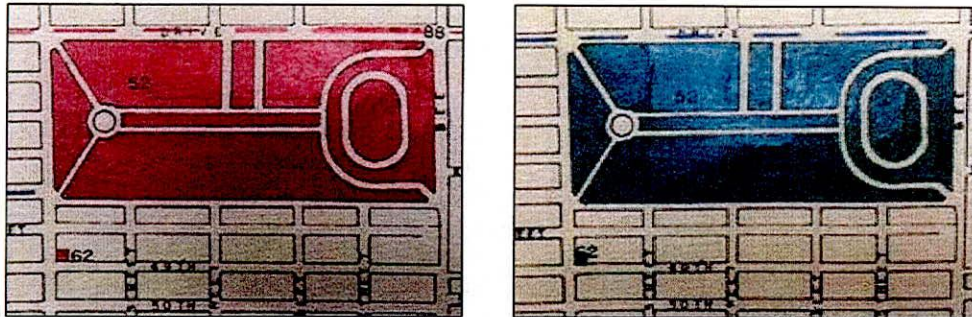
<sup>9</sup> Resolutions, Official Proceedings of City Council (September 5, 1934), page 224.

<sup>10</sup> “Prominent Citizen”...

<sup>11</sup> Record Series 3121-019, Engineering Department – Savannah Cadastral Survey Ward Maps, Folder 3121-019-4, Sheet 184, Pierpont Ward, Block No. 1-2-6-7, RLMA.



Left: Sanborn Insurance Map of Savannah, 1954. Right: Sanborn Insurance Map of Savannah, 1971.<sup>12</sup>



Left: Brinkman Park labeled "62" and marked red for "needs improvement," "City of Savannah, Parks and Open Space Conditions," prepared by the Georgia Southern Area Planning and Development Commission, no date. Right: Brinkman Park labeled "62" and marked green for "1971," "City of Savannah, Parks and Open Space Improvements by Year."<sup>13</sup>

Maps prepared by the Georgia Southern Area Planning and Development Commission in the late 1960s or early 1970s identify the park as needing improvements, but it is unclear if any were ever made (see above).

In November 2000, the Parkside Neighborhood Association, through Association President John DeLorme, petitioned City Council for permission to adopt the City lot on the corner of East 49th Street and Waters Avenue (in the petition it was not referred to as Brinkman Park), as well as for permission "to erect a sign calling attention to our historic neighborhood." The petition stated the Association would pick up trash, mow grass, sweep the sidewalk, plant flowers and small bushes, and perform other minor landscaping. It further called out that "this lot needs all the help it can get." In a memo to City Council dated March 28, 2001, City Manager Michael Brown mentioned that with approval of this petition the Parkside Neighborhood Association would "become the first group to participate in the Property Enhancement Program whereby a group or citizen is allowed the use of a City owned lot as a passive park or garden in exchange for maintaining the lot. This program was

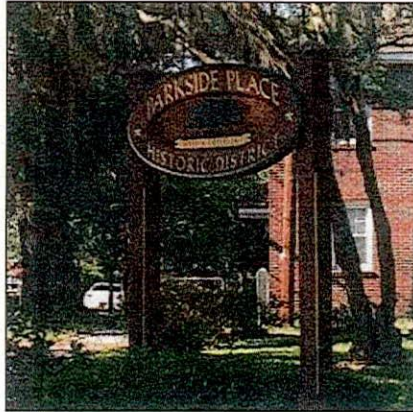
<sup>12</sup> Sanborn Insurance Maps, 1954 and 1971, Chatham County-Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC).

<sup>13</sup> Record Series 3121-007, Engineering Department – General Maps, Map #XA-017 and XA-018, RLMA.

designed to reduce City costs to clear and mow the yard and to reduce blight by having the neighborhood become responsible for the maintenance of the land.”<sup>14</sup>

It seems that between the lots’ designation in 1924 as a public park and this approval in 2001, the City had ignored the park to such an extent that it was regarded as simply undeveloped and uncared for lots rather than an actual park.

The Association’s petition to encroach on the property to erect the sign was approved by City Council on April 5, 2001, with the comments “that the encroachment grants no rights to the property and, if ever required by the City, [the sign] must be removed at the Association’s expense.” The sign was permitted through the City’s Department of Inspections (Permit #00-43685) and manufactured by Sign Mart. It is a single-sided, oval wood sign featuring the text “Parkside Place Historic District, Established 1913.”<sup>15</sup>



Parkside Place sign at the southwest corner of Brinkman Park  
(sign faces southwest, towards Waters Avenue and 49<sup>th</sup> Street), photograph taken May 15, 2017.


*Repositories & Resources Consulted:*

- Chatham County-Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission (Sanborn Insurance Maps)
- City of Savannah Departments Outreach: Park and Tree; Real Property Services; Community Planning and Development
- City of Savannah, ACM/Bureau Chief Public Development Records (Administrative Subject Files)
- City of Savannah, City Manager’s Records (Administrative Subject Files)
- City of Savannah, Clerk of Council’s Office Records (City Council Meeting Papers; Deeds; Official Proceedings of City Council)
- City of Savannah, Engineering Department Records (Map Collections)
- City of Savannah, Park and Tree Commission Records (Commission Minutes; Correspondence; Financial; Resolutions)
- City of Savannah, Public Information Office Records (Photographs; Reports to Council)

<sup>14</sup> City Council Meeting Papers April 5, 2001, Petition 8703, Record Series 0115-001, Clerk of Council’s Office – City Council Meeting Papers, Box 0115-001-93, RLMA.

<sup>15</sup> Reports, Petition 8703, Official Proceedings of City Council (April 5, 2001), page 4.





City of Savannah, Research Library & Municipal Archives (Index to Mayors and Aldermen; Reference Requests; Savannah Area Local Government Documents Collection; Savannah Area Local Reference Files; Savannah City Codes)  
Digital Library of Georgia (Sanborn Insurance Maps)

## Joe Shearouse01

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**From:** Gordon Denney  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 28, 2017 12:11 PM  
**To:** Joe Shearouse01; Barry Baker  
**Subject:** RE: Park Renaming Petition

Joe,

Good morning. I have looked over the petition and the only recommendation I would make is to reverse the names to read Brinkman-Delorme Park. This would be both alphabetical and note the original honoree first.

As we discussed on the phone earlier, something like this should be put before the Park and Tree Commission to see if they have any comments. Since the Chairman is one of the members of the Historic Sites and Monuments Commission they can voice any concerns they may have through that avenue. I would recommend that maybe you send this petition to Delores Engle, Park and Tree Commission Chairman, at [doloresdysonengle@att.net](mailto:doloresdysonengle@att.net) so it can be dispersed among the members prior to their December 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. This would allow them an opportunity to discuss and relay any concerns to Delores for the HSMC meeting in January.

Maybe you might consider attending the December meeting to discuss this new process and the current proposal? I will leave that up to you to decide and work out with Delores if you so choose.

**Gordon D. Denney, PLA**  
Director  
Park and Tree Department  
City of Savannah

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**From:** Joe Shearouse01  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 21, 2017 12:39 PM  
**To:** Barry Baker; Gordon Denney  
**Subject:** Park Renaming Petition

Morning,

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The completed application and supporting documents are attached.

Please let me know if you have any concerns or comments. Your comments or concerns will be attached to the petition packet along with Municipal Research and Archives comments and submitted to the Sites and Monuments Commission for a recommendation. Then presented to City Council for a final vote.

Next Sites and Monuments Commission meeting is December 7<sup>th</sup>. Please try and send any comments before then. If you have no concerns, just mention to me no concerns or foreseen issues.

Thanks

**Joseph C. Shearouse Jr.**  
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**Joe Shearouse01**

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**From:** Barry Baker  
**Sent:** Monday, November 27, 2017 8:49 AM  
**To:** Joe Shearouse01  
**Subject:** RE: Park Renaming Petition

No concerns or foreseen issues.

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