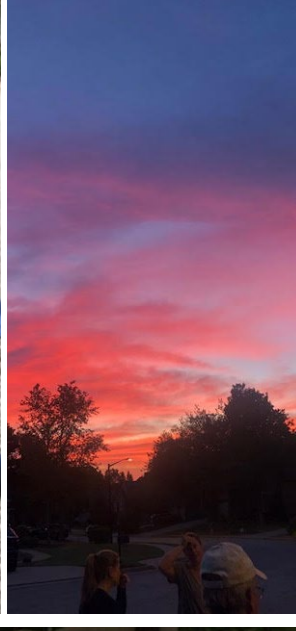




Dear Neighbors,

FOX CHAPEL CONNECTS: After a year of social distancing, our neighborhood had a fun gathering at the cul de sac on April 29th. With over 30 in attendance, we got to meet new neighbors, catch up on news, and be amazed how children had grown in the past 13 months. In appreciation for our patience and understanding for a little loud music, J. R. Crickets provided ample wings and fries for the entire evening.

Atlanta's CDC had given the all-clear for us to be together maskless outside, and the weather was perfect, ending with a very colorful sunset. It felt good... It felt fine. Let's do it again soon.



Neighborhood Spotlight

John Handy, 1873

Right as our street does its hairpin turn is the home of a dedicated teacher, accomplished academic, and student of jazz.

John Handy takes pride in his family's roots in America's Historic Black Colleges and Universities and - like a number in his family, many of whom are preachers and teachers - he's a great talker. His story of how he came to the area is compelling.

John's father, also John, was born in Harrisburg, PA, and studied Religion and Psychology at Shaw University, a HBCU in Raleigh, NC., amassing a total of four degrees at various institutions. His career path, however, was as an Army chaplain and colonel. After retiring from the army, he became Vice President and Provost at Hampton University in Hampton, VA. In World War II in Marseilles, France, he met Bertha Reed, of Atlanta, GA, working with the U.S. Red Cross and they married.

Bertha was one of six children. Her father, Thomas, left farming during the Great Depression and learned the construction trade. He constructed the original slate roofs on buildings which included Sisters Chapel and Rockefeller Hall at the all-women's Spelman College in Atlanta, and Hope Hall and Merrill Hall at Morehouse College. Later, Bertha and her two sisters, Kathleen and Billie, were awarded scholarships and graduated from Spelman.

John was born in Pittsburgh, but at age four moved with his mother to The Bronx where his Aunt Grace was living. John attended Evander Childs High School playing baseball and running track, participating in the Junior Olympics, and winning in 400 meters. He graduated from Hunter College, a city college, with a degree in Economics and Math, and then headed to Columbia University, where he completed his M.A. in Economics. He then taught two years at Howard University in Washington, DC.

John headed to Atlanta to teach Economics at Clark College, later Clark Atlanta University, and has taught at Georgia State (where he completed his Ph.D.), Mercer Atlanta, Southern Tech and finally at Morehouse where he taught for twenty-six years, fifteen of which chairing the department.

In retirement, John follows his passions - politics, public health and economic welfare, tax policy, and "what is necessary to improve the lives of the American people... that's what economics should be about!" He reads on the history of economic thought and writes, attending and presenting at various conferences.



John with his daughters Erin (left) and Nia (right)

He is attached to his Linked-in account and loves to follow former students, many of whom have gone on to big things: professorships at UC/Berkeley, Georgetown, and American University, and jobs at major investment firms and corporations.

But if you ask John what he is most proud of, he will quickly tell you of his two daughters and their families, and like a proud dad, there are pictures.

Growing up John's elder daughter Nia loved to sing and dance. Today she is a forensic accountant and a triathlete - biking, swimming and rowing - and lives in Hoschton in NE Georgia. She has two teenage daughters, Sunsea and Imani, but Covid has made visits difficult.

Erin, John's younger daughter, grew up playing soccer and now is a GA Tech-trained engineer. She lives nearby with two sons, Jordon and Jaden who attend Griffin Middle School and Jasmine - "Jas", a junior at Campbell High School.

How did you come to Fox Chapel?

I had been living in a townhome on Cooper Lake Drive and thought these were nice houses and a good neighborhood.

What has helped you get thru the Pandemic?

Writing a book on the history of economic thought, listening to my jazz collection, and participating in the Jazz and Spirituality Group at the First Congregational Church on Courtland Street in downtown Atlanta - Music is the language of the Soul. The group had been meeting in-person for more than a year, and then over the last year we have shared jazz music, politics, and religious thought on Zoom on Saturday mornings.

What do you do for fun in our area?

I've been a Braves fan and went to games at the old stadiums, but I haven't been to Truist Park. I probably won't attend until the virus calms down. 100% capacity is a little too much at this time. I'm also looking forward to returning to live concerts at the Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre.

What are your favorite restaurants nearby?

I used to love to take guests to Houston's on Northside Parkway. I now takeout their veggie burger and smoked salmon. I frequent Top Spice at Akers Mill and enjoy their Spicy Chicken dishes, and their Seafood Lover's Delight. I also enjoy Los Bravos' chicken enchiladas up at Highland Station.

The Quarantine is about over. Where are you headed?

Spending more time with family and traveling more to see classmates and friends.

What would you like your neighbors to know about you?

I have a large music collection and play the trumpet badly, but I enjoy it nonetheless.. My favorite albums (vinyl) are by Miles Davis, John Coltrane, and Ahmad Jamal.

Time for Tennis!

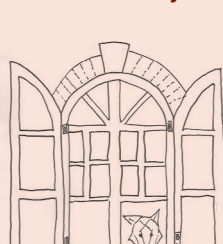
Young Stella Seeley and Aahana Kunduri are tennis prodigies-in-training! Shown this spring with Coach Traci. Our HOA President coaches all ages and levels of aspiring players.



WANT TO MAKE A CHANGE?

Before starting an exterior home project, make sure you get it approved by the ACC. Simply fill out the form on the neighborhood website and submit it to the ACC.

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