

DUNWOODY NORTH CIVIC ASSOCIATION

DECEMBER 1997

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Neighbors,

As my second term as president draws to an end, I reflect on all that we have accomplished as a group. During the past two years I have truly been blessed with a wonderful Board of Directors. All of those members serving on the Board have volunteered their time to serve their community. The committee chairpersons and their members have shown dedication to their tasks.

It has been wonderful to see our membership grow, and hopefully it will continue to do so. Not only has the membership increased, but more of you have been getting involved. I have found the job of President to be very rewarding. It has enabled me to meet so many people that I would not have otherwise met. It has been my privilege to serve as your President, and I thank you for the opportunity to do so. It has been a wonderful and memorable experience.

I wish you all a joyous holiday season.

Gerri Penn

TIS THE SEASON FOR GIVING

Here are three opportunities to provide direct help to neighbors in our own community...

COMMUNITY ACTION CENTER

The Community Action Center is a joint project of over 20 churches and synagogues which provides emergency assistance to families in Dunwoody and Sandy Springs. They are conducting a canned/boxed food, new toy and "gently used" clothing drive for the holiday season. If you have anything suitable to donate, please take it directly to them at 471 Mount Vernon Highway, Atlanta, GA 30328 (on the Mt Vernon Presbyterian Church property next to the library). You can call Tamara Carrera directly at (404) 256-4912 on M-F 10am-2 pm for additional info.

The Board of the DNCA voted unanimously to donate \$200.00 to the Community Action Center. Any checks should be made out to the Community Action Center.

FAMILIES IN NEED

Chamblee High School has a program whereby they have identified a number of families in immediate need of assistance with food and appropriate High School clothing and overcoats. If you would like to help, please send or bring canned or boxed food or paper goods items directly to the main office at the school. If you would like to make a cash contribution, please make the check out directly to Chamblee High School, marked "Families in Need" and send it to the office.

If you would like to donate specific clothing items

(in *prime condition only* please), call Susan Lasseter at (404) 252-8242 first for specific needs and sizes.

DONATE A BOOK

Cary Reynolds Elementary School in Dekalb County has one of the largest multicultural student populations (predominantly Hispanic and Asiatic) in our area. A program has been instituted, under the auspices of Chamblee High School, to foster reading English, most student's second language. CHS teachers are seeking donated educational reading material, both books and magazines, to give to these students. Their goal is to provide **EVERY STUDENT** with a book; it may be the first book some of them have ever owned.

Magazines with pictures showing a variety of ethnic, racial and cultural groups are also needed. Magazines, such as, Highlights, Boy's Life, American Girl, National Geographic, etc. and encyclopedias and dictionaries would be appreciated.

A dropbox has been provided at the high school to receive these materials. If you have a very large donation to make, you can call the school directly for a pickup. Contact Ann Willingham at (770) 457-1716 for further details.

An assembly is scheduled for December 18 (to which the community is invited) to present these books to the students, but **THIS IS AN ONGOING PROJECT**.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

(From the Community Relations Unit of the Dekalb Public Safety Department)

This holiday season, don't let the spirit of giving lull you into giving burglars, muggers, and pickpockets a better chance to do their dirty work. Here are some tips on how to celebrate safety this holiday season:

- If you are traveling:
 - get an automatic timer for your lights
 - ask a neighbor to watch your home
 - park a car in your driveway
 - have a neighbor/relative pick up your mail
 - consider a house sitter
- If you're out for the evening:
 - leave on lights and radio in your absence
 - lock all doors and windows if you leave even for a short time
 - don't display gifts where they are visible to the outside
- If you're shopping:
 - stay alert-be aware of what's going on around you
 - park in a well-lighted area, lock all doors and windows-keep all purchases in trunk
 - avoid carrying large amounts of cash: use a check or credit card if possible
 - don't overburden yourself with packages-be extra careful with wallets and purses
 - shopping with kids? teach them to go to a store clerk if you become separated.
- If a stranger comes to your door beware!
 - Criminals sometimes pose as couriers delivering gifts
 - unscrupulous people sometimes go door to door collecting for non-existent charities-ask for identification and how the funds will be used. If your not satisfied-don't give. Help a charity you're familiar with instead.

Do your part to make the holidays a safe and happy time for everybody except the criminals.

QUARTERLY CRIME UPDATES

The quarterly crime update for July-September was received after the last newsletter. It reflects a **decrease** in crime incidents for Dunwoody North. Charles Delk, Crime Awareness Officer, reported the following incidents, as reported to the police:

BROOKHURST DRIVE

- 7/3 Criminal Trespass
- 8/8 Property Damage-mailbox
- 9/29 Burglary-forced entry-VCR, stereo equipment, computer stolen

DUNKERRIN LANE

- 7/25 Criminal Trespass

HOLLISTON ROAD

- 9/19 Burglary-no evidence of forced entry

LAURELWOOD ROAD

- 9/17 Larceny-theft from yards-toolbox /tools taken
- 12/2 Burglary-forced entry-

STONINGTON CIRCLE

- 7/9 Security Alarm-open door or window
- 8/27 Larceny-theft by taking-silverware stolen
- 8/30 Security Alarm-open door or window

STONINGTON ROAD

- 8/16 Larceny-theft from outside-bicycle stolen

A REMINDER TO ALL RESIDENTS

Even though the quarterly report shows a decrease in crime in our neighborhood, all residents must continue to be vigilant and to report anything or anyone of a suspicious nature to the police at 911. A report should then be made to your block captain so that a communication can go out to the neighborhood if necessary. This is especially important during the upcoming holiday season.

There have been a couple of incidents of teen violence and some burglaries outside our immediate community that also makes it important for everyone to be alert to anything out of the ordinary!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Four volunteers are needed to serve as block captains for the following streets: Brookhurst Drive, 2401-2452 (10 houses); Dunkerrin Lane, 2419-2487 (14 houses); Dunover Circle, 4659-4704 (11 houses); Sharon Valley Ct., 4671-4705 (11 houses). If you live in one of these areas and would be willing to serve as a block captain, please call Linda Fugitt, Chairwoman, at 451-7025. We must have someone in these positions in order to have a complete communications network.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

CONDOLENCES

We extend our condolences to :

Joane, Zack, Ben and Maggie Taylor on the loss of Joane's mother;

Charles and Judy Hofer on the loss of Charles' aunt .

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We extend our congratulations to Carol and Dean Throm on the birth of their son Samuel;

We extend our heartfelt Get Well wishes to Margaret Lantz.

DUNWOODY NORTH GARDEN CLUB

The Dunwoody North Garden Club welcomes all residents of the Dunwoody North Communities to join the club. It's a good opportunity to meet your neighbors and learn about gardening, flowers, cooking, and many other interesting things which pertain to the home. The dues are a very nominal \$10.00 per year. There is a social at Christmas time with a FUNNY gift exchange that is always enjoyed by all. The following is the list of programs for the coming year:

January 5, 1998 7:30 PM	Tired Landscapes Winslow Jones... Spicing up your yard
February 2, 1998 9:30AM	We're All Angels Alice Sabin... Various Angels
March 2, 1998 7:30 PM	Fountains of Youth Emily Williams...Water Gardens
April 6, 1998	Choice of Day Trip to Antique Rose Emporium, Atlanta Botanical Garden, or Hastings Garden Center
May 4, 1998	Annual Picnic & Plant Auction

These meetings are held in members' homes. If interested, please call either Pat Schaefer (457-0689) or Vicki Canaakaris (399-9323) -Co-Presidents.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Our election for 1998 officers will be held in February. The nominating committee consists of Arlene McClure, chairwoman, Tom Hanton and Jim Kelley. Please call Arlene McClure (457-7556) if you are interested in being nominated for the Board.

DUNWOODY NORTH DRIVING CLUB

It's no secret--Dunwoody North has a fantastic Swim & Tennis Club!

DNDC is located on Kingsgate Drive in a beautiful, wooded setting in the Dunwoody North Subdivision.

Senior Discount Rates are approved at DNDC.

After months of research and discussion, the DNDC at its membership meeting finally approved a change in its by-laws which will allow lower rates for seniors. Any voting member age 65 and older will be eligible for a senior membership. Phase I of the Senior membership plan will be \$100.00 less than the general membership dues for those 65 and over. Phase II of the senior membership plan will be for any voting member age 70 and over. A phase II Senior membership will be \$200.00 less than the general membership dues. To be eligible for Senior membership, the voting member must provide proof age to the treasurer by May 1st.

The DNDC encourages all senior residents who have not renewed their memberships to take advantage of these newly reduced rates and rejoin the club. These facilities are a real bargain because they're not only available to yourselves, but also to your children and your grandchildren, and they enable you to easily maintain social contact with your friends and neighbors. There is an added incentive for seniors this year: rejoin this year with no reinstatement fee!

Family Holiday Gift Idea:

Are you wondering what to get the family as a holiday gift? A year's membership to the swim and tennis club will provide many hours of recreation, exercise, social enjoyment for the whole family. There are Swim teams, swim lessons, socials and tennis for the youngsters as well as mom and Dad! Join now and get A 17 MONTHS' membership for the price of 12. Call Arlene McClure, membership chairwoman (457-7556) for details.

SIGN UPDATE: THE TEMPERATURE IS RISING



Please send your donations for our sign Fund Drive. All residents of the Dunwoody North Subdivision will benefit, equally, whether or not they are members of the Civic Association. The approximate cost for four signs is \$6000. We have now collected over \$700, and there are pledges of \$1500 from the Civic Association and \$500 from the Garden Club. These amounts represent less than half, so we need more contributions to make this a reality. Please send your checks to Barbara Dodds at 2573 Amberly Dr., Doraville, GA 30360. Please indicate "Sign Fund" on your check.

DUNWOODY NORTH CIVIC ASSOCIATION NEWS

ADVERTISING UPDATE

Thank you to the advertisers who have helped us defray the costs of printing the newsletter. Ads need to be camera ready, with original photos included, if applicable. There are three ad sizes available: full page (max. 7 3/8"W x 9 1/2"H)-cost-\$ 150.; half page (7 3/8"W x 4 5/8" H)-cost \$75; quarter page (3 3/8"W x 4 5/8" H)-cost \$40.(pictures are extra). If you are interested in continuing to advertise, or want to put in a new ad, please call Gerri Penn at 457-2474.

We will be publishing a new directory this coming summer. Existing advertisers will have first rights to the available space, but we will also be accepting new ads. If you want to place an ad in the next directory, please call Barbara Dodds at 455-0650. We have not yet decided on the new pricing structure.

SUGGESTION BOX

The DNCA is trying to serve the needs of its communities. If you have any suggestions that might enable us to do a better job, please call Gerri Penn at 457-2474.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Over the past two years, the Civic Association has received calls from residents concerning the appearance of some homes in the Dunwoody North Subdivision. Consequently, a "beautification committee" has been suggested. Such a committee would need members and a chairman. If you have taken the time to call in your concerns in the past, or have ideas or an interest in maintaining and improving appearances in the Subdivision, please call Gerri Penn (457-2474). A constructive approach would be most beneficial to all.

BY-LAW CHANGES

At our October general meeting, those present voted to make a change in the

DNCA By-laws: Article IV Officers, Section 1.a which previously stated that the Association shall be managed and its affairs conducted by a Board of Directors which shall consist of the following: a. President, V. President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer.

The change is to add a new V. President of Zoning which will henceforth become an elected position.

ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE

The following is a brief summary of the Code of Dekalb County, Georgia, Chapter 5: Animal Ordinance Control:

An animal owner has a **obligation** to prevent animals from roaming free, protect others and their property from damage or injury by said animal, keep the animal restrained via leash, containment) while on or off the owner's property, or **voice control** (**note: voice control only applies if the animal obeys said control on your own property only**); to register all dogs and cats, and have them inoculated against rabies after the age of 3 months; all animals must wear a collar and ID tag at all times.

Implicit in the ordinance, is the **obligation** of animal owners to curb their animals and prevent them from urinating or defecating on other people's property. Be considerate of your neighbors-if you do not appreciate walking through animal droppings when mowing your lawn, please do not create the problem for your neighbors!

DEKALB COUNTY NOISE ORDINANCE

SECTION 16-46 NOISE of the county ordinance can be summarized as follows:

It shall be **unlawful** for any person to make, continue or cause to be made or continued loud, unnecessary or unusual sounds or noise which either annoys, disturbs, injures or endangers the comfort or repose, health, peace or safety of others in the county and which is audible at more than **50 feet** from point of origin.

The following are considered to be loud or disturbing: horns, such as automobile and the like, radios, phonographs, stereos, etc., loudspeakers and amplifiers, yelling and shouting **after 11 PM and before 7 am**; animals and birds, e.g. constantly barking dogs; steam whistles; explosive exhaust discharges; the loud grating, grinding or rattling of any motor vehicle due to its load or state of repair; the loading and unloading or opening of boxes; etc.

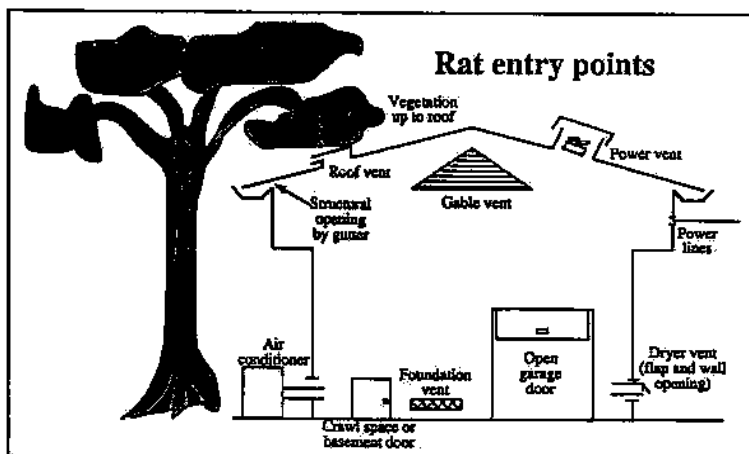
We all know what constitutes loud intrusive noise into our peaceful community. Please keep this in mind in the upcoming holiday season and show consideration to your neighbors who may not want to party till all hours or appreciate your choice of music- it's both inconsiderate and illegal to impose it on them.

Remember, if it can be heard out in the street-it's too loud!

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ISSUES: RATS

DO YOU THINK YOU HAVE SQUIRRELS IN YOUR ATTIC?..... THEY MAY BE RATS!

As the result of a number reported incidents of rats in homes on both sides of the subdivision, Gerri Penn contacted the county division of environmental health and met with Mr. Bert Tyler to get some pertinent information. We have summarized, the information she received via printed material and conversation with Mr. Tyler:



Rats live in areas inside and around homes, such as basements, attics, crawl spaces, under piles of trash and stacks of wood, next to creeks and in wooded areas. Rats can enter a home in a variety of ways (see diagram).

It doesn't take much for a rat or mouse to gain entry into your house... a mouse only needs a minimum of 1/4" diameter hole, a rat needs a minimum of 1/2" diameter opening. If they can get their head in... they can squeeze their bodies in without any trouble.

Two types of rats are common in Dekalb County: roof rats and Norway rats. Roof rats tend to inhabit ceilings and attics while Norway rats generally settle in the lower levels of homes and basements. Evidence of rat infestations include burrowings,

droppings (check the top of water heaters, flooring and boxes in the attic), sightings, noises (scrabbling sounds in the attic) and sometimes there are chew marks.

Rats are attracted by leaving pet food outside, bird feeders, improperly contained trash, junked equipment, e.g. broken appliances, tires, etc. dense vegetation, even grass seed in garages and sheds. **Be considerate of your neighbors...leaving food outside for animals can attract rats to your neighbors' property.** Property damage from rats can be quite expensive and very unpleasant to remedy.

In addition to all the entry points indicated in the diagram, access is also provided through pet doors and the vent space between the roof and the fascia board behind the gutters. Your homes' proximity to culverts, excavation on or near your property that disturbs the rats' nests, trees and shrubbery that overhangs your house and provides easy access to your roof- all contribute to the problem.

According to Mr. Tyler, there are no magic poisons and electronic devices are useless. Note: If you put poison in some food and the animal eats the food but doesn't die, you must change the food base the next time you put out poison because they'll never eat that food again-one trial learning (Editor's lab experience).

Mr. Tyler's department will provide free of charge information, inspections to check for rat infestation and points of entry, and they will put out poison for home owners. However, before you set out poison, consider the consequences if the animals crawls away to die within the walls, crawl spaces or deep in the attics. The smell of the dead animal is very penetrating, remains for a long time and decaying carcasses draw other vermin. Consequently, Mr. Tyler prefers trapping rats with the use of live animal traps or spring traps (at least the animal stays put that way). Although the county will not provide the trap to the homeowner-you must buy it yourself-they will pickup live animal traps and release them in a safe place and return your trap.

Some things the homeowner can do immediately are to refrain from leaving any source of food around, install 1/4" hardware cloth (actually heavy duty metal screening) behind the gutters and attach to the fascia board, and keep garage and unscreened doors and windows closed at all times.

Before you close up or secure all other potential points of entry into your home, be sure to rid it of rats first! Another thing that homeowners can do is to hang socks filled with mothballs in the attic or basement crawl spaces-apparently, rats don't like this very strong smell-but then neither do we-so consider whether you have to access these spaces frequently yourselves before taking this approach.

Rats generate an average of 20 fecal droppings per day which are a source of Hanta virus, although there have been NO reported cases in the area. Rat bites can also result in Tetanus and rat bile fever. And remember, if you've seen one rodent, you can be sure there are more.

Please call Bert Tyler at (404) 508-7900 with questions or if you need him to come to your home. The Dekalb County Board of Health-Division of environmental Health is located at 445 Winn Way, Suite 320 Decatur, GA 30030. The Dekalb County Extension Service provides teletips at (404) 370-8198; dial the code for rats and mice slowly: 1-5-3-4.

DEKALB COUNTY ISSUES

We have reproduced a letter forwarded to Gerri Penn by State Representative Henrietta Turnquest, District 73 Decatur. In a subsequent conversation with Gerri, Ms. Turnquest stated that the county school system and the county itself have to held accountable for the use of our tax dollars. If you share Ms. Turnquest's concerns, feel free to call Ms. Levetan...



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STANDING
COMMITTEES:
INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS
INSURANCE
SPECIAL JUDICIARY

November 6, 1997

Dear Ms. Levetan:

This acknowledges receipt of the county's legislative package for the 1998 legislative session. I have reviewed it and find that based on the following I can no longer support any proposed legislation. Let me preface my remarks by stating that the payment of taxes is an investment in government and as with all investments, taxpayers must expect and demand an adequate return on that investment in terms of quality services, jobs and contracting opportunities. The residents of South DeKalb are not receiving an adequate return on the taxes paid to DeKalb County. Our streets are in disrepair, and my constituents constantly complain regarding the lack of respect and interest given South DeKalb interests by the county government.

Letters to you and department heads are not answered and citizens are treated rudely on the telephone. There is no plan for the development of South DeKalb except dumps, pauper's cemeteries and shoddy residential subdivisions.

I am very concerned regarding the low pay of our police officers. As you know, I featured this situation on my last cable program. I have also repeatedly requested that you and your department heads come on the program to discuss the HOST tax, but I always receive excuses despite the fact that you find time to attend media events in South DeKalb.

After you were first elected CEO, I met with you personally to discuss the deplorable conditions at the Soapstone Center for the Arts. You assured me in 1992 that the facility would move to a free standing building owned by the county. This has not happened.

My constituents are demanding that a disparity study be contracted out immediately and that independent and outside counsel be retained to defend the county against any lawsuit resulting from attacks on the county's toothless affirmative active contracting program.

There are too many issues to list in this notice of dissatisfaction, but I am in the process of polling all of our community organizations, elected officials and community leaders to prepare a detailed list of county concerns. The days of our following along quietly are OVER.

The list goes on and on and as long as the South DeKalb legislative delegation serve at your beck and call nothing will happen.

Your immediate attention is appreciated.

Sincerely,


Henrietta E. Turnquest

cc: DeKalb House and Senate Delegations
DeKalb County Commissioners
Congresswoman Cynthia McKirney
DeKalb NAACP
South DeKalb Homeowners' Associations
South DeKalb Ministers

REZONING UPDATE

The Ross property discussed at the last meeting was rezoned to R-50.

The Drake Property (4+ acres on Tilly Mill between Binghamton Drive and Laurelwood Road) has just been put under contract by Warren Jolly; he is proposing its rezoning to R-75. Due to the short notice, we will not be able to hold a regular civic association meeting to discuss this. A meeting with the planning commission is tentatively scheduled for January 6, but hopefully it will be tabled for a couple of weeks to allow the community to consider the proposal. A Community Council meeting (where we have a number of representatives) is scheduled for Dec 15, 1997. Look for poster notification of a possible meeting in January 1998.

SEND NEW OR REVISED INFO FOR THE DUNWOODY NORTH CIVIC ASSOCIATION DIRECTORY TO:
Barbara Dodds 2573 Amberly Drive Doraville, GA 30360 (770) 455-0650

DUNWOODY NORTH COMMUNITY DIRECTORY INFORMATION

LAST NAME _____ HUSBAND _____ WIFE _____

PHONE NUMBERS: HOME _____ HUSBAND'S OFFICE _____ WIFE'S OFFICE _____

ADDRESS _____

CHILDREN'S NAMES AND AGES _____

OCCUPATION(S) _____ HUSBAND _____ WIFE _____

CHILDREN INTERESTED IN: BABY SITTING, LAWN MOWING, PET SITTING, ETC. (PLEASE SPECIFY) _____

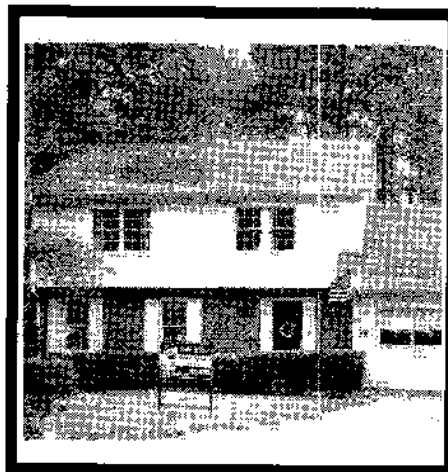
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