

# Dunwoody North News

Winter Edition

February 1999

## President's Message

Your present group of representatives are ending their current year of service in The Dunwoody North Civic Association (DNCA). I am pleased to have worked with this group of concerned citizens who have overcome the priority demands of a family and career to commit to the responsibility of the DNCA and somehow put all three first. As we move forward into the new millennium, it is even more important that we be a cohesive organized force in the community. The DNCA is you.

I suppose I would be remiss not to mention the Y2K "Doomsday" issue. While hoping and assuming nothing severe will occur, we must know and follow the plans that already exist because the DNCA and Neighborhood Watch exist. You and your neighbors might stand together between normalcy and chaos at some point. Make sure you have phone numbers and names of your immediate neighbors and your Block Captains. Make sure you know which neighbors may be on medical support and what is needed. You may have to walk information to your block captain's house, so know where it is. Block captains already know how to move necessary information to the appropriate parties. If anyone knows or thinks these plans are not enough, please start a committee to review our preparedness and that of the county.

Now, Y2K notwithstanding, we have several zoning situations to monitor and the Brook Run development will be moving forward. Please volunteer to assist with these matters. For example, we need a representative at almost every County zoning meeting. If we could split up just having someone go and gather information, it would help tremendously.

DNCA elections are before you. Please vote and meet your new representatives.

Home prices in Dunwoody North communities continue to increase. Please read the DNCA survey results also in this issue. They will let you know what your neighbors think is important.

Sincerely,  
David Fowler  
DNCA President



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DATE

## 1999 Meetings

**March 9, 1999: DNCA social at 7:00; election meeting 7:30 at the DNDC Clubhouse, Elaine Boyer will be our guest speaker.**

May 24, 1999: DNCA meeting at 7:00pm at the DNDC clubhouse. Program by Chancelor Park Retirement and Continuing Care Facility.

October 5, 1999: DNCA meeting at 7:00pm at the DNDC Clubhouse. Program TBA



# DNCA Survey Results

Twenty-Seven (27) surveys were returned out of more than 600 distributed. There were five statements on the survey for people to complete. First, we found that most people do not know the mission of the DNCA. It can be found as the first sentence on the first page of the 1998 Dunwoody North Community Directory:

"The Dunwoody North Civic Association (DNCA) has as its mission to represent the Dunwoody North Communities in the city, county and state issues concerning the neighborhoods. The DNCA also assists the residents of the Dunwoody North Communities to protect and enhance the value of their property."

Second respondents wrote that the top five concerns of the DNCA should be (in order of frequency):

Neighborhood appearance: Neighbor's commitment to care for and maintain their property, tall grass, weeds in gardens, generally unkempt houses.

Crime and traffic: Keep garage doors closed and lights on, people not stopping at stop signs or driving too fast (a police officer told us this was mostly Dunwoody North residents).

Zoning: monitor development for situations that enhance property values.

More Kid Stuff: Community is getting younger, few kid activities.

Getting to Know Neighbors: block parties, organized "night out" activities.

Third, 26 of 27 respondents said they would support a legal fund to fight harmful development. Do we proceed or are these the only 26 people that would support a fund?

Fourth, 8 of 27 said they would not support a mandatory Homeowners Association. Does that mean most would and we should proceed?

Fifth everyone (100%) felt that \$10.00 dues were affordable to all. How can we do a better job of making it easy to pay? You can give dues to any officer or drop it off at any meeting.

In general, I don't feel that we had enough respondents to move ahead on a mandatory Association or the Legal fund. We will try another survey soon. Our mission this year will be as stated above while focussing on the five specifics also listed above.

See you at the meetings,

David

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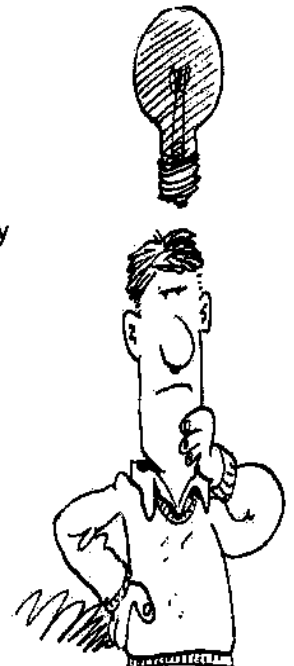
## THINK ABOUT THIS.....

The Dunwoody North Civic Association has:

- worked hard on rezoning adjacent to our neighborhood to insure that it is responsible building and will benefit our community.
- held meetings that have offered programs that are not only interesting but provide an opportunity for you to meet people in your neighborhood.
- distributed baskets to new residents to Dunwoody North and its communities.
- dedicated volunteers, who give their time and energy so that everyone in this community can reap the benefits of having a Civic Association.

You can insure that this Civic Association remain vital by sending in your \$10.00 dues to the address on the back of the newsletter. If you are not sure if you have already paid, please call Barbara at (770)455-0650.

We need your support and appreciate the support we have received in the past. Thank you.





# Neighborhood Watch

Now more than ever Neighborhood Watch plays a vital role in our community. As we watch the population of Atlanta increase and the "big city" crime come closer and closer to our doorstep, it becomes even more important to watch out for each other. Most of our streets are such that strange cars are noticeable, our neighbor's driveways are visible, and anyone walking around our homes can be spotted. These factors all help us to be good neighbors watching out for each other.

Hopefully, you all received and read the two Neighborhood Watch Alerts sent out in December regarding two different homes burglaries in our community. As a result of the first alert sent out on December 11 regarding a break-in on Kingsgate Drive on December 10th, a neighbor on Huntington Circle called me with a description of a car with two occupants that he saw casing his neighbor's house the day of the crime. I passed this information on to the police and found out there had been similar incidents in the Dunwoody area and this was the first description of a suspect they had received. We know the break-in occurred between 9am and 4pm. A large TV was taken,

among other things, so more than one person was involved. A fresh oil leak was in the carport. The Huntington Circle neighbor observed an old beat up car with two black men pull into his neighbor's carport about 10am on the morning of the crime. He went outside into his driveway to watch what they were doing. When they saw him, they backed out of the driveway and headed toward Brookhurst Drive. The car was brown, two-door, something like a 1982 Monte Carlo. Since he didn't see them actually do anything he didn't call the police. Only after they pulled away did he realize he should have written down the license plate number. This watchful neighbor apparently saved one break-in; unfortunately for the people on Kingsgate Drive the burglars were determined to vandalize that day, so they just drove a couple blocks away to a similar situation -- open carport, no car at home, no burglar alarm, and broke in there. The second break-in on December 29 was at night. No one was home, the lights were on and a car was in the driveway.

Each time one of our homes is vandalized, it is an assault on us all. It could just as easily have been you

or me. Please use these two break-ins as a commitment to review your home's security. Introduce yourself to your neighbors, and communicate with them to help each other watch for suspicious activity. Let your neighbor know when you are going to be away, observe what cars are common on your street, ask someone to pick up your mail and papers when you are not there to do it yourself. All of these things help prevent the appearance of an easy target. Especially important: **REPORT ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY TO THE POLICE IMMEDIATELY**, then notify your block captain. (If you are unsure of who your block captain is, please call me at 770-457-7556 for that information.)

Only by communicating and helping each other can we keep Dunwoody North a safe place to live.

One last request -- the 1999 DNCA membership drive is now underway. The annual dues are only \$10 per family. One of the many things these dues pay for is the printing of Neighborhood Watch Alerts. Please support your community by joining DNCA today.

Arlene McClure, Neighborhood Watch Coordinator



The Dunwoody North Civic Association wants to thank Juanita Alford, Area Vice President of **Post Apartments**. Juanita granted us permission to put a new Dunwoody North sign up at the end of the Post property. We are appreciative of their continued cooperation and good relationship with our community.

# 1999 Slate of Officers

**PRESIDENT - David Fowler** -David is the current president of DNCA. Together with his wife, Ruth and 6 1/2 year old son Patrick, he has lived in the neighborhood about 6 years. David coaches soccer, t-ball and basketball periodically at Dunwoody United Methodist. He is also the owner of a business to business services firm.

**VICE-PRESIDENT-MEMBERSHIP and MEMBER AT LARGE, PARLIAMENTARIAN - Gerri Penn**-Gerri is the immediate past president of the DNCA. She and her family have lived in Dunwoody North for 18 years. Gerri is also a member of the Garden Club. Gerri has been a volunteer in many organizations.

**VICE-PRESIDENT-ZONING-Barbara Dodds**-The Dodds' moved to Dunwoody North in 1976. Barbara, Treasurer of DNCA since 1996, has served on Welcome and Zoning Committees, is current co-president of Dunwoody North Garden Club and was active in DNDC.

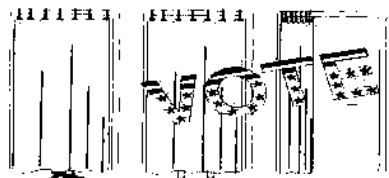
**RECORDING SECRETARY-Ellen Mauldin**-Ellen and her husband, Vernon have lived in Dunwoody North for 2 1/2 years. Ellen is a member of the Business Women's Tennis Team, Dunwoody North Driving Club and the Garden Club. She is the computer Implementations Manger at Egleston/Scottish Rite Children's Hospital.

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY-Carol Thom**-Carol is the current corresponding secretary. She and her husband Dean have lived in the neighborhood for 5 years. Carol is a member of the Zoning Committee, Welcome Committee and a member of DeKalb County's Community Council. She is also active a member of the Garden Club.

**TREASURER-Skip Dolt**-Skip and Elaine Dolt moved to Dunwoody North the summer of 1998. Skip has been practicing dentistry in Atlanta since 1996.

**MEMBER AT LARGE-Mary Alice Bancroft**-Mary Alice, the wife of Steve Bancroft and the mother of Wes (age 6) and Bryce (age 10). She and Steve have lived in Dunwoody North for 14 years. Mary Alice joined the DNCA shortly after moving here and has been an active board member for the past 12 years, holding the offices of recording secretary and treasurer. Recently she helped her neighbors negotiate with Jolly Development on the rezoning of the Ross Property into Chestnut Landing. She is committed to being an active board member.

**MEMBER AT LARGE-Jim Kelly**-Jim has been a resident of Briers North subdivision for 7 years. He is a remodeling contractor and is married with no children. He has served on the DNCA board in the past and has a special interest in how rezonings affect the neighborhood.



## Absentee Ballot.

Please cut here and give to current board member on or before March 9, 1999

**OFFICE**

**PRESIDENT**  
**V.P. MEMBERSHIP**  
**V.P. ZONING**  
**RECORDING SECRETARY**  
**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY**  
**TREASURER**  
**MEMBER AT LARGE**  
**MEMBER AT LARGE**

**SLATED (CIRCLE TO VOTE)**

**David Fowler**  
**Gerri Penn**  
**Barbara Dodds**  
**Ellen Mauldin**  
**Carol Thom**  
**Skip Dolt**  
**Mary Alice Bancroft**  
**Jim Kelley**

**WRITE-IN (LIST NAME TO VOTE)**

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Member signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: ONLY ONE VOTE PER HOUSEHOLD based on paid 1999 dues. (You can pay at meeting.) DUES MUST BE PAID TO VOTE OR HOLD OFFICE!**

# Driving Club News

DNDC has started off 1999 with 200 active members, which is wonderful! Many new families have moved into our area over the past year, and we extend a cordial invitation to you to join our DNDC family.

DNDC is now accepting new members for the 1999/2000 Club year which runs from May 1, 1999 to April 30, 2000. The annual dues are \$400 (with a one-time initiation fee of \$500). Seniors over 65 and 70 receive discounts. If you join now, you get the benefit of three additional months for the same price! Join now and you will also be able to participate in the grand opening of our completely renovated swimming pools. New brick coping, new water tiles, and complete resurfacing. The pool will open Mid-May for weekends only and then daily in June. The club offers swim teams and fun for the kids and just plain fun and relaxation for adults.


DNDC has four tennis courts with lights. We offer ALTA and USTA teams for kids and adults. We have just refurbished our spectator area with new brick. We are in the process of covering this area to protect our spectators from that hot Georgia sun.

The dues are a bargain, when you consider all that is available to your family: Club house, pool, tennis, and social events throughout the year. Come take advantage of one of the best neighborhood club values in the Atlanta area. Call Arlene McClure, Membership Chairman, at 770-457-7556 for a brochure, application, more information, or a tour of the facilities.



You can also get information on our WEBPAGE:

<http://www.accessatlanta.com/community/groups/dndc/>

 Saturday, March 13th at 7:30pm at the club house, there will be a St. Patrick's Day Party and Casino Night. This party is open to all neighbors, so please come join us. There is a

\$2 cover charge and you need to bring a white elephant gift as well as hors d'oeuvres to share. Looking forward to seeing some new faces!



The Dunwoody North Civic Association wants to welcome our new neighbors in Madison and Madison West. We hope that you will come to our meetings and get to know your neighbors and discover what all our neighborhood and Civic Association have to offer you. If you want information on the Civic Association, please call our President, David Fowler 770-455-8547 or our Parliamentarian, Gerri Penn 770-457-2474.

# Home and Garden Club

The Garden Club is a non profit organization that meets the first Monday of each month, September through May in homes of members or venues of interest. Guests and new members are always welcome.

## Meeting Schedule

March 1 - 7:30pm at Emily Perry's 4599 Sudbury Road  
A Pampered Chef Party

April 5, - at Pat Schaefer's 4496 Sudbury Road  
A day trip to Atlanta Botanical Gardens

May 3 - 11:30 at Corlette Muery's 5020 Lakeside Drive  
Annual picnic luncheon and plant auction.  
Installation of new officers.



## Yard of the Month

April through September we sponsor a Yard of the Month Recognition Award, based on the condition of the lawn, flowers blooming, landscape design and leaf control. One home on each side of Tilly Mill Road is selected.

With new homes and landscaping in the area, perhaps this would be a good time to walk our property to assess what needs to be done to keep our older homes looking fresh and stately. You just may receive Yard of the Month as a result of your efforts!

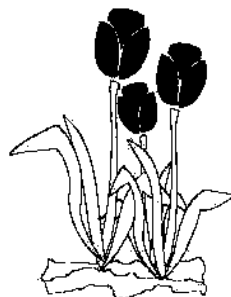
One of our humanitarian projects in 1999 is supporting the *Atlanta Day Shelter for Women and Children, Inc.* The shelter provides Employment Assistance, Legal, Social, Medical, and Educational services, for homeless women and children. We will be collecting specific items at each meeting for the next three months. March - Toiletries - Bring home shampoos, lotions, shower caps from vacations. The hotels provide them for your convenience and comfort. Share the generosity with someone less fortunate.

April - Spring Clothing - Clean out those closets. If you haven't worn an outfit in 3 years, chances are you are not going to, let the Shelter give it to a homeless lady going on a job interview. It might give her the confidence to get the job and change her life. You will never miss it.

May - Back Packs & Large Shoulder Bags - If you are homeless EVERYTHING you have must be with you at all times. We all receive free totes, change our luggage. What a blessing to recycle these items so someone less fortunate could protect what they have.

EVERYONE IN THE COMMUNITY IS ENCOURAGED TO CONTRIBUTE TO THESE COLLECTIONS, CLEARLY MARKED ATLANTA DAY SHELTER.

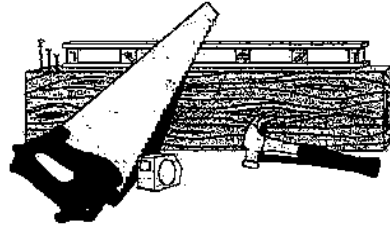
Drop off points 2573 Amberly Dr., 4582 Sudbury Rd., 2485 Brookhurst Dr.



For additional information on Garden Club activities, please contact Vicki Canakaris 770-399-9323 or Barbara Dodds 770-455-0650 co-presidents.



# ZONING NEWS



## What Can you Get for \$10.00?

You might answer not much, but you would be wrong. For only \$10.00 you can be a member of the DNCA. Even if you can't volunteer to do anything for DNCA, your dues are so helpful and you are contributing to your community to insure that we have a vital civic association.

Your \$10.00 dues is a great value. It provides you with Newsletters three to four times a year. It goes towards covering the cost for the directories that are published every other year. If you join you get a directory for free. It will also go toward the neighborhood entrance signs for which we almost have enough money.

Please join the DNCA by sending your \$10.00 check to Barbara Dodds at the address on the back of the newsletter. You can also bring a check with you to elections which entitle you to a vote. Thank you in advance



## SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD WALKING

Recently a friend of mine was driving down Laurelwood at night. There were three walkers walking in the same direction on both sides of the road. Two of the walkers were wearing dark clothes and one of the walkers were wearing reflectors. One of the lights on Laurelwood was burnt out. This is not smart walking if you value your own lives.

We do not want our neighborhood to suffer tragic pedestrian losses. Walkers should be walking against traffic to the side of the road. If walking in a group, you should move in single file upon the approach of a car. Please wear light clothes at night as well as reflectors. Please make sure that your children are educated in safe walking rules and routes.

Thanks from one of your Board Members.

LOST MINE TRAIL Regal Custom Homes applied for a four foot variance at the building line on one lot of the three lot assemblage fronting Lost Mine Trail and the corner of Tilly Mill Road. Their proposal before the Planning Board is for three houses to be built with a private drive zoned R-85.

It was the opinion of the zoning committee, R-85 with a private drive, no change in existing density of the properties was acceptable. Price point on the new homes will be \$300,000.

ST. BARNABAS ANGLICAN CHURCH 4795 N. Peachtree Road - This one almost slipped by the zoning committee. St. Barnabas applied for a rezoning to enlarge their parking lot. They also want to add some buildings, later. The Commissioner's have deferred their decision on this issue until the Planning Department can review the drainage problem, on site with adjacent property owners. Water run off/drainage has become a problem after the Assisted Living facility was erected at the corner of N. Peachtree Road and Tilly Mill Road.

If you are affected by this drainage problem, please contact Commissioner Elaine Boyer 404-371-2884. Call Barbara Dodds 770-455-0650 if you are interested in attending meetings, if you have a drainage problem you feel is connected to this property, please take pictures to support your claim.

## DNCA General Meeting

March 9, 1999 7:00pm at the DNDC Clubhouse

Please join us for the next Dunwoody North Civic Association meeting. We will be holding elections for the DNCA Board. Our guest speaker will be Elaine Boyer, our County Commissioner. All are welcome. Members are eligible to cast one vote per household. Please look inside this newsletter for information on the candidates.



**OOPS!**  
**WE GOOFED!**

We apologize to Robert and Vicky Pasmanick for omitting the **ZAC Team Real Estate Consultants** from the Advertisers Quick Reference Page in the Directory. Please add their number, **(404)874-7653** to your directory. Also, **Elaine Boyer**, our County Commissioner's phone number is incorrect. Please correct her number to **(404)371-3052** in your directory

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Warren Jolly and Chris Weathers posted the signs for the last three Community Meetings. They are the developers that were applying for rezonings.

# Dunwoody North Membership Information

Name Last Husband Wife

Phone Home Work-Husband Work-Wife Fax

Address Zip

Professions Husband Wife

Children's Names & Ages

Children interested in:  babysitting  petsitting  yardwork

Please send \$10.00 checks payable to Dunwoody North Civic Association (DNCA) for 1999 dues. Please mail information and check to : Barbara Dodds  
2573 Amberly Drive  
Doraville, GA 30360



***TRUST THE ONE WHO KNOWS YOUR  
NEIGHBORHOOD BEST!***



2733 Laurelwood Road \* SOLD

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houses in our  
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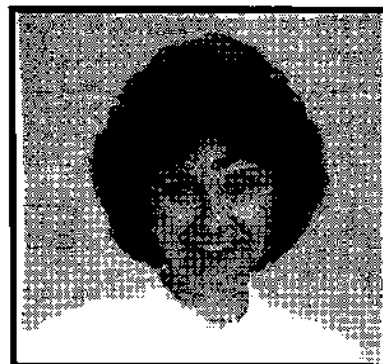
**than any other  
Realtor!**



4508 Sharon Valley Court \* SOLD

**DON'T waste another minute... If your thinking about selling,  
please give me a call! Our neighborhood is in BIG demand!**

***Put the BEST to the  
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