

Dunwoody North

CIVIC ASSOCIATION

www.dunwoodynorth.org

President's Message

Dear Neighbors,

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season. I want to extend to all of you a happy and healthy New Year on behalf of the Board.

It was a very busy and productive year for the Dunwoody North Civic Association. The most important thing we accomplished was getting the monument at Tilly Mill and Binghamton repaired. It is no longer tilting thanks to Jonathan Buckner, owner of Rock Solid Specialty Construction. This repair took a huge chunk out of our treasury. I would like to extend a big thank you to Dave Davis and Clyde McLain, residents of Dunwoody North, who volunteered their services to help enhance the monuments. Dave Davis, who owns A Clean Roof Inc., pressure washed all of the monuments and signs at no charge to the Civic Association. In addition to the repairs and cleaning, the signs on the monuments were painted by a Dunwoody North resident, Clyde McLain. DNCA did all of this to give our community a better appearance. By joining the Civic Association you can show your support for projects like this which enhance our community.

We also printed new directories. Thank you to Barbara Dodds, Lisa Unkefer, and David Fowler for doing such a great job. It was labor intensive and I appreciate all of your hard work. You can receive a directory by becoming a member of the DNCA.

We had our first Plant Exchange in 2011 sponsored by DNCA's Beautification Committee, and we are looking forward to our next exchange

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in 2012. I want to thank Pat Cloud and her committee for not only having the Plant Exchange but for their upkeep of the plants around our monuments and judging Yard of the Month.

The DNCA hosted our first evening social in November. It was so much fun and the White Elephant gift exchange was a blast! Alison's Restaurant catered the event, and the food was delicious. Thanks, Alison. I want to thank Corlette Muery and her committee for a job well done. Furthermore, I want to give a special thanks to Lyn Coltman for graciously opening up her home for this event.

Once again, DNCA sponsored a holiday meal for the Dunwoody Police Department and Fire Station 18. I want to thank Brett Cavalli of the Perimeter Carrabba's for catering the meal for the police. Serendipity Catering catered the meal for Fire Station 18. Thanks Chef Louie for once again doing a great job. I also want to extend a big thank you to Barbara Dobbs for chairing the Police luncheon and the Garden Club for providing dessert. I also want to thank Amy and Frank Stafford for chairing the Fire Station dinner and the Board members who provided the dessert.

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Neighborhood Watch Update

By Lisa Dierks-Unkefor, Chairman
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I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season! I would like to start with a follow-up on the Calling Post call that was made on December 13th regarding the break-in on E. Kings Point Circle. The Dunwoody Police interrupted the burglary by first catching the getaway car driver, and then apprehending the other two thieves at the Marta bus stop in front of The First Baptist Church on North Peachtree Road. These arrests were made because a neighbor saw the suspicious car in front of his home and called 911. On behalf of the affected homeowner and the Police, we thank this neighbor for being observant and looking out for the neighborhood. Great job!

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UPCOMING EVENTS AT DUNWOODY NORTH

DRIVING CLUB:

Saturday, February 18 - 7:00 pm - Chili Cook-off - DNDC Clubhouse

Wednesday, March 7 - 7:00 pm - Book Club - DNDC Clubhouse

Saturday, March 17 - 7:00 pm - St. Patty's Day Casino Night - DNDC Clubhouse

For more information on upcoming events at the club, visit the DNDC website at www.dunwoodynorthdc.org to view the "Upcoming Event Listing" located under the Club Events tab.

For Membership information please contact our Membership Chairperson at membership@dunwoodynorthdc.org.

If you are new to the neighborhood and wish to be added to the Calling Post list, please e-mail me your name, street address and the phone number you wish to receive calls on, and I will be happy to add you to Calling Post registry. Calling Post will notify you of important occurrences in our neighborhood. If you happen to miss my Calling Post message, you can hear the replay of the last one by calling 1-800-925-7443 and put in our group ID# 161-828-3656. As always, your membership dues are what support your Neighborhood Watch program.

Below is a link for the annual Polar Plunge, an event Dunwoody Police Department takes part in each year. It is scheduled for February 18th, 2012, at Lake Lanier. The Polar Plunge benefits Special Olympics of Georgia and last year, through various events, the Dunwoody Police Department was successful in raising over \$12,000.

www.polarplungega.com

Finally, the 2011 "crime comparison" report is out and may be found on Dunwoody PD's website under "About Dunwoody PD" on the left side.

Would you be Interested In...

A neighborhood book club?

Being part of a neighborhood bridge group?

Having a Mah Jongh group?

Forming a neighborhood bowling league?

Please email president@dunwoodynorth.org if you are interested in any of the above or have other ideas. Please indicate if you would like a day or night group.

2012 DNCA Election Slate

DNCA President & Vice President of Zoning – Gerri Penn – *Gerri and her husband, Roger moved to Atlanta and Dunwoody North in 1981. They have 2 adult children who grew up in Dunwoody North. Gerri has served on the DNCA Board since 1996 in various capacities. She serves on the Board of DHA working on Code Enforcement and Zoning issues. She now is the new Chair of the City of Dunwoody Zoning Board of Appeals. Gerri is involved with her Temple, Temple Emanu-El, as co-chair of the Caring Committee.*

DNCA First Vice President – Samuel Verniero Jr. – *Dr. Samuel Verniero, Jr., DD, MA, has been a proud resident of Dunwoody North since August, 2009 along with puppy, Buster. His fiancée, Madeline Mayes, has resided in our community of Dunwoody North since September, 1993 and is a NICU RN with Emory Healthcare. Samuel has served on various Cobb County Coalition and HOA Boards in the capacity of President and Community Organizer where he was a resident from November, 2002 until August, 2009. As a former Federal Law Enforcement Official with the United States, Department of Justice, Samuel was recently appointed to Chair the Georgia Public Safety Commission and remains active coaching baseball in town with the Dunwoody Seniors Baseball League.*

DNCA Treasurer & Parliamentarian – Barbara Dodds – *Barbara has served on the DNCA Board in the various roles of President, Treasurer and Parliamentarian since 1996. Barbara has been treasurer of Dunwoody Homeowners Association for the past 6 years and has been asked to stay on for another 3 years.*

DNCA Recording Secretary – Amy Stafford – *Amy, and her husband Frank, moved to Dunwoody North in 2007. Both she and her husband are Nashville natives; but have lived in Atlanta for more than a decade. Amy holds a degree in International Business and Spanish from the University of Tennessee; and additionally studied the Spanish language for several years in Costa Rica. Outside of their work, both she and Frank enjoy quality time with friends and family.*

DNCA Corresponding Secretary – Kendra Gibson – *Kendra and her husband, Matthew, moved to Dunwoody North in 2007 after relocating to Atlanta from Grand Rapids, Michigan. Since moving in they have found a hobby in renovating their home, and are enjoying raising their family in Dunwoody North. Kendra is an Interior Designer who works as a consultant for both commercial and residential projects.*

Communications Manager – Daine Pearson – *Although their Dunwoody North home has been in the family since 1996, when Daine and his mother Frances purchased it, Daine, his wife Coby and daughter Ashley are relatively new residents in Dunwoody having recently moved to the USA. Daine lived in Europe for more than twenty years working as a Producer/Editor/Cameraman/Director of Photography, creating images for news programs, documentaries and corporate productions. Daine is currently providing technical sales and media production services via his company, Natural Light & Sound.*

Members at Large (Eight Positions)

Barbara Wood – *Barbara, her husband Bruce, and three sons moved to Dunwoody North in 1969. Barbara worked at Brook Run (formerly the Georgia Retardation Center) from when it opened in 1969, until her retirement in 1995. She is secretary on the Board of Directors for Aldersgate Homes, Secretary on the Board of Directors for the Disharoon Condo Association at Big Canoe, and is past president of the USPHS Women's Club. She is in several bridge clubs.*

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Jack Hamilton – Jack, his wife, Elena and daughter Madeline, have been residents of Dunwoody North since 1996, however, his family has a long history with the neighborhood, as his parents bought one of the original homes in Dunwoody North on Kingsgate Drive. Jack's older children, Laura and Johnny graduated from the original Peachtree High School, and Elena's son, Michael, graduated from Dunwoody High School. Jack is with Coldwell Banker Dunwoody and Elena is with DeKalb County Health Department. In his free time, Jack enjoys playing tennis at DNDC and supporting the DNDC Swim Team, of which, his daughter Madeline is a member.

Julie Gothard – Julie is an Atlanta native and a resident of Dunwoody North since 1998. After graduating from the University of Texas at Austin, Julie worked professionally in hospitality management and non-profit management. She then attended Georgia State University to obtain her MBA and worked in non-profit marketing and technology marketing. Married to Dunwoody psychologist, Dr. Andy Gothard, Julie is a stay-at-home wife and mother to 3 children. When not driving her children around the city, Julie spends her time volunteering and helping to market her husband's practice.

Lyn Coltman – Lyn and her husband, Neville, recently deceased, moved to Dunwoody North in late 1981. Lyn is a Realtor with Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate. Offspring Nick, Mike and Belinda, now grown, swam and played tennis at DNDC. In 1991 Lyn founded a social support group for Australians living in Atlanta and she also belongs to the Georgia Council for International Visitors and the Australian American New Zealand Chamber of Commerce. Lyn's latest hobby is tending her garden plot at the Dunwoody Community Garden in Brook Run Park.

Pat Cloud – Pat and her husband Terry moved to the Dunwoody North neighborhood in 2008 following her retirement from DeKalb County Schools. Pat was a special education teacher and consultant during her 31 years with DeKalb. She is a native of Atlanta and spent her early school years attending the old Dunwoody Elementary School. Pat currently serves as chairperson of the Beautification Committee.

Vanessa Shapiro – Vanessa has lived in Atlanta for over 15 years. She holds a B.S. in Management of Technology from Southern Polytechnic University. She is the Chief Creative Officer for Transaction Tree, Inc., responsible for all aspects of R&D as well as the company's corporate marketing tactics. Vanessa, her husband Jason and son Jake reside in Dunwoody North with their three wonderful dogs. When she is not working, she enjoys walking her dogs, decorating her house and learning about new technology.

Vicky Pasmanick – Vicky and her Husband Robert moved from Embury Hills to Dunwoody North in 1996 with their three school age daughters; Greer, Kelley and Annie. Moving to Dunwoody North was a great choice as they needed the special services Dekalb County Schools could offer their daughter Kelley; such as Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Itinerant Therapy. Vicky and Robert were instrumental in improving accessibility on school campuses; getting punch doors for Dunwoody High School and the double railings heading down to the area where the Chesnut Gym is. After graduating from Dunwoody High School, Greer and Annie graduated from UGA, and Kelley from the University of Denver. The Pasmanick's have been residential realtors since 1995, and their licenses are now with Atlanta Communities Real Estate Brokerage. They are huge fans of the DNCA community, active members of DNDC and can't think of a better area to live in Dunwoody!

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Walter Weeks – Walter and his wife Era have lived in Dunwoody since 1967, and moved to Dunwoody North eight years ago. They have three children who all graduated from Dunwoody schools. Walter and Era and members of Dunwoody Baptist Church, and enjoy participating in discussion groups at Dunwoody Baptist and mission activities such as ESOL. Walter also volunteers his time with Habitat for Humanity. Walter has an MS in Chemistry and has spent most of his working career as a representative for several scientific instrument manufacturers and has had a retirement job with the US EPA.

2012 DNCA Election Ballot

The DNCA Nominating Committee, Betty Brinkley, Jean McHugh & Chairman Barbara Dodds present the following slate for your consideration. You must be a paid 2012 member to vote or hold office. Nominations may be made from the floor if the nominee is present and indicates a willingness to serve. Absentee ballots will be accepted by the Parliamentarian prior to the President calling for the vote. One vote per paid household.

Office	Nominee	Yes	No	Write-In
President	Gerri Penn	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	_____
Vice President	Sam Verniero	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	_____
Recording Sec.	Amy Stafford	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	_____
Corresponding Sec.	Kendra Gibson	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	_____
Treasurer	Barbara Dobbs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	_____
Communications Mgr.	Daine Pearson	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	_____
Member at Large	Pat Cloud	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	_____
Member at Large	Lyn Coltman	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	_____
Member at Large	Julie Gothard	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	_____
Member at Large	Jack Hamilton	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	_____
Member at Large	Vicky Pasmanick	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	_____
Member at Large	Vanessa Shapiro	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	_____
Member at Large	Walter Weeks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	_____
Member at Large	Barbara Wood	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	_____

The following positions are provided for by the DNCA By-Laws and do not require a vote.

Neighborhood Watch Program – Lisa Dierks-Unkefer – In 1999, Lisa and her husband Gary bought the home on Huntington Circle that Lisa grew up in. Lisa has worked for Smith Barney/Citigroup Global Markets, Inc. for over 20 years. Gary has been at Cross Fluid Power for over 17 years. Lisa’s interests are gardening and travel.

Garden Club Representative – Corlette Muery – Corlette Muery and husband Bob have owned houses in Dunwoody North since 1975. They have one married daughter. Corlette is a retired elementary school teacher. She has been an active member of Dunwoody Home & Garden Club since 1975 and is currently its co-president.

DNDC President (Dunwoody North Driving Club) – Bob Cottle – Bob has lived in Dunwoody North with his wife Patty since 1994. They have two boys, Drew and Griffin. Bob is employed as a Commercial Real Estate Broker with Colliers International.

Check us out online and on Facebook!

www.dunwoodynorth.org

Yard of the Month

By the Beautification Committee

It is difficult to believe we are headed into January and have only had a few days dip below freezing. Many of our plants are confused and budding out and will be zapped by the cold temperatures that are sure to come. The Beautification Committee has been making good use of the warmer temperatures by planting a few new shrubs and bulbs around the Dunwoody North monuments. Our goal is to enhance the newly painted and leveled monuments with attractive yet low maintenance plants. We will need months of cool weather and more rain to get these areas established before the summer heat arrives. If you are interested in assisting with the planning, planting and/or maintenance of the monument areas, please contact Pat Cloud (beautification@dunwoodynorth.org, or 770-220-0027)

The 2nd annual Plant Exchange is on the calendar for Saturday, March 10th, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, in the parking lot of Dunwoody North Driving Club. We hope that with advance notice more of our neighbors will be able to participate. Most of us have too much of something - Hostas, Day Lilies, etc. For every plant you bring you get to take one home. So take stock of your surplus, fill those pots and come take part in the fun.

Please See Yard of the Month page 8

Did you know that...

- you need a permit for new water heaters, air conditioners, furnaces, and roofs?
- you may need to obtain a permit if you are removing more than one tree? Especially if that tree is in a stream buffer. Check with the City of Dunwoody Arborist (Howard.koontz@dunwoodyga.gov) prior to removal.
- you are supposed to clear all yard debris from your yard as well as your curbing?



June Yard of the Month - Dunhaven Road

- there is no dumping of yard debris allowed on Laurelwood Road by the reservoir? Illegal dumping of leaves at that location is narrowing the roadway.
- there is a noise ordinance that deals with barking dogs? The Dunwoody Police can respond to complaints about this.
- that home occupations may not have customer contact, no visible sign of the business from the exterior, no noise emitted from the business that could disturb neighbors, no parties or sales events? This includes sale events at the Driving Club Clubhouse which is zoned residential.
- there is a property maintenance code which requires that the exterior of your home be properly maintained? This includes peeling paint, broken windows, overgrowth of grass/weeds, gutters that are falling off the house, and shutters that are broken and/or falling off the house.

If you would like more information, please go to the City of Dunwoody web site that will link you to municode to view our City codes.

President's Message from page 1

Please remember to check out our new website at www.dunwoodynorth.org and "like" us on Facebook. I would like to extend thanks to Daine Pearson, Vanessa Shapiro and Rob Maxwell for their time this past year working to cultivate a new brand direction for DNCA.

My last thank you is to the 2011 Board. You can't imagine how much I appreciate all that you have done as volunteers to make our community more cohesive and connected.

After reading this President's message, I hope you can see what benefits the DNCA can offer our community and I hope you will join the Dunwoody North Civic Association.

Thanks.
Gerri Penn
President, Dunwoody North Civic Association
President@dunwoodynorth.org

DNCA Membership Benefits

It is the mission of the Dunwoody North Civic Association is to represent the Dunwoody North Communities in city, county, and state issues concerning our neighborhoods. The DNCA also assists residents of the Dunwoody North Communities to protect and enhance the value of their property. By completing the form below and paying your dues, you assist us in these activities. You also help keep the community directory current and with your email address, enable us to keep the community informed of important issues.

The DNCA does respect your privacy and does not sell or lend your personal information to businesses or affiliates. All information you supply is kept confidential and used only for DNCA related activities.

Phone numbers will be used by our Neighborhood Watch program so that immediate notifications can be made regarding suspicious activity and crimes in the area.

2012 DNCA Annual Membership and Directory Update Form

Please mail your \$20 annual membership check, made payable to Dunwoody North Civic Association to:
Barbara Dobbs, Treasurer, 2573 Amberly Drive, Dunwoody, GA 30360

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Street _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

Family E-Mail _____ Year Moved Into Community _____

I am interested in: Neighborhood Beautification Neighborhood Watch DNCA Board Meetings

Other: _____

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Our “Yard of the Month” judging will begin the last week in March with the first awards of the season given in April. Two homes are chosen, one east of Tilly Mill and one west of Tilly Mill. As members of the Beautification Committee drive around looking for yards worthy of being awarded “The Yard of the Month” we have noticed a few things that make a yard look nice:

- **Mulch Helps:** Whether it is pine straw or pine bark, mulch helps a yard look fresh and it helps keep the ground moist so plants are healthier.
- **Know Your Plants:** Drought resistant plants and plants that are native to Georgia are going to survive the hot dry conditions of a Georgia summer better than plants native to other areas of the country. Visit Nova Scotia in the summer, a place that is cool and damp and you will notice how big their ferns and Hostas are. On the other hand, our Knock Out Roses and Black Eyed Susan’s seem to thrive in the heat.
- **Hardscaping Breaks It Up:** Placing benches, making pathways or adding a few pieces of yard art lets you add color and breaks up your yard. It also means you have fewer things to take care of since pathways don’t require watering. Hardscaping does not have to be expensive; you can find cute and attractive pieces at discount stores all over Atlanta.
- **Cut it Back:** I know it is hard to cut back plants that are thriving even though they are taking over your driveway. But sometimes you have to be brutal and take your pruning shears to out-of- control plants. Plants that thrive most of the year can get spindly and weedy by August. A little pruning can go a long way.

DNCA ANNUAL MEETING FEBRUARY 21, 2012

PROGRAM: CHATCOMM UPDATE FOR OUR EMERGENCY SERVICES AND WHAT IS INTERACTIVE DEFENSE

SPEAKER: SGT. MIKE CARLSON – Sgt. Carlson came from Marietta PD. He has been with Dunwoody Police since their start, and has 13 years of law enforcement experience. Sgt. Carlson is currently the Public Information Officer and the Community Outreach Supervisor.

SPEICAL GUEST: DISTRICT 3 COUNCILMAN, DOUGLAS THOMPSON

** District 3 Councilman at Large, John Heneghan, will attend if he is in town.*

WHERE: DUINWOODY NORTH DRIVING CLUBHOUSE – 4522 Kingsgate Dr.

6:30 p.m. - Social

7:00 p.m. – Meeting and Elections

7:30 p.m. – Speaker and Questions

- **Weed the Weeds:** It is amazing isn’t it? Everything is drying up except the weeds. You can’t get grass to grow in your lawn but it pops up randomly in the flower beds. Laying down some mulch will help you control your weeds, but ultimately you are going to have to exert some energy to control the weeds in your garden.