

# Dunwoody

CIVIC ASSOCIATION

# North

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## From our Beautification Committee

# Picturesque, It's Easy!

It is amazing how a well-tended yard can bring the whole neighborhood alive. Driving along Tilly Mill, coming from or going towards Peachtree Industrial, you are greeted with a picturesque piece of landscaping on the corner of Stonington. Within the last year we have seen red and purple flowers, green edging and several trees appear to offer a welcome greeting to that little corner of Dunwoody North. The landscaping is so simple, yet effective. We asked Jeff Sain, the homeowner, how he came up with ideas for his yard and how he developed a plan. This is what he told us:

“As a Dunwoody homeowner, I know how complex it can be to plan, then execute a new landscape, but it's really easy if you stick to the basics. Don't be afraid take time to visualize the end result. Walk around your property and create zones of areas you'd like to improve in the yard. What helped me was to drive throughout greater Atlanta to see what combinations of trees, bushes and plants the professionals used in

their symmetrical designs. I split my project into 3 phases. This helped me get the work completed to see those fantastic results. Using this approach also helped manage the overall budget. Lastly, use good quality products. Go to nurseries with guarantees. You might pay more, but these nurseries tell me it's normal for up to 10-20% of the plants not to survive within the first year. You can take them back and get credit for those spring batch of flowers. Good luck with you new project; you're making our community beautiful!”

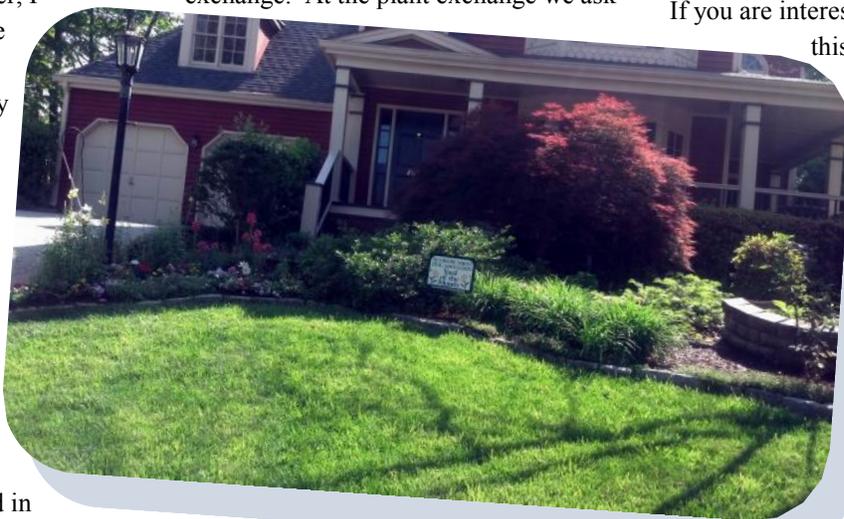
Start planning now for the spring plant exchange. At the plant exchange we ask

gardeners, both those with a green thumb and those who don't know Liriope from Nandina, to bring their extra plants to exchange for plants they need. If you don't have plants to exchange you can make a donation and leave with someone's excess. All donations go to the care and maintenance of the Dunwoody North monuments.

The Yard of the Month Committee is always looking for volunteers to help with the maintenance of the monuments. For more on volunteering please check the Dunwoody North website (“Contact” tab – Beautification).

If you are interested in seeing pictures of this years Yard of the Month winners please check the Dunwoody North website. Seeing what past winners have done with their yards is a great way to get ideas for your yard.

Happy Gardening!



# Thank You

Dear Friends at DNCA,

Paul and I wanted to extend our deepest thanks to all of you for your time and effort over the past four years in getting the violation of the home occupation ordinance at our neighbors home resolved.

Gerri Penn, Tom LaPenna and John Heneghan have been involved helping us for the past four years and Tom LaPenna finally had a reasonable conversation with the resident's attorney and the Judge and came to what we feel is an excellent end to this tiresome problem.

Although we are moving out of the area, we are still delighted to know that this problem will no longer be affecting our neighbors and the new homeowners who will soon be living in our current residence.

This is a wonderful area and we have enjoyed the 15 years we've lived here. I'm so glad Dunwoody has become a city so issues can be resolved in a fair, and hopefully in the future, a timely way.

We will miss our neighbors here in Dunwoody, but leave with a great feeling that we had wonderful support from the caring members of the DNCA.

Warmest regards, - Barbara and Paul DeHaven

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## 2012 DNCA Annual Membership and Directory Update Form

Please mail your \$20 annual membership check, made payable to Dunwoody North Civic Association to:

**David Fowler, 4364 Stonington Circle, Dunwoody, GA 30338**

David can be contacted at: (404) 290-0337 and as Treasurer from the website - [www.DunwoodyNorth.org](http://www.DunwoodyNorth.org)

Please mark "Dues" and the current year in the memo area

Please fill in the form as you would like it displayed in the DNCA directory. The directory will be delivered to you early in the year.

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 and Activities

Other Interests: \_\_\_\_\_

In an effort to be simultaneously a "green" and yet more informative neighbor and neighborhood advocate, the DNCA is sending quarterly email newsletters and other occasional electronic updates.

I **do not** want to receive electronic newsletters and other occasional email updates from the DNCA.

*The Dunwoody North Civic Association respects 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 Dunwoody North Civic Association related activities.*

*Phone Numbers are used by our Neighborhood Watch program so that immediate notifications can be made regarding suspicious activity and crimes in the area therefore please provide a valid telephone number.*

# Neighborhood Watch Update



Lisa O. Dierks-Unkefer  
DNCA Neighborhood Watch Chairman

## A Future for the Garden Club

Is this Goodbye?

By Corlette Muery

The Dunwoody North Garden Club was formed in 1967. It has had an outstanding list of achievements in its 45 years; focusing on community service, education, hosting events and supporting charities. However, in the past few years our membership numbers have diminished from seventy to just over a dozen today. This is due in part to more women in the work place and an aging demographic in our community.

With the loss of three of our long-time members, we feel that it is time for our group to end. We have had many fond memories and forged many close friendships, but our energy no longer allows us to complete our objectives. Therefore, we are disbanding the garden club. It would be my pleasure to help anyone interested in reorganizing this very worthwhile club.

We already have the hard part done; writing bylaws and seed money. If anyone is interested in forming a new group please call me,

Corlette Muery, at 770-458-3933.

Hello Everyone,

I had lunch with Sgt. Mike Carlson and our new PIO Officer, Tim Fecht, in mid July. All agreed how quiet it has been in our neighborhood this year until the recent burglary on Laurelwood Road. As you have probably heard by now, the Dunwoody Police caught the burglary suspects in another robbery off of Roberts Drive on September 10th. A neighbor spotted the same black Honda Accord that was described in the Laurelwood break-in and called the police. After a long foot chase, the police took both suspects into custody. There are two other incidents I have been made aware of. Recently a neighbor on Dunhaven came home on a Friday evening about 10:15 to find a suspicious car parked across the street with a woman sitting in it. After ten minutes she moved the car a few houses down. The resident called the Police which resulted in a drug arrest. Thank you Neighbor for looking out for suspicious activity and calling the Police! Another homeowner caught someone going through his mailbox. If you become a victim of identity theft, please file a report with the Police. The Dunwoody Police Department website has an "Identity Theft" section under Community Outreach with links for what to do and who to contact if you become a victim.

If you are new to the neighborhood, please contact me at [neighborhoodwatch@dunwoodynorth.org](mailto:neighborhoodwatch@dunwoodynorth.org) so I can add you to our callingpost list, which will call you in case of a break-in, or other significant incident. I just need your name, phone number and street address. Callingpost is a service which is supported by your annual dues of \$20.00 to the Dunwoody North Civic Association. If you receive a call and would like to hear the message again, you can call 1-800-925-7443 and put in our group ID # 161-828-3656. Callingpost will only call between 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. If your line is busy, it will continue to reach you up to 14 times.

**Be safe and call 911 if you see ANYTHING suspicious!**

# Presidents Message



By Gerri Penn  
DNCA President

Dear Neighbors,

It is that time of year, where many of us are celebrating holidays and enjoying the season of color. It is also when your Civic Association, DNCA, starts our membership campaign.

You might be asking yourself, "Why should I pay \$20.00 a year to DNCA?" The Dunwoody North Civic Association is here to help our residents, and your donation helps us to develop and better our community and provide our members access to information and occurrences within it. Please take a moment to read a thank you note included in this newsletter which we received from the DeHavens. We have been assisting them for four years to settle a licensed Home Occupation that was not compliant with the codes. Additionally, the DNCA donates \$300.00 annually to Briers North Halloween security. We provide our community with Neighborhood Watch Calling Posts which alert our neighbors to important occurrences within our neighborhoods. We provide newsletters twice a year which include expenses such as printing, bags and delivery. We subsidize an amazing web site which introduces our neighborhood to outside sources and definitely gets realtor viewings. Recently, we

made a donation to the Dunwoody North Driving Club for new chairs. They graciously allow us to use the clubhouse at no charge for our annual meeting. We also pay for repair and maintenance of our monuments. We are currently working with Councilman John Heneghan to attempt to get a safe crosswalk on Tilly Mill at either Binghamton or Stonington Roads. And finally, in 2013, we will begin the huge task of working on a new directory.

All of our Board Members and Beautification Committee members are volunteers. The Beautification Committee members are not only judging Yard of the Month, but watering plants on a weekly basis at the monuments.

The best way to show your appreciation of our efforts, and allow the DNCA to continue to service our community is to pay \$20.00 to your Civic Association in annual dues.

Thanks.  
Gerri Penn  
DNCA President

## In Memoriam

### **Barbara Dodds, A Long Time Civic Association Board Member**

Barbara Dodds, 74, of Dunwoody, GA passed away peacefully on June 2, 2012 in Atlanta. She was born in Bonham, Texas on September 18, 1937. Barbara graduated from Orleans American High School in Orleans, France. She was married to Ralph A. Dodds, Jr. on September 1, 1956.

Loved by all who knew her, Barbara was an expert seamstress who passed on her love of sewing and other crafts to her children and grandchildren. She was a long-time officer in the Dunwoody North Civic Association, Dunwoody Homeowners Association and was well known for her community service.

### **Gladys Coley, Dunwoody North Civic Association Pioneer**

Gladys Coley passed away on March 19, 2012. She and her husband of over 62 years, W. Ray Coley, were the fourth family to move into the Dunwoody North neighborhood, residing in their dream home at 4393 Huntington Circle since 1964.

Gladys created the first roster of Dunwoody North in 1964. This was the start of what we now know as the Dunwoody North Communities Neighborhood Directory.

Dunwoody North neighbors have Gladys and her husband to thank for the installation of our central AC systems in our homes as they fought with their builder to add it as a condition during the construction of their home. At the time, the community was not slated to have central AC installed as a standard, so builders were not offering it. Subsequently, this push forced all future homes constructed within the neighborhood to be built with central AC.

Gladys was a very outgoing individual who never met a person she did not like, and who will be greatly missed by her family and the Dunwoody North Communities.