

DUNWOODY NORTH CIVIC ASSOCIATION

SEPTEMBER 1996

CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING

OCTOBER 8, 1996 7:00-9:00 P.M.
DUNWOODY NORTH DRIVING CLUBHOUSE

Liane Levetan, incumbent CEO of Dekalb County and **Gary Peet**, Republican candidate for CEO of Dekalb County will be the featured speakers. The candidates will each present a prepared statement of their proposed agendas for Dekalb County.

There will be a coffee-cookies / "social hour" from 7:00-7:30 p.m. At 7:30-7:45 p.m. the Civic Association will conduct their business meeting. At 7:45 p.m. the candidates will each be given 15 min. to make their presentations. A question and answer session will follow.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Neighbors,

I really enjoyed driving around the neighborhood this summer. Our neighborhood looks so beautiful that it made me think about the Olympics. Although I am glad that we did not feel the impact of the Olympics, I am sorry that out-of-towners did not see the Dunwoody North neighborhoods at their best.

I have noticed that houses that have gone on the market seem to be selling quickly. I think that is because so many of you care about Dunwoody North and outsiders appreciate it.

Thank you so much for making the Dunwoody North area a great place to live. I hope that all of you feel the same pride in our neighborhood that I do.

GERRI PENN

ENFORCEMENT SOUGHT

Over the past few years, a very serious situation has been developing along with the increased traffic on Tilly Mill Rd. Motorists have taken to using the de-acceleration lanes in front of Briers North and Brafferton Square subdivisions for passing other vehicles. Passing on the right in this manner is not only illegal but is also potentially very dangerous for pedestrians and vehicles alike.

In response to this problem, the DNCA Board voted to write a letter of support for a proposal (submitted by Jim Kelley) which calls for additional signage, as well as, small concrete islands which will restrict the use of the de-acceleration lanes to the purpose for which they were originally intended and designed for: de-acceleration into side streets. Anyone interested in more information concerning this proposal may talk directly to **Jim Kelley** at the next general meeting.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

NEIGHBORHOOD ALERT

Once again we are experiencing thefts from vehicles. Two such incidents were reported on August 30, on Stonington Road and Shelborne Drive. During the previous week, two young males were scared away at 4:30 a.m. by an alert neighbor who turned on some lights as they approached a neighbor's vehicle parked on Shelborne Drive. They had driven up in a vehicle without lights. A third theft occurred on September 11 with over \$800.00 of personal property stolen.

Do not leave valuables in your vehicle if they are parked in a driveway, carport or on the street. It has been suggested previously that all residents should leave exterior lights on at night and lock doors, as a possible deterrent to this activity. We can't over emphasize the importance of alert neighbors.

If you have, or have had, a theft from your vehicle, or any other crime-related incident, be sure to call 911 to make a police report, then notify your Block Captain. If you don't know who your Block Captain is, please call **Linda Fugitt**, Co-Chairperson of the Neighborhood Watch, 451-7025.

QUARTERLY CRIME UPDATE

(compiled by Community relations unit 7/02/96)

The quarterly crime update for April-June was received shortly after the publication of the last Newsletter. Charles Delk, Crime Awareness Officer for our neighborhood, reported the following:

Amberly Drive

6/19 security alarm-open door/window

Brookhurst Drive

5/13 burglary-forced entry-cable box stolen
6/03 larceny-theft from vehicle-phone stolen

Dunhaven Road

4/16 larceny-theft outside home-bicycle stolen

Dunover Circle

4/14 burglary-no evidence of forced entry-jewelry
stolen

Holliston Road

4/27 criminal trespass
5/15 harassing phone call

Huntington Circle

5/10 larceny-theft from vehicle
5/24 burglary- forced entry

Kingsfield Court

5/17 burglary-forced entry-power tools stolen

Kingsgate Drive

4/08 larceny-theft outside the home

Kings Point

6/03 burglary-forced entry- jewelry, 2 cameras,
radio stolen

Laurelwood Road

4/05 property damage
5/04 criminal trespass
5/04 criminal trespass
5/05 criminal trespass

Norwalk Road

4/17 suspicious person/vehicle

Riverglen Circle

4/29 burglary-no evidence of forced entry-
jewelry stolen

Shelborne Drive

4/02 larceny-theft from yards-lawnmower stolen
4/05 criminal trespass

Stonington Circle

5/26 stolen vehicle-'92 Toyota-recovered 5/27
(wife had car)

Stonington Road

4/20 larceny- theft outside the home-bicycle stolen
5/04 burglary- no evidence of forced entry-
TV, microwave oven, purse stolen

Sudbury Road

4/05 larceny-theft from vehicle
6/22 vehicle stolen elsewhere-recovered here

EXPLANATION OF TERMS

larceny-theft from outside the home (from yard, porch, carport, auto, etc.)

burglary-theft or attempted theft from residence

robbery- theft from person

criminal trespass-vandalism (i.e. mailbox bashing, lawn trenching, broken windows, etc.)

property damage-when vandalism exceeds \$500

property loss-usually a theft from mailbox

SPECIAL THANKS

We wish to extend our thanks to the Neighborhood Watch coordinators and block captains, as well as, many other residents who have assisted with the updating of the watch lists and the Civic Association Directory to be published soon. Your cooperation was most sincerely appreciated.

Barbara Dodds
Linda Fugitt

CHANGES IN THE BY-LAWS

Two changes in our by-laws have been proposed.

Since dues collection has been moved to January, it was felt that it made sense to have the required annual meeting and elections following the beginning of the new fiscal year.

Article VII- Meetings, Section I-a. states: "The annual meeting shall be held during the month of October unless otherwise decided by the Board of Directors." It is proposed that February be substituted for October to allow for dues collection in January.

The second proposed change is to clarify Presidential spending authority. Article VI-Duties of Officers, Section 1-d states that the President shall: "Sign warrants on the treasury." The proposed change specifies that the President shall be authorized to spend up to \$200 per appropriation without prior Board approval.

These proposed by-law changes will be voted on at the next general meeting. If you want to vote, but will be unable to attend, you must submit your **proxy in writing** to the president, **Gerri Penn**, prior to the meeting.

GOT A LEMON-MAKE LEMONADE

You can get rid of that car, riding lawn mower, etc. **AT NO COST TO YOU, AND YOU MAY EVEN GET A TAX DEDUCTION!** just by calling the National Kidney Foundation of Georgia at (404) 248-1315 ext. 25. They will pick up the vehicle (it does not have to be in running order), give you a receipt for it, and when it sells they will even let you know how much it sold for. The National Kidney Foundation of Georgia does this in conjunction with Dekalb Clean and Beautiful.

This is a good way to clean up our streets of derelict vehicles, help clean out your garages/carpools, and provide income to help support the over 300,000 kidney patients in Georgia. Don Linnartz (Dunwoody North -(770) 455-6060) is on the Board of the Kidney Foundation, and will be glad to discuss donations with you

WELCOME BASKETS

Distribution of Welcome Baskets will not commence until the new directory is published, as they will be included. Please call **Carol Throm** at 451-2209 if you will be able to help assemble the baskets or provide baked goods.

MARTA : FUTURE DIRECTIONS

On Sept. 15, 1996 a meeting of the Dunwoody Homeowners Association was held at the High School to inform members about plans for MARTA's expansion. Ms. Caroline D. Wilder, Asst. Manager for Transit Station Development, i.e. chief engineer, and the two project managers for the soon-to-be begun Sandy Springs and North Springs stations were the featured speakers. They brought aerial maps and station diagrams to help illustrate where the new stations would be constructed and how they would function. They also answered questions from the audience.

These two stations are the outcome of a proposal originally developed in 1989; it was based on a projected growth rate of office space concentration in the Perimeter area that was then expected to quadruple the amount of office space downtown. That has not happened, but the plan was approved, funded and is proceeding. Three new stations were originally proposed; the Dunwoody station has already been completed. The next station will be Sandy Springs which will be constructed near the Perimeter Pointe Shopping Center (Homeplace, etc.). Groundbreaking is scheduled for October 1, 1996 at 10:00 a.m.

Some of you may have heard on TV that MARTA is considering charging for parking at four of its stations: **Dunwoody, Doraville and Chamblee**, all of which serve Dunwoody and surrounding areas, and the **Lindbergh** station which serves Buckhead. The proposal is to **charge everyone using those four stations \$1 for the first day of parking**, and \$5/day for subsequent contiguous long-term parking.

This proposal is ostensibly to discourage extended parking by those using MARTA to go to the airport because these people tie up parking spaces needed by daily commuters. Of course that was one of the original selling points for enlisting the support of the North side. No proposal has been made to charge daily commuters, or long-term parkers using any other stations in the system. According to Ms. Wilder, they are not planning to charge at other stations where there are numerous unused spots. She cited 500 unused spots at Avondale Estates. Perhaps they have too many and we have too few?

Apparently, a public hearing was held on Sept. 5, 1996 to consider possible changes in MARTA's parking policy. No future public meetings are scheduled to discuss these potential changes, and a policy decision will be made within 30-60 days. If you want to have any input in the decision process, you must call or write your views to:

Mr. Roger A. Dottin
Manager of Community Relations
2424 Piedmont, N.E.
Atlanta, GA 30324-3330
phone **(404)848-4266**
fax **(404)848-5098**



GARDEN CLUB -Pat Schaefer

- Oct. 7 9:30 a.m. Accessorize the Home**
location: Vicky Canakar's home
399-9323
- Nov. 4 7:30 p.m. Holiday Entertaining**
location: Audrey Osborn's home
458-3821
- Dec. 2 11:30 a.m. Annual Luncheon**
or 9 location: La Petite Auberge
call Pat Schaefer
457-0689
- Jan. 6 7:30 p.m. Basic Herb Growing & Cooking**
location: Rene Lehman's home
458-1747
- Feb. 3 9:00 a.m. Trip to Hastings Garden Center**
location: meet @ Pat Schaefer's
457-0689
- Mar. 3 7:30 p.m. Container Gardening**
location: Angela Moore's home
452-3111
- Apr. 7 9:30 a.m. Trip to Dahlonaga "Old Home" Rose Garden**
location: meet @ Angela Moore's
452-3111
- May 5 11:00 a.m. Picnic & Plant Auction Installation of Officers**
location: Barbara Dodd's home
455-0650

GC Dues are \$10/ year - Contact Pat Schaefer

THE SCOOP ON POOP

Many of our members have complained that some of their neighbors have been allowing their pets to use other people's yards as a bathroom. For those of you that are new to the area, Georgia has both a leash law requiring all pets to be on a leash at all times when outside their owner's property, and said owner's are responsible for cleaning up the detritus created by their pets. According to the Code of 1976, Chap. 5, Sect. 5-9-c. re: the General Responsibility of Owners: "it shall be unlawful for any person who possesses, harbors or is in charge of any animal not to immediately remove excrement deposited by the animal on any street right-of-way, public or private property."

Consider how you would feel if you had to walk

through animal excrement whenever you had to mow your lawn due to the inconsiderate actions of your neighbors...and extend them the same courtesy!

TRASH MASH

As of Sept. 1, 1996, with less than 2 weeks notice, Dekalb County has decreed that in the future yard trimmings will no longer be collected along with the trash. They have indicated that said trimmings will still be collected, but must be collected in a different manner and on a separate day; **which day that will be is as yet undetermined.** Homeowners will no longer be allowed to bag the trimmings in plastic bags, but they will be able to use large paper bags especially made for the purpose. Such bags will supposedly be available at both Target and Home Depot and eventually numerous other locations in the near future. It is also acceptable to place the trimmings directly into trash containers, but be careful that you don't combine the two because the trash men are examining the contents before picking up.

The premature issuance of the notification (without having an alternative plan in place for trimmings removal) has resulted in an accumulation of unsightly, smelly garbage at the curb. Phone calls to the Sanitation Dept., County Administration, and our Council representative have resulted in everyone blaming the other, or denying responsibility for the problem. It has taken two weeks, but most of this trash has now been picked up, although a scheduled day has not yet been designated. The garbage men simply come back after they've collected the regular trash.

Address questions and comments regarding yard trimming pickup to (404) 687-3540. If you want faster action, perhaps calls to Dekalb County Administration may be effective.

DEKALB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

- Liane Levetan**, Dekalb County CEO, at
(404) 371-2881
- Elaine Boyer**, our County Commissioner,
(404) 371-2844
- Judy Yates**, Commissioner-At-Large,
(404) 371-4909

or any of the other commissioners:

- Gale Walldorff****(404) 371-2863**
- Jacqueline Scott****(404) 371-2988**
- Ken Davis**.....**(404) 371-4907**
- Bill Brown**.....**(404) 371-4745**
- Sanford Porter****(404) 371-3753**