DUNWOODY NORTH CIVIC ASSOCIATION

APRIL 1997

METRO CRIME PREVENTION PRESENTS



REDUCE YOUR CHANCES OF BECOMING A VICTIM

Presented by an independent task force of present and former law enforcement officers on the most current crimes, con games, and methods presently being used by predators, and the best ways to protect your family and property.

Topics covered: Home & Apartment security, car jacking, rape, muggings, stalkings, personal safety, traveling-vacation/day to day, auto safety devices: the Club, stunguns, mace, body alarms, guns, locks, etc.

DATE: TUES. MAY 6, 1997 TIME: 7:00 p.m. SOCIAL

7:30 p.m. MEETING

LOCATION: DUNWOODY NORTH DRIVING CLUBHOUSE

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Neighbors,

I would like to thank George Jordan and Carol Throm for all their previous service to the DNCA. Our new board members are Leslie O'Callaghan and Matthew Kennedy.

As I said in a previous letter, we really have a beautiful neighborhood. Unfortunately, there are some exceptions. Some of the board members and I have received a few complaints every month. For that reason, we had Ernie Blow, manager of the Code Enforcements Dept., speak at our February meeting. It was a very interesting and informative meeting. Did you know that you are only allowed one shed in your yard? Garage and sample sales are a Dekalb County violation. In another section of this newsletter, I will list some of the common complaints and violations we experiencing. We all have a vested interest in this community. A house that is in disrepair detracts from all the houses around it. Let's keep the Dunwoody North Communities desirable and attractive to outsiders as well as to each other.

I hope to see you at our next meeting on May 6. Have a great spring!

Gerri Penn President

1997 Board of Directors

President	Gerri Penn	.457-2474
V.P.	Matthew Kennedy	451-3141
Rec. Sec'y	Leslie O'Callaghan	455-6290
Cor. Sec'y	Judy Hofer	.455-4555
	Barbara Dodds	

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Mary Alice Bancrof	455-4344
Tom Hanlon (Driving Club)	451-0966
Linda Fugitt (Neighborhood Watch)	451-7025
Jim Kelley	.457-7084
Arlene McClure	
Pat Schaefer (Garden Club)	457-0689

OUR THANKS TO:

The nominating committee: Carol Throm, Verna Minnick, and Claudia Walton.

The 1996 Board of Directors for a job well done.

Judy Hofer for the incredible job she has been doing on the Newsletters. (Gerri's words)

WELCOME BASKETS

We use the Atlanta Journal/Constitution to get our information on new residents in the DNCA Communities. This sometimes result in a delay of recognition. If you know of a new neighbor, please call Barbara Dodds (455-0650), Gerri Penn (457-2474), or Carol Throm (451-2209).

The baskets are beautiful and we have already distributed some.

SIGN COMMITTEE

Arlene McClure is chairing the newly formed Dunwoody North entrance sign committee. If you are interested in being on this committee, please call Arlene (457-7556).

JULY 4 TH. PARADE

Last year the DNCA participated in the parade for the first time. We would like to make it a tradition, but we need volunteers! If you have a convertible car to use, want to decorate a car, or want to drive/ride in the car, please call Gerri Penn.

YARD CLIPPINGS

Yard clippings are no longer picked up with the trash. They must be separated from regular trash, placed directly in trash containers (no plastic bags!) or in the new paper yard bags.

As with regular garbage, it is a Dekalb County code violation to place refuse at the curb more than 24 hours ahead of the designated collection day. Please be considerate of your neighbors-don't place clippings at the curb just after the pickup, as it will sit there for a full week. Collection days are:

Peachtree Side: Tuesdays Tilly Mill side: Fridays

DNCA BULLETIN BOARD

TOWN HALL MEETING- ELAINE BOYER

Thursday, April 24, 1997 at Dekalb Tech Dunwoody 4680 Chamblee Dunwoody Road

<u>Purpose</u>: to inform of, and discuss the findings of Dekalb County's Board of Health Report on the community's health and ways to improve it.

BROOK RUN UPDATE

Senator James Tysinger sent Gerri Penn an update on the status of Brook Run. According to Sen. Tysinger, the \$7 million funding for Brook Run was redirected to community homes for the mentally retarded, in effect, closing Brook Run. The attempt to save Brook privatization via failed. however. resolution SR 167 was passed. This resolution provides that 35% of the property be set aside as green space, however, a study will be made over the next year regarding the final disposition of the 98.3 acres. Three of the possible options are: all the property be green space; the property be transferred to another state agency; a fifty year lease of the remaining property to a public or private entity.

The hope is to protect this large tract from developers. One wonders who will have sway over public officials, if the community fails to continue the pressure and keep the issue alive. For additional information, Sen. Tysinger can be reached at his capitol office (404) 656-5068 or his home (770) 457-2375.

TILLY MILL ROAD UPDATE

Ashton Woods Homes will build the new homes on Tilly Mill Rd. being developed by Chris Weathers. The property sale will close on April 25, 1997. After closing, the present home owners will have two weeks to thirty days to vacate the premises. The existing homes will be moved to other locations. It is anticipated that the development of the property will take approximately three months.

WATER METER UPDATE

Dekalb County is changing their open sewer system to comply with the Clean Water Drinking Act. The new system is a closed system with a backflow preventer on the meter. Since the County was making system changes, they decided to install new electronic meters at the same time. The current plastic lines are being replaced with copper lines from the water meter to the water main.

The contractor doing this work is Mueller Service. They are supposed to give you a 72 hour notice on your door or mailbox flag. They do not work at night. If you have any questions or complaints, call Greg Williams of Mueller Service at (770)918-8999 or Bobby Burwell with Dekalb County at (770)621-7241.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

At our February 18 meeting, Ernie Blow and two of his officers explained the role of the Code Enforcement Department.

The following complaints have been received by the DNCA; some are code violations:

- house used as a multi-family dwelling
- open storage on property
- sample and garage sales
- residential parking on non-paved surfaces
- roof in disrepair; house in total disrepair
- · iunk cars
- unkempt yards
- · broken, boarded or taped windows
- · multiple storage sheds
- home business with visiting customers
- commercial vehicles parked on street
- trash cans, bags or yard clippings left at curb for more than 24 hours.

You can call Ernie Blow or one of his officers at (404) 371-2776 to determine if your complaint is a code violation. If it is, you must then call Ron Sifen (452-7620), head of the Zoning Committee. The committee will decide whether to pursue the complaint. Complaints handled through official channels will avoid duplication. If your home is in violation, please remember that your neighbors, as well as, the property values of their homes and yours are affected by the attractiveness of our community.

DNCA MEMBERSHIP

Have you ever wondered why your neighbors are members of the DNCA?

Membership gives you the opportunity to interact with hundreds of people throughout your community that you might otherwise never meet. As a member, it is easier to stay informed about what is happening in the Dunwoody North Communities.

Accelerated and aggressive movement by developers has already taken place in your neighborhood. Do you know the outcome of recent rezoning hearings and lawsuits that effect your neighborhood? The DNCA now has a Zoning committee made up of your neighbors who monitor and proactively pursue the issues brought to their attention by other DNCA members. This is a daunting task to perform on your own!

The DNCA has officers who have nurtured long-standing relationships with county commissioners and county departmental directors that provide DNCA with a direct link to those who set policies that affect you and your neighborhood.

The DNCA meetings provide a forum to discuss major neighborhood issues, such as: crime, traffic, and growth, as well as, the opportunity to simply get to know your neighbors. You might find the name of the house painter that did such a great job on Riverglenn, or learn which company gave the best price for removing those big pine trees over on Sharon Valley.

Guest speakers are often a part of our meetings. Your local and state government representatives, police crime watch units, and various other local organizations to name just a few, are willing participants.

The DNCA members make this informative newsletter possible. If you are reading it, you probably want to know about your neighborhood. The DNCA is your conduit to being well informed about our community, and at only \$10.00 per year, it is a great bargain!

Matthew Kennedy V.P. Membership

BULLETIN DISTRIBUTION CHANGES

Do you enjoy reading this bulletin? Do you find it helpful and informative?

It is expensive to print and distribute bulletins to all residents of the Dunwoody North communities, consequently the Board of Directors of the DNCA has recently recommended (subject to a ratification vote by the general membership at the upcoming May 6 meeting) that henceforth, this bulletin be provided only to paid members of the DNCA and to newcomers (in the welcome basket).

If you would like to continue to receive the bulletin, please pay your dues before the end of the current membership campaign. Thanks,

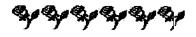
HOME AND GARDEN CLUB

The final meeting of the Garden Club will be held may 5, 1997 at the home of Barbara Dodds at 2573 Amberly Drive. The annual picnic luncheon begins at 11:30 am followed by a plant auction. Anyone interested in attending this fun-filled meeting please call Co-Presidents Vicki Canakaris (399-9323) or Pat Schaefer (457-1432)

The 1997-1998 year begins September 8, 1997 at 7:30 p.m. with a welcome coffee at the home of Carol Ford, 2651 Laurelwood Road. We invite all residents of Dunwoody North, Dunwoody Trails, and Laurelwood Farms to join. Dues are \$10.00 per year and meetings are held the first Monday of each month-September through May. Meetings times are 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. alternating months.

Among the groups supported by the Garden Club are Brook Run, The Elaine Clark Center, the Dunwoody Preservation Trust, Dunwoody High School, Peachtree Junior High School, Chestnut Elementary School and Hightower Elementary School.

Recognition of the yard of the month will begin in May and end during September. So spruce up your yards everyone and lets make our neighborhoods the loveliest in the area.



RIGHT OF WAY

Tom Black, Acting Director-Public Works, has issued a memorandum to Liane Levetan, Dekalb County CEO, which if unopposed, will ignore The Comprehensive Land Use Plan which currently requires a 50 foot right-of-way and change it to a new 80 foot right-of-way. Apparently there is a discrepancy in the language between The Land Use Plan and the Dekalb County Zoning Ordinance (Section 27-120 &27-121). He is trying to use this loophole to expand the county's ability to seize through eminent domain more property for widening purposes. This may directly affect Tilly Mill Road in regard to possible future widening. We have reproduced the complete memo below. If you have an opinion in this matter, please call or write the county commissioners and Liane Levetan.



DeKalb County, Georgia Director's Office

Public Works Department Phone (404) 371-4778 FAX (404) 371-4761

Maloof Center / 1300 Commerce Drive / Room 201 / Decatur, Georgia 30030

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DATE:

December 10, 1996

TO:

Liane Levetan, Chief Executive Officer

THRU:

H. Russell Crider, Executive Assistant

FROM:

Thomas O. Black, Acting Director-Public Works

SUBJECT:

Conflicts between the Comprehensive Land Use Plan and the Codes of DeKalb County

The DeKalb County Zoning Ordinance Section 27-120 & 27-121 contains language that will, in my opinion, offer an answer to the conflicts between the Plan and the Code. In Section 27-120:

"The Comprehensive Land Use Plan does not alter or affect the existing zoning districts in the county, does not effectuate an amendment to the official zoning maps, and does not itself permit or prohibit any existing land uses."

In addition, Section 27-121 has specific references to the land use $\underline{\text{maps}}$, being included in the zoning ordinance. However, the text is specifically excluded as part of the zoning ordinance and is used for guidance and information purposes $\underline{\text{only}}$.

Therefore, I will not consider the Comprehensive Land Use Plan in any decisions concerning permitting, right of way requirements or the thoroughfare text as adopted. In my opinion the Board of Commissioners must adopt a new Thoroughfare Map exclusive of the adoption of the text.

Please give me additional direction concerning this matter if you are not in agreement.

Continuing, the attached list will give you some idea of the magnitude of the properties that will be affected if the Land Use Plan text on road classifications was adopted as part of the Zoning Code.

Thomas O. Black,

Acting Director - Public Works

TOB:tg

cc: Jonathan Weintraub, County Attorney Ray White, Planning Director

Attachments

DUNWOODY NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

JUVENILES ARRESTED

Charles Delk reported that seven juveniles, two of whom were from Dunwoody North, were arrested on March 12 for vandalism. They had been destroying mailboxes and trenching yards in an area close to Dunwoody High School. This type of activity was prevalent in our neighborhood at about the same time; therefore, Mr. Delk stated that those same juveniles could have been the source of our problems.

Once again, please be extra observant of any suspicious person(s) or vehicles in our community, and call 911 immediately if you see anything out of the ordinary. A suspicious vehicle was reported by residents on Kings Point Drive in February, and as a result, we were able to secure extra patrols for a few days. Try to obtain a good description of the person, vehicle or license plate, but do not confront a suspect. The Neighborhood Watch is a communications network only. After you have notified the police, contact your block captain to make a report as soon as possible! Only four of the incidents in the quarterly report were reported to the Neighborhood Watch, consequently, no alerts were issued when they should have been. Call Linda Fugitt (451-7025) if you don't know who your block captain is. We could use some volunteers.

QUARTERLY CRIME UPDATE

The last two quarterly reports reflected a decrease in crime incidents in our neighborhood: however, the current report for January-March 1997 shows a **significant increase**. The October-December report consisted of only eight major incidents. It was not published because it was not received until after the last newsletter was published.

Charles Delk, Crime Awareness Officer, has reported the following for January-March:

BINGHAMPTON COURT

1/15 Stolen vehicle-'80 Ford

2/24 Stolen vehicle-'84 Volvo-recovered 2/26

BINGHAMPTON DRIVE

2/10 Burglary-forced entry

BROOKHURST DRIVE

1/20 Larceny-theft outside the home

2/05 Security alarm-open door/window

2/08 Larceny-theft outside the home-lawn eqpt.

2/22 Harassing phone call

DUNOVER CIRCLE

1/18 Harassing phone call

E. KINGS POINT CIRCLE

2/19 Security alarm-open door/window

3/06 Burglary-no forced entry-lawn mower

3/11 Burglary-forced entry-checks stolen

3/12 Larceny-theft outside the home-

U.S. Govt. property stolen

ELLISBURY DRIVE

1/27 Criminal trespass

HUNTINGTON CIRCLE

1/21 Larceny-theft outside the home

KINGSGATE DRIVE

1/21 Larceny-theft from vehicle-handgun stolen

1/22 Larceny-theft from vehicle-tools stolen

KINGS POINT COURT

1/12 Larceny-theft from vehicle-purse, credit cards

KINGS POINT DRIVE

1/26 Larceny-theft from vehicle-phone stolen

LAURELWOOD ROAD

1/08 Stolen vehicle-stolen elsewhere-

recovered here

LEDGEWOOD DRIVE

2/14 Burglary-forced entry-power tools

NORWALK ROAD

3/27 Larceny-theft from vehicle- 5 handguns

Compiled by the Community Relations unit on 4/7/97.

VOLUNTEERS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED AS BLOCK CAPTAINS.. CONTACT LINDA FUGITT, CHAIRMAN.

DUNWOODY NORTH DRIVING CLUB

Dunwoody North's Swim & Tennis Club

NEWSLETTER



This Special Edition of the DNDC Newsletter is going out to all Dunwoody North neighbors to announce the Spring membership Drive!

DNDC Board Announces BIG Membership Sale!

Dunwoody Tom Hanlon, The Dunwoody North Driving Club president, announced today dramatic initiatives aimed at attracting new members. Join the DNDC by May 1, 1997 and save \$100 on the initiation fee. We're also offering an easy payment plan for new members. Call Arlene McClure at 457-7556 for a membership application and details.



Pool Opens May 17th!

The pool will open on Saturday, May 17 and will be open week-ends and after school until school closes. Swim lessons will begin the week after the county schools are out.

The pool, one of the best reasons for joining the club, features an Olympic size pool staffed with Red Cross certified lifeguards, high and low diving boards, pool-side snack bar, picnic tables under the arbor, a baby pool, Dekalb County Swim Association swim team for ages 5 through 18, swim lessons and much, much more.

It's Easier Than Ever to Join for 1st Time Members

You just moved into the neighborhood or you've been meaning to join but that first big payment of the bond and dues has caused you to delay. The club is now making it easier to join by publishing payment plans that let's you spread out the payments over the summer. Look for details on the application or call Arlene McClure at 457-7556

How to Join DNDC:
Call Arlene McClure at 457-7556
for an application.

Taco Party at the Pool

Saturday, May 17 at 7:00 pm

All Neighbors Invited

Two great events - one day to remember - May 17th! The taco party from years past has been revived to encourage all our neighbors to gather around the pool, fix tacos, munch tortilla chips and sip margaritas. Mary Riesmeyer, along with the DNDC membership committee, is hosting this event. It's one you do not want to miss.

Newcomers to the neighborhood are especially encouraged to join us to see for yourself the wonderful facilities and folks at the Dunwoody North Driving Club.

!! REWARD !!

The DNDC Board has approved a limited time offer to raise the new member referral credit to \$50! That means if a new member is referred by a current member the current member will receive a \$50 credit off of their 1997 club dues. If you're thinking of joining ask a member to refer you.

Here's the fine print: The membership application must come directly from the member receiving the credit to a DNDC board member. The referring member must be a member in good standing. If the new member is using a payment plan the credit will be applied when the full amount of the bond and 1997 dues have been paid.



TENNIS ANYONE?

We have four lighted tennis courts. There are ALTA and USTA teams for men, women, mixed doubles and junior divisions. And, there's always a minimum of two courts available for non-league play! Our summer ALTA teams are A, B and C levels. The roster is being compiled now and there is still time to sign up. For more info call Rick Connable at 451-1937.

LAST CALL - ATTENTION ALL RESIDENTS!

This is the last opportunity to pay your dues for the 1996-97 fiscal year!

If you join the DNCA (dues \$10), you will receive a free directory! If you do not wish to be included in the directory, please clearly indicate it on the returned form. If you are a new resident of Dunwoody North, or have changed your address since the most recent directory, please return this completed form by:

May 1,1997 to:

DUNWOODY NORTH CIVIC ASSOCIATION
C/O BARBARA DODDS
2573 AMBERLY DRIVE
DORAVILLE, GA 30360
(770) 455-0650

DUNWOODY NORTH COMMUNITY DIRECTORY INFORMATION

LAST NAME	HUSBAND		WIFE	
CHILDREN'S NAMES AND AGES				
ADDRESS			 -	
PHONE NUMBERS:	HOME		OFFICE	
OCCUPATION(S)	HUSBAND		WIFE	_
CHILDREN INTERESTED IN: BABY SETTING	, LAWN MOWING, PET SIFTING, ETC.	(PLEASE SPECIFY)	<u>. </u>	

Advertising is a new feature of the Dunwoody North Civic Association Newsletter. Proceeds will be used to partially defray the costs of printing and distributing the newsletters to the membership. If you are interested in advertising in future bulletins, please contact Gerri Penn or Barbara Dodds for information.

