# Dunwoody North News

Spring Edition

May 1999

### President's Message

Welcome to Newcomers........ You have just discovered a very well kept secret in Atlanta....The Dunwoody North Communities. Please get involved in the Dunwoody North Civic Association and help us maintain our "Island of Neighbors in a Big City Ocean". We recommend you also join the Dunwoody Homeowners Association. Together we are more successful.

I have received many calls about the new tax assessments. I'm sorry if I have not replied to everyone. We will try to pull together a meeting specifically on this issue or at least get you information on appealing. It is an individual issue in that some houses are really worth what the new assessments value them; some are not. We have had a lot of building of very nice homes in the community. They sell right away. We have all worked to increase the property values. We have been successful.

Most of the rest of the calls I receive concern differences in taste among neighbors and some need for consideration among each other. Half-broken garage doors, tall grass, weed gardens, peeling paint, "junk in driveway" and general lack of consideration for neighbors has no excuse. Our homes are the largest investments most of us will make. Letting yours run down affects us all. You are not alone. If you need help to maintain your home, let us know. Good neighbors are all around I and would like to help!

As for differences in taste- property values increase as paint colors are updated and somewhat consistent in a neighborhood.

The meeting this time will focus on dialog regarding a "TO DO" list for the Association and committees to accomplish that list. We are already focussed on securing a crossing from Binghampton across Tilly Mill and sidewalks from Tilly Mill down Stonington to E. Kings Point and right to Brookhurst. I met with Bill Grossman and Nick Nicodemus of DHA and got some needed advice. This is a first stage only. It would allow better safe passage to children from both sides of Tilly Mill to get to school and the swim/tennis club. Our neighbors on the route would need to express their consent through a petition we will get started soon. We would like to go down Stonington toward Kings Point on the right side of the road and stay on that side to the school. Brookhurst already has some sidewalk. You will be able to sign for and against at the meeting.

We can not support you without your input. Please come to the meetings and speak your mind. We are fortunate to have volunteers that don't push their own agenda in the name of the community. But what do we do when we think a development is good or not good for the community and nobody shows up at the meetings to challenge our view. All we ask for is your participation at the meetings. We always call a meeting before we express a viewpoint on behalf of the community.

Sincerely, David E. Fowler President/DNCA



1999 Meetings

May 24, 1999: DNCA meeting at 7:30pm at the DNDC Clubhouse. Program by Chancelor Park Retirement and Continuing Care Facility. Also, a Crime Prevention Officer will be present to speak about home safety and recent break-ins.

## Neighborhood Watch

The day the most recent Neighborhood Natch Notice went out (April 9th) there was another home burglarized in Dunwoody North. Friday evening a couple on Riverglenn Court had friends come by and they all went out for the evening. They left lights on, car in garage, and the visitors parked a car on the street in front of their house. When they returned home just before midnight, they had been robbed!

Entry was through the back door of their garage. They are not positive the door was locked since they had been doing yard work in the back that afternoon. The house was thoroughly searched for jewelry and money. They stole over \$15,000 in jewelry and "a large sum of money" from a wallet. No one saw or heard anything. The neighbor's dog idn't bark. No car was observed. No fingerprints could be found. They were probably on foot and came into the back yard from Tilly Mill Road.

Our neighborhood is being targeted and each of us needs to step up our security. Someone is very skillfully watching us for a break-in opportunity. You must be on guard at all times, or you could be the next victim. With this latest successful big hit, they are sure to be back. Let's catch them this time and get them off the streets!

I have received several calls recently reporting various "unusual" door-to-door

solicitors. However, none of the people who called me had called 911 to have a patrol car come to their street to have the person checked out. If you see something out of place and don't want to "get involved," you can still call 911 to have the situation investigated and ask that the patrol car not come to your house. On April 19th, a man in a new black pick up was observed stopping at random homes. The woman who saw this called some of the people where he had stopped to find out what he was doing. He was soliciting money so he could take his pregnant wife home to Alabama (sometimes Tennessee). He said his grandparents (sometimes friends) lived down the street but they weren't home and he needed money for gas. There are all kinds of scams and stories and criminals out there just waiting to take advantage of you. Becareful.

At our last Civic Association meeting
Detective Rava gave an excellent
briefing on protecting your home and
valuables. For those of you who missed
this important meeting, she has agreed
to join us again on May 24th. As a
community it is important that we are all
security conscious and do all we can to
protect ourselves and each other.

There is a non-emergency number at the Dunwoody Police Office to use when you have a non-emergency situation to report, or a lead on a case being

investigated. That number is
404-294-2375. A non-emergency
situation might be a mail box smashed in,
or something stolen from your yard or
garage — something that has already
happened and is not a crime in progress
but still needs to be reported. Anytime
there is a chance the criminal is still in
the vicinity — whether it is your home,
your street, or your neighborhood — call
911

On a more positive note, there has been a great response to my request for membership in the Civic Association. Thank you very much for the positive comments and for your support. \$10 for each family is such a small amount, but when we have a large participation, it can do so much for our community in so many ways. If you still haven't paid your \$10 for 1999, please take a moment right now to send in your check.

Arlene McClure - Neighborhood Watch Coordinator



1999 DNCA Board

President - David Fowler (770)455-8547; email mrscorp@mindspring.com VP Membership - Gerri Penn (770)457-2474. VP Zoning - Barbara Dodds (770)455-0650 Recording Secretary - Ellen Mauldin (770)986-0194 Corresponding Secretary - Carol Throm (770)451-2209 Treasurer - Skip Dolt (770)455-3706 Member at Large Mary Alice Bancroft (770)455-4344 Member at Large - Jim Kelly (770)455-6506

Thanks for your support, we are looking forward to doing our best to represent this neighborhood.

### **Driving Club News**

Dunwoody North Driving Club -- The Best Bargain in Town!!

Everybody Likes A Bargain! Here's the best bargain in Atlanta — The Dunwoody North Driving Club. For less than \$35 a month (or only a DOLLAR A DAY) you and your family can enjoy: all the facilities, recreation, and socials at the Club, tennis for every member of your family, tennis leagues for all levels, four lighted tennis courts, new tennis seating area, an Olympic size swimming pool completely resurfaced this year, including two diving boards, a wading pool for toddlers, swim lessons for children, swim team for teenagers and grade schoolers, water volleyball for adults. TGIF parties for adults, seasonal parties for children, year around socials for adults, beautiful, modern club house for private and club use. All this and more makes Dunwoody North Driving Club a real bargain for its members.

You could go the movies, buy popcom and sodas ONCE A MONTH -- or enjoy membership at DNDC every day.

You could go out to eat at a moderately priced restaurant ONCE A MONTH -- or enjoy membership at DNDC every day.

You could pay for a baby-sitter ONCE A MONTH for a night out — or you and your family could enjoy membership at



DNDC every day.

You could go to an amusement park with your family several times a year -- or you could enjoy membership at DNDC every day.

EVERY DAY USE -- EVERY DAY FUN FOR YOUR FAMILY -- FOR LESS THAN \$35 A MONTH

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You can also get information on our WEBPAGE: http://www.accessatlanta.com/community/groups/dndc/

DNCA Meeting! May 24th 7:00pm social; 7:30pm meeting, at the Driving Club. Please come join us and meet your neighbors, listen to our program and voice your opinions.

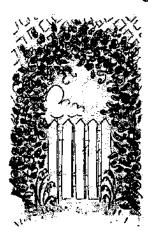
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unwoody North Home and Garden Club



Have a safe summer,
Meetings will resume
September 13, 1999.
Location will be announced
later. For additional
Information on Garden Club
activities, please contact
Barbara Dodds
770-455-0650 or Carol
Throm 770-451-2209
co-presidents.

## 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.

Congratulations Yard of the Month April Recipients:

Ed and Sara Jane Baxter, 4403 E. Kings Point Cir. Brian and Elaine Wood, 4530 Sudbury Rd.

Congratulations Yard of the Month May Recipients: Robert & Carla Lewellyn, 2442 Kings Point Dr. Jim Marbutt, 2584 Amberty Dr.



Thank you to everyone who has helped support our project with the Atlanta Day Shelter for Women and Children, Inc. We had such a nice set of donations that the drop sites were full! Thank you, it really means a lot to those that have less than we do. We are still collecting specific items for May and will begin again in September.

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.

Dear Neighbors,

We want to thank the 197 families that have joined the Civic Association. We appreciate your support. By paying your \$10.00 dues, you are doing a service to your community.

Last month, I listed many of the things that the Dunwoody North Civic Association does for all of its communities. I was hoping that most of you would send in your \$10.00 dues. That was not the case. We encourage the other 80% of eligible families to join the DNCA, come to meetings, get involved, volunteer.

If you aren't sure if you are a member, please call Skip Dolt at 770-455-3706 or Barbara Dodds at 770-455-0650.

If you receive a telephone call or a visit from a neighbor to get you to become a member, please respond in a positive way. I hope I can count on you to join.

Gerri Penn



We would like to hear from you! If you have an interesting observation or something you would like to share,, please feel free to submit it for the next newsletter. It must be short i.e. "The Vent" in the AJC, as our space is limited. You may send your notes to David Fowler. President, or Carol Throm, Corr, Secretary. We look forward to hearing from you!

We would love to have your advertisement here! The next newsletter will be going out in September, Camera ready advertisements will be accepted until the end of August. Prices are as follows 1/4 page \$40; 1/2 page \$75; full page \$120. This newsletter goes out to almost 1,00 homes in our neighborhood, it's a bargain to advertise! Please call Carol Throm for more information. (770)451-2209.



#### MISSION STATEMENT

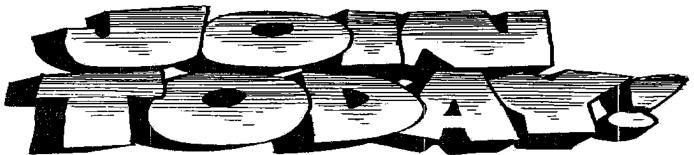
"The Dunwoody North Civic Association (DNCA) has as its mission to represent the Dunwoody North Communities in city, county, and state issues concerning the neighborhoods. The DNCA also assists the residents of the Dunwoody North Communities to protect and enhance the value of their property."

This is different from the mission of a mandatory association, which collects a much larger amount of money that goes mainly towards the maintenance and upkeep of the community.

#### DUNWOODY NORTH COMMUNITIES

The DNCA consists of the following neighborhoods: Dunwoody North, Dunwoody Trails, Andover Estates, Laurelwood Farms, Briers North, Brafferton, Madison East, Madison West, Chestnut Landing, and all of the new communities currently under development.

This is a street listing showing the number of members out of the total number of homes on the street. If your street is not listed, that means you have no members in the DNCA. Pleases volunteer to help recruit your neighbors. If they join they will get the new 1998 DNCA directory. Please call Gerri Penn at 770-454-2474 if you want to volunteer for our Membership Committee. I will be able to tell you who is already a member on your street.



Amberly Ct. N. 4/12
Amberly Ct. S. 4/10
Amberly Drive 6/15
Amberly Way 1/3
Andalusia Ct. 1/7
Andalusia Pl. 1/1
Andalusia Tr. 1/19
Andover Ct. 1/3
Andover Dr. 6/22
Binghamton Ct. 2/6
Binghamton Dr. 3/13
Briers North Dr. 4/19
Brookhurst Dr. 10/41
Buckley Ct. 1/5
Claridge Ct. 3/6

Dunhaven Ct. 2/4
Dunhaven Rd. 3/17
Dunkerrin Ln. 1/13
Dunover Cir. 6/37
E. Kings Point Cir. 14/49
Eidson Rd. 2/12
Ellisbury Dr. 2/10
Haverstraw Ct. 2/2
Haverstraw Dr. 4/16
Holliston Dr. 6/20
Huntington Cir. 13/48
Kings Point Dr. 11/45
Kingsfield Ct. 2/9
Kingsgate Dr. 2/16
Laurelwood Rd. 4/25

Sudbury Ct. W. 3/10
Sudbury Rd. 10/31
Tilly Mill Rd. 1/5
Vintage Ln. 3/6
Wickliffe Ct.3/4
Diagon into by putting

Please join by putting your
\$10.00 check made out to
DNCA in the enclosed
envelope and mail it as soon
as possible. Please help us
out. Thanks,

Gerri Penn



## News from Chesnut Elementary

In the 1998 Georgia elementary School Report Card, Chesnut ranked 37th out of nearly 1100 elementary schools statewide. Additionally, Chesnut earned a Pay for Performance award of \$76,000 for setting and meeting objectives. Only a small number of schools received this award. Chesnut also received a planning grant to pursue charter school status. Committees are working hard to develop a charter plan. We will keep you posted on our progress.

There are several ways you can help Chesnut. First, save the General Mills BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION (the ones with the education logo) and give them to any Chesnut parent to turn in for you. Second, recycle newspapers at Chesnut. The green recycle boxes are in the lower parking lot. Third, use a Kroger or Publix commitment card for Chesnut when you grocery shop. Using this card doesn't cost you extra and earns money for the school. If you would like one of these cards, please call Lynn Deutsch at 770-399-5210 and someone will drop one off for you. All funds earned with these programs provide educational extras for Chesnut students.

Finally, if you are a prospective parent, a curious neighbor or just have a question about Chesnut Elementary please call Lesley-Ann at 770-454-9511. Lesley-Ann may also arrange an appointment for a school tour.

Congratulations to David, Ruth, and Patrick Fowler on the birth of their daughter and sister, Rebecca.

Get well wishes to Leslie O'Callaghan, Roy McDaniel, Emie Metzler, Doug O'Keefe, & Pat Schaefer..

Condolences to David King on the loss of his wife, Jo Ann.

Ron & Jackie Collins on the loss of Ron's mother

Bob & Randy Barto on the loss of Bob's father

Skip & Elaine Dolt for their loss.



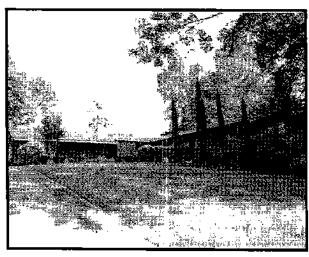
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