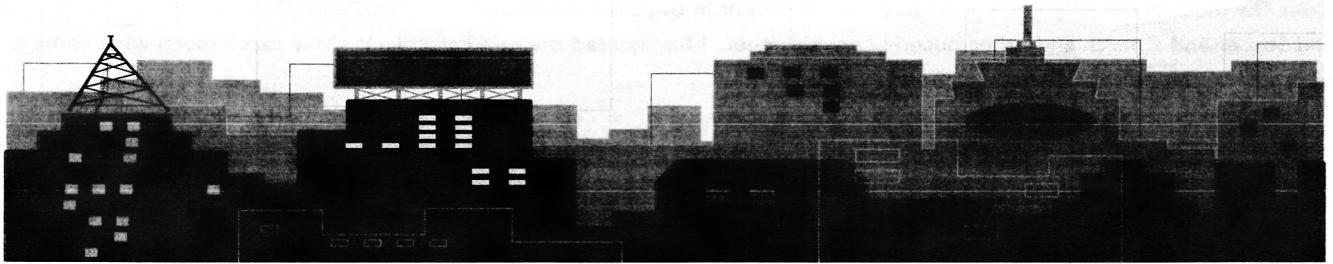


Dunwoody North News

Fall Edition

September 1999



STREET SMART

MEETING NOTIFICATION

- COMING TO A CLUBHOUSE NEAR YOU.....

WHO: DUNWOODY NORTH CIVIC ASSOCIATION

WHEN: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5TH, 1999 AT 7:00 PM

WHERE: DUNWOODY NORTH DRIVING CLUB CLUBHOUSE
4522 KINGSGATE DRIVE

PROGRAM: 1) CHUCK TRENSE - Chuck is the president of the Dunwoody Homeowners Association and has been a resident of Dunwoody since 1971. This is an opportunity for the residents of our community to learn about the DHA and to express your interests and concerns.

2) METRO CRIME PREVENTION - This is a repeat program that was well received. They will present STREET SMART, reduce your chances of becoming a victim.



**MARK
THIS
DATE**

DNCA Meetings

October 5, 1999 7:00pm Social; 7:30pm program. Please join us at the Dunwoody North Driving Club Clubhouse

February 8, 2000. Election of the board, program to be announced

President's Message

The Civic Association continues to focus on "Building a Neighborhood through our project "Island of Neighbors in a Big City Ocean" which is trying to renew an understanding and desire in being a good neighbor. Why is it so difficult for some people to be "good neighbors"? There isn't an easy answer. I think most of us try to be good neighbors but it isn't a priority. We don't have time. We resent any more responsibility than we have. Don't good neighbors care about each other and get involved in common goals? I would like to tell you of my experiences.

I was like most of the neighbors prior to my involvement in the Civic Association. My wife and I both work. We have T'Ball and Soccer and Church and other outside commitments. I hardly read the newsletters; let alone cared much what some group of people in the neighborhood was doing.

I got involved in the Civic Association because of a zoning issue that I was concerned about. What I found out caused me to admire this group of people. They rally around the cause. They give untold hours to meetings and conferences. They face off with Commissioners and Developers. They side with Commissioners and Developers. They revise plans. They stay in touch with affected neighbors. They inform other neighbors. They get ambushed by the establishment and lied to by everyone. They push on!

The Civic Association is largely responsible for the increase in property value we all enjoy. The first subdivision planned on Tilly Mill would have decreased all our property values. This is when I entered the picture. I saw first hand what the Civic Association battled. I had nothing to do with it and those who did don't want mention, but without a Civic Association, I believe your house would be worth what it was 6 years ago or less. Even there they take complaints from some that don't want that increased value.

Subsequent planned subdivisions worked with the Civic Association and its "Criteria for Building in The Dunwoody North Communities" a short list of what is acceptable and what isn't to the Civic Association. This was voted on by General Membership-YOU. This document is almost unprecedented outside master planned communities and gave us clout with commissioners when we consistently touted the same values over and over. Developers planned for our concerns and saved money on changes.

That is just one issue the Civic Association works on. Another is that we are constantly asked by neighbors to be a go between on some issues such as high grass or poor maintenance but have always refused opting to let neighbors work it out. Usually the county gets a call. That caused problems and ill will. We have decided to try to help.

We are asking that you try to work things out among you first; we are neighbors after all. If communication is tried, we will institute a courtesy letter program whereby the Civic Association will send a neighbor a courtesy letter that complaints have been made and how to correct the problem. The county provided the letters. We will try to arbitrate; that failing, the neighbor will contact the county for its opinion and/or remedy.

Much of our complaints are coming from neighbors trying to sell houses this summer. If your neighbor is selling their house and your property affects what they can sell for, you might as well take money right out of their pockets. You will be taking it out of every other neighbor's and your own pocket at the same time.

Please join the Civic Association in 2000. 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. All we ask for is your participation at the meetings. We always call for a meeting before we express a viewpoint on behalf of the community.

Sincerely,

David E. Fowler



Neighborhood Watch

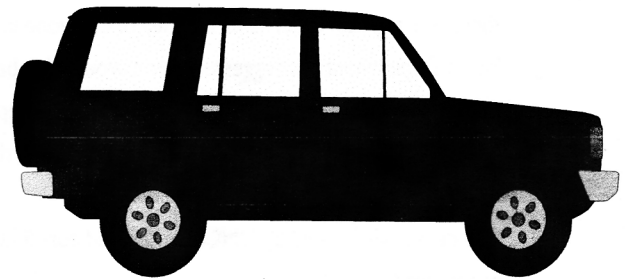
NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH REPORT

WHO IS THAT MYSTERIOUS WOMAN?!?!

There was another break-in and robbery in our neighborhood on Friday, July 30, 1999. The break-in occurred on Dunover Circle sometime between 7 AM and 4 PM. Entry was through the back door which had accidentally been left unlocked. Neighbors were in their yards during the afternoon and did not see anything, so it is presumed the break-in occurred in the morning. Again, jewelry was taken as well as a small CD player. As in the last couple of break-ins, this house has easy access to Tilly Mill Road and only small items were taken. If anyone saw anything suspicious on that date, please contact Arlene McClure at 770-457-7556.

Over the past several months we have had an unusual circumstance of a late model purple Jeep driving very slowly up and down some of our streets - namely, Brookhurst, Huntington Circle, and connecting streets. At first the Jeep had a Carmax tag and later with license tag number 420 LJJ. The driver is always a woman. Does anyone know who this person is? Is she somebody's maid, or real estate agent, or friend, or waiting for someone with an appointment in the area? If you know who this person is and why she is driving back and forth on our streets, please call Arlene McClure at 770-457-7556 to solve this mystery.

The importance of home safety and security cannot be over emphasized to all residents. ALWAYS LOCK ALL YOUR DOORS - EVEN WHEN HOME AND EVEN WHEN YOU ARE OUTSIDE FOR "JUST A FEW MINUTES." CALL 911 WHENEVER ANYTHING APPEARS SUSPICIOUS AND REQUEST A PATROL CAR CHECK OUT THE SITUATION. IF YOU ARE WONDERING, "Should I call 911?" -- THE ANSWER IS "yes!"



We would love to have your advertisement here! The next newsletter will be going out in November, Camera ready advertisements will be accepted until the October 22nd. Prices are as follows 1/4 page \$40; 1/2 page \$75; full page \$120. This newsletter goes out to almost 1,000 homes in our neighborhood, it's a bargain to advertise! Please call Carol Throm at (770)451-2209

DNCA Membership

THANK YOU FOR JOINING

I want to thank all of the 1999 members of the Civic Association. We had 301 members and 103 of them responded to our May Newsletter. This is the largest membership we have had in about six years. Approximately 30% of the Dunwoody North Communities joined this year.

We will be collecting dues for the year 2000 in our next newsletter. I hope we can count on your support. We would love to have more members from the new subdivisions. How nice it would be if we could reach 50% membership. Let's bring in the new millennium in a rousing way. Please join. If you have any questions about the Civic Association, call Gerri Penn at 770-457-2474. Thanks.

Gerri Penn

Driving Club News



You can also get information on our **WEBPAGE:**

<http://www.accessatlanta.com/community/groups/dndc/>

\$50

FIFTY DOLLARS!

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YOUR MISSION - SHOULD YOU DECIDE TO TAKE IT - IS

DESIGN A VEHICLE DECAL FOR DUNWOODY NORTH RESIDENTS

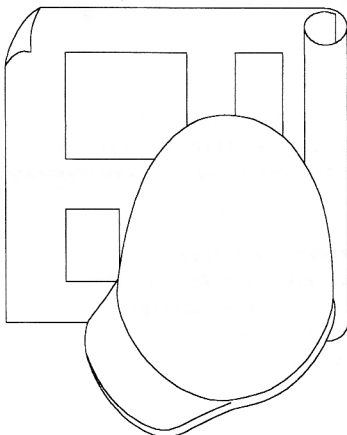
Dunwoody North Subdivision needs a vehicle decal to show everyone that we belong here. At our last meeting there was a great response to the idea of everyone in the neighborhood having a decal on their car. The DeKalb Police Department has suggested that it would also be very beneficial to them to as they cruise our neighborhood streets in our combined efforts to keep crime away from our homes. It will make it much easier to know if that car on the side of the street belongs there or is something we need to have the police check on.

The decals will be sold by DNCA (estimated cost \$1.00 per decal) and although certainly not mandatory they are encouraged.

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CONSTRUCTION

Some of you may have noticed the brick monument and sign at the corner of Tilly Mill Road and Binghamton Drive. If you haven't seen it yet, please drive by. We almost have the \$6,000.00 we need in order to complete the job and build the other three monuments. If you haven't contributed yet, please send in your donation to Skip Dolt at 4501 Binghamton Ct., Doraville, GA 30360. Please write sign fund on the memo line. All donations will be appreciated no matter what the amount.

Barbara Dodds has put in an amazing amount of time and energy into to making these signs a reality. Thank you Barbara for your devotion to this Civic Association.

Gerri Penn
V.P. Membership, Parliamentarian



Dunwoody North Home and Garden Club

The Dunwoody North Home and Garden Club meets the first Monday of each month September through May. If the first Monday is a Federal Holiday the meeting will be held on the second Monday for that month only.

Dunwoody Home and Garden Club is affiliated with the DeKalb County Federation of Garden Clubs. The meetings are held in homes of the members, or venues of general interest. In September, November, January and March the meetings are at 7:30 P. M. The October, February, and April Meetings are at 9:30 A. M.

September 13, 1999 @ 7:30 P. M. – Home of Fran Schuknecht, 2411 Brookhurst Dr. Newcomers welcoming meeting for the 1999-2000 season. The program will be LYNNE BYRD of Dunwoody preservation Trust will narrate a slide presentation on the Spruill Farmhouse restoration.

All residents of the Dunwoody North Communities are welcome to attend. Past programs include, Wildbird Habitats, Hydragenias, Native Wild Flowers.

1999 - 2000 Officers

Co Presidents	Barbara Dodds	770 455-0650
	Carol Throm	770 451-2209
1st Vice President	Fran Schuknecht	770 457-1432
2nd Vice President	Emily Perry	770 457-0721
Corr. Secretary	Connie Hamilton	770 455-7479
Rec. Secretary	Jo Williams	770 452-0329
Treasurer	Leslie O'Callaghan	770 455-6290

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 Recipients:

- June 2671 Laurelwood Rd.; Jac k Rootes
4393 Huntington Cir.; Ray & Gladys Coley
- July 4597 Holliston Dr.; Jim & Cheryl Allison
4491 N. Peachtree Rd.; Val & Bobbie Porter
- August 4465 E. KingsPoint Cir.; Mehran & Mehrdad Jani
4572 Amberly Court South; Fred & Renie Lehman

MARK YOUR CALENDARS. Monday, December 6, 1999 annual Holiday Luncheon and Auction.

All friends and neighbors are invited! This is a wonderful party, please join us!

Contact any board member for details.



Congratulations to Nelville & Lynn Coltman birth of first Grand daughter; Eric and Erin Marmelstein on the recent birth of their son.

Get well wishes for good health to Martha Queen, Lillian O'keefe, Frank & Joana Welton

Condolences to Walter Thompson's family on their loss. Mr. Thompson was a member of this neighborhood for 23 years; Betty & Burton Handemacher loss of Betty's father; Skip & Elaine Dolt-Elaine's grandmother (Skips grandfather in May); Gloria & Kevin Brown for the loss of Kevin's Grandmother

If you have announcement for this section, please contact a board member or Carol Throm (770)451-2209.

\$\$\$\$\$ CONTEST \$\$\$\$\$

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DESIGN THE LOGO AND COLOR SCHEME

Criteria: Any One Color

Design: "Dunwoody North Subdivision" or "D.N."

Size: 3" x 3", 4" x 4" or 5" x 3"

SUBMIT IT TO THE DNCA BY OCTOBER 10th

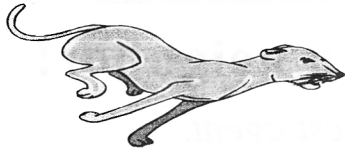
TO

(Mary Alice Bancroft 4431 Shelborne Drive Dunwoody, Georgia 30338)

DNCA WILL SELECT THE BEST

AND

IF IT IS YOUR DESIGN - PICK UP YOUR \$50.00!!



News from Chesnut Elementary

As we welcome the new school year, Chesnut Elementary would like to inform the community of the various activities and goals of our school. Many of the Dunwoody Civic Association members have expressed that they would like to know more of what is happening at Chesnut and we are equally as interested in being a bigger part of our community.

Currently, our Principal, Mrs. Beverly Cox, along with staff and parents, has been working diligently formulating a charter plan, which we are considering putting in place at Chesnut to enhance our existing programs and bring in new ones that are unavailable to us at this time.

We have many clubs which meet after school, one of the favorites being Chess Club. This club has over 70 members and is always in need of volunteer tutors, so if you are retired and have a great interest in Chess, we need you! Call Steve Bancroft, (770)455-4344 if you are interested. Last year we placed 1st in local tournaments. We will keep you posted on other club activities and achievements through the year.

There are several annual community events held at Chesnut, to which we welcome all of our neighbors. Look for events and dates in future newsletters or on the Marquee in front of the school.

We would love to have the community's support in some of our fundraising efforts. Listed below are some of the very easy ways you can help.

You can bring your newspapers to the bins in the lower parking lot at Chesnut for recycling. Recycling newspapers earns a good deal of money for our school. For more information: Pam Betz, (770) 454-6924.

Kroger, Publix and Harris Teeter cards are available in our front office. Show them to the cashier each time you shop for groceries. This allows the respective stores to donate monies to our school based on a percentage of their sales. For information: Cindy Dennis (770) 457-8366.

Collect official "Boxtops for Education" logos. Look for them on General Mills Breakfast Cereals and snacks (e.g. Fruit Rollups, Gushers, Yoplait Yogurt multipacks). A collection box is located in the front office. More information: Pam Betz, (770) 454-6924.

Our biggest fund-raiser of the year is Sally Foster Gift Wrap, which starts on August 26th and runs through Sept. 15th. Many of you will probably be contacted during that time, so if you need giftwrap, this is the time to buy it from one of our students!! For information, or to order: Liz Mailhoit (770)457-0473

If you have an interest in volunteering your talents at Chesnut, please call our PTA President, Claire Botsch,(770) 457-4145. E-Mail: BOTSCHMC@MCIWORLD.COM

North DeKalb Christian Church 4522 Tilly Mill Road

We are a Non-denominational Church where everyone is welcome and we are here to minister to the spiritual welfare of the people of our community. Our Worship Opportunities are:

Sunday:

10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Morning Worship
11:00 AM Children's Worship
7:00 PM Evening Worship
7:00 PM Children's Activities

Wednesday:

7:30 PM Prayer and Bible Study
7:30 PM Children's Activities
Bob Moore, Minister
North DeKalb Christian Church