



Dunwoody North Civic Association

Newsletter
November, 2008

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Neighbors,

As you all know, our very own John Heneghan was elected as District 3 council member at large to the City of Dunwoody. Now, eleven years after I wrote my last President's message of my term, I find that I am writing a message again.

Once John was elected to the City Council he had to resign his position as President. The Board of Directors of DNCA asked me to fill his remaining term, as well as be on February's ballot as President. I am honored to accept the interim presidency and to be on the slate for the 2009 for President.

John has graciously agreed to remain on the Board as an ex officio Board Member. His input over the years has been invaluable and we are excited that he has agreed to serve in this position.

On behalf of the entire DNCA Board and residents of Dunwoody North communities, I want to thank John for his amazing years as President.

Even before John became President, he was involved with the DNCA Board as the creator of the DNCA web site. We owe this wonderful tool, which provides our community with local information, to John Heneghan. He also worked in a collaborative effort with Barbara Dodds and Lisa Unkefer on the past two DNCA directories that all paid members receive.

As President, John dedicated himself to improving our community with his efforts for the improvement of the intersection at the new Peachtree Charter Middle School to Brook Run improvements in the security, skate park policies, and a safe demolition process that not only benefited Dunwoody North but the entire Dunwoody community. These are just a few of the things John worked on for our community. It has been a privilege to work with John and we all wish John much success in this next phase of his life.

I also want to thank Joe Masters for being a concerned Dunwoody North neighbor. He saw that one of the signs on our Binghamton Drive monument was hanging loosely and swaying in the wind. He told the resident who lives there that he was going to remove the sign and repair the mounting. Joe did this without asking for any compensation. He was just worried that we might lose the sign. Thanks Joe Masters for stepping up and taking care of a problem that you saw!

I look for our membership to grow next year and that more of you will get involved with DNCA. Please look at our membership article and membership forms for ways that you can get involved. And if you think of another area that fits with what we try to accomplish, give me a call or e-mail me at: president@dunwoodynorth.org

I wish you all a joyous holiday season.
Gerri Penn

UPCOMING MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Tuesday, February 17, 2009

Dunwoody North Driving Clubhouse, 4522 Kingsgate Drive

If you are interested in nominating someone or serving on the 2009 DNCA board, please e-mail Gerri Penn at president@dunwoodynorth.org

Questions and Answers about DNCA Membership

Why should I join Dunwoody North Civic Association (DNCA)?

- To make a positive, quality of life difference in the Dunwoody North area, the \$20 dues are a small amount to pay. In this past year, DNCA has contributed volunteer hours to push for completion of the Peachtree Charter Middle School intersection, to monitor Brook Run projects and to improve and maintain Dunwoody North entrances.
- The dues also continue to pay for county open records documents, Neighborhood Watch calling post and the DNCA newsletter to keep you updated on activity in our neighborhoods.

Why should I join Dunwoody North Civic Association (DNCA)?

I'm already a member of Dunwoody Homeowners' Association (DHA) and/or the Dunwoody North Driving Club (DNDC).

- No. DNCA is a separate civic organization that serves by keeping tabs on community interests such as traffic, zoning, policing, school and local events and by promoting good communication throughout our neighborhoods.
- DHA serves the greater Dunwoody area and is a good investment for all Dunwoody homeowners.
- DNDC dues are for membership in the Dunwoody North tennis and swim club.

When are dues for DNCA 'due'?

- The \$20 dues are paid annually. Most members renew when they receive the newsletters but others join throughout the year.

Do I mail the membership form in both the November and January newsletters?

- No, only one. Many members like to join in December and others in January.

How are my dues spent?

- As well as those activities mentioned above, DNCA spends money on the neighborhood directory and the Dunwoody North web-site.
- DNCA sponsors annual luncheons for our local police and fire departments and supports special items and events for neighborhood schools and groups.

Why is it called DNCA if it includes surrounding neighborhoods?

- DNCA formed to serve Dunwoody North. When other subdivisions were built close by, DNCA embraced all the neighborhoods and homes adjacent to Dunwoody North. It's a logical extension. Dunwoody North is located on both sides of Tilly Mill and is surrounded by many of the other neighborhoods.
- Our Dunwoody North directory includes Andover Estates, Laurelwood Farms, Dunwoody Trails, Brafferton Square, Briers North, The Madisons and Chesnut Landing.

Why do I have to reenter all my information on the membership form every year?

- You don't. Just enter your name(s) or write "see info. on check" and any information that has changed.

Joe Bowen

2009 CIVIC ASSOCIATION REGISTRATION

Please mail form & check for \$20.00 to:

Joe Bowen, Treasurer, 2613 Briers North Dr. Atlanta, GA 30360

The mission of the Dunwoody North Civic Association is to represent the Dunwoody North Communities in city, county and state issues. The DNCA also assists the residents of the Dunwoody North Communities to protect and enhance the value of their property. We address such issues as PDK, zoning issues/violations, Brook Run development, new construction, and a variety of other neighborhood interests.

The DNCA respects your privacy and will only use your personal information as you direct. Under no circumstances will we ever sell your private information and please feel free to leave personal items blank if so desired.

LAST NAME #1 FIRST NAME #2 FIRST NAME

ADDRESS CITY ZIP

PHONE

YEAR MOVED INTO COMMUNITY

EMAIL (OPTIONAL)

I am interested in more information concerning:

_____ zoning and code enforcement

_____ beautification of neighborhood

_____ membership

_____ board meetings

_____ neighborhood watch

_____ other _____

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM



I have heard from many of you over the last several weeks voicing your concerns regarding the recent break-ins in our neighborhood. Thank you for being great neighbors, keeping your eyes open, reporting suspicious behavior to 911 and then letting me know about the incident. **Everyone needs to be the eyes and ears for the neighborhood.** We are improving communication, and it's working to cut down on crime.

There are a couple of new programs that you may participate in. They will help address some recurring problems. The **Interactive Community Policing (ICP)** program is set up to have an Officer in our area that you can call at anytime about any "non 911 issue". It may be a constantly barking dog, potholes, parked cars that have been there too long, etc. **Our contact is Officer Hoskins, and he can be reached on his cell phone at 404-392-5365.**

As an extension of the ICP program, The DeKalb County Police Department has introduced another program called VIP, **Volunteers in Patrol**. This program gives communities an opportunity to man their own neighborhood watch as a complement to the ICP Officer program. This is a **NON-CONFRONTATIONAL** neighborhood patrol program that requires a minimum two-hour commitment per week. Non-confrontational means that if you see a crime in progress while on patrol, you can call the Police (911), then call the ICP Officer and let them handle the situation.

The VIP program is open to walkers or drivers in the neighborhood. There is an application to fill out, a background check and training involved. If you would like to volunteer, please go to our website, www.dunwoodynorth.org and you will find all the information under 'Neighborhood Watch'. There is a deadline listed but that no longer applies, the time to apply is open-ended. Please fax your applications to Al Fowler, our North Precinct Public Education Specialist at 404-297-3863 or email Al Fowler at ALFowler@co.dekalb.ga.us

The car break-ins, the mailbox bashings, the stealing of items out of garages and front yards continue and seem to happen mostly between 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. We really do have a low crime rate in Dunwoody, but each of these crimes is one too many... I am a realist and I know that there will always be crimes, but I believe we can all do more and help prevent these acts of personal intrusion.

Let us go into 2009 with a stronger dedicated mindset about our own safety and that of others. We know that ours is and has always been a wonderful and strong neighborhood. It is time the thieves know it too.

Have a wonderful Holiday Season and Be Safe.

Lisa O. Dierks-Unkefer
Chairman, Dunwoody North Neighborhood Watch Program
www.neighborhoodwatch@dunwoodynorth.org or 770-451-5756

OPEN NWP Positions

If you live within the streets listed below and would like to volunteer, please let me know. It is a great way to get to know your neighbors!

Vacant Block Captain:
4472-4525 N Peachtree Road

Vacant Coordinator:
#1: Dunhaven Ct., Dunhaven Rd., Haverstraw Ct., Haverstraw Rd., N. Peachtree Ct., and N. Peachtree Rd.
#2: E. Kings Point and Kingsfield Ct.

www.dunwoodynorth.org

Neighborhood History By-Laws Zoning Issues Public Schools DNDC (swim/tennis)
Neighborhood Watch Brook Run Private Education Recent Home Prices ...and more!