

Dunwoody North Civic Association

Newsletter

February, 2009

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Tuesday, February 17, 2009

Dunwoody North Driving Clubhouse, 4522 Kingsgate Drive

- 6:30 p.m. Social** Meet and greet your neighbors, complete your 2009 Civic Association registration. (\$20 per family membership).
- 7:00 p.m. Call to Order** Short Business Meeting, Treasurer's Report, Introduction of Slate of Officers, Nominations from the Floor and the Election of Board Members.
- 7:15 p.m. Program** Featured Speaker: **Warren Hutmacher**, City Manager, City of Dunwoody.
Also attending: **Police Chief Billy Grogan**

Warren Hutmacher has served as city manager for the City of Norcross, Avondale Estates, was the Assistant City Manager for City of Marietta and on the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget. Mr. Hutmacher created the nationally recognized "Citizens Government Academy", which educates citizens on how their city government operates.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Neighbors,

The Dunwoody North Civic Association Board and I, wish you a happy and healthy New Year.

This is the perfect time of year to try new things. I have a few suggestions. We have many loyal long time members of DNCA. I hope that some of you who have never joined, will consider joining this year and send in your \$20.00 check. There is also a Membership Committee for which you can volunteer.

Another idea that might be new to some of you is to get involved with DNCA. We do so many good things in Dunwoody North.

The DNCA supports the Calling Post to let you know if there are problems such as break-ins in the neighborhood. We keep abreast of what is needed in our schools and help where we can. We let our police officers and our Fire Station #18 firemen know how much they are appreciated with big holiday meals every year. We are starting a Beautification Commit-

tee and need a chairperson as well as members for that committee.

The DeKalb Curbside Recycling program is a way to help with our environment. Please enroll in this worthwhile program.

You can call 404-294-2900 or go to:
www.co.dekalb.ga.us/sanitation/Getting%20Started/Residential_Curbside_Recycle_Prog.htm

Check it out. It's easy. It's not expensive, in fact it saves money, and more of your neighbors are participating every week.

We have a new city and you don't have to travel far to attend the Council meetings. You have an opportunity to let your voice be heard during the Public Comment period. The City of Dunwoody web site is <http://www.dunwoodyga.gov> and you can find meeting announcements there.

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2009 DNCA ELECTION SLATE

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

President and Vice President of Zoning - Gerri Penn

Gerri and her husband, Roger moved to Atlanta and Dunwoody North in 1981. They have 2 adult children who grew up in Dunwoody North. Gerri has served on the DNCA Board since 1996 in various capacities. She serves on the Executive Board of DHA as recording secretary as well as working on Code Enforcement and zoning issues. Gerri is on the District 1 Community Council for DeKalb County. Gerri is the recording secretary of the Dunwoody North Home and Garden Club and is involved with her Temple, Temple Emanu-El, as co chair of the Caring Committee. She may be contacted by email at president@dunwoodynorth.org or Zoning@dunwoodynorth.org

First Vice President - Jason Shapiro

Jason was born in the Dunwoody North community. His family has lived in the neighborhood since the late '70s. After moving to Norcross for a short while, Jason returned to Dunwoody when he started college. He continues to live in Dunwoody North with his wife, Vanessa. Jason is an Industry Specialist with IBM.

Recording Secretary - Open

This position is currently open

Corresponding Secretary - Bobbi Sedam

Bobbi, a long-time Dunwoody resident moved to Stonehenge Drive in March, 2000. Bobbi is a Master Gardener with DeKalb Extension Service. She is an active member in several environmental organizations and is on the newly created Dunwoody Sustainability Commission. She is especially interested in promoting recycling.

Treasurer - Joe Bowen

Joe purchased the first house in Briers North in 1986 and lives there with his wife, Debra, and son Jay. He is a native of North Georgia. After graduating from Georgia Southern University, he worked as a tax accountant before starting a computer company in Dunwoody. He loves to play pool and spend time with his family.

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BY-LAWS VOTE

The wording below is a proposed change to the DNCA by-laws. This change will be voted on by the DNCA membership at the General Meeting on Tuesday, February 17, 2009.

Article VI - Duties of Officers

Section 3 Vice President of Zoning and Code Enforcement

1. Shall chair the Zoning Committee
2. Shall notify members of zoning issues
3. Shall support the community with Code Enforcement issues in accordance with the established Association policy.

2009 DNCA ELECTION SLATE

(CONTINUED)

Members At Large (8 Positions)

Mary Alice Bancroft Mary Alice and her husband Steve have lived in Dunwoody North since 1985. They have two children, Bryce who is a sophomore at Davidson College in North Carolina and Wes who is a sophomore at Dunwoody High School. Mary Alice has been on the Board of DNCA since 1985 in various positions. She is a member of the Dunwoody North Home and Garden Club.

Lyn Coltman Lyn and husband, Neville moved to Dunwoody North in 1981 and have remained in the same home ever since, in spite of Lyn being a Realtor with Metro Brokers. There never has been a good reason to leave Dunwoody North. Offspring Nick, Mike and Belinda swam and played tennis at DNDC but are grown and gone. In 1991 Lyn founded a social support group for Australians living in Atlanta and she also belongs to the Georgia Council for International Visitors.

Glenn Florence Glenn Florence and his wife, Judy have lived in Dunwoody North since 2002. They are active in tennis and Glenn plays some golf. Glenn owns his own business, as a commercial printing broker. Judy is the business manager for a Pediatric center for five physicians. Glenn and Judy are active members in the Dunwoody North Driving Club and they attend church at St. Martin's Episcopal Church. Their children are grown.

Fred Grobety Fred and his wife, Rawson, have lived in Dunwoody North since 1999. They are members of the Dunwoody North Driving Club and proud Chesnut parents. Fred moved from Switzerland 14 years ago and lived in Miami and New York prior to marrying an Atlanta native and settling in Dunwoody. Fred works for Foodbuy LLC a group purchasing organization and Rawson is a realtor with Keller Williams. Fred and Rawson have three children, Sarah, James and Michael.

Renate Herod Renate and Chris Herod have lived in Dunwoody North since 1991. The Herods have two boys, Ethan and Sasha, who both attend Elementary School. Renate serves on the Executive Board of the DHA, the church council of Dunwoody United Methodist Church, the PTA boards of Chesnut and Kittredge and is a past-PTA President at Chesnut.

Kevin Leung Kevin Leung and Amanda Levi moved to Dunwoody North in 2006 and were married at their home in 2008. Kevin, a Project Manager with KHAFRA Engineering Consultants in Atlanta, graduated from Duluth High School in 1993, Georgia Tech in 1998 and is currently pursuing his MBA at UGA's Terry College in Buckhead with an anticipated graduation in December 2010. Kevin enjoys computers, exercising, working on their house, and spending time with family. Kevin is currently maintaining the dunwoodynorth.org website and welcomes any feedback and can be contacted at: kevin@dunwoodynorth.org

Leslie O'Callaghan Leslie and her husband, Knox moved to Dunwoody North in 1996. Their son, Britt, is a Senior at St. Pius Catholic High School. Leslie has served on the DNCA Board in several positions. Both she and Knox have both served on the DNDC Board. Leslie is a Library Assistant at Georgia Perimeter College.

Mike Smith Mike and his wife Vickie moved to Dunwoody North October 2007. They have 2 children, the oldest, a daughter, is enrolled at Chesnut and their youngest, a son, is in preschool at Pals and Gals. Mike works with United Health Group in Norcross as a Manager and Vickie is a Project Manager with Pace Management in Buckhead. They reside on Shelborne Drive in the "gazebo house." Mike is an avid cyclist and is involved with community efforts to bring additional cycling opportunities to Dunwoody.

See page 4 for positions that do not require a vote.

**POSITIONS BELOW ARE PROVIDED FOR
IN THE DNCA BY-LAWS AND REQUIRE NO VOTE:**

Parliamentarian

Barbara Dodds Barbara and her husband, Ralph moved to Dunwoody North in 1976. They have three grown children and five grandchildren. Barbara has been on the DNCA Board since 1996, is on the DHA Board, and is active in issues at Peachtree-DeKalb Airport.

President of the Dunwoody North Driving Club

Jim Leach Jim and his wife Natalie moved to Dunwoody in 1989 and have been members of DNDC since 1998. They have 3 children with 2 in college and one that attends Chesnut Charter Elementary. Jim is in insurance and Natalie works at Georgia Perimeter College at the Dunwoody Campus.

Garden Club Representative

Ellen Mauldin Ellen and her husband, Vernon, moved into Dunwoody North during the 1996 Atlanta Olympics. They are both active members in the Dunwoody North Driving Club. Ellen plays tennis on both ALTA & USTA tennis teams and is a member of the Dunwoody North Garden Club. She is Director of Business Partners in the Information Technology Department at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta

Neighborhood Watch

Lisa Dierks-Unkefer In 1999 Lisa and her husband Gary bought the home on Huntington Circle that Lisa grew up in. Lisa has worked for Smith Barney/Citigroup Global Markets, Inc. for over 20 years. Gary has been at Cross Fluid Power for over 18 years. Lisa's interests are gardening and travel. She can be reached on email at neighborhoodwatch@dunwoodynorth.org or via phone, 770-451-0678.

Web Page

Kevin Leung – See Kevin's biography under 2009 DNCA Election Slate.

Board Member Ex-Officio

John Heneghan – John & Kristin Heneghan moved to Dunwoody North from Chicago in 1997 and have three young sons, Riley, Gavin and Declan. John is the past president of the Dunwoody North Civic Association and stepped down from his DNCA Board position to serve on the Dunwoody City Council. John can be reached by phone at home (770-234-0678) or at his city email address of John.Heneghan@dunwoodyga.gov

2009 DNCA ELECTION BALLOT AND ABSENTEE BALLOT

Dunwoody North Civic Association Nominating Committee is composed of Betty Brinkley, Jean McHugh and Verna Minnick. They respectfully propose the following ballot for the consideration of DNCA members for officers for 2009. As stated in our by-laws, membership is limited to one (1) adult per household. Each household is limited to one (1) vote.

OFFICE	NOMINEE	YES	NO	WRITE-IN
President	<u>Gerri Penn</u>			
Vice President	<u>Jason Shapiro</u>			
Vice President Zoning	<u>Gerri Penn</u>			
Recording Secretary	<u>Open</u>			
Corresponding Secretary	<u>Bobbi Sedam</u>			
Treasurer	<u>Joe Bowen</u>			

MEMBERS AT LARGE, CHOOSE 8

- Mary Alice Bancroft
- Lyn Coltman
- Glenn Florence
- Fred Grobety
- Renate Herod
- Kevin Leung
- Leslie O'Callaghan
- Mike Smith

Nominations will be accepted from the floor

- Nominations will be accepted from the floor for all positions providing the nominee is in attendance and states a willingness to serve.
- If nominee is not present - the nominator must have a written statement from the absent nominee stating willingness to serve.

Any member unable to attend a meeting of the Association may vote by proxy, provided each proxy shall be in writing, signed and delivered to the secretary of this Association before or at such meeting.

You must be a 2009 member of DNCA to vote. Membership dues of \$20.00 are now payable to:

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

EDITORS NOTE: You may have met L.C. and Bobbi Orr on their daily walks around the neighborhood or perhaps at your polling place where they help you to sign in and vote in our county and national elections. L.C. and Bobbie Orr have been Dunwoody North Residents since 1957. We asked them to give us their story.

NEIGHBORS

In the seasons of our lives everything changes.

My husband, L.C. moved to Doraville on Jan. 3, 1940 when it was just a small farming community. North Peachtree St. was unpaved and his house was where Peachtree Charter Middle School is today. He attended Doraville Elementary School and Chamblee High School for two years.

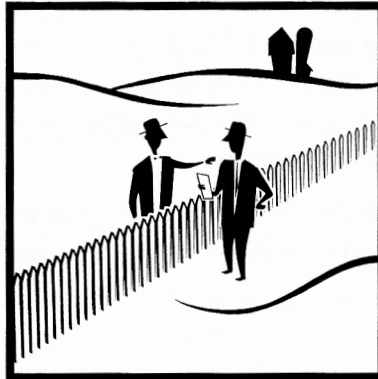
I moved to Brookhaven in 1945 and attended Chamblee High School for two years. L.C. had already graduated and came back to school one day for a visit. When I met him I thought he was the most handsome young man I had ever seen and I still do.

We married on October 9, 1948 and we recently celebrated our sixtieth wedding anniversary.

On May 26, 1957 we moved into our new home in Doraville. L.C. subcontracted it out and he and his carpenter father did a lot of the work themselves. We moved in with two little girls and in a few years had two more little girls. L.C. always said that all his boys were girls.

L.C. owned a service station and car repair shop for forty years at the corner of Cheshire Bridge and LaVista Roads. I was a homemaker.

Chamblee changed from a farming community to a thriving town and our part of Doraville became Dunwoody.



Fifty-one years later we still live in the same house and I would not change it for all the mansions in the world.

We have memories that will last a lifetime. We had wonderful neighbors. There were friends for the girls, we had a basketball goal, pizza and cokes for all the neighborhood kids and every parent knew where their children were. Three of our original neighbors still live here.

We now have four daughters, nine grandchildren, four sons-in-law, a grandson-in-law and two adorable little great-grandchildren. We have been blessed beyond measure.

Bobbie Orr

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If you have not attended any of our DNCA annual meetings, this would be a great time to start.

Warren Hutmacher, the City manager for the City of Dunwoody, will be our guest speaker. You will have an opportunity to ask questions.

I look forward to seeing new faces at the Social prior to our meeting on Tuesday, February 17. The Social is at 6:30 PM. Please introduce yourselves to me or any Board Member.

May this year be a time for all of us to work together for a better Dunwoody North and City of Dunwoody.

Gerri Penn
DNCA President

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH



Here are some happenings in 2008. On December 15 the DNCA held its annual luncheon at the North Precinct in honor of the police officers who serve in our area. Carabba's Italian Grill at Ashford Crossing graciously delivered the delicious food. It was an occasion for a soon-to-be fond farewell. The new Dunwoody Police Department is expected to be up and running by April 1, 2009.

You probably read in the local newspapers and the AJC, reports of the rash of burglaries that occurred in our neighborhood over the months of July to November. The suspected burglar has been arrested and taken to jail. He was renting a room at a house on North Peachtree Road.

Here are a few items to report. Over the holidays, inflatable decorations were cut in a front yard on E. King's Point Road. Two suspicious cars were reported. An American flag was stolen from a front porch. No home break-ins were reported to me during this holiday season.

I reviewed the North Precinct crime report from 12-15-08 to 1-1-09 and the amount of shoplifting, personal theft, car break-ins and auto theft at the Perimeter Mall area was astounding. Please be vigilant while you are out and about, leave nothing visible in your vehicle and keep everything locked up. These are tough times and as always, we need to protect ourselves and our property.

**If you are new to the neighborhood, please e-mail me at:
neighborhood@dunwoodynorth.org, so that I can sign you up for Calling Post.**

Have a happy and safe New Year,

Lisa O. Dierks-Unkefer
Chairman, Dunwoody North Neighborhood Watch Program
neighborhood@dunwoodynorth.org

Zoning and Code Enforcement

Fortunately, we have not dealt with Zoning issues this year. There have been numerous Code Enforcement issues. Vigilant neighbors reported many things to Code Enforcement and the Civic Association.

Home Occupations are still a problem. If you operate a business in your home, there must be no customer contact, no employees, no trucks or equipment at the house unless contained in the house or in a unit no more than 900 square feet in the backyard, no open storage.

Over the years, we have had numerous complaints about rental properties. As you know, the recent arrest of an alleged Dunwoody burglar, revealed he was renting a home in Dunwoody North. If you are thinking of renting your home, please consider getting both a background and credit check of the renter. If you are renting your home to more than one person, please check all of your tenants. Your home is in a community so please be a good neighbor to those who are living here. Please make sure that your property is being maintained.

Our policy still remains the same for reporting Code Violations as can be found on the Dunwoody North web site at www.dunwoodynorth.org.

The phone number for Code Enforcement is **678-382-6800**.

MEMBERS' CORNER

This is a new feature of our newsletter. We want to introduce you to some families who recently moved to Dunwoody North and the surrounding neighborhoods and to answer some questions that you may have.

Please welcome two new members:

Brad and Megan Dehem moved from Vinings to Dunwoody North in July, 2008. They liked Dunwoody and wanted to be closer to their jobs. They are both natives of Georgia. Brad teaches math at Wesleyan School. He's also the offensive coordinator for the high school football team which won the Class A state championship in December. Megan is a CPA for Cox Enterprises and is on leave enjoying their new son who was born November 22nd. They like to try out new restaurants in the city, spend time with friends and attend concerts.

Ed & Eve Tomberlin also moved to Dunwoody North to be closer to work. Ed owns an aircraft parts company, AV Group, in Chamblee. They own a farm in Roberta near Macon and previously lived in Dunwoody for ten years. They have two grown children and two grandchildren. They are active members of Chamblee UMC and like to spend some of their leisure time at Brook Run Park and enjoy their two dogs.

Below are some answers to frequently asked questions:

My dues of only \$20 are a very good investment,
but how does DNCA spend the dues we collect?

100% + of your dues are spent on community projects and disseminating information to our members.

This sounds impossible but it's true because we collect revenue from ads in our newsletters, in our directory and on our website. This, plus all the volunteer hours from the directors and other members, allows us to spend more than we collect from dues to improve our community, provide you information and support worthwhile charities and organizations.

Of the total dues collected in the last two years, we spent:

- 43% to print and distribute four newsletters
- 32% to print and distribute the neighborhood directory
- 23% for Neighborhood Watch automated calls
- 19% for community service, e.g., appreciation lunches for our police officers and fire fighters
- 15% for public information records from governmental agencies to review and "encourage" officials to follow laws and properly complete projects at Peachtree Middle School and Brook Run.
- 7% for beautification and improvements to the community
- 4% to host our dunwoodynorth.org website
- 1% for other expenses

That's 144% of the dues collected.

Thanks to our neighborhood real estate professionals and other local business owners who purchase ads that allow your dues to do more.

Which neighborhoods does DNCA serve?

In addition to Dunwoody North, DNCA serves residents in Andover Estates, Laurelwood Farms, Dunwoody Trails, Brafferton Square, Briers North and all three Madisons.

Come to the 6:30 p.m. Social before the 7:00 p.m. DNCA General meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 17 and meet your new neighbors.

Joe Bowen

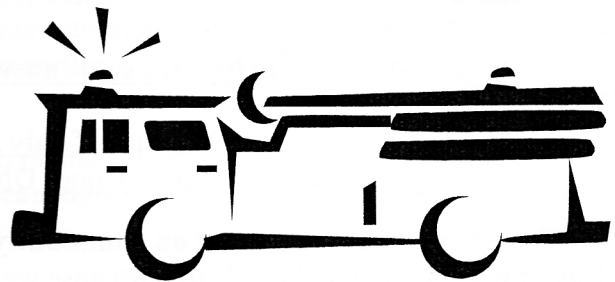
Fire Station 18 Holiday Luncheon

Dunwoody North Civic Association partnering with Serendipity Catering provided a luncheon for all three shifts of DeKalb County's Fire Station 18 on January 8th, 2009.

Renate Herod chaired the committee and had the help of Bobbi Sedam, Leslie O'Callaghan, and Gerri Penn. Arrangements for this luncheon were made with Captain Kyle Bradshaw of Station 18. We enjoyed the opportunity to show our appreciation for the awesome service that this Fire Station provides for our entire neighborhood.

Station 18 is located on Barclay Dr., next to Brook Run Park. The station maintains a daily, round-the-clock operating staff of eight personnel per shift. The apparatus that is staffed daily includes: Truck, Engine and Advanced Rescue.

The Rescue truck is staffed with a Fire Medic around the clock and provides life support to citizens. Station 18 also has a Hazardous Materials-Decontamination Specialty Team. The "Decon" truck is housed at the station, ready to activate when dispatched to an incident.



On the grounds of Fire Station 18 there is a DeKalb County paper recycling bin that any DeKalb resident may use. There is also an area for the collection of aluminum cans. The proceeds from the sale of the cans go to a charity for treatment of burned children and especially for a summer camp serving children recovering from burns.

The station is open every day and neighbors may stop in during the day for a blood pressure check or to have their child's car seat properly installed.

The firemen gave us a tour of the station which includes a fully equipped kitchen, exercise room (all equipment was donated), dorm room, TV area, dining area and truck bay.

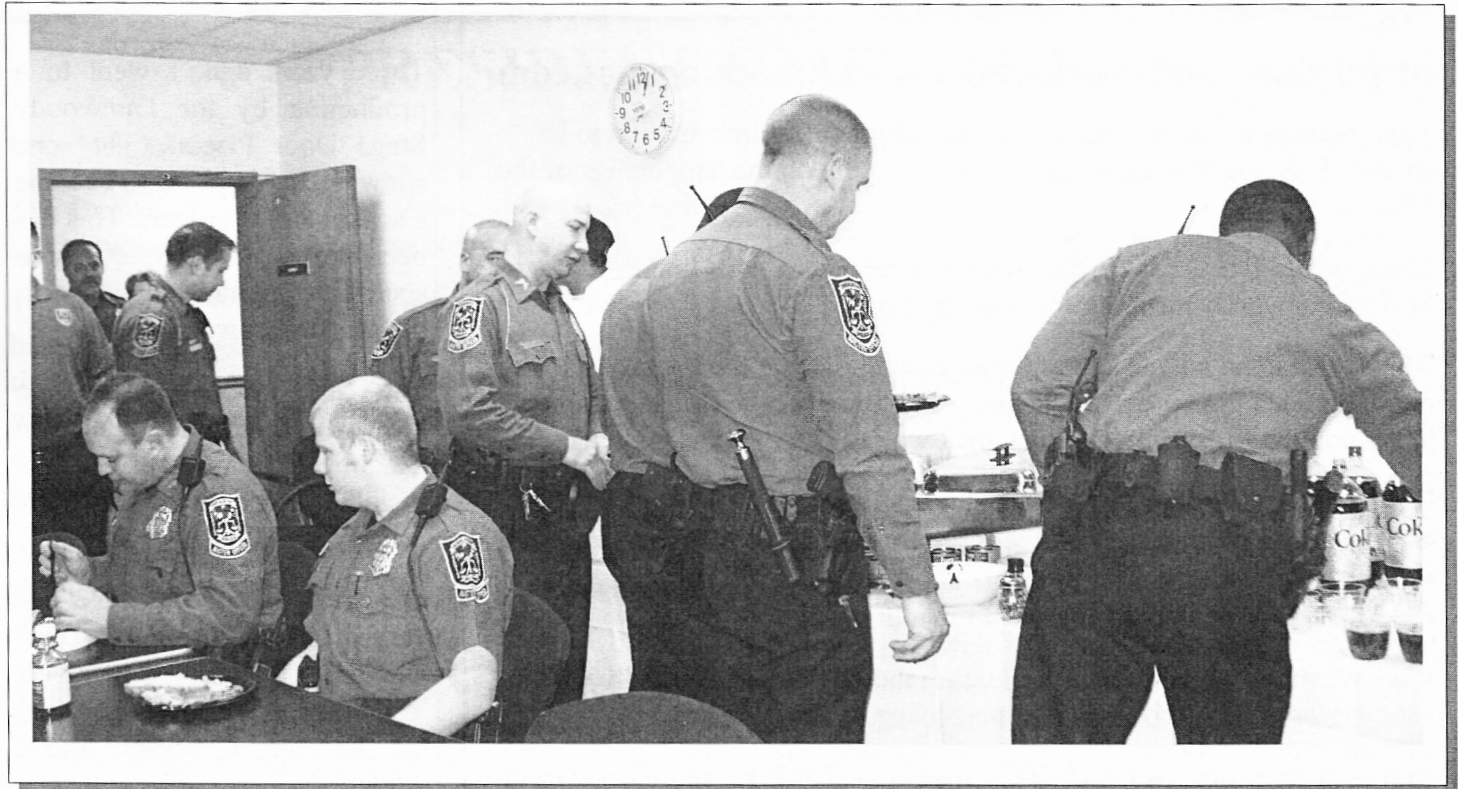
We were impressed with the professionalism, team spirit, self-sufficiency and hospitality of the firefighters. They also showed off their ability cook, do dishes, clean up and store the leftovers in record time.

Battalion Chief Leslie Clark came to our luncheon and we were made to feel like honored guests. The firemen told us how much they like being stationed in Dunwoody and asked us to tell all the neighbors they are welcome to stop in any time.

Bobbi Sedam



Firefighters at Station 18 dine with neighbors at luncheon provided by DNCA with the help of Serendipity Catering in January 2009



December 2008 luncheon provided to the North Precinct Police Officers by DNCA and Ashford Crossing Carrabba's Italian Grill

Property Tax Information from the City of Dunwoody

If you have already filed for a homestead exemption and/or property Freeze with DeKalb County and currently have the exemptions in effect, the City will grant the exemptions on your municipal property tax.

However to be abundantly cautious, the city of Dunwoody is asking homeowners to submit an application directly to the City of Dunwoody for the same exemptions and/or property tax freezes you have enjoyed over the years.

Applications are accepted year round, but in order to qualify for exemptions this calendar year, you must apply by March 1, 2009.

You can look up your property address to see your parcel identification and pin numbers and to see if it says you have the exemption. Visit this website:



<https://dklbweb.dekalbga.org/taxcommissioner/search.asp>

Once you are on the site, if you need more application forms, click on 2009 Homestead Exemption Application. Click on the Supplemental Exemption Application (for citizens over 65 with income less than \$15,000 per year), if you need that application form.

For more information visit <http://dunwoodyga.gov/Homestead-Exemptions>.

Editors Note: *The Dunwoody Homestead Exemption new form without Social Security number is inserted in this newsletter.*

DNCA Web Site and New Blog

The Dunwoody North Civic Association now has a blog! The new site is:

<http://dunwoodynorthcivicassociation.blogspot.com>

This site is essentially a message board allowing for information to be shared. The blog will allow us to stay up to date on the happenings of the DNCA.

If you would like access to the site, please contact Kevin Leung at: kevin@dunwoodynorth.org for posting access.

Blogs are a great way to keep everyone up to date on the latest news without having to clog up email inboxes. Additionally, photos can be uploaded to go along with entries and are a great way to share events and memories.

Here are three guiding principles for a successful blog:

- Develop a writing style and tone appropriate to your subject material.
- Post often, even if your posts are short.
- Allow your readers to comment on your posts.

We have many creative members within the DNCA, so hopefully we can get the blog rolling with constant updates from the community.

And as always, our main website is always available for more basic information about the association. This website is located at:

<http://dunwoodynorth.org>

Kevin Leung

GOING “PLAYCES”

Three years ago, I went to a production by the Dunwoody Stage Door Players. That one show encouraged me to become a season ticket holder. This has been such a worthwhile way to spend my money and support the arts in Dunwoody.

The Stage Door Players are located in the Spruill Center on Chamblee-Dunwoody Road at the other end of the Dunwoody Library Building.

We are so lucky to have our very own local theater in Dunwoody. I hope you will invest in a show this season and like me become a season ticket holder.

You won't regret it!

Gerri Penn