

Dunwoody North Civic Association

Newsletter November, 2009

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Neighbors,

You may notice a change in the newsletter. The Dunwoody North Civic Association Board decided to spend a bit more money to print our newsletters on recycled paper. We want to be more environmentally friendly. We hope that once you mail in your membership form with your dues, you will recycle the rest of the paper when you are finished with it.

Here are some of the activities your dues have supported and will support this year: Neighborhood Watch and Calling Post, hosting annual catered luncheons for the Police and Fire Departments, printing of our newsletters, a donation of \$200 to the Heart of Dunwoody for the Dunwoody Police to have AEDs in their patrol cars, a donation to support the Dunwoody North Driving Club swim team and a donation of \$200 worth of canned goods to Carrabba's food drive for the Atlanta Food Bank.

The DNCA is providing each household with a refrigerator magnet with Neighborhood Watch Information. The magnet is enclosed with this newsletter.

Lisa Unkefer, our Neighborhood Watch Chairperson, needs to be notified when there is a crime incident. We hope the magnet will make it easier for you to contact her, if you ever need to.

I want to thank Lisa for her dedication to neighborhood watch. Rob Maxwell, a resident of Dunwoody North, donated his time and talents to design the magnets. Our thanks to Rob. Please check out Rob's ad in this newsletter.

I want to thank all who contributed to this newsletter and Bobbi Sedam and Renate Herod who produced it. I also want to thank the City of Dunwoody Police Department in their response to the recent burglaries, and helping to catch the perpetrators, and coming to a meeting to talk to our community.

I want to thank you Dunwoody North neighbors who came to the Dunwoody Police meeting sponsored by DNCA. Chief Grogan was especially gratified to see such a large turnout. He indicated that community support is crucial to maintaining our safe neighborhoods. The police can't do it without all of us.

And DNCA can't do what we do without your support in membership dues. I hope you will all fill out your membership form in this newsletter and mail in your \$20.00 check. Thanks.

Our annual membership meeting, when we have our "star speakers" and vote for new DNCA Board members will be on the evening of February 3, 2010. Watch for your 2010 DNCA newsletter for the time and all the details. If anyone is interested in becoming active in DNCA, please contact me at president@dunwoodynorth.org.

Have a happy holiday season. Gerri Penn, President DNCA President

SAVE THE DATE: FEBRUARY 23, 2010 Next DNCA Meeting

More information in the next Newsletter!

If you are interested in nominating someone or serving on the 2010 DNCA board, please e-mail Gerri Penn at president@dunwoodynorth.org

CURBSIDE HOUSE NUMBERS... A WIN, WIN, WIN

Under the sponsorship of the Dunwoody Police Department, Dunwoody Police Explorers will be out every Saturday until Spring, 2010 painting house numbers on curbs in Dunwoody. For a \$20 donation Explorers will paint your house number at *your* curb.

The Explorers are a group of young men and women, aged 14 to 21 who are interested in careers in the field of law enforcement. Exploring is a worksite-based program that offers experiential learning with "fun-filled", hands-on activities that promote the growth and development of adolescent youth.

Half of each \$20 donation will go to "Jack & Jill Late State Cancer Foundation" which gives support through memorable family excursions to children who will lose their Mom or Dad to cancer. The other \$10 goes to support the Explorers' activities.

So, it's a win, win, win:

- Residents can have their house numbers made clearly visible for guests and for possible emergencies
- Cancer victims' families get needed support and
- Young people get training and encouragement learning life skills that may lead them to becoming the public servants of tomorrow.

To have your house numbers painted or just to make a donation, contact Officer Furman at 678-382-6913.

Bobbi Sedam

2010 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 DNCA is to represent the Dunwoody North Communities in city, county and state issues. The DNCA also assists residents to protect and enhance the value of their property.

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. Please leave personal items blank if so desired.

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NEIGHBORS

If you moved to another home in Dunwoody, would you move within your own neighborhood? Several residents have. Others purchased the home in which they lived as adolescents.

Lisa Unkefer, DNCA's Neighborhood Watch Chairperson, moved with her family to her current house on Huntington Circle when she was three years old. Dunwoody North was still being developed. As an adult she lived in the Atlanta area, but continued to visit regularly to care for her mother. After her mother's death, Lisa and her husband, Gary, purchased the home. They were sure they made the right decision when neighbors came to their aid during a major ice storm a few months later.

Jason Shapiro arrived from the hospital to his parents' home on Tilly Mill Road. He lived there until he graduated from college in 1987. His grandmother purchased the house in 2000 and converted it to a rental house. Jason acquired it in 2004 and has spent five years completely remodeling the home.

Albert Handmacher's parents, Burton and Betty, purchased a home on Amberly Drive in 1980. Albert lived there until he moved to Japan for several years. When he returned to Atlanta, he and his wife, Akemi, decided to purchase a remodeled home on Stonehenge Court. They were sold on the friendly neighbors, excellent schools and a location close to everything.

Other residents moved to Dunwoody North as adults and later decided to move to a larger home. They loved the neighborhood so much they moved to another home within Dunwoody North.

When Julie and Andy Gothard learned they were expecting twins, they knew their soon-to-be family of five needed a larger home. They also knew they wanted to stay in Dunwoody. They looked at over 75 homes and finally decided on a partially remodeled home on Stonehenge Drive.

Given a decision to move or remodel their previous home in Dunwoody North, Terry and Anne Adams decided to move. They knew they wanted to stay in Dunwoody and loved Dunwoody North. All their needs were met when they had an opportunity to purchase their friends' recently remodeled home on Huntington Circle.

Residents of other subdivisions adjacent to Dunwoody North also have moved to another home within their subdivision. Scotchie and Penny Cochran lived in an apartment complex on North Peachtree and would admire the homes in Briers North on their afternoon walks. There were no homes for sale at the time but they wanted to move to Briers North so much they delivered notes to all Briers North residents. Their diligence paid off when they eventually purchased what they considered their ideal home in Briers North. Later Scotchie, a real estate agent, listed a neighbor's home. The more he saw the house the more they decided they could stay in Briers North and live in a larger home. Since moving, they have remodeled their second home in the subdivision.

John Heneghan, former president of DNCA and current Dunwoody City Councilman, and his family of five knew, they needed a larger home but didn't want to leave Dunwoody North. John's wife, Kristin, said they considered expanding their house for five years. Fortunately they found a home in Dunwoody North which had been completely remodeled. They were able to move and still enjoy the benefits of the Dunwoody North Driving Club, being close to life's conveniences, walking through the neighborhood and socializing with the neighbors they love.

Joe Bowen

If you have moved within the neighborhood and want to share your story, please let us know. Do you have an idea for an article profiling DNCA members? Please submit your ideas to bybowen@bellsouth.net



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM



We had a Neighborhood Watch meeting with Police at the clubhouse on August 22, 2009 concerning recent break-ins in Dunwoody North. Chief Billy Grogan announced that the DeKalb Police had caught the thieves. DeKalb County Police were also looking for the

same men and vehicle in relation to other burglaries in the county.

"It is a great testament of how much people care about their neighborhood," Chief Grogan said regarding the large number of neighbors who attended the meeting. "We can be of much greater service to you when neighbors take an active interest."

Dunwoody Police have created a monthly neighborhood watch newsletter. To view it, just go to <u>www:dunwoodynorthcivicassociation.org</u> and click on the Message Board.

There is a website, USAonwatch.org, that has wonderful resources regarding safety tips, neighborhood watch, and a home security inspection list. Click on Publication Library for more information.

Going out of town? Dunwoody Police are offering a Vacation/Out of Town Zone Patrol program. If you are going out of town, please e-mail william.furman@dunwoodyga.gov or <u>mike.carlson@dunwoodyga.gov</u> directly with the following information:

- Dates you will be gone
- Any authorized people allowed at the home
- Any lights that are on timers
- Any vehicles that should be in the driveway
- Any emergency contacts in case of an incident

The police will place this information on a Zone Patrol list. The uniformed officers will do a periodic drive-by check of the home while you are gone.

They realize this is sensitive information and they suggest you e-mail or call them DIRECTLY with the information. This information is kept confidential at the police department and is deleted once it expires and/or you return home. You can reach Officer Furman at 678-382-6913 or Sgt. Carlson at 678-382-6907

If you are new to the neighborhood and would like to be on the Callingpost list to receive important information about break-ins, incidents, etc. in our neighborhood, e-mail me at: <u>neighborhoodwatch@dunwoodynorth.org</u> and I will be happy to add you to the list. The Dunwoody North Civic Association financially supports your neighborhood watch program through your dues. Please consider joining today!

Have a wonderful and SAFE holiday season!!

Lisa O. Dierks-Unkefer Chairman, Dunwoody North Neighborhood Watch Program 770-451-5756

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Web site: www.dunwoodyga.gov

Main Phone number: 678-382-6700

Mailing address: City of Dunwoody, Georgia PO Box 888074 Dunwoody, GA 30356 Physical Address:

City of Dunwoody 41 Perimeter Center East, Suite 250 Dunwoody, GA 30346

Police Information: Info/Records/Police: 678-382-6900 Chief of Police, Billy Grogan: 678-382-6902 Complaints: 678-382-6901 Tip Line: 678-382-6908

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