

Dunwoody

CIVIC ASSOCIATION

North

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Did You Know...

Be a good neighbor

- ☞ That trash, recycle tubs & bags, and yard debris, should not be put out on the street until after 5 pm the night before pick up? Receptacles should not be left at the curb past the day of pick up,
- ☞ The most frequent code complaint is lack of property maintenance of the yard and home? This includes overgrowth of lawn/weeds and landscaping. Curbing should also be kept free of debris and overgrowth.
- ☞ That if you are in the stream buffer zone of 75' from the bank, that you should contact the City before removing trees except in emergency?
- ☞ When you are walking or running that you should go in the opposite direction of traffic? Of course, in the dark, wear light or reflective clothing.
- ☞ That when putting out yard debris no limbs should be more than 4' in length and in bundles that can be managed by one person?
- ☞ New recyclers get their blue bin and the first 100 bags at no charge? Please consider recycling.

Yard Of the Month

The Brinson home on Andalusia Trail, a repeat winner, is always colorful and beautifully maintained!



April YOTM Winner - Dunwoody North East

Presidents Message



By Gerri Penn
President, Dunwoody North Civic Association

Dear Neighbors,

I hope that you all had a wonderful summer. I didn't mind the rain or the cooler than normal temperatures. Unfortunately my vegetables did not like all the rain and many rotted out.

Your DNCA Board and Neighborhood Watch volunteers are busy working on the 2014 Civic Association Directory that will be published and distributed to dues paying members in the spring. One of the problems we are facing is getting accurate information from the other Dunwoody North Communities that are not in Neighborhood Watch which includes all of the Madison's, Chestnut Landing, Andover Estates, Laurelwood Farms, Brafferton Square, Briers North and Tilly Mill Rd.

Our Neighborhood Watch Calling Posts, which the Civic Association pays for, are based on the directory information and one third of the calls made are bad phone numbers for which we are charged. The DNCA Board voted that in order to continue to provide Calling Post to the above communities, we need 20% membership and accurate information. We are very fortunate to have two volunteers from Brafferton Square and Briers North who gathered the information we need. Thanks so much for your help. Both of these communities have at least 20% membership and we appreciate their support. We need someone to volunteer for the Madison's, Chestnut Landing, & Andover Estates or we can no longer provide Calling Post to the above communities but will continue to provide Calling Post to anyone in those communities who are dues paying members. We have two people who are going to go around and update the information in Laurelwood Farms. Lisa Unkefer, our Neighborhood Watch Coordinator has packets for anyone volunteering to help in the above communities.

In addition to updating information, we are currently taking ads for the directory. If anyone is interested in advertising in the directory, please contact me and I will e-mail the information to you. You can e-mail me at President@DunwoodyNorth.org.

We are starting our 2014 membership campaign. Our \$20.00 annual dues have not increased since 1998 even though our costs have increased and we provide more services. We did not provide Calling Posts back then. We did not have monuments that require maintenance and landscaping. We did not give \$300.00 annually for the Briers North Halloween security. We provide a more costly newsletter twice a year. We now have a

Beautification Committee that not only landscapes the monuments but also judges Yard of the Month which we did not do in 1998. We even expanded it this year and ordered a new sign which was stolen. I provide important e-mail blasts to the community. We have Neighborhood Watch volunteers that provide the important service of updating information for Calling Post and the Directory. We have residents who are willing to serve as volunteers on the Board. Please show your support to the Dunwoody North Civic Association by paying your \$20.00 dues. Thanks so much and have a wonderful and safe Holiday season.

Gerri Penn

Neighborhood Watch Update

Lisa O. Dierks-Unkefer

Hello Neighbors,

As I write this article, I do not have any recent break-in information to give you. The last break-in was reported in September on East King's Point Circle.

While we are always susceptible, please know that this time of year brings even more opportunities for criminal activity. We all want to leave our doors and windows open to enjoy the cool air. Please make sure that you take belongings out of your automobiles, lock them and secure your garage and home.

Our 2014 directory updates are now in progress. If you are a Coordinator or a Block Captain, please finish your updates and get your sheet(s) back to me as soon as you can. If you are new to our neighborhood, please e-mail me at glunkefer@bellsouth.net so I can include you on our Calling Post. The Calling Post is a phone messaging service that lets you know if there is a break-in or robbery in the neighborhood.

Please support the Dunwoody North Civic Association by paying your annual dues of \$20.00. Your membership dues fund the Neighborhood Watch Program and Calling Post messages. Neighborhood Watch is just ONE of the great benefits that you receive by joining DNCA. Please visit our website at <http://www.dnca.org/> to see all that we have done in the past.



If you have any questions or would like to volunteer as a Coordinator or Block Captain, please feel free to call me. It is a fantastic way to meet your neighbors!

Lisa O. Dierks-Unkefer
DNCA Neighborhood Watch Chairman
770-451-5756

Please Remember...

In view of recent incidents, DeKalb County pet laws state:

It shall be the duty of any person to keep an animal under restraint and control at all times while the animal is off the real property limits of the owner...

2014 DNCA Annual Membership and Directory Update Form

Please mail your \$20 annual membership check, made payable to Dunwoody North Civic Association to:

Julie Horowitz, 4661 Stonehenge Dr., Dunwoody, GA 30360

Julie can be contacted as Treasurer from the website - www.DunwoodyNorth.org

Please mark "Dues—2014" in the memo area of your check.

Please fill in the form as you would like it displayed in the DNCA directory. The directory will be delivered to you early in 2014.

Last Name, First Name _____

Last Name, First Name _____

Street, City, Zip _____

Home, Work, Cell _____

Family E-Mail _____ Year Moved Into Community _____

I am interested in: Neighborhood Beautification Neighborhood Watch DNCA Board and Activities

Other Interests: _____

In an effort to be simultaneously a "green" and yet more informative neighbor and neighborhood advocate, the DNCA is sending quarterly email newsletters and other occasional electronic updates.

I **do not** want to receive electronic newsletters and other occasional email updates from the DNCA.

The Dunwoody North Civic Association respects your privacy and does not sell or lend your personal information to businesses or affiliates. All information you supply is kept confidential and used only for Dunwoody North Civic Association related activities.

Phone Numbers are used by our Neighborhood Watch program so that immediate notifications can be made regarding suspicious activity and crimes in the area therefore please provide a valid telephone number.

From the Beautification Committee...

Another year of **Yard of the Month** judging has come to an end. The Beautification Committee would like to thank not only the winners of this year's awards but everyone who spent a part of their summer planting, weeding, mowing and mulching to make their yards beautiful. Attractive yards not only make the home owner's house look better they make the entire community look better.

2013 was a uniquely challenging year. Most of us plan our yards around hot and dry summers. This summer was anything but hot and dry. When was the last summer when we only had a handful of days over 90? The 2012 summer of days over 100 were long forgotten. This year's heavy rains caused many of our drought resistant, heat loving plants to turn brown. The rain may have reduced our water bills and made our lawns bright green, but many of our annuals and perennials suffered. In the aftermath of such a wet summer, we have taken a tip from the Better Homes and Gardens website to help you prepare your gardens for the winter:

Clear out the blackened stems and foliage of annual flowers and vegetables to prevent the possibility of their harboring disease pathogens and insect eggs over the winter

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Homes
and Gardens.**

(www.bhg.com - *Preparing Your Garden for Winter*)

This year the Beautification Committee introduced a third award for small yards. One award is given to the winner on the west side of Tilly Mill, one to the winner on the east side of Tilly Mill and one award is given to the smaller yards in Briers North, the Madisons and Brafferton.

Visit the Dunwoody North website to see full size images of our 2013 winners (Neighborhood/Beautification page).

Happy Gardening!

Jackie Willey
Beautification Committee

Want to volunteer for the Beautification Committee?
Contact Pat Cloud at 770-220-0027

