

# Dunwoody

CIVIC ASSOCIATION

# North

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## Neighborhood Watch



**H**ello  
Everyone,

I hope you all had a safe and happy holiday season.

The last CallingPost call was made on 12/30/13 regarding a break-in on Amberly Way. If you missed it or ever want to review the last call I made, you can phone:

1-800-925-7443 and then put in our group ID # 161-828-3656.

While donations to Special Olympics are accepted all year long, you might be interested in donating and enjoy watching your Dunwoody Police Department participate in the annual Polar Plunge or the Law Enforcement Torch run. Details are on their website under "news and press releases". Their goal is to raise \$10,000.00 this year.

If you have not joined the DNCA for 2014, we encourage you to check out our website; DunwoodyNorth.org to see all that we do for the communities. Part of your dues of \$20.00 support the neighborhood watch pro-

gram which includes CallingPost and neighborhood directory.

Please remember to lock everything up, keep valuables out of your cars, please cut up boxes from obvious valuables and purchases such as TV's, computers, etc. before discarding and if you see any suspicious activity, do not hesitate to call 911. If you are a victim, please call me afterwards and with your permission, I will place a CallingPost call.

Be safe!

Sincerely,

Lisa O. Dierks-Unkefer

Chair, Dunwoody North

Neighborhood Watch Program:

[neighborhoodwatch@dunwoodynorth.org](mailto:neighborhoodwatch@dunwoodynorth.org)

or

[glunkefer@bellsouth.net](mailto:glunkefer@bellsouth.net)

770-451-5756

### Book Swap

Bring your books for trade to the meeting, Sunday February 23rd. With your permission left over books will be donated.

### Dunwoody North Directory

We are working on the 2014 Dunwoody North Communities Neighborhood Directory and we need your help. If you are new to the neighborhood or your information needs updating, please use the form enclosed in this newsletter or e-mail me with your name, street address and the phone number that you would like to receive the CallingPost calls.

If you are a block captain, or coordinator of block captains, please get your updated sheets to me as soon as you can.

### Volunteer

☞ Co-chair needed

If you would like to volunteer with neighborhood watch, please e-mail me at [glunkefer@bellsouth.net](mailto:glunkefer@bellsouth.net).

I urgently need a co-chairman to help me on the west side (pool side) of the neighborhood.

# Public Meeting & Board Elections

## Saving Lives Program with Blood Drive and Book Exchange

Sunday, February 23, 2014

Dunwoody North Driving Club Clubhouse  
4522 Kingsgate Dr. 30338

{Blood drive starts at 2:00pm, Social at 4pm}

See insert for details,  
directory update form and absentee ballot

## Annual Plant Exchange

The Beautification Committee will again celebrate the arrival of spring with our annual Plant Exchange.

The Plant Exchange will be April 26th between 10 am and noon at the home of Debbie and Jeff Hardy, 4556 Sharon Valley Court. The Plant Exchange is a wonderful opportunity to jumpstart your spring landscaping.

The concept is simple, bring any number of plants that are overflowing from your garden and take home the same number of plants from the collection that your neighbors have brought. There is no money needed. The success of the exchange depends on participation and we hope that with this early notice we will have a good selection.

One young man last season was delighted to find some red maple seedlings that he wanted for one of his teachers. He went home smiling, as did many others in attendance who found treasures for their gardens. Even if you don't have much to share, it is fun to visit and talk about garden ideas, our many plans, what has worked and what hasn't.

Please put April 26th on your calendar and join your neighbors for this special event! Coffee and snacks will be available.

For more information, please contact Pat Cloud at 770-220-0027

## Board Member Ballot Biographies:

**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 Board of DHA. Gerri is the Chair of the City of Dunwoody Zoning Board of Appeals. Gerri is a Co-Chair of the Caring Committee at her Temple, Temple Emanu-El. Gerri is also very active in the Dunwoody Woman's Club.

**Samuel Verniero Jr.** ✎ Samuel Verniero, Jr., DD, BA has been a proud resident of Dunwoody North since August, 2009. Samuel has served on various Coalition, Association and HOA Boards in the capacity of President. Samuel was recently appointed by the Mayor and City Council of Dunwoody, Georgia to serve as a member of the Community Council and he remains active in the community, coaching baseball with the Dunwoody Seniors Baseball League.

**Julie Horowitz** ✎ Julie is an Atlanta native and a resident of Dunwoody North since 1998. After graduating from the University of Texas at Austin, Julie worked professionally in hospitality management and non-profit management. She then attended Georgia State University to obtain her MBA and worked in non-profit marketing and technology marketing. Married to Dunwoody psychologist, Dr. Andy Gothard, Julie is a stay-at-home wife and mother to 3 children. When not driving her children around the city, Julie spends her time volunteering and helping to market her husband's practice.

**Amy Stafford** ✎ Amy and her husband Frank moved to Dunwoody North in 2007. Both she and her husband are Nashville natives; but have lived in Atlanta for more than a decade. Amy holds a degree in International Business and Spanish from the University of Tennessee; and additionally studied the Spanish language for several years in Costa Rica. Outside of their work, both she and Frank enjoy quality time with friends and family.

**Joyce Foster** ✎ Joyce and Lon moved to Dunwoody North in 1993 with their three sons, David, Matthew and Daniel. Joyce is retired from DeKalb County where she served as a Contract Administrator in the Department of Purchasing & Contracting. She is a Master Instructor with the Institute of Public Procurement and teaches both online and face-to-face courses. Lon retired a few years ago and is often walking the Foster pugs in the neighborhood. Lon and Joyce feel that Dunwoody North is wonderful place to live.

**Daine Pearson** ✎ Although their Dunwoody North home has been in the family since 1996, when Daine and his mother Frances purchased it, Daine, his wife Coby and daughter Ashley are relatively new residents in Dunwoody having moved to the USA in 2006. Daine lived in Europe for more than twenty years working as a Producer/Editor/Cameraman/Director of Photography, creating images for news programs, documentaries and corporate productions. Daine is currently employed by a professional television production equipment manufacturer as sales and marketing engineer and still occasionally provides technical sales and media production services via his company.

# Beautification



# Committee



Polar  
Vortex

January 2014 brought the coldest weather we have experienced in the Atlanta area for many years. Formerly an unknown term to most of us, the “polar vortex” became a part of our daily discussion. As we worried about frozen pipes and cracked engine blocks we also watched our plants shrivel up in defense of the extreme cold. It is amazing to see that even the slightest warming seemed to bring life back to shrubs and trees. We will wait to see what lingering effects there are when spring arrives.

The Yard of the Month program will resume in April and run through October. Awards are given each month from homes on the east and west side of Tilly Mill, as well as one from the smaller neighborhoods of The Briers, the Madisons and Braferton. Beautification Committee members enjoy touring our neighborhood for the best examples of seasonal color and foliage. A well-trimmed and colorful landscape is sure to get noticed.

Board Member Biographies continued.

**Jay Kapp** ☞ Jay, his wife, Jenniffer and their young children, have been residents of Dunwoody North since 2001. He is the president of Kapp Concepts, a marketing and web design firm. In 2011, he was given the “Rising Star Award” by the Dunwoody Chamber of Commerce, an award given to business owners under the age of 40 who exemplify leadership and community involvement.

**Pat Cloud** ☞ Pat and her husband Terry moved to the Dunwoody North neighborhood in 2008 following her retirement from DeKalb County Schools. Pat was a special education teacher and consultant during her 31 years with DeKalb. She is a native of Atlanta and spent her early school years attending the old Dunwoody Elementary School. Pat currently serves as chairperson of the Beautification Committee.

**Lyn Colman** ☞ Lyn and her husband, Neville, recently deceased, moved to Dunwoody North in late 1981. Lyn is a Realtor with Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate. Offspring Nick, Mike and Belinda, now grown, swam and played tennis at DNDC. In 1991 Lyn founded a social support group for Australians living in Atlanta and she also belongs to the Georgia Council for International Visitors and the Australian American New Zealand Chamber of Commerce. Lyn’s latest hobby is tending her garden plot at the Dunwoody Community Garden in Brook Run Park.

**Jack Hamilton** ☞ Jack, his wife Elena and daughter Madeline, have been residents of Dunwoody North since 1996, however, his family has a long history here as his parents bought one of the original Dunwoody North homes on Kingsgate Drive. Jack’s older children, Laura and Johnny, graduated from the original Peachtree High School, and Elena’s son, Michael, graduated from Dunwoody High School. Jack is with Coldwell Banker Dunwoody and Elena is with DeKalb County Health Department. In his free time, Jack plays tennis at DNDC and supports the DNDC Swim Team, of which, his daughter Madeline is a member.

**Vicky Pasmanick** ☞ Vicky and her Husband Robert moved from Embury Hills to Dunwoody North in 1996 with their three school age daughters; Greer, Kelley and Annie. Moving to Dunwoody North was a great choice as they needed the special services that DeKalb County Schools could offer their daughter Kelley; such as Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Itinerant Therapy. Vicky and Robert were instrumental in improving accessibility on school campuses; getting punch doors for Dunwoody High School and the double railings heading down to the area where the Chesnut Gym is. After graduating from Dunwoody High School, Greer and Annie graduated from UGA, and Kelley from the University of Denver. The Pasmanick’s have been residential Realtors since 1995, and their licenses are now with Atlanta Communities Real Estate Brokerage. They are huge fans of the DNCA community, active members of DNDC along with Dunwoody North’s Driving Club and can’t think of a better area to live in Dunwoody!

In addition to the Yard of the Month program and the spring Plant Exchange, the Beautification Committee needs volunteers to assist us with the maintenance of Dunwoody North Monuments. If you are interested in volunteering for the Beautification Committee please contact Pat Cloud, 770-220-0027.

Pat Cloud  
Chair, Beautification Committee

**Dunwoody Police Dept.**  
**41 Perimeter Center East, Suite 100**  
**Dunwoody, GA 30346**  
**EMERGENCY Dial 911**

Info / Records 678-382-6900  
Complaints 678-382-6900  
Commendations 678-382-6901  
Detectives 678-382-6900  
Media/PIO 678-382-6907  
Tip Line 678-382-6908  
Chief of Police 678-382-6902

## Citizen of the Year

On Sunday, January 12, 2014 Jay Kapp, a Dunwoody North Civic Association Board Member was honored by the Dunwoody Homeowner’s Association. Jay was chosen as Citizen of the Year for all of the positive things he does for our community and elsewhere. Jay is our Social Media Manager. He posts important community events on our Facebook page.

Congratulations, Jay for receiving this well-deserved award !!

# Presidents Message



By Gerri Penn - DNCA President  
President@DunwoodyNorth.org

Dear Neighbors, Happy and Healthy New Year!

DNCA ended 2013 on a positive note. We provided holiday meals to the Dunwoody Police Department and to Fire Station 18. I want to thank Lisa Unkefer, Corlette Muery, the helpers and bakers and most of all Carrabba's for providing the food for the Police Department, at no charge to us. They have been doing this for years and we appreciate it. Thank you to Amy Stafford, the bakers and E. 48th Street Market for catering the meal and giving us a discounted price for the Fire Station 18 dinner. I hope you will consider giving both of these restaurants your business.

DNCA is having a great start to 2014. Our membership so far is the highest that it has been in years. Unfortunately, we did not get the required 20% membership from the Madison's and Chestnut Landing and therefore cannot provide CallingPost to them as we do not have updated information or their dues. For any resident that wants to be part of CallingPost, we are grateful for your support in dues and need your updated information so we do not waste our limited budget on CallingPost calls to bad phone numbers.

Has your Neighborhood Watch Block Captain contacted you? If not, the best way to make sure you receive CallingPost is to pay your \$20.00 dues. You can also e-mail Lisa Unkefer with your information at [glunkefer@bellsouth.net](mailto:glunkefer@bellsouth.net)

but of course we would appreciate your support with your annual membership. The deadline for dues is March 31, 2014.

A new directory is in process and we aim to get it printed by the end of May. Join now to be included and to receive your copy!

As many of you know, I send out e-mail blasts from the Dunwoody Police Department, City of Dunwoody, and other important e-mails. I also send out e-mails about loose animals both tame and feral. If you do not receive them and want to receive them, please include your e-mail address on the membership form.

I hope to meet many of you at our Annual Meeting and Elections, Sunday, February 23rd at the Driving Club Clubhouse. We have a great program lined up with the Dunwoody Police which may help you save a life. Also, LifeSouth will be on hand with a Blood Mobile from 2pm through 7:00pm so please consider donating blood. Lastly, don't forget the book exchange. Bring your soft and hard cover books to trade and refresh your library.

Lastly, I want to thank my amazing DNCA Board. I could not do this without you.

May your 2014 be filled with only good things!

Gerri Penn - President, DNCA

## Board Member Biographies continued

**Vanessa Shapiro** ✎ Vanessa has lived in Atlanta for over 15 years. She holds a B.S. in Management of Technology from Southern Polytechnic University. She is the Chief Creative Officer for TransansactionTree, Inc., responsible for all aspects of R&D as well as the company's corporate marketing tactics. Vanessa, her husband Jason and son Jake reside in Dunwoody North with their three wonderful dogs. When she is not working, she enjoys walking her dogs, decorating her house and learning about new technology.

**Walter Weeks** ✎ Walter and his wife Era have lived in Dunwoody since 1967, and moved to Dunwoody North eight years ago. They have three children who all graduated from Dunwoody schools. Walter and Era are members of Dunwoody Baptist Church and enjoy participating in discussion groups at Dunwoody Baptist and mission activities such as ESOL. Walter also volunteers his time with Habitat for Humanity. Walter has an MS in Chemistry and has spent most of his working career as a representative for several scientific instrument manufacturers and has had a retirement job with the US EPA.

**Barbara Wood** ✎ Barbara Wood, her husband Bruce, and three sons moved to Dunwoody North in 1969. Barbara and Bruce were originally from Salt Lake City but came here following tours of duty with the USPHS in Thailand, Cambodia, Atlanta, Miami, Philippines and Haiti. Barbara worked at Brook Run (formerly the Georgia Retardation Center) from when it opened in 1969 until her retirement in 1995. She was the Admissions Coordinator for the Center. Following retirement, she worked as a consultant at Brook Run and then for one of the private companies providing services for the residents who were discharged when the Center closed in 1997. She worked as a consultant until 2004. She is secretary on the Board of Directors for Aldersgate Homes, Secretary on the Board of Directors for the Disharoon Condo Association at Big Canoe, and is past president of the USPHS Women's Club. She is in several bridge clubs.

**DCNA Parliamentarian, Corlette Muery** ✎ Corlette Muery and husband Bob have owned houses in Dunwoody North since 1975. They have one married daughter. Corlette is a retired elementary school teacher.

**DCNA Neighborhood Watch Program Chair, Lisa O. Dierks-Unkefer** ✎ Lisa and her husband, Gary, bought the home on Huntington Circle where Lisa grew up, in 1999. Lisa has worked in the brokerage industry for 30 years and thru mergers and acquisitions, is currently with Morgan Stanley. Gary has been with Cross Fluid Power for over 26 years. Lisa's interests are gardening and travel. She can be reached on email at [glunkefer@bellsouth.net](mailto:glunkefer@bellsouth.net).

**DCDC President, Thomas O'Brien** ✎ Thomas and his wife, Lauren have been Dunwoody residents since 2000, and have lived in Dunwoody North since 2002. Their son Nolan and daughter Kasey attend Chesnut Charter Elementary, and their daughter Molly is a toddler. The O'Briens are active with the DNDC Swim Team, and enjoy their summers around the pool at the DNDC. In addition to serving as 2013-2014 President of the DNDC, Thomas serves as Committee Chairman for Cub Scout Pack 477 out of Kingswood Methodist Church, where his son Nolan is a Webelos scout. He also plays drums for Life Song, the house band at Christ the King Lutheran Church. Thomas is a trial attorney who specializes in Health, Veterans, and Disability Advocacy. He earned his BBA from the University of Notre Dame, MBA from Fairleigh Dickinson University, and JD from Georgia State.