

Dunwoody North

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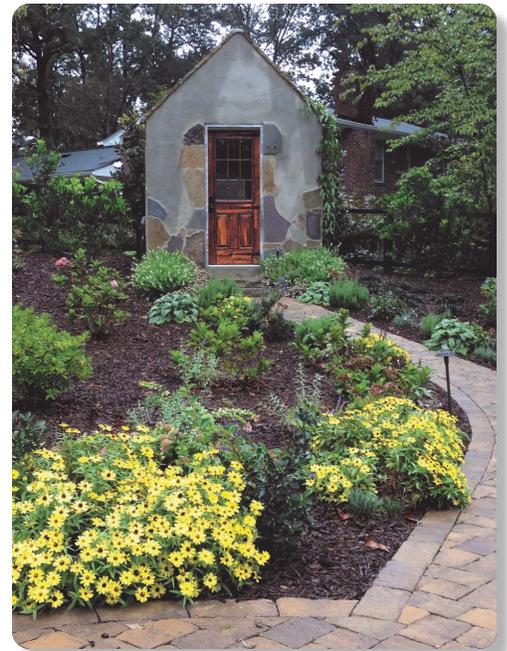
A Memorial Garden



Nestled into the backyards of several houses in Briers North is a memorial garden that was created in loving memory of one neighbor's wife. Visible from the street only in glimpses, passersby could never imagine that just beyond the houses is a beautiful garden.

Surrounded by a wrought iron fence the garden can be accessed through the backyards of 5 or 6 different houses. Visible through sunrooms, porches and kitchen windows by the lucky neighbors who look out on the garden this memorial garden is sure to bring a smile to all who see it regardless of the season.

A wide variety of trees, shrubs, and flowers have been planted. Paths meander past water falls, a tool shed built to resemble an English cottage, flower beds, benches and a memorial wall. The garden is lit both by tall Victorian style street lamps and low in-ground lights. A large urn sits off to one side while a sitting area of wrought iron benches sits in the middle. The garden is one big area made intimate through the use of paths, plants and grasses that section off different sitting areas and gardens. Large rocks have been placed near a small waterfall where you can sit and enjoy your peaceful surroundings.



Bob Gold had the idea for building the garden in memory of his late wife, Judy, and enlisted the help of neighbors to purchase the land and maintain the garden. According to Bob it has been a learning experience in finding out

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Why you should join and contribute!

In 2014, with your \$20, DNCA:

- ✎ Provided multiple Neighborhood Watch Calling-post calls.
- ✎ Published a new neighborhood directory.
- ✎ Provided the Dunwoody North Driving Club with a free two page ad in the new directory.
- ✎ Published and delivered a newsletter.
- ✎ Beautification Committee awarded Yard of the Month from April to October.

Public Meeting & Board Elections

Meet Nancy Jester

New District 1 Commissioner

Talk with Officer Timothy Fecht

About "Next Door Neighbor" On-Line and Smart 911

Tuesday, February 24, 2015

Dunwoody North Driving Club Clubhouse
4522 Kingsgate Dr. 30338

{Mingle & Meet at 6:30pm}

See insert for details and a absentee ballot

Why you should join and contribute!

- ☞ Beautification Committee maintained neighborhood monument landscaping throughout the year.
- ☞ Beautification Committee held an open Plant Exchange.
- ☞ Contributed \$300 to enhance security for Briers North's Halloween.
- ☞ Held our Annual Meeting with Guest Speaker, Officer Timothy Fecht from the Dunwoody Police Department.
- ☞ Arranged for a Lifesouth Blood Drive at our Annual Meeting.
- ☞ Included a book Exchange at our Annual Meeting and donated left-over books to the Dunwoody Library for their book sale.
- ☞ Donated \$200.00 to Chesnut Charter School for their STEM Lab.
- ☞ Provided a Board Member to volunteer at Chesnut's Field Day.
- ☞ Presented a holiday dinner, catered by Serendipity Catering, for Fire Station 18. Board Members made the desserts.
- ☞ Organized a holiday luncheon, catered by Memphis Barbecue, for the Dunwoody Police Dept. DNCA members baked the desserts.
- ☞ Maintained the DunwoodyNorth.org web site.
- ☞ Furnished PayPal via our website for those who prefer to maintain their membership on-line.
- ☞ Maintained a DNCA Facebook page for important postings.
{ www.facebook.com/DunwoodyNorth }
- ☞ President sent out regular e-mails with important information to those who provide their e-mail address.

Board Member Ballot Biographies:

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Corlette Muery DCNA Parliamentarian ☞ 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.

Sandi Nessel ☞ My husband and I have been living in Dunwoody North since 1998. We are New York natives who met, married, had a family and left. We lived in Chicago for twenty one years where we raised our three sons. We are the proud grandparents of three girls and three boys, all living in the mid-west. I am now mostly retired but keep up with things by working with 6th graders after school and on Sunday mornings. I teach them Holocaust Studies and Hebrew and they teach me about what it is like to be a pre-teen today. We love Dunwoody North for its old trees that provide shade in the summer. The shade is particularly welcome when I go for my daily walk with our chow mixed rescue dog. I am interested in serving on the Board because I love the neighborhood.

Judy Millner-Hofer DCNA Neighborhood Watch Program Chair ☞ Judy and Charles W. Hofer moved from New York to Athens, GA in 1981 when Charles became a full professor at UGA. In 1983 they moved to Dunwoody North. Judy holds an M.S. and ABD in Physiological Psychology, and an M.B.A. in Finance and Accounting. She has devoted her time to renovating her house herself and working with Chuck's students and traveling with him and his Business Plan Competition teams throughout the country and overseas. Over the years, Judy volunteered her time as treasurer for her Condo Association, C.A.R.S. and NCJW. In addition she served as bulletin editor for NCJW and the DNCA. She was the Service to New Americans chair for NCJW for which she won volunteer of the year. She keeps herself busy with gardening, carpentry, Chinese water color, sewing, cooking and reading.

Leslie O'Callaghan ☞ Leslie, her husband Knox and son Britt have lived in Dunwoody North for 18 years. Several years ago, Leslie served as the Recording Secretary for the DNCA Board, and was a member of the Garden Club for nearly 15 years. Leslie served as Membership Chair on the DNDC Board and also as Captain of the DNDC Ladies Tennis C-6 team. She has worked as a Librarian

Are you a good neighbor?

Daine Pearson

Looking back at 2014, having one of our neighbors succumb to cancer and a long time DNCA board member pass away after a tragic car accident, made me again remember how great it is when neighbors have a good relationship.

Although we are not knocking on doors every day, my small corner of Dunwoody North does have a good bond. If nothing else, we get together a few times in the summer at our pool for some sun, fun and a mélange of food and perhaps more importantly, we are available to each other should the need arise. It might be something as simple as keeping a spare key or meeting a neighbor's child at the bus stop but knowing there is a support structure all around, makes coming home just a little a bit nicer and it's a safe idea.

So, do you know your neighbors? Have you spoken to them recently? If not, perhaps this is the time to get out and meet them or even invite them over for a dinner. You may never become close friends but, you don't need to either... Having a good connection with those around you just makes life darn nice. Do it today and if they wonder why you are knocking at the door, tell 'em' I sent you.



Fire Station 18 Dinner & Desserts

Once again, DNCA was able to present a Holiday dinner for our local fire fighters. With dessert contributions from the board and catering by Serendipity on Tilly Mill Road, this annual thank you for all the hard work of Fire Station 18 was again a success.

You are welcome to participate next December and if you have kids, a visit to the fire house makes for a great local outing.

Thanks again to everyone who helped and see you next time...

Remember: Trash should be placed curbside after 5pm the day before pickup. Cans should be taken in by 7pm on collection day.

Neighborhood Watch



Hello Everyone,

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

DNCA is starting 2015 with a major change for the Dunwoody North Neighborhood Watch Program. In 2003, Barbara Dodds asked me if I would be interested in taking this position over

and I accepted, knowing it would require a lot of work and dedication. What I did not realize is how much I have learned from volunteering as Chairman. This was such a wonderful neighborhood to grow up in and I am thankful to have been able to come back in 1999.

A new job and eleven years as Chairman brought me to my decision to resign from the board of DNCA. It is time for fresh ideas and I am excited to introduce you to Judy Hofer, who will be your new Chairman. Yes, there will be a new voice calling you with Callingpost messages!

I want to say a very special thank you to all the Coordinators and Block Captains that I have met and worked with over the years. Your volunteer time made the project successful and I am, as well as the Board, very grateful to you for your hard work. Thank you for your kind gestures and words over the years. It was a pleasure serving my neighborhood and I would encourage you to volunteer as well. My best to you all and be safe!

Sincerely, Lisa O. Dierks-Unkefer

We all want to thank Lisa Dierks-Unkefer for her 11 years of dedicated service as the Neighborhood Watch Chair. Due to new job constraints, she has elected to step down and I have agreed to continue her work.

Subdivisions have been divided into sixteen sections which are overseen by one chairwoman, two assistant chair people, fourteen coordinators, and seventy four block captains. This extensive structure has been established so that the workload, i.e. the number of households, is not too large for any individual, as these are volunteer positions. The principal job of the block captain is to maintain current information, i.e. names, phone numbers, emails, etc. on all the households in our subdivision in order to facilitate speedy and accurate communication in the event of security issues within the subdivision. Obtaining this information is not an onerous task as it is already assembled and merely needs to be verified, corrected or updated. The number of households is usually twelve or less. The coordinators assemble the information provided by the block captains, in some cases as many as eight for one section and forward it to the Chair. *We need five new Coordinators and eleven block captains to complete our roster.* If you are interested, please contact me.

If a security event occurs, immediately call 911 and then the Watch Chair, Judy Hofer (404) 402-9354. There have been occasions when a prompt call resulted in a very prompt Callingpost message that alerted neighbors who then spotted the vehicle in question resulting in the suspects being arrested.

Board Member Biographies continued.

Assistant at the GPC Dunwoody Campus Library for 10 years. Earlier in her career, Leslie served on the staff of U.S. Congressman Elliott Levitas. She is currently on the DNCA Beautification Committee.

Vicky Pasmanick ✨ *Vicky and her Husband Robert moved from Embry 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!*

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.*

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 outgoing 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.*

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.*

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. Samu-*

We hope you enjoy a happy and healthy 2015 and lets all stay safe! Here are some safety tips:

- Vigilance is always necessary! If you have a sliding patio door, put a board or even a broom handle in the door track, as well as, keep it locked. Breaking glass is noisy and tends to attract attention, so thieves try to disable the hardware. An impediment in the track will prevent the door from being opened.
- Always promptly pick up your delivered packages. Thieves trail delivery trucks and steal packages after they are dropped off.
- Be aware of phone scams. Another phone scam has resurfaced: calling people and claiming to be police or hospital personnel reporting the injury or arrest of a loved one. They ask for fines or hospital fees to be wired or forwarded on their behalf. Independently verify any information: Ask what precinct they are calling from and call them directly using a phone number you have obtained independently through the phone book. Call the family member.
- Do not give out any social security numbers, birth dates, bank account numbers or medical information to any caller. Do not make contributions over the phone... just because they say they are from the Policeman’s Benevolent Association doesn’t mean they are!

Judy Millner-Hofer
 Neighborhood Watch Chair

DNCA Neighborhood Watch Callingpost delivers timely voice messages about break-ins and other important security matters.
We are going to try something new. Would you like to receive Callingpost SMS “text messages”, instead of or in addition to voice messages? Fill in the included membership form or register on-line at www.DunwoodyNorth.org.

DNCA Neighborhood Watch Volunteer Positions	Area	Vacant Position(s)	Addresses
<p>There are a number of Neighborhood Watch positions which need to be filled. (See the table at the right)</p> <p>Block captain canvas their specified neighbors (no more than 12) to confirm, correct or add needed contact information for Neighborhood Watch. Just one visit is required, thereafter only changes are needed, i.e. if someone moves away, etc.</p> <p>The coordinators' role is to see that block captains complete their assignments in a timely manner and assist if needed.</p> <p>Neighborhood Watch cannot work without your help. If you live near one of the areas noted and are interested in being a key part of Neighborhood Watch, please contact Judy Millner-Hofer: (770) 455-4555 NeighborhoodWatch@DunwoodyNorth.org</p>	Stonington Rd	Block Captain	2502-2547 Stonington Rd
	Kingspoint Dr	Block Captain	2405 Flintshire Ct
	Buckley Ct	Block Captain	4624-4638 Buckley Ct
		Block Captain	2549-2621 Riverglenn Cir
	Huntington Cir	Coordinator	
		Block Captain	4259-4304 & 4337 Huntington Cir
		Block Captain	4347-4410 Huntington Cir
	N. Peachtree Rd	Block Captain	2274-2330 N. Peachtree Ct & 4629 N. Peachtree Rd
		Block Captain	4472-4525 N. Peachtree Rd
	Brookhurst Dr	Coordinator	
		Block Captain	2262-2324 Brookhurst Dr
		Block Captain	2331-2380 Brookhurst Dr
		Block Captain	2401-2452 Brookhurst Dr
		Block Captain	2453-2496 Brookhurst Dr
	Ledgewood Dr	Coordinator	
		Block Captain	2380-2396 Ledgewood Dr
E. Kingspoint Cir	Coordinator		
	Block Captain	4291-4336 E. Kingspoint Cir	
	Block Captain	4341-4417 E. Kingspoint Cir	

Landscaping Debris Causes Problems with Stormwater

By Michael Smith

The City of Dunwoody Public Works Department would like to give you some ideas on proper disposal / use of yard debris. The placement of grass clippings, leaves, or other yard debris in storm drains, streets, ditches, or streams is not only illegal; it can cause a number of problems with the Stormwater System. As these materials accumulate, they can cause clogs, degrade our community's infrastructure, and result in environmental problems for aquatic organisms.



To help with this issue, residents should refrain from blowing leaves or grass clippings into streets or storm drains. As an alternative, these materials should be used for mulch, composted or bagged for collection.

Ideally, landscape debris should be used on the property where it is collected in order to return nutrients to the ground through composting. However, some residents may have more yard debris than can be used on their property. Dekalb County Sanitation will pick-up bagged leaves as long as they are in biodegradable bags and each bag does not weigh more than fifty pounds. Dekalb County will recycle these leaves to create mulch and compost that is made available to the public at no cost.

Landscape debris should never be disposed of by being blown into the street. Not only can this be an eye sore for the neighborhood, it can also wreak havoc on the City's storm drains. Once in the street, leaves and clippings will eventually be washed into the storm drain system where they can cause clogging and even flooding. When the leaves eventually pass through the system, they can cause sediment and debris build-up in ditches and creeks. This buildup can adversely affect the wildlife that lives in and around the streams.



Some landscape companies will blow the leaves and yard debris into ditches and the storm system. These companies are typically the biggest contributor to this problem of landscape debris in the storm system

el 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.

Doug Watson ☞ Doug Watson, his wife Patti and three children, moved to Atlanta in 1982 from Ashtabula Ohio, a small town in Northeastern Ohio. In 1983, they moved to Dunwoody North where the children attended the community schools and were active in DNDC. Daughter Jennifer recently moved back to Dunwoody North with her husband and three children, hoping to have them experience a similar childhood. Doug is retired from the steel construction business where he served as President for many years. He is now very active in the boating community, serving in many positions in the Atlanta Sail and Power Squadron and University Yacht Club, promoting safe boating through education and service. Doug enjoys spending time on his boat, woodworking and spending as much time as possible with his grandchildren.

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.

DNDC President, Maggie Feeney Eckard ☞ Maggie and her husband, Rob, have been Dunwoody North residents since 2003. Their daughters, Addison and Sydney, attend Chesnut Charter Elementary. The Eckards are active in the Dunwoody area and enjoy their summers around the pool at the DNDC. In addition to serving as 2014-2015 President of the DNDC, Maggie serves as Vice Chair of the Parent Teacher Council for Chesnut Charter Elementary. She is also involved with the Atlanta Alumnae Chapter of Delta Delta Delta and volunteers for CURE Childhood Cancer. Maggie is a Sr Director of Human Resources with Biota Pharmaceuticals, Inc. She earned her BS from the College of Charleston.

Landscaping Debris continued...

and streams. Blowing landscape debris into the storm system is a violation of both City and State ordinances. Please do your part to help protect our city's assets by reporting these violations. Once reported, the Code Enforcement Officers for the City will cite those responsible and have them make the necessary corrections.

Composting leaves and yard debris is an easy and effective way to transform these seasonal fragments into nutrient- rich, water- saving, soil enrichment. Composting leaves and clippings also helps save landfill space, conserve natural resources, and improve soil quality. And come springtime, you may end up reducing your need for expensive commercial soil amendments for your gardens.

Dunwoody needs every citizen's help to protect our storm system and streams by keeping the landscape debris out. Disposing of your landscape materials properly will both preserve the City's Stormwater System and maintain water quality for the future. If you would like to report debris violations please call our Code Enforcement Department at 678- 382- 6807.



Calling All Gardeners

The Beautification Committee is charged with two tasks, maintaining the four Dunwoody North monuments and organizing the Yard of the Month program (YOTM). We need your help! Monument maintenance involves bi-annual planting and on-going watering and weeding to keep these areas an attractive welcome to our neighborhood. YOTM runs from April through October and volunteers are needed to help with judging, photographing and delivering signs. The spring Plant Exchange has been cancelled for 2015 as there has been limited interest exhibited in this event. The committee is exploring other projects such as a neighborhood tour of gardens. Your ideas are welcome. To volunteer or to share your ideas, please contact Pat Cloud, 404-316-2057 or pbcloud@bellsouth.net.

Dunwoody Police Holiday Lunch

And as has been done for several years, DNCA was able to hold another successful holiday lunch for the Dunwoody Police Department. Catering was provided by Memphis Barbecue on Ashford Dunwoody Road with deserts made by DNCA board members.

Thanks Dunwoody Police and to those who helped!



Needed: DNCA Vice President of Zoning & Code Enforcement

The main responsibility of this board position is to be a liaison for our residents with Tom LaPenna, Code Official for the City of Dunwoody, regarding questions such as rezoning and assemblages. For additional information, contact Gerri Penn: 770-457-2474.

In Memoriam

Roberta "Bobbi" Jane Sedam passed away on December 2, 2014 at the age of 79.

Bobbi served on the Dunwoody North Civic Association Board as Corresponding Secretary for eight years. As the DNCA newsletter editor, Bobbi did a top-notch job and added some levity to otherwise cut and dry messages.

Bobbi worked tirelessly to encourage Dunwoodians to join the DeKalb County Recycling Program. She was a Master Gardener who was very involved at the Dunwoody Nature Center and Brook Run Park, and she served on the City of Dunwoody Sustainability Commission from inception until 2013. Dunwoody City Council honored Bobbi by declaring August 11, 2014 "Bobbi Sedam Day." Bobbi led Chattahoochee River Boat Tours, worked out regularly, took a proactive approach to supporting her candidates, and was an all-around great neighbor.

**Bobbi was full of life; gentle yet strong.
She had a gift of making everyone who knew her feel special.
Bobbi Sedam will be missed by so many in our community.**

Presidents Message



By Gerri Penn - DNCA President
President@DunwoodyNorth.org

Dear Neighbors,

I hope your holidays were filled with joy and I wish you a happy and healthy New Year.

Those of you who paid your 2014 dues have received the new Civic Association directory. It came out great! I want to thank Lisa Unkefer, Julie Horowitz, and Jay Kapp and all of the Neighborhood Watch volunteers who helped to make this a successful Directory. I also want to thank all of our advertisers. We couldn't do it without your support. If you want to receive the new directory, all you need to do is pay \$20.00 in dues to support your Civic Association and what it does for our community.

For the Dunwoody North Communities of Briers North, Brafferton, and the Madison's we need 20% membership to fully reactivate "Neighborhood Watch" Callingpost and the summer newsletter. Without 20% membership, only families who pay their dues will continue to receive Callingpost calls. Please join and help us cover the costs for you to receive Callingpost calls which alert you to crime in our community.

I am so lucky to have an amazing Board of Directors however, three of our Board members won't be continuing. I want to thank Lisa Unkefer, Vanessa Shapiro and Walter Weeks for their service. Lisa has been Neighborhood Watch Chairperson for 11 years and has done an amazing job. Judy Hofer will be the new Neighborhood Watch Chairperson. Thanks, Judy for taking on this position.

DNCA had two very successful holiday meals for Fire Station 18 and the Dunwoody Police Department. Thanks to Serendipity Catering for the Fire Station 18 meal and to Memphis Barbecue for the Police meal.

I am hoping that more of you will get involved with the Civic Association by volunteering for Neighborhood Watch, the Beautification Committee and let me know if you are interested in Zoning.

Please read the Membership Article to see what we did in 2014.

Have a wonderful year and I hope to see you at the Annual Meeting on February 24th, 2015.

Sincerely yours, Gerri Penn

Memorial garden continued...



through trial and error what grows well and what doesn't.

Anyone can create a memorial garden. Even with limited space you can create a tribute to a loved one.

Here are some tips to creating a memorial garden:

- ◇ Incorporate flowers and trees that remind you of your loved one, especially those that were favorites of theirs.
- ◇ Make use of pretty, cute or whimsical yard art. Bird feeders can be used to honor bird lovers, statues of cats and dogs for animal lovers. Let your loved ones personality shine through.
- ◇ Place stepping stones with favorite sayings around the garden.
- ◇ Plant flowers that represent an important month. Roses for a June wedding anniversary or daisy's for an April birthday.
- ◇ Use a variety and range of colors, heights and textures. Include both annuals and perennials.
- ◇ Invite friends and family to help.

Make your memorial garden a peaceful place where you can honor the memory of your loved one.

