

Dunwoody North

CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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Carol's Garden

Everyone Can Be An Expert Gardener. Just Follow These Tips.

By Jackie Willey

Carol Burgess comes from a family of gardeners. As a child she followed her grandmother around her yard with her own child sized gardening tools, ready to lend a hand. Her grandfather planted Dogwood Trees all over the south Atlanta area while one of her cousins, Mildred Owens, had the Shady Lady Day Lilly named after her. Carol spent time with her aunt and mother and later on with her daughters swapping stories and sharing laughs while working in the garden.

Here are Carol's Top 10 Gardening Tips:

Aim for beauty, not perfection. Most people don't have the time, money or energy to have the perfect yard.



Don't be discouraged when plants die. Even experienced gardeners lose plants. As soon as possible, remove dead plants, limbs, and trees from your property. That way, you can celebrate your success when you garden. Gardening should be fun.

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Have you thought about what it takes to make a good community, great... A nice neighborhood, fantastic? It's all about friends, family and good neighbors... Without them, you might as well be living in a desert while with them; any desert can be your oasis.

Your Dunwoody North Civic Association invite you to join. Take a step towards making your neighborhood an oasis; a better place to live, work, play and raise a family. Get involved, support what the DNCA does, leverage the resource and reap the benefits.

Some of the things your DNCA does for you and the community:

Neighborhood Watch, including Callingpost alerts, are operated and paid for, entirely by the DNCA

DNCA's Beautification Committee, maintains the neighborhood monuments and landscaping throughout the year, holds events like the open Plant Exchange and from April to October, promotes and judges the Yard of the Month

Multiple newsletters covering neighborhood topics, are printed annually and distributed throughout the neighborhood

Security for the Halloween event at Briers North, is bolstered with an annual contribution from the DNCA

The Civic Association provides volunteers and support for various events and programs such as Chesnut Charter School's STEM Lab, public meetings with guest speakers, a blood drive, the annual Police luncheons and Fire department dinners

The DNCA regularly assembles and publishes the neighborhood phone and address directory

Dunwoody North Civic Association board members often represent our neighborhood and assist your neighbors, at city and county meetings, on Code Enforcement and zoning issues, to protect our community from irresponsible actions and development

The DNCA sends regular informational emails, maintains a website and a Facebook page, to help promote our neighborhood and keep you informed

The DNDC receives assistance or donations from DNCA to help with extraordinary problems like storm damage and clubhouse improvements

Your involvement makes your neighborhood worth living in and your small, \$20 membership fee, is all it takes to help the DNCA.

Of course, if you have ideas or would like to do something bigger, to really make a difference, we would love to hear from you!

Join today...

Use the included form or register on our website at:
www.DunwoodyNorth.org, to join and make contact.

Pay on-line or your \$20.00 annual dues for the Dunwoody North Civic Association can be mailed to:

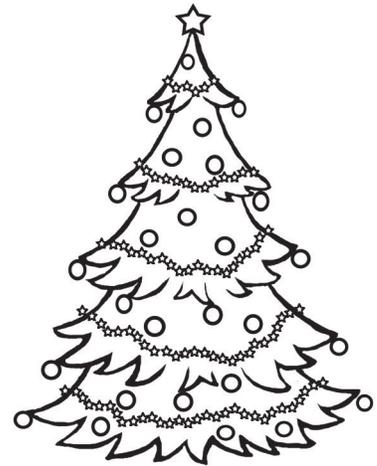
Julie Horowitz - 4661 Stonehenge Drive, Dunwoody, GA 30360.

Julie can also be contacted at: (770) 451-5551 and as Treasurer from the website.

Checks should be made out to DNCA. Please mark "Dues" and the current year in the memo area.



This December, the Beautification Committee will tour the Dunwoody North neighborhood, searching for outstanding holiday decorations.



Following are the guidelines for judging:

- ☞ Have your exterior holiday decorating completed by December 6th
- ☞ The committee will nominate 5 houses from the Dunwoody North area on each side of Tilly Mill (10 total)
- ☞ Pictures of the houses will be posted on the DNCA website
- ☞ Residents are invited to tour the neighborhood and then visit www.dunwoodynorth.org to vote for their favorites, one from each side of Tilly Mill.

Winners will receive a prize and be posted on the DNCA website

Visit the DNCA website for more information, updates and voting:
dunwoodynorth.org/Holiday-Decorations

If you have questions, contact us at:
Beautification@DunwoodyNorth.org

Or call Pat Cloud on 770-220-0027



Neighborhood Watch

Hello again! For those of you who don't already know, I'm Judy Millner-Hofer and I have succeeded Lisa Dirks-Unkefer as the new Neighborhood Watch Chairwoman. We thankfully continue to live in a peaceful and safe community, in fact, I have only heard of two incidents in the last six months. One was late night drag racing near Huntington Circle. I relayed this information to Timothy Fecht, our police liaison, and he informed the appropriate police officers and sent me a confirmation. A second, more recent event, was an unsuccessful attempt to break into a vehicle on Dunkerrin Lane; nothing was stolen, but damage was done to the vehicle. To reiterate, whenever you witness or experience any criminal activity, call 911 immediately. Afterwards, please call me directly on my cell phone (404) 402-9354.

In the next month, you can expect to receive a visit from your local block captain so that we can update or correct your contact information. This information serves two purposes: one is for the neighborhood directory (if the neighborhood has at least a 20% membership in the DNCA), and the other is for Callingpost, to inform the Dunwoody North area neighborhoods of events directly affecting them. We do not issue Callingpost calls for missing pets, but you can contact the president directly and she can send out an email blast. Receiving these emails is another good reason for updating your information. We try to save our Callingpost account for strictly Dunwoody North incidents, as there is a substantial cost to the Civic Association for each call.

Recently there was a CodeRED robocall to all DeKalb residents, to boil their water due to the rupture of a major water main in Tucker. All DeKalb water is distributed from the same source, so despite our distance from the water main break on Henderson Mill Road, the whole county was threatened with contamination. A number of warnings were issued, including an email blast from DNCA, but some residents did not get the message. DeKalb County Emergency Management Agency, encourage all residents to sign up for CodeRED, to receive alerts for severe weather and other life threatening situations. An easy way to access the signup page is to go to our website, DunwoodyNorth.org.

www.dunwoodynorth.org/code-red-dekalb-county/

The direct link is: <https://cne.coderedweb.com/Default.aspx?groupid=mb14JuEWW5zUcLosP9GTmw%3d%3d>

These will all access a simple form for you to fill out.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and please cheerfully cooperate with your block captain when they come calling. If anyone wants to become a block captain, please contact me directly. Thank you.

Yours truly, Judy Millner-Hofer

		<p>DeKalb County Residents are encouraged to register for "Code Red Emergency Notifications". Go to:</p> <p>www.dunwoodynorth.org/code-red-dekalb-county/</p>
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President's Message



By Gerri Penn - DNCA President
President@DunwoodyNorth.org

Dear Neighbors,

I hope you are enjoying your summer, even though it has been a hot one. I am writing this the day before school starts. For those of you with children, may they have a great and safe school year. I know that we have walkers & bike riders that go to the two schools on North Peachtree. Dunwoody Police will be monitoring N.Peachtree for speeders.

If you are new to the neighborhood, please contact Judy Hofer, our Neighborhood Watch Coordinator, at neighborhoodwatch@dunwoodynorth.org. Please give her your name, address & most importantly your phone number. This enables her to update the master list and add you to the Callingpost.

If you paid your 2015 dues and did not receive a 2014 directory, please contact me, as we may need to order more directories.

We are looking for residents who might be willing to serve on our Board. We have a few openings. Please contact me if you are interested. I would also like to hear from you if you'd like to attend a Board meeting.

Thanks.

Gerri Penn
President

If you are not already a member, please consider joining. Your help and support make things happen!

Plant something special around your mailbox. Your mailbox is the first impression of your house. Here are some favorite mailbox plants that do well in the sun. Clematis (vine), yellow or white Jasmine (a fragrant vine), Firepower Nandina (a shrub that provides color in the fall and winter), Asiatic Lilies (a tall perennial with large flowers that should be planted in clusters and cut down in August) and Bearded or Siberian Irises.

Get formal. If you have a cottage garden, add formal elements such as statuary, symmetrical shrubs and fountains.



Plant like with like. Plant similar plants together in odd numbered groups.

Plant for sun and shade. Plant vivid colors in the sun and paler colors in the shade to part shade.

Vary color, height, and texture. Varying the color, height, and texture of plants adds interest to your garden.

Don't forget your house. Consider the color of the front of your house when selecting plants for your front garden.

Gardens evolve. You don't have to get everything right the first time, gardens evolve over time whether or not you have a plan.

Experiment! Don't be afraid to experiment. Gardening is more of an art than science. Be grateful every day that you are here to enjoy the beauty of nature.

Looking for more?
Go to our website for the extended story, with
many plant recommendations:
DunwoodyNorth.org/Carols-Garden

Happy Gardening!