

Dunwoody CIVIC ASSOCIATION North

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A Holiday Hit



The Beautification

Committee just completed the first

Holiday Decoration Contest. The committee searched the

community between December 6th and 9th, selecting five homes from each side of Tilly Mill which displayed a variety of decoration styles. Photos of the ten nominated homes were displayed on the website and neighbors were given a week to view the homes and vote for their favorites. We hope that families enjoyed touring Dunwoody North to view all of the enchanting lights, color, greenery and characters. Numerous residents commented that the decorations seemed even more beautiful than usual this season.

Congratulations to our winners, the Racine family of Kings Point Drive and the Lee family of Stonehenge Court!

We would like to thank Daine Pearson for his website design which allowed us to display nominated homes, provide a format for voting and highlight the winners. Voters were able to leave comments on the ballot and these will be taken into consideration to improve the Holiday Decoration Contest in the future. One of the biggest concerns is simply getting the word out, so that residents are aware of the contest and can get their decorations up in time for the selection of nominees. This year we informed residents through the fall newsletter, the website and email blasts from DNCA and DNDC.

Please submit your ideas to the Beautification Committee: Beautification@DunwoodyNorth.org.

Now that the holidays are behind us the Beautification Committee is looking forward to another Yard of the Month season beginning in April. Our gardens are all a little confused with the warm and wet weather we have had over the past couple of months. Bulbs are coming up early and many trees are

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Public Meeting & Board Elections

Special
Guests

Denis Shortal

Dunwoody's New Mayor

Trey Nelson

New Dunwoody Police Community Outreach Officer

Tuesday, February 23, 2016

Dunwoody North Driving Club Clubhouse
4522 Kingsgate Dr. 30338

{Activities begin at 6:30pm}
See insert for details and a absentee ballot

DNDC

IT JUST KEEPS GETTING BETTER

KATHY ADAMS-CARTER - DNDC PRESIDENT



2015 brought some major improvements to the Dunwoody North Driving Club, and we are expecting that 2016 will bring even more! The Clubhouse and tennis bathrooms received substantial "make overs". The entire interior of the clubhouse was painted, including the kitchen cabinets. The countertops were replaced with granite, and the kitchen floor was redone with tile. The kitchen also received new appliances, including a second microwave, icemaker and kegerator. The entire clubhouse exterior was painted and lighting was updated. The bathrooms were renewed with granite countertops and were tiled and painted. The audio system was also modernized. The Clubhouse and the tennis bathrooms are really something to be proud of.

We are looking to make even more improvements in 2016. The Club is working on a 5 year Capital Improvements plan, in an effort to prioritize other capital improvements in the coming years. In addition to capital improvements, the Club is also working to enhance the social life of our members. The Club now has two members acting as the social chair, and they are definitely doubling the fun!

The Club has had a number of social events, including several events at the pool, a wine tasting, trivia, and an ugly sweater party, with more planned for this year. A teen club has been formed and has been quite a hit.

While we are close to capacity for non-resident members, there is always room for members who reside in the Dunwoody North area as defined by the bylaws. If you are not already a member, JOIN NOW so you won't miss out on any of the fun events.

Karen Dowdle is our new membership coordinator.

You can contact her at membership@dunwoodynorthdc.org or (678) 310-4059.



Winter Pet Care

DEBRA BERGER



In Georgia, it is not uncommon for people to leave pets outside for long periods of time. Since our climate is generally mild, many people believe that pets are happier outdoors. Many cats enjoy being outside; they can safely enjoy the outdoors from a "catio" (www.catiospaces.com). Some dogs enjoy being outside for longer periods of time, especially if they have another dog to play with, and adequate food, water, and shelter. Georgia has, however, been having some freezing days and nights recently; some days are deceptively cold, even when the sun is shining. Our pets DO get cold, and they suffer from a variety of cold related ailments. Also, today's domesticated dogs and cats are not wild animals; if it's too cold for us, it's too cold for them.

GA law does not spell out the type of shelter that is required, but clearly states that it is against the law to cause suffering to an animal by an act of omission. Dunwoody has much more specific ordinances:

Adequate shelter means a protective covering for a domestic animal that provides adequate space and protection to maintain the animal in a state of good health, and that prevents pain, suffering, or significant risk to the animal's health. Adequate shelter shall consist of a completely enclosed structure with four sides, a constructed floor, and a roof with a door opening. It should also be clean, dry and compatible with current weather conditions, in addition to age, size, species and condition of the animal. The structure should be of sufficient size to allow the animal to stand, turn around, lie down and go in and out of the structure comfortably. To be adequate, some type of bedding that is quick drying, such as hay or pine straw, must be provided to maintain comfortable temperatures within the structure during times when the ambient, outside temperature is below freezing. In addition, the structure shall include a heavy plastic or rubber flap to cover the door and/or window openings during the months of November through March. From April through October, the structure shall either be shaded or moved out of direct sunlight. If the shelter is made of wood, it shall be raised at least two inches off the ground to prevent seepage or rotting. Examples of inadequate shelter include, but are not limited to, lean-tos, metal or plastic drums, boxes, abandoned vehicles, porches, decks, or material that does not provide sufficient protection from the elements.

If you see an animal suffering in extreme weather, and a gentle reminder to the pet's family does not improve the situation, you can report the situation to DeKalb County Animal Services: Telephone: **404-294-2996**

Weekend and holidays emergency service: **404-294-2519**

Be sure to take photos, and note the times that you witnessed the situation.

The Humane Society of the United States has even more cold weather tips for pets:
www.humanesociety.org/animals/resources/tips/protect_pets_winter.html

Debra Berger lives in Dunwoody North, and has been advocating for animals for many years. Currently, she is the Georgia State Director for The Humane Society of the United States

Neighborhood

By Judy Millner-Hofer - DNCA Neighborhood Watch Chair
NeighborhoodWatch@DunwoodyNorth.org

Watch

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 with only one 2015 incident, which I just read about in the newspaper. This incident appears to be a possible car break-in, but I am inquiring about it, as no one called me. Nonetheless, that is a phenomenal record! In the event of any criminal activity, first call 911 and then please call me (404) 402-9354. I can also be reached by email: NeighborhoodWatch@DunwoodyNorth.org or jrmh@bellsouth.net.

I am beginning to re-establish the neighborhood Watch organization, although I envision it working slightly differently. I have eliminated the supervisors, as an unnecessary organizational layer, and will ask the block captains to collect current resident data on information sheets I will provide them. After they return those sheets to me, I will enter the data and return the updated sheets back to the block captains. The block captains will then fill out an individual sheet for each of the residents on their list and distribute them directly to the residents. These sheets will contain the resident's four immediate neighbors and their contact information on one side, and general Neighborhood Watch information on the reverse side. We will only ask the block captains to do this once a year. After that, their only activity will be to notify me directly, if there is any change in the information.

My predecessor did a wonderful job creating a large organization, over 40 block captains, but after so many years, many of the existing block captains may no longer be willing or able to continue. Consequently, if you are an existing block captain and no longer want to be, please call me and let me know, so I can recruit someone else. Also, if you are interested in getting involved, there is no quicker way to meet your neighbors than to knock on their door and introduce yourself as a block captain.

We particularly need volunteers on Brookhurst Drive, Huntington Circle, Vintage Lane, Kingsfield Court, E. Kingpoint Rd, Ledgewood Dr., Norwalk Rd., Riverglenn Circle, Riverglenn Court and Stonington Rd. If you live on any of these streets and would be willing to be a block captain, please give me a call.

Thanking you in advance and Happy New Year to everyone!

DNCA SPONSORS POLICE LUNCHEON



On December 7, 2015, the Dunwoody North Civic Association sponsored our annual holiday lunch for the Dunwoody Police Department. It was catered by Gyro Gyro and was a big hit. The baked goods were provided by Board Members and members of the Civic Association. Everyone also got to meet the new Community Outreach Officer, Trey Nelson. Thanks to all who made this possible.

Presidents

Message



By Gerri Penn - DNCA President
President@DunwoodyNorth.org

Dear Neighbors.

As I write this message, a new year has started. I want to wish all of you a very happy and healthy New Year! Did you make joining the Dunwoody North Civic Association one of your resolutions? In all seriousness, I hope you will all consider paying your small annual \$20.00 membership.

We have been busy doing good things in the community. We donated money to the Driving Club for monument beautification. We donated money to Chesnut Charter School for beautification. We provided the funds for the Beautification Committee to landscape our four monuments twice a year. In addition, we provided a holiday luncheon for the Dunwoody Police Dept. catered by Gyro Gyro. Our Board members and other residents provided the baked goodies. We provided a holiday dinner to Fire Station 18 catered by Serendipity Catering and Board members provided baked goods. I want to thank Gyro Gyro and Serendipity for catering these meals and giving a discounted price. Please support them and tell them thanks from a Dunwoody North resident. I want to thank all of our Board members for their contributions in making both of these events successful. We also continue to donate money for the Briers North Halloween for security. Thanks to the Dunwoody North residents who helped put out and pick up the cones.

I want to thank our Beautification Committee and Chair Pat Cloud for all that they do for our community. Besides landscaping the monuments, they judge Yard of the Month and most recently judged the decoration contest. It was a big success with many people registering on the web site so they could vote.

Daine Pearson is not only our web creator and manager, but he is also our Corresponding Secretary and designs this amazing newsletter. Most recently, he designed and ordered our new Dunwoody North Civic Association Standing banner. You will get to see it at our Annual Meeting. Thanks so much, Daine.

Jay Kapp manages our Facebook page so I have a big thank you for him.

Speaking of our Annual Meeting, I hope you will attend. As guest speakers, we are honored to have our newly elected Mayor, Denis Shortal, as well as our new Community Outreach Officer, Trey Nelson.

I want to thank Vicky Pasmanick for her years on the Board and before that as the first Chair of our Beautification Committee.

Thank you to all of the Board members for their dedication to our community.

As a final note, we will start working on updating the directory in the spring. A Neighborhood Watch volunteer may be coming to your door to make sure we have all the correct information for Callingpost and the 2017 directory. The best way to insure you are included and continue receiving the DNCA sponsored Callingpost community crime alerts, is to pay your membership dues.

Please contact me at President@DunwoodyNorth.org if you would like to get involved with the Board. I hope to see you at our Annual Meeting and Election on Tuesday, Feb. 23rd at the Clubhouse. Details are in this Newsletter and the insert.

Gerri Penn
President



Dunwoody North Civic Association Board News

Change to the DNCA By Laws

Dear Neighbors,

The DNCA Board voted to suggest a change to the by laws for the DNCA President position. We would like the option of a President or Co-Presidents.

I hope you will support that change.

Thanks!

Gerri Penn - President

Article VI. DUTIES OF Officers

Original text: SECTION 1. THE PRESIDENT SHALL:

New text: SECTION 1. THE PRESIDENT OR CO-PRESIDENTS SHALL:

Board Member Ballot Biographies:

Current board member biographies can be found on our website:
DunwoodyNorth.org/dnca-board-members/

Larry Eddy ♡ Larry moved to Dunwoody North in 2001 when he married Jean Taylor. Jean has served the Dunwoody and surrounding communities as a Dental Hygienist for 25 years, and a Dunwoody North resident since 1990. Their two daughters attended Chestnut Elementary, Peachtree Middle and Dunwoody High. Both girls were members of the DNDC Swim Teams and one served as a Lifeguard for four years. Larry and Jean have been involved with the Neighborhood Watch program for several years and are watchful, observant and attentive to neighborhood activities. Larry attended the inaugural Dunwoody Citizens' Police Academy and has participated in the Ride-A-Long Program. He is a native of Virginia and arrived in Metro Atlanta in 1984. He has been employed by the United States Department of Justice for fifteen years and is currently serving with the Atlanta Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Prior to government service Larry was a self-employed photographer and investigator working with corporate and private clients. He is a proud member of The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and is commissioned by the Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky as an Honorable Kentucky Colonel.

Zandro Zaragoza ♡ Bio not yet available

DNCA FIRESTATION DINNER



On December 9, 2015, the Dunwoody North Civic Association sponsored our annual holiday dinner for Fire Station 18. Some neighborhood children came and had great fun on the trucks. It was quite a feast with catering by Serendipity .



We also unveiled our new Dunwoody North Civic Association Banner at the dinner.

DNCA MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

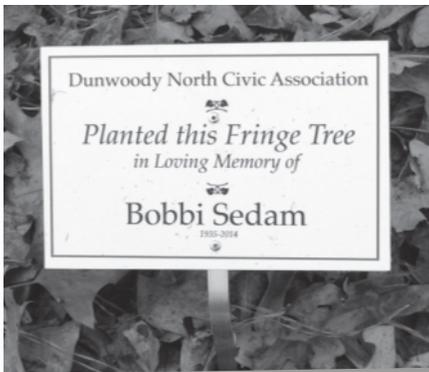
Julie Horowitz - DNCA Treasurer

Membership is off to a nice start for 2016. As of January 11, 2016, we have 176 households that have joined and paid their 2016 Dunwoody North Civic Association membership. On the membership/voting ballot insert, we have listed our members to date (by last name and initial or street name as an identifier if necessary) so you can confirm if you or your spouse have already mailed in your form or paid via our web site.

*** Please note that registration on our site does not mean that you have JOINED your Civic Association. Please take that extra step by sending in your donation or paying online. ***

Why should you join DNCA for only \$20 per year? Here are just a few of the reasons....

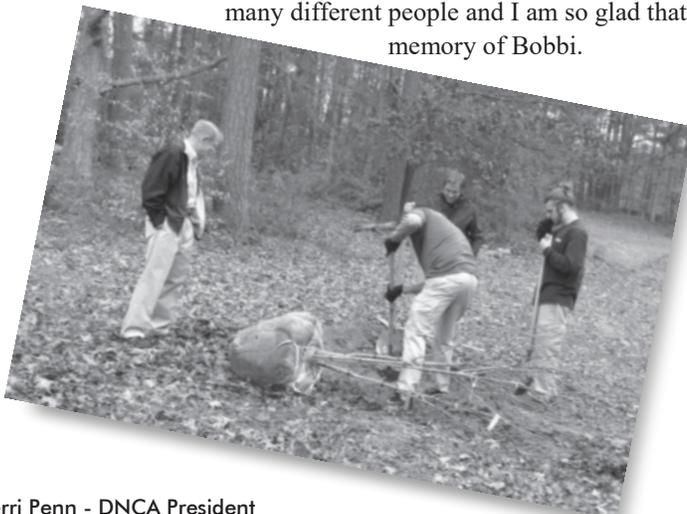
- ☞ **Neighborhood Watch and Callingposts are supported and operated by the DNCA**
- ☞ **DNCA represents our neighborhood in zoning and code enforcement issues to protect our community**
- ☞ **DNCA donates to community events and fundraisers: Security for Briers North Halloween, Chesnut Charter Elementary School, Peachtree Charter Middle School, Dunwoody North Driving Club**
- ☞ **DNCA sponsors holiday meals for the City of Dunwoody first responders**
- ☞ **THIS NEWSLETTER**
- ☞ **Neighborhood directory (for DNCA members only)**
- ☞ **DNCA Beautification Committee which landscapes neighborhood monuments and sponsors Yard of the Month and the Holiday Decoration Contest**



Honoring Bobbi Sedam

In last February's Newsletter, we had an obituary for a long time Board Member, Bobbi Sedam. Bobbi was passionate about saving our trees and spoke at City Council meetings and wrote Letters to the Editor to The Crier. The DNCA Board voted to plant a tree in her memory at Brook Run Park.

We chose a tree Bobbi liked, a fringe tree, and it was planted on Monday, November 30, 2015, between the Community Garden and the Open Classroom. This was two days before the year anniversary of her passing. We had a very nice turnout for the planting. In addition to the few words I spoke, Mayor Mike Davis and Mayor Elect Denis Shortal spoke about Bobbi. Councilman Jim Riticher was also in attendance. Bobbi touched so many different people and I am so glad that some of them could attend. There is a plaque by the tree in memory of Bobbi.



Gerri Penn - DNCA President

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Holiday Decorations continued...



East Side Finalists
4625 Stonehenge Drive
4607 Sudbury Road
2508 Briers North
2617 Briers North

blossoming. It is nice to have the flowers now, but we may pay with less color in the spring. One plant that is blooming at the appropriate time, and is an excellent choice for our shady Dunwoody North landscapes, is Hellebore Orientalis, commonly known as the Lenten rose. This plant, which is actually in the buttercup family, is a perennial that thrives in partial to full shade and is deer proof. We have seen blooms starting as early as December and continuing through winter into spring. The blooms range in color from white to pink, rose and magenta. There are so many interesting varieties out there, you are sure to find one that compliments your garden. The Lenten Rose will drop seeds and spread, creating a lush ground cover. You may even find a neighbor who is thinning out their bed and is willing to donate a few plants for you to transplant. Visit lentenrose.com to find much more information about Hellebore Orientalis.

We hope you enjoyed the recent Holiday Decoration contest. Visit the DNCA website regularly to stay informed of neighborhood news, as well as to view Holiday Decoration Contest nominees and Yard of the Month winners. Happy gardening and thank you for making Dunwoody North a beautiful place to live!

West Side Finalists
2531 Stonington Road
4538 Sharon Valley Court
2549 Riverglenn Circle
4337 Huntington Circle



Pat Cloud - Beautification



The Beautification Committee needs your help:

Do you have an interest in photography and a good camera? We would love your help in photographing our community - Yard of the Month, our Holiday Decoration Contest and more.

Do you enjoy gardening? Volunteers are also needed to help with the planting and maintenance of the Dunwoody North monuments.

To volunteer contact, the Beautification Committee by calling Pat Cloud, 770-220-0027, or email: Beautification@DunwoodyNorth.org