

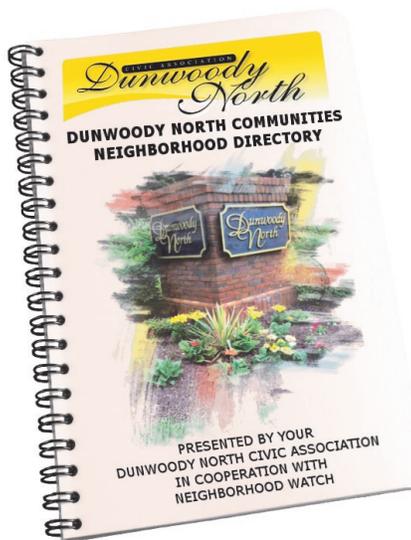
Dunwoody CIVIC ASSOCIATION North

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Artists Ages 6 to 12

ENTER THE 2017 DNCA NEIGHBORHOOD DIRECTORY COVER - ART CONTEST

A new Neighborhood Directory is coming this spring and the DNCA would like to have your art on the cover. Here's a chance to showcase your talent and have all your neighbors admire your artwork every time they use their directory for the next three years.



The rules are simple:

- ☞ Artists must be Dunwoody North residents between 6 and 12 years old. {No help from parents, older siblings, friends, etc. I was an art teacher- I can tell!}
- ☞ The drawing should depict something of importance to you in Dunwoody North {your home, the entrance to the subdivision, the club house, etc.}.
- ☞ You should use a full 8.5" x 11" sheet of white paper.
- ☞ Picture should be drawn vertically not horizontally to best fit the directory cover.
- ☞ You may draw in colored pencils, crayons, or markers.
- ☞ Do not fold or otherwise reduce the size of or damage the drawing area.
- ☞ Artwork may be signed on the front if desired. Please print your first and last name on the back edge of the paper. Avoid disturbing the art on the front as much as possible. Please include your full name, birthday, parent/guardian's name and contact information on a separate piece of paper and include it with your submission.

Depending on the number of entries, the DNCA Beautification Committee will nominate up to seven drawings and post the nominations on the DunwoodyNorth.org website. DNCA members will be able to view and vote for their favorite - 1 vote per registered member. The first place winner's artwork will go on the cover. Depending on the space available, artwork from runner-ups will be included elsewhere inside the directory.

CONTEST ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED BY NOV 2, 2016 to:

Corlette Muery

4622 Amberly Ct. N., Dunwoody, GA 30360

Voting will be in mid-November; results in December.

For more information and updates, go to:

www.DunwoodyNorth.org/Cover-Art-Contest

Remember, Neighborhood Directories are included free with your annual membership.

ARE YOU READY FOR THE 2ND ANNUAL HOLIDAY DECORATIONS CONTEST - SEE INSIDE FOR MORE DETAILS...

President's Message



By Gerri Penn - DNCA President
President@DunwoodyNorth.org

Dear Neighbors,

After writing the DNCA President's messages for nine years now, I was sure I had run dry. I was wrong.

First, if you are receiving this newsletter and are new to the neighborhood, please email your name, address, email and phone numbers to Judy Hofer {neighborhoodwatch@dunwoodynorth.org}. Judy and her team of volunteers have been working all summer to update the information for the 2017 directory. Also, Neighborhood Watch manages the CallingPost calls that provide you with critical neighborhood information. Thank you to all of them.

Speaking of our 2017 directory, it is possible to place advertisements - the deadline is November 11th. Please email me if you are interested in placing an ad.

We received a thank you on our Dunwoody North Civic Association Facebook page from Chesnut Charter School for our donation. Please visit and like our Facebook page - It is kept up to date and informative by Jay Kapp. {www.facebook.com/DunwoodyNorth}. We would like to expand our school ties - if anyone wants to act as liaison between DNCA and Peachtree Charter Middle School, contact me.

I want to thank John Heneghan for alerting us to a City of Doraville rezoning that could impact residents of Dunwoody North. The Carver Hills Community {Peachtree Ind. and I-285} is to be rezoned to allow for a high-density development of approximately 200 townhouses and 50 single family detached homes. This is being built along a flood plain that regularly causes problems. I spoke at the mid-August Doraville City Council meeting to ask that they defer the final vote so the DNCA Board and impacted residents could meet with the developer. I am so appreciative; the vote was deferred until September 6th. On August 24th, some of the DNCA Board members, Councilman John Heneghan of Dunwoody, Mayor Donna Pittman of Doraville, Councilwoman Pam Fleming of Doraville, Councilman Robert Patrick of Doraville, Community Development Director Enrique Bascunana of Doraville, and some impacted residents met with Ted Turner and Geoffrey Reid from Century Communities as well as Stormwater Engineer for both City of Dunwoody and City of Doraville, Rich Edinger. It was a great meeting resulting in some changes and improvements and it seems that with this development, the flooding issues in that area should improve. This is a great example of how your Civic Association tries to protect our community and work with government officials.

Sandi Nessel retired from the DNCA board. Thank you for serving!

Happy Fall!

Thanks. Gerri Penn

Neighborhood Watch



I hope you were able to enjoy this hot summer. With a few break-ins, things were not as quiet this summer. Nothing was stolen, but damage was done to doors and a vehicle.

Please, if you see a crime, suspicious activities or vehicles, call 911 immediately and then contact me so I can spread the word. If you do not want to get involved you don't have to give your name, just tell the 911 operator you are calling from Dunwoody and provide them the pertinent information. If you want to know the outcome, you need to request that the police stop by your house.

Please, give your neighbors the same consideration you would want them to extend to you if they saw your house being burglarized.

Go to the Dunwoody Police Blotter at: <http://p2c.dunwoodyga.gov/p2c/dailybulletin.aspx> or Spotcrime.com to keep abreast of all crimes committed in Dunwoody.

I want to thank all the Block Captains who completed their neighborhood canvas sheets. If you have not yet finished, please do so soon. And a special Thank You to Karen Siegel from Briers North who completed her entire neighborhood {68 homes} alone and on time! We still need more help to gather this critical information. Most Block Captains provide information for less than 10 homes and all that is required is to update what we have. This information is needed for the directory and to communicate with you.

There are two new developments within the Dunwoody Police department:

- ☞ They are conducting a neighborhood outreach program called the Civilian Police Academy, which consists of ten 3-hour sessions. I just completed this program and highly recommend it. This opportunity is free and open to all Dunwoody residents. Contact our police liaison officer Mark Stevens for more information.
- ☞ The Dunwoody Police are beginning a new Civilian Police Patrol program, which will initially consist of 6-8 volunteers who will patrol our neigh-

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borhoods, perform vacation checks, direct traffic when needed and generally provide additional eyes and ears. They are not police - they will wear different uniforms and drive specially marked vehicles. Only graduates of the Civilian Police Academies will be recruited and they will receive an additional 18 hours of training. Sandy Springs has been doing this for years and currently has 47 civilian police patrol members.

An issue I became aware of as I drove through our neighborhoods to create the Block Captain maps is an unusually high number of homes for sale or rent. Such houses can become targets of vandalism, squatting, burglaries or simply become eyesores. Please pay attention to these properties. If you see a crime call 911. You can also report code violations. Steve Brown, DNCA VP of Zoning & Code Enforcement {Zoning@DunwoodyNorth.org} can advocate for our residents. Or directly contact Dunwoody's head of code violations, Tom LaPenna. The best procedure is to take a clear photo, preferably time stamped, showing the violation in situ, i.e. where it sits on the property, etc. with a clear explanation of the problem, the address of the violation and your contact information. He will not reveal your name.

Georgia has adopted the 2012 Property Maintenance Code. Copies are available at City Hall where you can make an appointment to determine if the issue is actually a violation. The Dunwoody Municipal Code can also be viewed on-line.

Thank you, Judy Millner-Hofer
Neighborhood Watch Chairwoman
404-402-9354
NeighborhoodWatch@DunwoodyNorth.org

Tom LaPenna, Code Compliance Officer
City of Dunwoody
41 Perimeter Center East, Suite 250
Dunwoody, GA 30346.
Direct: (678) 382-6807 Cell: (770) 355-5544
Report a violation by phone: 678-382-6807
You need not leave your name.
Email: compliance@dunwoodyga.gov

REMEMBER ANYONE SOLICITING DOOR-TO-DOOR MUST HAVE A CITY OF DUNWOODY PERMIT AND THEY ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR A COMPANY ID. THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL CASES RECENTLY OF SOLICITORS WITHOUT PROPER CREDENTIALS. IF YOU SEE SUCH A PERSON, PLEASE CONTACT POLICE FIRST AND THEN NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH.

2nd Annual Holiday Decorations Contest



Beginning in early December, the Beautification Committee will again tour the Dunwoody North neighborhood, searching for outstanding holiday decorations.

Here are the guidelines for the contest:

- ☞ Have your exterior holiday decorating completed by midnight on December 4th
- ☞ The committee will nominate 5 houses from each side of Tilly Mill {10 total nominees}
- ☞ Photos of the houses will be posted on the DNCA website by midnight December 14th
- ☞ Residents are invited to tour the neighborhood to select one house from each side of Tilly Mill as their vote for Best Holiday Decorations.
- ☞ Residents will visit www.dunwoodynorth.org to vote for their 2 favorites. One vote per registered email address will be tallied to determine the winners, one on the west side of Tilly Mill and one on the east side of Tilly Mill.

Winners receive a prize and will be featured on the website!

Visit the DNCA website for more information, updates and voting: dunwoodynorth.org/Holiday-Decorations-2016

If you have questions, contact us at:
Beautification@DunwoodyNorth.org
Or call Pat Cloud at 770-220-0027

HOWDY NEIGHBORS,

Steve Brown
DNCA - VP of Zoning
Zoning@DunwoodyNorth.org

As a real estate broker and 47-year Dunwoody North resident, I recognize that, for the most part, our yards and house fronts are well maintained but we still have some recurrent problems:

- ☞ Newspapers left in Driveways
- ☞ Trash Cans at the curb for more than a day before/after pick-up
- ☞ Yard Maintenance and Exterior House Maintenance and yes
- ☞ We even have autos that have not been used in years.

I can't understand why some of our neighbors don't seem to care. Intentionally or not, they hurt our home values and their own. For Good or Bad, "Your Homes' Face is Your Best Advertising Space."

A study shows that when potential buyers drive by your house, they

Take a Little Piece of Your Old Home to your New Home

Growing up my family and I moved every four years. We went from New Jersey to Italy to Charleston, in the space of 8 years before landing in Pittsburgh where we stayed for 20 years and loved it. We were and are fanatical Steeler fans, we learned to eat French fries on everything including salads and as the youngest child, I embraced the Pittsburgh dialect, which makes the Brooklyn accent sound smooth.

The biggest negative in Pittsburgh was the weather. We would celebrate the beautiful crisp fall days knowing that once we got past mid-October we could expect a series of endless, grey, snowy days that would last well into April or May.

As winter marched on, we would gather at least once a day at the kitchen window. Just after we moved in, my mom planted a forsythia bush outside that window. When buds started to appear, we knew there was hope that spring would soon arrive. We tracked that tree daily until we started to see the bright yellow flowers that would shift the mood in our house from winter blahs to spring hopefulness.

As surely as the seasons change, one morning my mother would announce, "The forsythia is blooming!" She would launch into our springtime activities; cleaning, sweaters pushed to the back of closets and sun dresses moved to the front, bathing suits would be examined to see if they would last another season.

When my parents decided to retire to North Carolina we knew we would miss that house and that forsythia. Not able to say goodbye, my mother took a clipping and nursed it on the long drive south. When they arrived at their new home in Wilmington, one of the first things she did was plant that clipping. The forsythia flourished.

My mother gave cuttings from the Pittsburgh Forsythia, as it was now known, to both of my sisters and they too are still flourishing. When I moved from New York City to Atlanta, the first thing my mother gave me was a forsythia clipping. When I moved from Marietta to Dunwoody, I did not even think twice about taking a clipping and planting it in my new yard where it has grown to twice the size of the original bush. Pittsburgh forsythia clippings have watched over family from Seattle to Maine and several places in-between.

It is hard to say goodbye to our homes so it's nice to be able to take a little piece of our old home to our new home to serve as a reminder of our past.

Jackie Willey



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give it a 10-second look and in those 10 seconds, form an opinion of you and your home.

So, how do we get neighbors with challenges help and show them the way? Some may just need a reference to your "Lawn Guy". For others, you may want to get the message across indirectly by copying the above article and taping it to their mail box. Or you may want to write your own note. Please be respectful. You can of course also contact me. We are all in this together and need to work together to protect our home values.

In May, the DNCA voted to sponsor Little Free Libraries for the Dunwoody North Driving Club and a City of Dunwoody park. Judy Hofer, our Neighborhood Watch Coordinator built both.



Thanks to Judy for the great job and to Kathy Adams Carter, President of the DNDC & Jay Snynn for helping with the installation.