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Urban Coyotes

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As natural habitats shrink in Georgia, subdivisions like Dunwoody North have become populated with coyotes due to easy sources of food and shelter. Spotting a coyote in the yard or hearing one at night can cause concern among homeowners. However, by understanding their behavior and taking preventive measures we can empower our community to peacefully co-exist with coyotes and stop them from becoming a nuisance.

According to research, attempts to trap and relocate coyotes have proven futile because they can quickly repopulate an area. If “resident” coyotes are removed, “transient” ones will simply take over vacated territory. Resident coyotes

consist of families operating within a defined territory while transient coyotes are yearlings and floaters who seek to establish new territory. In addition, when a resident alpha pair is removed, subordinate family members will mate earlier and have larger litters. Our best defense in controlling coyotes is to modify their behavior, not efforts to eradicate them!

Urban coyotes are generally the top predator and considered opportunistic omnivores. About 40% of their diet is small mammals, thereby HELPING to control unwanted rodents and disease on our properties. They enjoy fruit (about 25% of diet) so fallen fruit from a tree may be an attractant. They will also eat rabbits, snakes, birds, chickens, raccoons, fawns, human garbage, and unfortunately, free-roaming cats and small dogs.

Most vocalizations we hear at night from coyotes serve the purpose of marking their territory. Sometimes they will howl back at emergency vehicles such as fire trucks. Two or three coyotes can sound like 10, thus stoking more concern than warranted.

EDITORS NOTEBOOK...
Dunwoody North
Coincidentally, early Saturday morning (Jan 28), after doing the initial newsletter layout, I took the dogs for their walk. It was around 2am (typical). Just before turning into Binghamton from Tilly Mill, a coyote crossed from the Meditation Center into Binghamton. The dogs went ballistic! We turned in and shortly after were passed by another coyote. The pair kept half an eye on the three of us but did not seem terribly disturbed by our presence or the incredible racket made by the dogs.

Dunwoody North

Art, Wine & Elections

Join your neighbors to view, enjoy and win !

Wine tasting, Girl Scout cookies, Charcoals, Fiber Arts, Photography, Stamped Cards, Woodworking, AT&T

Tuesday, February 28, 2017

Dunwoody North Driving Club Clubhouse
4522 Kingsgate Dr. 30338

{Activities begin at 6:30pm}

See insert for details and a absentee ballot

DNCA

SPONSERS

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON FOR FIREFIGHTERS

This year a Holiday Luncheon, sponsored by the Dunwoody North Civic Association for Dunwoody Fire Station 18, was held on December 8, 2016 for the 11:00 am shift. This annual



event was historically a dinner catered by Serendipity but when they moved to Sandy Springs, alternative arrangements were needed. Pat Cloud, Jackie Wiley and Karen Dowdle stepped up and prepared a meatloaf dinner, accompanied by salad from Gyro Gyro that was greatly appreciated by the firefighters. Corlette Muery and Judy Hofer baked desserts. Everyone helped set up, including Charles Hofer and some stayed to talk to the firefighters and paramedics. Pictures were taken and appeared in the Dec. 14, 2016 Crier.

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON FOR DUNWOODY POLICE

The annual Holiday Luncheon sponsored by the Dunwoody North Civic Association for the Dunwoody Police was held on December 5, 2016 for the 11:00 am shift and was very well attended by 18 officers and staff, the highest attendance in recent memory. Additional food was set aside for the evening shift.

Lunch was provided by Gyro-Gyro at a steep discount due to the charitable nature of the owner. Baked goods were provided by members of the Civic Association board that attended: Lyn Coltman, Judy Hofer, Corlette Muery, Leslie O'Callaghan and Gerri Penn. Roger Penn and Charles Hofer were also present to help set-up and serve the luncheon.

Pictures were taken with the DNCA members and many of the Police, including Chief Grogen and Mark Stevens, community Outreach Officer. A good time was had by all.



Board Members Needed

We have several open Board Positions and would really like to include you!
Please contact Gerri Penn (President@DunwoodyNorth.org) if you are interested in one of the following:
Vice President of Zoning and Code Enforcement
Corresponding Secretary
Co-President.

**DNCA
GET INVOLVED AND MAKE
A DIFFERENCE !**



Barking Dogs

Please be considerate of your neighbors. The City of Dunwoody does have a Noise Ordinance and that includes barking dogs that become a nuisance. Anyone bothered by nuisance barking can call the Dunwoody Police Dept.



By Gerri Penn - DNCA President
President@DunwoodyNorth.org

President's Message

Dear Neighbors,

I feel very lucky to be living in Dunwoody North for 36 years. We have a great community! Part of what makes it great are those serving on the Dunwoody North Civic Association Board. I could not be President since 2008 without a great Board. Thanks to all of them, those who are out going, Barbara Wood, Sandi Nessel and Steve Brown and those who are incoming, Kathy Adams Carter, Jane Barringer, and Thomas O'Brien. It would really be helpful to have someone volunteer as Co-President with me and split some of the responsibilities. Please contact me if you might be interested. I would love to chat with you. You can email me at President@DunwoodyNorth.org.

Our Police and Fire Station 18 holiday luncheons were a great success. Gyro Gyro catered the Police luncheon and provided salads for the Fire Station 18 luncheon. Please stop by and thank Peter at Gyro Gyro. Pat Cloud, Jackie Willey and Karen Dowdle made the lunch for Fire Station 18. My thanks go out to all of them. Thanks to all of the bakers on the Board who provided yummy desserts for both events. I also want to thank all of the Board members who helped out at both luncheons.

Once a year, the City of Dunwoody has a creek cleanup. Nancy Creek runs through our subdivision and impacts Vintage Lane. We met with David Elliott from the City of Dunwoody in the fall and after walking the creek with one of our Vintage Lane residents, he chose our creek for cleanup this year. It will be in April and we will need volunteers to help with the cleanup. Please volunteer for this worthwhile activity. It would be great to get some of your kids to help with you if they are old enough. Contact me at my president email address above.

I encourage all of you to pay your \$20.00 dues for 2017. Please mail in your forms with your check and consider getting involved.

Lastly, I want to thank all of the advertisers in our Directory. If you use any of them, please tell them thank you!

FIBER IN YOUR DIET

Daine Pearson

Some neighbors are all too aware that AT&T is installing cables in Dunwoody North. I recently noticed markings on the streets but didn't fully realize what was up until Jan. 30th as I walked down Andover Drive. There were holes and workers everywhere.

That week, AT&T fiber conduit was run from the east side of Tilly Mill up one side of Andover, crossing under the street to reach the opposite side so most yards saw at least some digging and we understand that much of



the west side of Tilly Mill has already been completed. AT&T says that barring any issues, all of Dunwoody North is included in the current

build-out and while the install is broken into multiple distribution areas, they will be activated as quickly as possible and all homes should be able to connect by the end of 2017.

AT&T Fiber (previously Gigapower) is a high-speed data/internet connection that travels entirely over glass fiber cable as opposed to the traditional AT&T copper phone wires or the copper coaxial cable from Comcast. In reality, all data traffic today travels over glass fiber at some point but a critical part of the trip, what's known as the last mile (the last connections before your home), can make or break your Internet speed.

Coincidentally in the same week, on the west side of Tilly Mill, Level 3 Communications (now CenturyLink) was also pulling multi-strand fiber but this had to do with a buildout of their national fiber network. Although Level 3 primarily services enterprise and government, Century Link does provide residential related services so in the end, there is at least a chance Dunwoody North will have multiple real options.

AT&T says their fiber system is synchronous meaning equal attention is given to download and upload so with speeds up to one gigabit per second, it's effectively a high-speed connection right into the web backbone and similar to Google fiber. Of course, these speeds will only be achieved under optimum conditions and if you choose to include other AT&T services, the biggest being U-Verse television, those signals will subtract from your overall bandwidth. Still, compared to current typical AT&T or Comcast speeds that generally range between 15 and 75 Mbit, 1000 Mbit is a big increase.

Getting connected means AT&T run a fiber line from the terminating point at the street, directly to an AT&T gateway in your house. That gateway provides LAN cable connections (Local Area Network) for various devices like computers and the gateway can also provide WiFi (wireless Internet). This gateway is a part of the system and, at least for now, must be used but customers can choose to



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Julie Horowitz - DNCA Treasurer

Are you a member of DNCA?

You should be! For only \$20 you get:

- Neighborhood Watch and Calling Posts are supported and operated by the DNCA
- DNCA represents us in zoning and code enforcement issues to protect our community
- DNCA donates to our community: Security for Briars 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) coming soon in 2017
- DNCA Beautification Committee which landscapes neighborhood monuments and sponsors Yard of the Month and the Holiday Decoration Contest

Please check the enclosed list to confirm that we have received your dues for 2017. If not, please fill out the membership form and send in the enclosed envelope along with your check to:

Dunwoody North Civic Association
c/o Julie Horowitz
4661 Stonehenge Drive
Atlanta GA 30360

And you can always register and pay via PayPal online by going to www.DunwoodyNorth.org

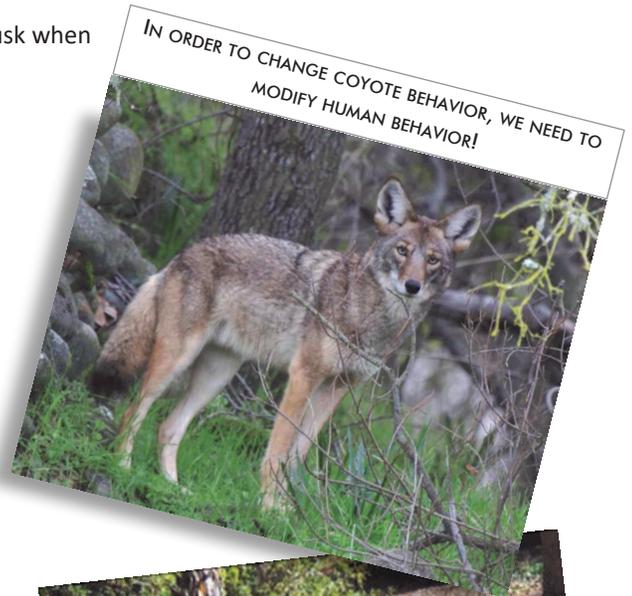
1Gb/s (one gigabit per second) is the same as 1,000 Mbit/s (one thousand megabits per second).

Coyotes cont... Sightings of coyotes most frequently occur at dawn and dusk when they are searching for food, although they will hunt during daylight when feeding pups. They generally hunt alone or in pairs and not in packs. By nature, coyotes are reclusive and typically go out of their way to avoid humans. Coyote bites are infrequent - less than 10/year nationally compared to 4.7 million/year for dogs! Cases of rabies are also rare. Clearing thick brush around your property reduces hideouts for coyotes. They can jump a 6' fence unless rollers or chicken wire is installed on top (coyoteroller.com). An 8' fence is ideal.**

Mating season generally occurs January-March with pups emerging April-August. If pets come too close to mating areas or dens, coyotes can become aggressive. Even large dogs should not be off leash during these months. By end of summer, pups will hunt solo. During dispersal season (September-December), yearlings leave their family and become transient.

Food attractants should be eliminated or secured:

- 1) If you compost, use enclosed bins and never compost meat or fish scraps.
- 2) Avoid feeding pets outside or pick up leftovers immediately.
- 3) Clean up spilled birdseed around outdoor feeders as it attracts rodents.
- 4) Remove fallen fruit from the ground.
- 5) Keep trash in containers with tight fitting lids.
- 6) Cats and small dogs should not be free roaming or left unattended outside. Large dogs may be at risk during mating season (Jan-Mar) and when there are dens with pups (Apr-Aug).
- 7) Always walk dogs on a leash. If confronted, keep yourself between the coyote and dog. Pick up small dogs.



Coyotes should always fear humans. In urban settings, they can become habituated to people and act nonchalant. Complacent people will result in complacent coyotes. Therefore, when a coyote is spotted, employ one or more "hazing" methods. Think of hazing as harassment. The simplest method of hazing is to become loud and large. **DO THIS EVERY TIME AT EVERY SIGHTING!** Coyotes are quick learners and when dominant members respond to hazing the others will follow. Children should NOT run away from coyotes; instead, teach them to back away slowly while yelling and waving arms. If a coyote appears sick or injured, do not approach them.

Use Multiple Hazing Methods:

- 1) Yell loudly, wave your arms, look big, step towards them and act threatening.
- 2) Use noisemakers (e.g., voice, whistles, soda cans filled pennies, bang a pan).
- 3) Throw projectiles near them (e.g., sticks, tennis balls, small rocks, cans).
- 4) Try other repellents (e.g., hoses, bear repellent, walking sticks, rakes).

**** Zoning rules vary by neighborhood and yard location. Confirm yours before building.**

Debra Berger
Georgia State Director for The Humane Society of the United States

Information for this article was obtained from a 2016 workshop, Living in Harmony with Coyotes, presented by wildlife expert Lynsey White Dasher, Director Humane Wildlife Conflict Resolution, The Humane Society of the United States.

If you would like more tips, visit humanesociety.org/coyotes.

Neighborhood Watch

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



I hope everyone has had a joyous and safe holiday season. There have been a couple of unpleasant incidents in recent months: a trailer was stolen directly from the driveway of a home on the corner of Stonington Road and Tilly Mill in broad daylight, and a car has been rifled on Binghamton Road very close to Tilly Mill. You will note the similarity, both appear to be crimes of opportunity (both very close to Tilly Mill) where there are a lot of transients. This is one of the reasons we ask residents to pay attention to strangers coming into our neighborhood

Again, if you see suspicious activity or vehicles or a crime being committed, please call 911 immediately, and then call me at (404) 402-9354 or email me (NeighborhoodWatch@DunwoodyNorth.org) so I can spread the word. If you don't want to get involved, you don't have to give your name, just stay on the phone long enough to give the 911 operator the pertinent information, and tell them you are calling from Dunwoody. If you do want to know the outcome, you need to tell the 911 operator you want the police to stop by your house to let you know the outcome. Please give your neighbors the same consideration you would want them to extend to you if they saw your house being burglarized.

There have been two positive developments in the police department. A Civilian Police Patrol consisting of eight men with former law enforcement experience has been launched to patrol Dunwoody and a second prisoner transport officer has been hired; both of these developments free up police officers to pursue actual crime. If you want to keep abreast of all crimes committed in Dunwoody, not just what little is reported to me or in the local papers, you can go directly to the Dunwoody Police Blotter at: <http://p2c.dunwoodyga.gov/p2c/dailybulletin.aspx> or to Spotcrime.com as well.

The downside of 911 calls (which we have been told to utilize for all communications with emergency services) according to Terry Nall, (as reported in the Crier) is that the response time is 20% lower in Dunwoody than the rest of the county. A lady on Shelborne Drive called 911 and it took police 2 hours to respond, as they were "tied up" with something else.

My thanks to our Block captains that completed their neighborhood canvas sheets. We are trying to get out a new directory and would like the most current information. We still need more block captains to complete prepared canvas sheets. Most sheets list less than 10 homes and all that is required is to correct or update the listed information, most of which can be done by phone.

If anyone on the following streets would be willing to become block captains, please call me asap:

Brafferton Way	Binghamton Drive	Kings Point Court	Old Orchard Ct
Madison Commons	Brookhurst Drive	Kings Point Drive	Riverglen Circle
Madison Place Lane	Claridge Court	Kingsfield Court	Riverglen Court
West Madison Drive	Dunhaven Court	Kingsgate Drive	Sharon Valley
Eidson Road	E. Kings Point Circle	Laurelwood	Stonington Rd
Amberley Court South	Flintshire Ct	North Peachtree Ct	Vintage Lane
Andover Drive	Huntington Circle	Norwalk Rd	

Dunwoody North Civic Association elections will take place at the upcoming February 28th meeting. The bios for current board members can be found at www.DunwoodyNorth.org while new potential members are listed in this newsletter.

Thomas O'Brien
To be considered for a
position as Member at
Large

Thomas and his wife Lauren have been Dunwoody North residents since 2002. They have three school-aged children, Nolan, Kasey, and Molly. Thomas is an attorney, and owns O'Brien & Feiler, a law firm specializing in Social Security and Veterans Disability and Insurance related issues. Thomas currently serves on the City of Dunwoody Planning Commission, and served The City of Dunwoody previously on the 5-Year-Plan Sounding Board. Thomas recently rolled off of the Dunwoody North Driving Club board after six years serving as the Clubhouse Chairman, Vice-President, and President. He has also been an active coach of youth sports at the Dunwoody Baptist Church, and has been actively involved with the Scouting Programs at Kingswood Methodist.



The Dunwoody North Communities have been transitioning back to new families with younger children but some of our residents are elderly and often being cared for by family and friends. The DNCA avoids advertising in newsletters but Somerby Senior Living asked if we would let our residents know that the Alzheimer's Association runs caregiver support groups to help those who are trying to "enhance the lives of individuals with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias."

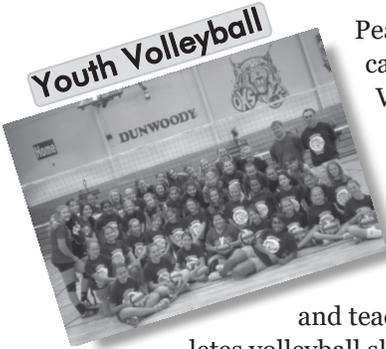
"The Alzheimer's Association's caregiver support groups are designed to provide emotional, educational, and social support for caregivers through regularly scheduled meetings. They help participants to develop methods and skills to solve problems. The groups encourage caregivers to maintain their own personal, physical, and emotional health, as well as optimally care for person with dementia."



alzheimer's association

Sessions are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Temple Emanu-El, 1580 Spalding Drive, Atlanta, GA 30350

For more information, contact:
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hollyowens927@gmail.com
Jodi Firestone - 678.643.4558
jfirestone@somerbyliving.com



Youth Volleyball
Peachtree/Jr. Wildcats 2017 Spring Volleyball Camp-Registration is open!

This program is for 3rd to 8th graders and teaches young athletes volleyball skills and love of the game and will lay the foundation for future Peachtree Middle School and Dunwoody High School volleyball teams. There are many former Jr. Wildcats currently playing at DHS, on volleyball club teams and at the college level! Our next camp (6 sessions) will be held at Peachtree Middle School on (Tuesday/Thursdays) March 7, 9, 14, 16, 21 & 23 from 6pm-7:30pm. For more information and to sign up, go to www.peachtreemsvolleyball.com or contact Stevegoldin7@gmail.com - 770-330-5532.

Nancy Creek Cleanup

The city of Dunwoody has chosen our portion of Nancy Creek for their Annual Creek Clean up. They are planning the clean up on April 22nd 2017 (Earth Day) at 9:00 AM. Volunteers should plan on about 2 hours (9:00 AM to 11:00 AM). The city can bring donuts and coffee. The city can also bring garbage bags, gloves, and a truck to haul off debris. We would like to have as many volunteers as possible. Typically, the City will bring about 10. If we can get 10 or more from the neighborhood that would be great but they will not turn anyone away if we have more. Please contact me if you are interested at President@DunwoodyNorth.org. As we get closer to the date I will remind you. This might be a good project for Eagles Scouts.

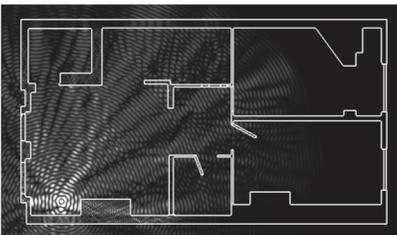


Remember, wear clothes and sturdy shoes that can get dirty and bring your bug spray.

Fiber cont... utilize other routers after the gateway.

Particularly if you choose to use the wireless, it broadcasts in all directions and will perform best if the gateway is placed in a central location, preferably high up as radio signals tend to go down and not up. If you are interested in more detail about optimizing your home WiFi, this is an informative starting point: (www.huffingtonpost.com/2015/03/27/wifi-router-placement-tips_n_6943024.html)

Every area can be a bit different but by all appearances, with the typical promos, discounts, etc.; internet only will start at \$80/month with U-Verse bundles going up to about \$200. This roughly compares with the current AT&T and Comcast offerings but it's a bit more difficult to see what the "real" non-promo prices will be.



I will likely try it as soon as it gets near my door but unless you work at home, are a cord cutter or have a media heavy family - watching simultaneous Netflix movies in UHD and streaming music everywhere, something like AT&T Fiber or Google Fiber are probably not worth the regular price. On the other hand, like other services such as natural gas where there are competing providers, if you are willing to argue with customer service every year or two or jump between service deals, then it can be very attractive.

Beautification

Pat Cloud
Beautification Chair

The Beautification Committee closed out its 2016 activities with the second annual Holiday Decoration Contest. Our goal was to increase participation by informing the community in advance of the nomination period. We did this by adding signs throughout the neighborhood, in addition to notification through the newsletter, DNCA and DNDC Facebook posts, and email blasts from DNCA President, Gerri Penn. Congratulations to our winners, the Warren family of Sharon Valley Way and the Scruggs family of Briers North! Throughout 2017 the Beautification Committee will be discussing ways to further improve the Holiday Decoration Contest for the enjoyment of Dunwoody North residents. It has been suggested that we delay the nomination period about a week in order to include more households. The past 2 years our deadline has been midnight the second Sunday after Thanksgiving. We also heard that decoration enthusiasts might like to choose winners from a theme category such as Best Animation or Kids Pick.



The next order of business for the Beautification Committee is the winter landscaping around the

four Dunwoody North monuments. Planting is typically done in the spring and fall. There is no source of water at these monuments, other than what the committee can carry in, and during fall 2016 we were still experiencing severe drought in the area. In hopes of insuring the success of our new plants, it was decided to postpone planting for cooler and wetter conditions. Fortunately the rain and mild temperatures in January created perfect conditions to get pansies and ornamental kale planted for late winter and spring color. The committee will gather again in May or early June to plant for summer and fall. We would be grateful for help from the community in planning, planting and/or maintaining the 4 monument areas.



The 2017 Yard of the Month season begins in April. Don't be surprised if you get a knock on the door or phone call informing you that you have been nominated. Whether professionally installed and maintained or the work of the homeowners themselves, the judges are looking for an overall pleasing look to the property. Specific guidelines can be found on the DNCA website Beautification page, www.DunwoodyNorth.org.

Have you noticed the bulbs that are sprouting up around the neighborhood? Daffodils, crocus and early hyacinth will soon blossom letting us know that spring is not far away. Garden lovers are planning new additions to their landscape as a prime time for planting approaches. You may have admired the many varieties of camellia that are currently in bloom. This would be an excellent choice for your garden. Native to China, these evergreen shrubs thrive in our southern climate and provide color through fall and winter while serving as a lush, deep green backdrop for spring and summer plants. Camellia japonica blooms in winter or early spring. Fall blooming Camellia sasanqua has smaller leaves and flowers. This variety is hardier and more drought tolerant and disease resistant. As a bonus, these beautiful shrubs are not favored snacks for the many deer who call Dunwoody North home. A good resource for more information on camellias and many other plants suitable for the southern climate is the Southern Living Garden Book, edited by Steve Bender and published by Oxmoor House, ISBN 0-376-03910-8.



The Beautification Committee welcomes your suggestions and participation in our committee. To get involved with the Holiday Decoration Contest, the landscaping and maintenance of monuments and/or the Yard of the Month program please contact Pat Cloud, Beautification@DunwoodyNorth.org.