

Dunwoody CIVIC ASSOCIATION North

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Building Permits ???

DNCA Vice President of Zoning and Code Enforcement
Bob Durkis



You've been watching HGTV and are ready to tackle a new DIY project around the house. Here are some helpful tips to keep you both legal and safe.

When you are conducting routine maintenance such as painting, wall tiles, floor covering replacements or wall paper - these types of DIY projects do not require any permit. Other than routine maintenance though, when your project includes any of the following you shall first make application to the City of Dunwoody Community Development Department and obtain the required permit for the work. This permit will be issued to any owner, authorized agent or contractor overseeing the project.

You must obtain a permit for constructing, enlarging, altering, repairing, moving, demolishing or changing the occupancy of a building or structure, including roof replacement; to install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert or replace any electrical, gas, mechanical, or plumbing system, the installation of which is regulated by the construction codes.

Items such as water heaters are under the purview of the plumbing and gas codes requiring permits and inspections to ensure a safe installation. State licensing is also required if a tradesman is doing the job.

A permit is also required for a new deck or replacement of an existing deck. You will need to submit a building permit application with two copies of a site plan showing existing as well as the proposed structure with all the information addressed on the Residential LDP Site Plan Checklist. This is used to determine if the property setbacks and other applicable codes are being complied with.



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Dunwoody North

Annual Meeting & Elections

*Enjoy some social time,
Meet new neighbors and our Guest
Speaker – Dunwoody Police Chief
Billy Grogan*

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

**Dunwoody North Driving Club Clubhouse
4522 Kingsgate Dr. 30338**

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

GUEST SPEAKER BIO

The guest speaker for this year's annual public meeting is Dunwoody Police Chief Billy Grogan.

Police Chief Billy Grogan has a long record of exemplary police work. More importantly and core to his being guest speaker, Chief Grogan is committed to the concept of Community Policing as a way to connect with the community in a meaningful way to combat crime and disorder and improve the quality of life for the visitors and citizens of Dunwoody. Chief Grogan co-developed the award winning Marietta Strategically Targeting Areas with Resources (M-STAR) community policing program while at Marietta. In 2008, Chief Grogan presented a Senior Leadership Workshop on Community Policing to Senior Egyptian Police Leaders in Cairo, Egypt. He believes strongly that serving the community is a calling. Giving back and being involved in the community has always been a passion. As a current member of the Rotary Club of Dunwoody, Chief Grogan has volunteered for numerous community projects benefitting various non-profits. In addition, Chief Grogan served as former Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) Director for the State of Georgia.

GERRI PENN - STEPPING DOWN FROM DNCA PRESIDENCY

The Dunwoody North Civic Association board would like to extend their deepest thanks to Gerri Penn, long-time DNCA president and board member, for her unwavering dedication to the organization and our neighborhood.

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 for well over twenty years. As president, she was the driving force assuring our neighborhood had a voice in County and city matters. In many ways however, it's the little things like the holiday meals for our Police and firefighters and the "little libraries" installed at Brook Run and the DNDC that are felt the most. She serves on the Board of DHA and was on 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.

Although Gerri intends to remain on the board as an active Member at Large and Parliamentarian, the board would like to cordially invite all our neighbors to come by next week's meeting and help us say Thank You !!!

If you would like to contact us regarding Gerri, the meeting or anything else, please use the contact form on our website: DunwoodyNorth.org/Contact



By Gerri Penn - DNCA President
President@DunwoodyNorth.org

President's Message

Dear Neighbors,

It has been my pleasure to serve as your President for almost 10 years. It is time to pass the torch. I will remain active on the Board for a while.

Over the past 10 years I have been lucky to have amazing Board Members. I could not have done this without them. We started a Beautification Committee and both Vicky Pasmanick, who was our first Chair and Pat Cloud, our current Chair did and are doing a great job with this committee. It has expanded from landscaping the monuments twice a year and a Yard of the Month award to our Annual Holiday Decoration Contest. The volunteers are so dedicated.

During my Presidency, Neighborhood Watch has been extremely important and crucial to our neighborhood. Thank you Lisa Unkefer for doing it for so many years. Judy Hofer, our Chair for the past two years, had a mammoth job finding volunteers to help in getting the most accurate update of names and addresses as possible for the 2017 Directory. Thank you to her volunteers and to Julie Horowitz who made the directory possible with her Master List.

That brings me to Daine Pearson, our Communications Manager to whom go many thanks. We owe our great web site to Daine. He also does the lay out for the newsletter and the directories – mammoth jobs.

We joined Social Media and now have the Dunwoody North Civic Association Facebook page. Vanessa Shapiro started it and Jay Kapp, our Social Media Manager, has been keeping us informed. Whenever I needed help, there were Board Members who stepped up to the plate. Thanks to all of you.

I want to thank everyone who volunteered for the Police Holiday Luncheon by baking or helping Judy Hofer make it such a success. Thanks to Pat Cloud, Jackie Willey, Karen Dowdle and Jane Barringer for cooking the Holiday Luncheon for Fire Station 18 and to all of the dessert bakers.

Thank you to Thomas O'Brien for agreeing to take on the Presidency.

Please pay your 2018 Annual Dues. The money pays for Beautification, Neighborhood Watch, Briers North Halloween, Police and Fire Holiday luncheons, the newsletters, delivering the newsletters, Directories every three years and maintaining our web site. DNCA also donates to the local schools and the Dunwoody North Driving Club.

I hope that I will see all of you at the Annual Meeting with Chief of Police Billy Grogan as our speaker.

Gerri Penn

Outgoing President



The City of Dunwoody always issues either a Certificate of Completion or a Certificate of Occupancy, depending on the scope of the work, when the

job has passed final inspection. It may be in a homeowner's best interest to require a contractor to produce the appropriate document prior to final payment.

A DIY note... As a homeowner, you can submit a "Homeowners Declaration" that, when approved, makes you responsible for acquiring all appropriate permits, hiring licensed sub-contractors or performing the work yourself.

Please make sure during your DIY project that you use all equipment, tools and materials appropriately and safely by being familiar with all instructions. If you are unsure about anything, consider consulting an expert.

Good luck with your undertaking. For questions, contact Dunwoody Community Development: (678) 382-6800.

DUNWOODY CITIZENS' POLICE ACADEMY



The Dunwoody Police Department has announced that applications for the upcoming Citizens' Police Academy are now being accepted. This class will begin Tuesday, February 27th and run for ten weeks. (There will be a one-week break during the DeKalb County Schools Spring Break). According to Mark Stevens, Community Outreach Officer, there are 24 opportunities for Dunwoody citizens to get insight into the various aspects of police work - Applicants must submit to a background check. These weekly, evening educational sessions

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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH



Another year has passed. I hope you all enjoyed a happy, healthy and safe holiday season.

Unfortunately, not all of our neighbors have been so lucky.

As most of you have been informed via CallingPost, there were two major break-ins on Stonington Circle within a three week period, something that had never happened before. In both cases, access was through the rear; In one case access was made by using the code for a construction lockbox, which differs drastically from a real estate lockbox which is chip encoded and only provides access to licensed agents. In the other case, the rear glass doors were smashed in and the exit was made through the garage, stealing the owner's vehicle. These were very serious incidents in an area that historically has had very little crime.

We will have to become more vigilant in the future and this requires cooperation from everyone. That is the essence of a Neighborhood Watch: neighbors who watch out for each other. So we can pay attention when neighbors are out of town, residents should notify their neighbors when they will be out of town. One can also register with the Dunwoody Police for "Vacation Watch" and our new Civilian Police Patrol will check on your residence. Don't forget to register for CodeRed to receive county-wide warnings and smart911.com to provide information to first responders when they arrive.

In all cases, if you observe suspicious activity, please call 911. If you want to be informed of the outcome, mention that during your 911 call. You can remain anonymous. If you are the victim of a crime, please call 911 immediately and then call me, Judy Hofer at (404) 402-9354. If no one calls me, chances are that I will not know about it. There are almost 1,000 households in our Neighborhood Watch area. The police do not inform me of what is going on. There is a police blotter on the police website where anyone can look up what is going on in Dunwoody, but there is usually a day lag time for entries.

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DNCA HOLIDAY TRIBUTE TO FIRE STATION #18

One of the most enjoyable DNCA holiday activities is the annual luncheon provided for Dunwoody's first responders at Fire Station #18. The lunch was prepared and served by DNCA members on December 7th at the fire station on Barclay Road. The firemen work in 24 hour shifts so we were not able to see all of those assigned to Station 18 but an abundance of casseroles, salad, bread and desserts provided plenty for those on later shifts. There were even visiting firefighters from other

stations - allowing us to spread the holiday cheer even further and honor their service to our community.

Special thanks to all those who contributed to the luncheon: Jackie Willey, Jane Barringer, Karen Dowdle, Judy Hofer, Pat Cloud, Lyn Coltman, Leslie O'Callaghan, Corlette Muery and Gerri Penn.



DNCA HOLIDAY POLICE LUNCHEON

On December 5, 2017 the Dunwoody North Civic Association sponsored its annual Holiday Luncheon for the Dunwoody Police Department. This event is always held at Police Headquarters and is scheduled to occur between shifts so there can be maximum attendance. Despite a scheduling conflict with another luncheon for senior police personnel, this was our best attended luncheon to date.

The luncheon fare was catered by Shane's Rib Shack who provided the main course, drinks paper goods and ice and set it all up. In recognition of their high regard for the Dunwoody Police, they were very generous in their pricing, and provided coupons and to-go boxes in the event that anyone was called away in the middle of their lunch. Sufficient food was provided and packed up by volunteers from the Dunwoody North Civic Association for the next shift.



I want to thank all those volunteers: Gerri Penn, Kirsten Fitzgerald, Kathy Adams-Carter, Ellen Mauldin, Ann Marie Hanlon, and Judy Hofer who either provided a home baked dessert or who both baked and helped set-up. Your efforts were greatly appreciated. We also extend our thanks to Mark Stevens, our police liaison, for coordinating our efforts. It turns out that we are the only group that provides the police with such an elaborate annual luncheon.

Judy Hofer—DNCA Neighborhood Watch Chair

These criminals are getting more brazen so we must all act in a common sense manner.

- ☞ **Do not leave mail in the boxes overnight.**
- ☞ **Do not leave your houses unlocked.**
- ☞ **Do not leave your cars unlocked or leave valuables visible in your car.**
- ☞ **Always close your garage door - an empty garage is an advertisement that you are not at home.**
- ☞ **If you have alarm systems always use them, even if you are inside.**
- ☞ **Do not leave packages sitting outside unattended. If you are expecting a package, either make arrangements to pick it up from whatever delivery service you're using, or have a neighbor take it in.**

The most important behavior is to actively pay attention to what's going on in your area. Feel free to call the police to report strangers who are loitering in the neighborhood.

Complacency and apathy make us a prime target. Please remember to register and keep your contact information updated on our website so we can effectively keep you informed.

Judy Hofer
DNCA Neighborhood Watch Chair
NeighborhoodWatch@DunwoodyNorth.org
(404) 402-9354

last about three hours and focus on a different topic each week.

The class starting later this month will cover, CRASE (Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events), SWAT, Narcotics, Gangs, Use of Force and ChatComm/911, among other topics. Past sessions of the Civilian Police Academy have also provided in depth coverage of the Detective Division, a visit to our own crime scene lab, Accident Reconstruction and Traffic Stops. In addition, Community Outreach is discussed along with other volunteer opportunities in Dunwoody government. For many topics, detailed information is provided by officers who specialize in those respective areas. For example, the North Metro SWAT Team which includes Dunwoody, Brookhaven, Johns Creek and Sandy Springs (who knew we had our own SWAT team!). The SWAT team is a cooperative effort, as none of these cities are large enough to support the expense of the specialized equipment (which you get to see) and the personnel training required (which is extensive) for such a team. You also learn about the Dekalb county jail in south Dekalb. Did you know we don't have a jail in North Dekalb and all prisoners have to be transported to South Dekalb? That is done in a very interesting way.



The final session which is role playing, i.e. hands on experience, may change your perspective as to what it feels like to be a police officer in these uncertain times! The police officers take the role of the criminals.

For those who are interested in getting more involved after completing the classes, the police recruit volunteers for the new Civilian Police Patrol from the graduates of the Citizens' Police Academy. They're the civilians who drive around in those white cars, wear a casual uniform, and act as the eyes and ears of the police. They call the police if they see any suspicious activity. They can also assist in directing traffic for accident and community events, do requested vacation checks, etc. to

free up our police to do the heavy lifting.

For an application or more information, email Community Outreach Officer Mark Stevens:
Mark.Stevens@Dunwoodyga.gov.

ARE YOU OR IS ONE OF YOUR NEIGHBORS IN VIOLATION?

The following is a brief list of common violations in Dunwoody and the basic regulations for each issue:

- ☞ Commercial Vehicles, such as panel vans, school buses, cargo vans or trucks, may not be kept in residential zones. Only passenger cars, pick-up trucks or passenger vans may be parked in residential zones.
- ☞ Fences may only be 4 feet high in any street yard or 8 feet high in the interior side or rear yard.
- ☞ Grass and Weeds must be maintained below ten inches in height. A courtesy notice may be issued when the grass height exceeds code. Residents will have ten days to come into code compliance or a citation may be issued.
- ☞ Junk Vehicles are any vehicles which are inoperable, or do not bear current tags. Junk vehicles may not be parked in residential zones.
- ☞ Residential Parking in a street yard on grass is not allowed in the city. Parking is only allowed on paved surfaces, including engineered pervious pavement. Gravel and patio blocks are not considered paved surfaces.
- ☞ Recreational Vehicles and trailers may only be parked to the side or in the rear of the residence, no closer than 20 feet to any lot line, or within a garage. Recreational vehicles and trailers may not be parked in the front of the residence, even on a paved surface.
- ☞ Signs may not be erected or placed in the right of way, (roughly ten feet behind the curb), nor may they be placed on utility poles, trees, or fences. Prohibited signs include: portable signs, balloons, streamers, and air/gas filled figures.

IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE WITH A POSSIBLE ZONING ISSUE, CONTACT: BOB DURKIS, DNCA VICE PRESIDENT OF ZONING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT
(ZONING@DUNWOODYNORTH.ORG)

Beautification

Pat Cloud
Beautification Chair

2017

ended on a high note for the Beautification Committee with the 3rd Annual Holiday Decoration contest. Committee members agreed that there were more decorated homes this year with elaborate displays, making the choice of the top 10 quite difficult but more fun! Our 10 nominees (5 from each side of Tilly Mill) were photographed and posted on



2434 Kings Point Dr.



4607 Sudbury Rd.



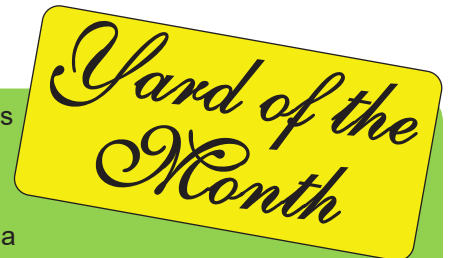
the DNCA website for neighbors to view and vote

for their favorites. The committee's goal was to provide a range of decorating styles to choose from, classic to modern inflatables and animated characters. Our 2 winners represented 2 very different styles. The Andrews family of 2434 Kings Point Drive chose a traditional style with white lights to enhance huge colorful wreaths, handcrafted by Cherie Andrews. The Soderberg family of 4607 Sudbury Road, filled their large lot with a variety of lighted holiday characters and themes. Reindeer, snowmen, angels and dozens of candy canes surrounded Santa who delivered a Merry Christmas to all.

The Beautification Committee thanks everyone for their participation in the holiday contest. If you are interested in participating next year, it would be helpful to register your interest by emailing your name and address to Beautification@DunwoodyNorth.org. Registration is not a requirement but will speed the process of notifying nominees and getting photographs for the website.

Beautification activities for 2018 will resume in April with the Yard of the Month program. Committee members tour the neighborhood monthly and choose the best examples of interesting and well maintained landscapes. Each month between April and September, 2 homes are chosen, one on each side of Tilly Mill. Winners have the honor of displaying the Yard of the Month sign throughout the month and

photographs are displayed on the website. In addition to the Yard of the Month program and the Holiday Decoration contest, the Beautification Committee also manages the planting and maintenance of the 4 Dunwoody North monuments at entrances to our neighborhood. We always need help with these projects so if you are interested in participating in the Beautification Committee, please contact Pat Cloud, Beautification@DunwoodyNorth.org or 404-316-2057.



The goal of *Yard of the Month* is to recognize individuals whose property exemplifies the vision of our **Dunwoody North Civic Association** neighborhoods – beautiful and eclectic. *YOTM* runs from April through September.

The upkeep of the yard can reflect the efforts of the residents themselves or that of a professional landscaper or groundskeeper.

Members of the Beautification Committee tour the neighborhood each month looking for:

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| Healthy, well manicured grass | Pruned trees and shrubs | Use of color and textures |
| No debris (garbage, newspapers, pet waste, etc.) | Plantings in scale with the surroundings | An inviting look of front entryway |
| Well maintained flower beds | Clean driveways | Originality/creativity |
| | Curbs free from debris and dirt | |

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT YOTM, VISIT DUNWOODYNORTH.ORG OR CONTACT US: BEAUTIFICATION@DUNWOODYNORTH.ORG