

Dunwoody CIVIC ASSOCIATION North

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Toys for Kids

Your DNCA is pleased to support the Dunwoody Police Department as they again conduct their Christmas for Kids Program. Since 2009, the DPD has collected new and unwrapped gifts for local underprivileged children, ages newborn through 15 years old. Also welcome are non-perishable food items and canned goods.



The DPD toy drive runs from now through the second week of December. Once enough toys are collected, Dunwoody officers work together with I Care Atlanta, Inc. to hold a Christmas celebration for deserving kids with Santa and his Elves.

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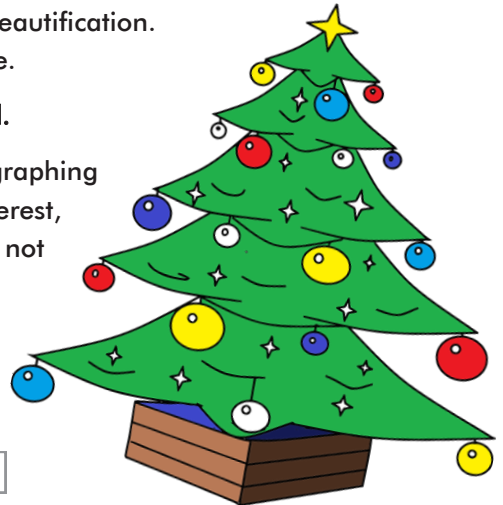
4th Annual Holiday Decorations Contest

The 90° weather is barely behind us but already it's time to light up Dunwoody North for the holiday season.

The Beautification Committee will again sponsor the Holiday Decoration Contest beginning December 3rd. If you want to participate it would be helpful if you register by emailing Beautification. Registration is NOT a requirement but saves the committee considerable time.

- ☞ Complete your exterior holiday decorating by midnight on December 3rd.
- ☞ Registering your interest in the contest makes the notification and photographing jobs more efficient for the Beautification Committee. To register your interest, email Pat Cloud: Beautification@DunwoodyNorth.org. Pre-registration is not required. All homes will be considered regardless of pre-registration.
- ☞ The committee will nominate 5 houses from the Dunwoody North area on each side of Tilly Mill (10 total nominees). Residents are not eligible for the award in consecutive seasons.

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President's Message



By Thomas O'Brien - DNCA President
President@DunwoodyNorth.org

Dear Neighbors,

It's hard to believe, but cooler weather and the holidays are approaching again. The Dunwoody North Civic Association Board and I would like to wish you a very happy holiday season filled with family, friends and fun. If you missed our last DNCA membership meeting, you may be wondering "Why isn't this letter coming from Gerri Penn?" For many years, Gerri has volunteered considerable amounts of time, talent, effort and energy in ensuring that the DNCA is an organization that serves and improves our neighborhood. Gerri decided not to seek re-election as president this year, but thankfully decided to continue her service to the DNCA in other ways. I want to take this opportunity to thank Gerri for her years of diligent service, as well as her continued guidance.

The DNCA is up to some fantastic things and I would encourage you to get involved. Presently we are refreshing our Neighborhood Watch technology to ensure that our communications are as timely and effective as possible. Also, the DNCA is coordinating holiday meals for our Fire and Police personnel, planning a Toy Drive in conjunction with the Dunwoody Police Department, conducting our annual holiday decoration contest, addressing zoning issues with the city and providing support to both PCMS through their CV Classic race and to the Briers North Halloween Extravaganza. There are more wonderful programs to come and we would encourage you to renew your membership and volunteer your time! DNCA dues remain affordable at \$20.00 per year and it is money well spent.

To ensure the well-being of your family and home this holiday season, we recommend stopping newspaper and mail deliveries while you are out of town, or coordinating mail, newspaper, and package pickups with neighbors while you are away. The Dunwoody Police Department will conduct Residential Security Checks while you are away if you sign up online at https://p2c.dunwoodyga.gov/SecurityRegistration_Disclaimer.aspx.

In closing, I want to thank our wonderful volunteers including our board, community supporters and everyone who makes our neighborhood better through their involvement. I would encourage you to pay your 2019 dues of \$20.00 by mail using the membership form with this newsletter, or online at <https://DunwoodyNorth.org>. For those paying by mail, please make checks payable to DNCA. For our internet connected members, I would encourage you to review your contact and address information online to ensure that the DNCA has your latest information and preferences.

We appreciate your support of the Dunwoody North Civic Association, and I would again encourage you to get involved. There are numerous opportunities for involvement, both small and large, and your service makes a difference!

Have a wonderful holiday season,

Thomas O'Brien
DNCA President

Annual First Responders Holiday Luncheons



The DNCA is sponsoring our annual Police and Firemen's Holiday Meals. The Policemen's Luncheon will again be catered by Shane's Barbeque (because they did such a great job last year) on Tuesday, December 4, at 11:30 am. Volunteers are needed to help set up and serve. Home-baked desserts are also needed. The Firemen's Luncheon will be held on Thursday, December 6, 2018, tentatively at noon. Please contact Pat Cloud at 404-316-2057 if you will provide baked goods for one or both of the luncheons – and thank you.

Neighborhood Watch

Cooler weather

reminds us that the Holiday Season approaches. Unfortunately, an increase in crime generally follows. Please avoid leaving packages in visible places. The post office also offers informed delivery for you to check on expected deliveries. Go to: informedelivery.usps.com. Postal complaints for 30338 should be addressed to Ms. Michelene Leggett: 770-352-9070, for 30360 contact, Ms. Sylvia Johnson: (770) 216-8476.

If you see a crime, suspicious activity or vehicles, call 911, then let me know at: 404-402-9354 or NeighborhoodWatch@DunwoodyNorth.org, so I can spread the word. When calling 911, you don't need to "get involved", just give the operator the pertinent information and be sure to tell them you are calling from Dunwoody. Please be proactive and extend to your neighbors the same consideration you would like extended to you. To keep abreast of all crime in Dunwoody, go to the Dunwoody Police Blotter: p2c.dunwoodyga.gov/dailybulletin.aspx or Spotcrime.com.

We have new email and text message systems. These are in addition to our phone CallingPost alerts, and have the added benefit of allowing more detailed messages and with the emails, pictures. Your Neighborhood Watch is supported by the Dunwoody North Civic Association. If you are not already a DNCA member please join, dues are only \$20/yr. These systems are for the Dunwoody North Subdivision and the additional subdivisions off Tilly Mill that have at least 20% DNCA membership. Remember, our contact system is only as effective AS YOU MAKE IT. If your phone numbers, carriers or email changes or you move, please let us know. We have Block Captains who help gather this critical information but we need a few more. Call me, Judy Hofer, 404-402-9354 to volunteer. Block Captains generally only need to correct or update the information for less than ten homes.

There is a lot of neighborhood turnover so please be vigilant and pay attention to unoccupied houses to spot vandalism, squatting or burglaries and REPORT them.



This is YOUR neighborhood, please help keep it safe and attractive. Sometimes, the only way to resolve problem residences is to report a code violation. DNCA Board Member Bob Durkis (Zoning@DunwoodyNorth.org) monitors code issues. To make an official complaint, James Lemoine is the head of code violations for the City of Dunwoody: 678-382-6807, James.Lemoine@dunwoodyga.gov or Delali Tsaku: 678-382-6818, Delali.tsaku@dunwoodyga.gov.

Complainants DO NOT have to leave their name, however the preferred procedure is to send a clear photograph (preferably time stamped) showing where the violation sits on the property, etc., with a detailed explanation and the address of the violation. They do not give out your name.

The Dunwoody Police continue to hold the Civilian Police Academy (CPA), providing very detailed information to participants. They also recruit CPA graduates into the Civilian Police Patrol (CPP). CPP is a three year old program whereby volunteers perform vacation checks, direct traffic and generally provide additional eyes and ears. They are not police but do wear distinct uniforms and patrol in marked vehicles. The Police Department also offers a CRASE (active shooter) presentation, and DeKalb County hosts "Stop the Bleed", a hands-on demonstration of how and when to apply bandages and tourniquets, etc. These are all useful, informative and free programs.

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

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Needed - New and Unwrapped Toy Donations!

To bolster our police efforts, on November 17th, the DNCA is hosting an event to collect new and unwrapped toys from generous Dunwoody North families. Please stop by the DNDC Clubhouse between 2pm-4pm on Saturday, November 17th with your contributions. Toys will be delivered to the police after the event. Drinks and snacks will be served, a DPD Officer will be stopping in to share some holiday spirit, and you can renew your DNCA membership on the spot.

We look forward to seeing you there and sharing some holiday spirit!

What: DNCA Toy Drive supporting DPD Christmas for Kids
When: 2pm-4pm, Saturday, November 17, 2018
Where: DNDC Clubhouse, 4522 Kingsgate Drive
Email for more info: Membership@DunwoodyNorth.org

For more information about the Dunwoody Police efforts:
Dunwoody Police Department: 678-382-6900
I Care Atlanta, Inc, 678-615-3341, icareatlanta.org

Holiday decorations continued...

- ☞ Photos of the houses will be posted on the DNCA website by midnight December 13th.
- ☞ Residents are invited to tour the neighborhood to select one house from each side of Tilly Mill as their vote for Best Holiday Decorations.
- ☞ To register and vote for their 2 favorites, residents will visit DunwoodyNorth.org. One vote per unique email will be tallied to determine the winners, one on the west side of Tilly Mill and one on the east side of Tilly Mill. Voting deadline is midnight December 20th.

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

See the DNCA website for information, updates and voting: DunwoodyNorth.org/Holiday-Decorations-2018
If you have questions, contact us at: Beautification@DunwoodyNorth.org or call Pat Cloud at 404-316-2027.

Garden Talk and Tips, by Pat Cloud

The Beautification Committee celebrated the beginning of the



gardening season by sponsoring "Garden Talk and Tips" on May 12, 2018. It was such a pleasure to welcome Leslie

Robson as our guest speaker. Leslie is the owner of **Dragonfly Landscapes and Gardens** (engagevison.com/dragonfly, 404-786-7103) She is currently landscaping the Asa Candler mansion on Elizabeth Street in Inman Park, but her talents are also on display throughout Dunwoody North as Leslie has designed for several homeowners in our neighborhood. Her design of a meditation garden for Joan and Jim Vernor was featured in our November 2017 newsletter.

Leslie began her organized presentation with seasonal guidelines for our Atlanta climate. The presentation quickly evolved into a "Q&A" session as Dunwoody North gardeners came with a multitude of questions, all graciously answered. The Beautification Committee extends their gratitude to Leslie for volunteering her time for our organization.

Following are just some of the tips she shared with the group:

- ☞ A beach umbrella makes a good sun shield for vulnerable plants.
- ☞ Prune crepe myrtle just before they leaf out.
- ☞ Prune spring blooming shrubs such as azaleas after they bloom.
- ☞ Prune summer blooming shrubs such as hydrangeas before they bloom.
- ☞ Use a root stimulant following pruning.
- ☞ Fertilize rhododendron and azaleas after they bloom.
- ☞ In the fall, divide perennials as they go down by either cutting through the root or prying them apart.
- ☞ In times of dry weather or drought, place a drip hose at the base of a tree or plant and run all night or 4 hours during the day.
- ☞ Compost in the winter using leaves and grass clippings, however these should not be used as mulch until they have turned brown. Fresh clippings and leaves break down and rob nearby plants of nitrogen. They will also breed fungus and bacteria.
- ☞ Mulch around plants with 4" compacted pine straw. Cardboard or newspaper underneath can also help.
- ☞ Mix peat moss with soil when planting and use a plant starter liquid. Leslie noted Lowe's has a more natural plant starter.
- ☞ Black Cow chicken manure mixed in to the top 6 inches of soil is effective in improving native soil.
- ☞ To control wisteria, cut it back then dip the end in Round-Up.
- ☞ To speed the decomposition of a stump, drill a hole in the middle and put muriatic acid in it.
- ☞ Corn gluten is an effective pre-emergent to suppress weeds.



Seeking Chairperson for Beautification Committee

After 9 years serving on the committee and 8 years as chairperson of the Beautification Committee, Pat Cloud will step down at the end of 2018. The Beautification Committee has coordinated the Yard of the Month Contest (YOTM), planting and maintenance of the neighborhood monuments and the Holiday Decoration Contest. Please consider volunteering for this position, and/or to serve on the Beautification Committee, so Dunwoody North residents can continue enjoying these services.

To volunteer contact Pat Cloud, Beautification@DunwoodyNorth.org or Thomas O'Brien, President@DunwoodyNorth.org