

Dunwoody North

CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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LET'S KEEP OUR COMMUNITY BEAUTIFUL!

We live in a wonderful neighborhood and we should all work together to keep our community looking beautiful. Spring and summer are times when homes are listed for sale but there are many ways to make our community look good year-round by:

- Maintaining lawns and beds
- Keeping street gutters free of debris
- Keeping driveways free of debris and newspapers
- Keeping roofs and gutters clean
- No trailers or boats in the driveway as they cannot be parked beyond the front plane of the house by Dunwoody codes
- No vehicles in the driveway or street that are not operable and properly tagged by Dunwoody codes
- Keeping the exterior of a house maintained by painting and repairing it



Dunwoody North Trash, Recycling, and Yard Debris Reminders

As you clean up your yard this summer and head into fall, here are some reminders around trash, recycling, and yard debris pick up.

For more details, open your smart phone camera and hover over the QR code:

www.dekalbcountyga.gov/sanitation/collection-procedures



Trash:

- All household garbage must be drained free of liquids and placed in individual trash bags that are securely tied and placed inside a county-issued garbage roll cart.
- Household garbage must be placed at the curb before 7 a.m. on a resident's scheduled collection day, and should not block mailboxes, driveways, sidewalks, drainage systems or roadways.
- Residents are not allowed to place refuse at the curb prior to 7 p.m. on the day before their scheduled collection day. Containers must be returned to residents' homes after collection. Additionally, containers should not remain at the curb for more than 24 hours after being serviced.
- If household garbage has not been collected by the end of the business day on the scheduled collection day, please call the Sanitation Division at (404) 294-2900 and collection will occur the following business day.

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Spotlight on DNCA VP of Zoning, Cindy Dennis

Hello fellow Dunwoody North Neighbors! I am happy to be a part of the Dunwoody North Civic Association board as your Vice President of Zoning.

I have been a resident of Dunwoody and Dunwoody North for the better part of 25 years. I love this community and intend to serve DNCA as a source of information, a sounding board, and a liaison for any zoning concerns.

On July 20th, 2021 there was a meeting conducted to give information for a successful transition of position. Our City Councilman John Heneghan was instrumental in orchestrating the set up. In attendance were former zoning and current code compliance personnel. We established that the best means of communicating any zoning concerns or reports should be channeled through either myself or directly to the complaint email for Zoning Dunwoody. If there is any concern for health or safety, please voice your concern through the zoning email below.

Throughout the year there are several City Government zoning meetings. I plan to attend as many as possible and share with you what I learn. If anyone needs something brought up during one of these events, please bring it to my attention and I will do what I can to make our voice heard. A list of meetings can be found at How to Get Involved | City of Dunwoody (dunwoodyga.gov).

To find out more about what is happening in our community from a development perspective visit <https://www.dunwoodyga.gov/government/departments/community-development>

Email for direct zoning complaints or questions: compliance@dunwoodyga.gov or call 678-382-6890

Email for Zoning DNCA: zoning@dunwoodynorth.org

Let's work together to keep Dunwoody North amazing!

Cindy Dennis, DNCA Vice President of Zoning



Daine Pearson - DNCA President
President@DunwoodyNorth.org

President's Message

Hello Dunwoody North Neighbors,

Wow, year two of living in a pandemic! I am so proud of our neighborhood and how we have supported each other during these difficult times. It feels like everyone is out in the neighborhood more and getting to know each other which I for one think is a silver lining through all of this.

Before I get to the main topic... We have posted a survey to find out what you want from your DNCA. Please, take a few minutes and give us your feedback. It will really help us define the direction of the organization for the next years. You will find the details below my letter and in the yellow insert — Thank You!

I want to share a story of hope and the power of community. In early 2021 as the vaccines were just being rolled out to adults ages 65+, my wife was trying to get a vaccine appointment through the DeKalb Health Department scheduling site. To put it simply, it was near impossible to get an appointment because vaccine was in short supply, appointment time slots were few, and access to them was sporadic at best. I decided there must be a solution, so I started searching. And happily, it didn't take long.

I set up a paid service that accurately and regularly monitors a web page (in this case, the DeKalb Health Department scheduling site) for changes every 10 minutes. The idea was that when the change I was looking for occurred, the monitoring system would send me an email. Based on that information, I could confirm time slots were in fact available and my wife was able to book an appointment immediately.

Realizing this was successful, I wanted to open it up to our Dunwoody North community and not only help others get a vaccine but make sure no DeKalb vaccines went to waste. The next day I had the first emails going out to our membership list of over 900 addresses. I am happy to report we had close to 100 people express interest in using this system and successfully connected over 35 people in our community to a vaccine appointment. One neighbor shared "Thanks for doing this, it's so hard to keep up with the info. This has made it so much easier. Keep up the great work!!"

The power of community! If you aren't already a member of the Dunwoody North Civic Association, please consider joining today so that you too can be a part of this wonderful community. Look what we can do when we all work together! To become a member, go to <https://dunwoodynorth.org/>.

Daine Pearson
DNCA President

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!



Are you interested in giving back to your community? What would you like to see DNCA do for you and your neighborhood? Help us by taking a quick survey at DunwoodyNorth.org/Survey or, hover over the QR code with your smart phone's camera.



Recycling:

- Recyclable materials can be commingled and loosely placed inside a county-issued recycling roll cart.
- All cardboard boxes should be flattened before placing curbside. Large quantities of unflattened boxes will incur a special collection fee.
- Recycling roll carts must be placed curbside prior to 7 a.m. on a resident's scheduled collection day, and should not block mailboxes, etc. Roll carts should not remain curbside for more than 24 hours after servicing.

Acceptable items:

- Cardboard Shrink wrap
- Plastics (1-5; 7)
- Metal cans
- Packing paper (no wax)
- Mixed paper (newspaper, magazine, printer & copy paper, loose-leaf paper, notebook, etc.)

Unacceptable items:

- Batteries and light bulbs
- Electronics
- Food waste
- Polystyrene (plastic #6)
- Juice boxes and milk cartons
- Bubble wrap
- Medical waste
- Electrical wires
- Plastic strapping
- Toner/ink cartridges
- Napkins/paper towels
- Construction debris or waste
- Glass of any kind (glass recycling dumpster is available on Barclay Drive adjacent to Brook Run)



- ☞ Reminder, you can recycle plastic grocery bags back at the grocery!
- ☞ For household hazardous waste recycling, check out these options from DeKalb County Sanitation Division:
 - DeKalb Sanitation offers electronics recycling throughout the year at the Seminole Road Landfill, located at 4203 Clevemont Road in Ellenwood.
 - CHaRM (Center for Hard to Recycle Materials) Atlanta is an organization that accepts unconventional recyclable items, including paint and chemicals, for a fee.



CONGRATS TO THE 2021 DNCA SCHOLARSHIP WINNER: WILL SOLOMON

Congratulations to Will Solomon - winner of this year's \$1,000 scholarship! He is a Dunwoody North resident heading to University of Georgia in the fall planning to study finance. Will is shown above with DNCA board members Gerri and Lyn who awarded Will the scholarship based on his essay below.

2020—It's Effect on Me

I could hear loud cheers as the ball dropped, ending the year 2019 and marking the start of a new decade. As I looked around my house, I could see many smiling faces, friends and neighbors kissing and cheering to welcome the new year, full of hope and joy. I was surrounded by numerous friends and family members; 2020, my senior year, was going to be the best year of my life...

Flash forward to exactly one year later, and all I can hear is the loud crunch of my brother eating Doritos on the couch, staring intently at the TV as the ball drops to signify 2021. There was no kissing, no crowd, but there were five smiling faces which belonged to me and my family. We were all very glad to put 2020 behind us and hoped for a better future. As I sat on that couch, my eyes glued to the TV, I began to think back about the positives of 2020 and how I was able to adjust my life and experience personal growth because of COVID-19.

I think before COVID-19 took the United States by storm, I had a tendency to take many aspects of my life for granted. My friends were always just a short drive away. I could see my grandparents whenever I wanted to. I could attend Dunwoody swim team practice and even count on going to a few Hawks and Braves games throughout the year. All of these "normal" things were stripped away from me and the rest of the world instantly as the country shut down. I spent the rest of my school year online and finally saw a select few of my friends as summer break began. As I hung out with my

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THE LUMAN DORAVILLE THAT WAS FRIDAY'S PLAZA: WHAT AND WHEN WILL IT BE?

By Sylvia Worsnop

When Friday's Plaza in Doraville opened back in 1985 it was anchored by TGI Fridays, Pier 1, Reed Drugs, and the six-screen Cineplex Odeon Movie Theater. The theater opened in December 1986 with showings of "The Golden Child", "Crimes of the Heart", "Heartbreak Ridge", "Lady and the Tramp", "Little Shop of Horrors", and "No Mercy."

When my husband and I moved into the neighborhood in 1998, the movie theater (then owned by Carmike) was nearing the end of its days and closed for good in 2000. We did, however, enjoy at least one night out at TGI Fridays before it changed hands to La Pantera Rosa, then Garibaldi, then Crab Boil, and, finally, Coaxum's. Coaxum's closed for good in 2017, after which the space was used to film an episode of "Lodge 49" before being demolished.

In a recent podcast, Doraville mayor Joseph Geierman, said that Friday's Plaza really began its decline when Peachtree Industrial Boulevard became more of a highway. The 14-acre strip mall—overlooking Peachtree Industrial Boulevard at Tilly Mill Road, just north of Interstate 285—is mostly vacant now. So when Kaufman Capital Partners purchased the property in 2016 with plans to redevelop, the potential for new life for the area began. Senior Vice President of Kaufman Capital Partners, Gary Sobel, cites several reasons for seeing potential in this land parcel, and they are all factors that also make Dunwoody North such a great neighborhood in which to live:

- 1) Proximity to some of the region's biggest job centers at Perimeter Center and Buckhead
- 2) Excellent access to the Doraville MARTA Station and Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta Airport for considerably easier travel
- 3) Conveniently local attractions at the retail and restaurant corridor on Buford Highway

In a podcast on Atlanta Real Estate Forum Radio in June, Gary Sobel laid out exactly what to expect from this construction project. It will be a mixed-use development consisting of 320 multifamily units in two buildings (one four-story and one five-story) with 3,500 sq.ft. of commercial space at the base of the buildings. An additional 36,000 sq. ft. of separate commercial space will be at the end of the main street, which will run between the two buildings.

The multifamily units (market-rate apartments) will be about 60-65% one-bedroom studios and apartments, about 30% two-bedroom, and a handful of three-bedroom. Residents of The Lumen Doraville will have access to a courtyard, green space, pool, and a rooftop deck. They will also have use of 7,500 sq. ft. of amenity space that will include the leasing office, and a gathering space where work pods can be reserved.

Demolition of the old buildings began in December 2020, and site work and horizontal development is currently underway. It is projected that the first turn of units will be available for rent in Summer 2022 and that the entire project will be substantially complete by the end of the same year.

So what's in it for Dunwoody North residents? Well, although leasing of the commercial space will not begin until construction is nearing completion, the building work does include grease traps that would be required for restaurant use. Here's hoping for more entertainment and dining options within walking distance!



friends, sitting outside my house with masks on, something clicked in my head to appreciate every interaction and opportunity I have because I never know what could happen in the future. My time spent during COVID-19 allowed me to learn how to solve problems. I think a great example of this newfound problem solving took place with a community service organization that I was Vice President of called Creating Connected Communities (CCC). At CCC, my role was to plan events for children around Atlanta who suffer from poverty, hunger, and other family issues. I have been involved with CCC since 8th grade, and we typically host large, carnival-like events for these kids. In addition, every December, we host a huge holiday party. Because we could not have large, in-person events in 2020, we needed a way to stay involved in our community. My team met often via Zoom, and we came up with "Summer Smile Bags." We collected supplies, and these bags were distributed safely around the Atlanta community. Each bag contained goods to help the kids including personal hygiene products, school supplies, and treats.

Overall, the year 2020 was terrible for the whole world. I truly believe, though, that I made it the best that I could for myself despite the situation that we were forced into.

BRING CHEER AND THANKS TO WRAP UP 2021!

Every year the DNCA sponsors meals to show our appreciation of the Dunwoody Police Department and Dunwoody Fire Station #18 on Barclay Road.

It's that time of year when we begin planning for this event. During the week of December 6th through 12th, we will deliver a special treat each day to the hardworking firefighters and staff who protect our community. We would like a different volunteer each day to deliver a festive food item of your choice. Those who have participated in the past will agree that there is nothing like expressing your appreciation in person. The delivery schedule is flexible and can be arranged at your convenience.

To volunteer or for more information contact Pat Cloud, pbcloud@bellsouth.net or 404-316-2057.



UPDATE FROM OUR 2020 SCHOLARSHIP WINNER: BEN ALTERMAN

As my last year of high school came to a close in early 2020, I saw the expansive journey that lay before me- the excitement of moving to a new country, the prospect of meeting new faces with different beliefs, and the independence that comes with being separated from everyone I know by the Atlantic ocean. After catching my flight to Heathrow and quarantining for two weeks, I moved into Wills Hall, my freshman dorms. My first choice in accommodation, Wills was opened by Winston Churchill in 1929, with him declaring there to be "No Finer Hostel Among The Universities of the British Empire".

Fears about social isolation due to the current pandemic quickly subsided when I learned that I would be living with a group of 40 students, all of whom were in my "bubble", meaning if one of us tested positive for coronavirus, all of us would have to isolate. My first week, affectionately known as "freshers week", was filled with meeting new friends and making new connections, as well as learning to survive on my own. Right around the start of my classes, I received an email telling me to self-isolate, as someone in my



bubble tested positive. Devastated that I would miss my first two weeks of classes, I noticed something a little off.



Read the rest of Ben's update at:
[DunwoodyNorth.org/Ben](https://www.facebook.com/DunwoodyNorth.org/Ben)
Or scan the QR code with your smart phone camera.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

This has been a hard year from many perspectives, but crime in our neighborhood appears to be down. Everyone is home most of the time these days. To my knowledge, there have been no major home burglaries, although porch pirates and mailbox thefts are a continuing problem. Again, reasonable precautions should always be taken. Don't leave mail in the box overnight and arrange to have packages left at your back door.

As always, 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 at 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.



Dunwoody Police
Silent Partners

A reminder: the Dunwoody Police Force has a program called Silent Partners, which is an initiative to fight crime with new technology, such as LPR's, home security cameras, and merchant's video surveillance. This video footage can be shared and streamed on a voluntary basis to help fight crime. They have created a secure mapping system called the silent partners portal. Visit the following link for more information: <https://www.dunwoodyga.gov/police/programs-classes/silent-partners-program>. If you have a security system, register it with the police so they know whom to call if there is a crime in your vicinity.

Unfortunately, the number of scams, hacks and frauds has greatly increased. It is a nightmare for the individual being hacked and potentially devastating to those who don't recognize the scam and respond to it. Do not ever give out bank account numbers, social security numbers, or passwords, no matter who claims they are calling. No bank, the IRS or the Police Department will ever call you and ask for that kind of information, and nobody legitimate will ask you to buy iTunes cards, or similar items, and instruct you to contact them with the pin number. If you do that the money you spent to purchase that card will be permanently lost with NO HOPE OF RECOVERY. Also beware of slightly different email addresses as the return addresses. Before you respond to such a request, telephone, or text the person you think you're helping directly. Do not email, as that has already been compromised. Hackers have already gotten into your email settings and re-directed your response to them. Change your passwords frequently and beware of strange requests. Be suspicious when you receive a request from someone that is out of character, because it's probably not from them.

Another issue has come up and that is Noise Abatement. Some of you have complained of increased airplane noise associated with planes landing and taking off from nearby Peachtree DeKalb Airport (PDK). I am providing you with the contact information to make excessive noise complaints directly to PDK. The recipient of these complaints is currently Mr. Korey Barnes. He can be reached by recording a message on the noise hotline at (770) 936-5442. Mr. Barnes can also be reached by email at kbarnes@dekalbcountyga.gov. The main number for PDK is (770) 936-5440. Be aware that PDK does not determine flight patterns- that is controlled by the FAA. To complain directly to the FAA: there is a noise complaint line: voicemail (202) 267-8507 or via email: www.faa.gov/noise.

You can also complain directly to the airport via their website: pdkairport.org. Go to the noise program page-select noise and make your complaint directly through that app. You can also use that as a mobile app which you get directly from that website (NOT THE APP STORE). Please be sure to note the date and exact time of day when you experienced the VERY LOUD plane noise. If you don't find it offensive or disruptive, don't complain. According to Mr. Barnes, no change has been made in airplane approaches to PDK in many years.

Judy Hofer
DNCA Neighborhood Watch Chair
NeighborhoodWatch@DunwoodyNorth.org
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Yard of the Month

The August winner on the East side of the Dunwoody North Community lives on Briers North Drive. Debra and Joe were the first buyers in Briers North. Joe was the Treasurer for the DNCA for many years. You may see Debra walking their Golden Retriever. They also have a cat they saved after being hit by a car on Tilly Milly Road. We are so lucky to have them in our community!



As part of the DNCA Beautification committee, a winning yard is chosen each month for each side of Dunwoody North. The Yard of the Month contest runs from April to October. Please email Gerri Penn if you want to be a judge: Beautification@Dunwoodynorth.org. We would love to have you!

Halloween at Briers North:

CANCELED for 2021

Briers North residents have unanimously decided to NOT celebrate Halloween in 2021 due to Covid and the lack of vaccines for children.

Unfortunately, outside visitors will not be allowed into the neighborhood to trick-or-treat. Because of this, residents will not be decorating their houses and everyone will have to wait until 2022 to (hopefully) resume this fun tradition.



7TH ANNUAL DNCA 2021 HOLIDAY LIGHTS DECORATION CONTEST

It's the most wonderful time of the year!

It's not too early to be planning your Holiday Lights! This year, the contest will be judged the weekend of December 10, with DNCA member voting the week of December 13, and winners being announced the week of December 20. All entries are judged on originality and creativity, and special lighting, musical effects, and inflatables are encouraged. Winners will receive bragging rights and an award sign in their yard. Winners will also be featured on the Dunwoody North Civic Association's website and Facebook page.

This year, we are mixing it up and will have the following categories:

- ☞ Clark W. Griswold Winner – the display you can see from outer space
- ☞ Traditional Winner – the display that captures the classic holiday spirit
- ☞ Family Fun Winner – the display that brings out the child in all of us
- ☞ Best Use of Inflatables Winner – the display that captures the fun and creativity of inflatables in your decoration

This is a wonderful way for our Dunwoody North community to showcase their holiday lights and for our neighbors to spend a night or two driving around with their families and friends to see the twinkling, magical lights. If you are interested in volunteering with the 2021 Holiday Lights Contest, please reach out to Rebecca Parker at rebeccamparker@gmail.com or Julie Kegley at juliecoleman@yahoo.com.

The picture to the right is our 2020 overall winner! We would love for you to join in on the fun this year! Can't wait to see what everyone does.



FOR ALL OF THE STORY, GO TO:
WWW.DUNWOODYNORTH.ORG/DECORATIONS
OR
SCAN THE QR CODE WITH YOUR SMART PHONE

