

Dunwoody North

CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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HOLIDAY DECORATIONS, TROLLEY TOUR & MAILBOX DECORATING!

First Annual Holiday Lights Trolley Tour!



The DNCA is thrilled to announce our inaugural **Holiday Lights Trolley Tour** on **Saturday, December 10, 2022, from 6pm to 11pm.**

Take a ride in a comfortable trolley with your family, neighbors and friends, to view the holiday lights in our neighborhood.

Tours will depart from the Dunwoody North Driving Club parking lot. Hot chocolate, cookies and more will be available in the Clubhouse where you can mix and mingle.

Reduced price 'Early Bird' tickets, pricing for general tickets and more information is available with the form included in the

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2022 Holiday Decorations Contest



It's the most wonderful time of the year so get ready to decorate your home for the 8th Annual Dunwoody North Civic Association Holiday Lights Decorations Contest.

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Dunwoody North Mailbox Extravaganza!

The DNCA is also excited to announce another brand new tradition, **The 1st Annual Holiday Mailbox Decorating Event.**



Our creative decorating staff will come to your address and give your mailbox a Holiday Makeover. All you need to do is

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**WHY YOU SHOULD JOIN
DUNWOODY NORTH CIVIC
ASSOCIATION ?
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Congrats to our Dunwoody North High School Graduates!

2022 was the first year the DNCA sponsored two high school graduate banners around the Dunwoody North neighborhood.

We are proud of all you have accomplished!





GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR

Spotlight on DNCA Vice President, Zandro Zaragoza

Zandro recently joined the DNCA board filling the open vice president position. Let's get to know him!

How long have you lived in Dunwoody? I moved to Atlanta in 1999 and became a Dunwoody North homeowner in 2005. This was my first house purchase just before the real estate market crashed. Now my husband (Michael Douglas, no not the actor) are going through several phases of renovations updating our 1966 'ranch' home.

Tell us about yourself. I currently work with Kimberly-Clark as a project manager having done most of my work in software projects and software companies. I am a proud graduate of KSU receiving an MBA and MS in Information Systems in 2021. I received my BS in Information Technology from UOP.

What do you like to do in your spare time? In the little spare time I have at the moment, you'll find me singing in a few volunteer choruses, attempting to improve my garden of flowers and fruits/vegetables, or watching my favorite TV or movies.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Our neighborhood has been relatively peaceful during this past year, but just a reminder as we approach another election cycle: removing or vandalizing political signs can constitute theft, criminal trespass and destruction of private property. You can disagree with your neighbors' political opinions, but you have no right to touch their signs.

I haven't received many calls about theft or vandalism which is always a good sign, but as always, if you see a crime or experience one call 911 first, and then please call me at 404-402-9354 so I can issue an alert, if appropriate. If you don't call me I won't know about it. I have gotten two calls from other neighborhoods regarding how to start and effectively run a Neighborhood Watch, so our work has been recognized. Also, another reminder: if you have surveillance cameras, let the Dunwoody Police know.

We are approaching a new directory year in 2023. I have already requested that all existing block captains update their spreadsheets and have heard back from several requesting replacement spreadsheets or current directories to distribute to new residents. This applies to renters as well. Apparently, there's been a lot of turnover in the neighborhood in the last two years, so we need to update our records. Failure to do so will result in obsolete data being included in the new Directory for the next three years. These Directories are a great benefit to neighborhood residents.

Most people don't realize it, but Neighborhood Watch is our main source of contact information. We do not share this information with anyone; it's strictly for rapid communication with our residents. You can register and update your own contact information directly at our website dunwoodynorth.org. That includes telephone numbers, as many of you have eliminated your landlines.

Please consider joining the Dunwoody North Civic Association to help support all the activities done for the neighborhood, including the Neighborhood Watch. If you are interested in participating in the Neighborhood Watch as a block captain, which primarily involves updating of neighbor contact information, please contact me either by telephone (404-402-9354) or at the website: Neighborhood Watch. Becoming a block captain is a good way to meet your neighbors, but doesn't necessarily require a lot of door to door canvassing, as I provide spreadsheets containing all our current information. We are particularly interested in emails, as that is our principal means of communication.



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

The NEW 2023 DNCA Neighborhood Directory is coming! Update your information online at: www.DunwoodyNorth.org or use the registration form included with the insert.



President's Message

Daine Pearson - DNCA President
President@DunwoodyNorth.org

Hello Dunwoody North Neighbors,

What makes a community? Or perhaps better said, what makes a community desirable?

Over the years, I have traveled a lot. Eastern Europe, Western Europe, North Africa, the list goes on. Since taking a new job last year, I have again been traveling, sometimes to nearby in Atlanta, Tennessee or North Carolina and sometimes farther afield, to places such as Seattle, Los Angeles, and even Santiago Chile.

As I look at these different settings and work with the people who live there, somewhere in the back of my mind I wonder, why is it the way it is, what is it about this place that makes it a good or bad place to live. The bad is sometimes terribly obvious and even painful - disheveled buildings, chaotic streets, abandoned cars, blatant poverty or worse... But even in those places that are impoverished or war-torn, I know it wasn't always like that. So how did it get that way?

Happily, Dunwoody North is not one of those places, in fact, it is really a fabulous place to live but still, if you walk around the neighborhood, which I do pretty much every day, you will regularly see things that make you wonder, why is it like this? My personal preference is not for a finely manicured, perfect neighborhood. I find communities like that too sterile, almost like no one is actually living there but that does not make it OK to, leave garbage cans out for days on end, not pick-up newspapers from the driveway, allow the curbs and gutters to become completely clogged with leaves and branches, leave your yard to grow wildly. Sadly, an inordinate number of the homes with these easy to remedy issues are rental homes but not all are rentals. And really, it should not matter.

As a volunteer community association, the Dunwoody North Civic Association is limited in what we can do to alleviate or eliminate such problems. The DNCA board actually had a fairly in-depth conversation with Dunwoody Councilman John Heneghan to discuss just this. In the early years, Dunwoody North had covenants but they are long since expired. I wouldn't want enforcement of door color and the like but I personally would like to see some basic community regulations. However, enacting new covenants is virtually impossible. What we can do and what we regularly do is point the city and county towards problem properties.

To that end, I want to thank Cindy Dennis for her time as Zoning Vice President. Our Zoning VP, keeps a pulse on city and county activities as they relate to Dunwoody North and is the point person to help resolve issues in and around Dunwoody North. If you are interested in taking on this role, please let us know. I also want to thank Gerri Penn, most recently for getting a crew together to seriously clean out and trim the Dunwoody North monument area at Binghamton and Tilly Mill. It is a small thing, or at least a relatively small area but how a neighborhood looks makes a huge difference. In addition, pressure was again applied and the area behind the Scott Candler Water Plant on Laurelwood Road is once again cleaned out. We would like to see that area significantly improved but that is a story for another day.

I would like to say to you, our neighbors, take a moment and look at your home from the road. Are the street gutters clean? Does the property look cared for? If not, why not take a bit of time to straighten things out. The sense of pride and accomplishment can be quite fulfilling and even therapeutic. And look around you. Do your neighbor's homes and yards look cared for? If not, try and have a conversation. If that is not successful, please feel free to contact your DNCA.

If you are not sure how a situation might fit into the laws, this links to an explanation of common violations: www.DunwoodyNorth.org/code

I hope the next time someone passes by your property, it puts a smile on their face!

**CONGRATULATIONS
TO THE 2022 DNCA
SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS:

WIN SCOTT AND
NOLAN O'BRIEN**



Pictured left to right: Nolan O'Brien (2nd place), Lyn Coltman, Win Scott (1st place), and Gerri Penn

DNCA congratulates the winning essay authors for our 4th Annual Scholarship program for graduating seniors in the Dunwoody North Communities. Lyn Coltman and Gerri Penn co-chair this program.

Special thanks to Dunwoody North volunteers who recently cleaned up the monument area at Binghamton and Tilly Mill. Thank you for keeping our Dunwoody North neighborhood beautiful!



BEFORE



AFTER

*Left to right:
Sterling Bowman,
Mark Shapiro,
Walker Terry,
Memmon &
Susan
Funderburk
Not pictured: Eric
Kuniansky &
Roger Penn*



Yard of the Month

We have some beautiful yards that have won Yard of the Month in 2022. Congratulations to all the winners! I want to thank our judges and photographer for their help this year. We have four judges, and I would like to add more judges. Please contact Beautification@DunwoodyNorth.org if you would like to be a judge or get involved in another way.



Congrats to our July 2022 winner at 4579 Madison Place!

Wrap Up 2022 with Cheer & Thanks!

The 2022 holiday season is quickly approaching, and it is time to plan our annual appreciation event for Dunwoody Fire Station 18. The event known as Bring Cheer and Thanks will occur during the week of December 5th through December 11th. **We are asking for volunteers to deliver treats of their choice to the dedicated first responders of Truck 18 who serve our Dunwoody community so well.** Most of us have



recipes that we enjoy serving to our family and friends during the holidays (cookies, candies, cakes, salty snacks, etc.) however home-made snacks are not required. The goal is to have one neighbor, or a group of neighbors, deliver something each day during the week of Bring Cheer and Thanks. Our volunteers in the past have found it very rewarding to personally deliver their treat. Bring the kids and there's a good chance they'll get a close-up look at a fire truck.

To volunteer contact Pat Cloud, pbcloud@bellsouth.net

TROLLEY TOUR!



insert. Of course, tickets can be easily purchased online as well. Just go to the DNCA website: www.DunwoodyNorth.org/Trolley, or scan the QR code, it will take you directly to the event page.

The Holiday Trolley carries up to 25 people and each tour will be about 35 minutes.

HOLIDAY DECORATION CONTEST

The categories are:

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

The DNCA Beautification Committee will nominate 4 houses from each category for members to vote on. Decorations should be ready by December 9th. Voting will be from December 10 to 17. The winner will be announced the week of December 18? Please note that winners from last year will not be eligible to be nominated this year.

If you are interested in getting involved with the DNCA Beautification Committee, please contact us via email at: Beautification@DunwoodyNorth.org

select a bow color and give us your details.

The cost is \$19 and covers all materials.

There is a cut-off order form in the newsletter insert but to make it even easier, scan this QR code and go straight to the online order form where you can order and pay.



FOR DETAILS. GO TO: WWW.DUNWOODYNORTH.ORG/DECORATIONS

