

# Dunwoody North

CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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## WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD!



The DNCA's newest initiative is in full swing.

If you are new to Dunwoody North, as in the last few months, we just might have a gift for you. Or, if you just need more information about the community in which you have settled, we are your "go to" team.

**The WELCOME committee is chaired by Geri Penn and Cindy Dennis.**

So be on the lookout for folks moving in and get in touch. We are here to make sure everyone feels welcome and knows what Dunwoody Civic Association and Dunwoody North is all about.

Get in touch with the Welcome Committee:  
[Welcome@DunwoodyNorth.org](mailto:Welcome@DunwoodyNorth.org)

## MAILBOX DECORATING

### BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

#### The second annual Mailbox Decorating Extravaganza for the Holiday Season!

Last year we had around 80 neighbors participate. It was a wonderful event.

Fun Holiday facts:

1. The word "wreath" comes from the old English word "wriþen", which means "to twist".
2. The red and green colors used for Christmas wreaths, trees, and other décor originated with the Winter Solstice use of holly and berries.
3. The Löschner family of Germany has the largest nutcracker collection, amassing over 4,000 of the wooden toys.
4. Chris Columbus was going to direct National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation, but Chevy Chase was difficult to work with so he dropped out and did a different project instead. It was Home Alone — the highest grossing Christmas film of all time.
5. Real Christmas trees are better for the environment than artificial ones. This is for a number of reasons, from the toxic materials fake trees are made of to the fact that Christmas tree farms serve as a habitat for local wildlife.
6. The tradition with mistletoe suggests that not kissing a person while standing under one is bad luck. After each kiss, a berry is removed from the mistletoe, and the kisses conclude when all the berries are gone.



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## BECOME A DNCA BOARD MEMBER

The DNCA has been the voice of our part of Dunwoody alongside those we have representing us in City Council. We also find ways to bring joy and fun to the neighborhood. All this can only start with your help.

We continue to grow the DNCA Board and find ways to build a diverse and active group representing all of Dunwoody North. Our directors are those who volunteer to fill one of the Board positions each bringing their enthusiasm to their position and energy to accomplish all that we do for the neighborhood. It is you who primarily drive the ideas we put into action in our community.

Do you have a special skillset or interest in volunteering as a board member? Please consider running for office. We vote on new Board members each year in February.

For more information, please contact any of our board members, or contact Zandro at [Zandro.Zaragoza@DunwoodyNorth.org](mailto:Zandro.Zaragoza@DunwoodyNorth.org).



## SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

The Dunwoody North Civic Association would like to congratulate Quinn Allison - winner of the DNCA 2023 \$1,000 scholarship!



Quinn is shown above with his mother Cheryl and DNCA board members Lyn (Left) and Gerri (Right). Lyn and Gerri manage the scholarship and awarded it this year based on Quinn's essay, 'Why should anyone help their community?'. The essay can be read on the DNCA website at: [DunwoodyNorth.org/WhyHelp](http://DunwoodyNorth.org/WhyHelp)

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer. It's been relatively peaceful, although a car was stolen and several broken into. This brings up the age-old controversy; don't lock your car to prevent damage, or lock it and perhaps get broken windows. The

general advice, always lock it and never leave anything valuable inside, especially nothing visible. It's possible some insurance companies will refuse to pay if the vehicle is left unlocked. Of course, never leave the keys in the car, not even for a minute. The same applies at gas stations.

The world has changed. It's become necessary to take extra precautions. I don't recommend leaving garage doors open, but if you do, please lock the door into your house. One neighbor had someone walk into their house with take-out bags, and then pretend they made a mistake when they encountered the home owner.

We are again doing a New Directory as we do every three years. It's a handy guide which you can easily reference when needed. One of its most useful features is a detailed map of our subdivisions, Dunwoody North, Briers North, Brafferton and the Madisons. It has listings alphabetically by last name, and by address. If you do not wish to be included, indicate that to your block captain. We do need our resident's contact information (independent of the Directory) so we can contact them if a neighborhood emergency or alert is necessary. This is a security measure and your information is not shared. The purpose of the Neighborhood Watch is to encourage our neighbors to watch out for each other. If you don't know your neighbor, or what their phone number is, how can you contact them if you see something suspicious or just wonky at their house? Please call 911 first if you see anything suspicious, then call me at 404-402-9354.

We have three ways to contact you. Our preferred way is email as it allows longer messages, pictures, and is low cost. We can also contact residents via a 70 sec robocall. These are quite costly and only done if something serious has happened and I'm notified about the issue immediately. In the past, we caught a criminal because everyone was alerted before they left the subdivision. We also employ text messages which is why we ask for your cell phone number, but text messages are generally very short.

We have a network of Block Captains (1 per every <12 houses) to obtain and update this information. If your contact information changes (new email address, canceling a landline, etc.) please contact your block captain or me directly at 404-402-9354. You can also register online at [DunwoodyNorth.org](http://DunwoodyNorth.org).

Please become a member of the Dunwoody North Civic Association (DNCA). Dues are only \$20/year and we fund many neighborhood projects, like beautification, Neighborhood Watch, the brick markers at the subdivision entrances (purchased and maintained by the DNCA), a college scholarship, and special events, like the annual Police and Fireman's luncheons. The DNCA has also been instrumental in preventing half our subdivision from being separated from the schools on North Peachtree, and from not being included in the City of Dunwoody. When anything threatens our neighborhood, DNCA shows up, so help us stay strong by becoming a member and get involved.



**A NEW DNCA Neighborhood Directory is coming! Update your information online at: [DunwoodyNorth.org](http://DunwoodyNorth.org) or use the registration form included with the insert.**

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

Good Day Dunwoody Neighbors! We were asked to contribute something to the DNCA Newsletter. As realtors, the subject was easy:

The Majority of Dunwoody North homes were built in the 1960's. With age comes a need for maintenance. There's no Medicare coverage on the way for well-checks, scanning machines to examine what's going on or pharmaceuticals to help or cure a diagnosis. In other words, our aging homes need us, a favorite contractor and or DIY family members to keep them healthy, so they can continue to provide contentment and comfort moving forward. We hope our To Do list is helpful and provides insight for years to come as you continue to live in our wonderful community.

## THINGS TO DO TO HELP PROTECT YOUR LARGEST FINANCIAL ASSET, YOUR HOME

Vicky and Robert Pasmanick

### Outdoors

#### Roof - What to do:



Check the roof for any damage that may have occurred during any major storm. (Call in a professional to do this.) Look for signs of damage, such as missing, worn or damaged shingles, while inspecting the roof from the ground.

#### Gutters - What to do:

At a minimum, clean gutters once a year by removing large debris that may be blocking the flow of water towards the downspouts. Flush gutters with a hose starting at the end furthest from the downspouts, making sure downspout drains are positioned away from the foundation.

#### Siding - What to do:

Walk around the perimeter of the home each season to look for signs of deterioration, such as rotting, peeling paint and damaged siding, sills or soffits. Repair damaged areas right away, as these materials help protect your home from weather, water intrusion and pests. Not addressing these issues could lead to rot and damage to structural framing.



#### Trim trees - What to do:

Do a quick walkthrough to remove branches touching or overhanging near or on a roof. Trim trees that are encroaching or overhanging near gutters or roof lines to help prevent damage. With a hand saw or trimmers, work through the branches to remove anything that doesn't look completely stable. Also, remove any vegetation touching the sides of a home and remove dead or dying vegetation within 30 feet of a home. Consider hiring a professional to remove overhanging limbs.

#### Foundation - What to do:



Check for cracks that are larger than one-eighth of an inch in width (the thickness of 2 pennies) or actively getting bigger. To help identify movement, monitor a crack over time by placing a piece of masking tape over it and seeing if it shifts. Consult a foundation expert when serious damage is identified.

For the full story and more tips including Electrical, Plumbing and HVAC, go to: [DunwoodyNorth.org/Protect-My-Home](http://DunwoodyNorth.org/Protect-My-Home)

The holidays are approaching and the DNCA is preparing its yearly appreciation event for our Dunwoody Fire Station #18. Known as Bring Cheer and Thanks, the week-long event acknowledges the commitment and dedicated service of "Truck 18" first responders. This year's event is scheduled for December 4th – 10th. We are asking for neighbors to participate by delivering a treat of their choice on one of the days during the week. You may have a favorite recipe that you prepare during the holiday season and would like to share with the fire station. If you're not interested in cooking it is perfectly fine to pick up something at the grocery store, bakery, restaurant, etc. The most important thing is that you can deliver it yourself to the fire station. Volunteers in the past have found it very rewarding to personally express their appreciation in this way. It's fun to bring the family and let the kids get a glimpse of the fire trucks up close. A schedule will be developed so that the fire station receives a treat on each of the days during the week. Every effort is made to schedule your delivery on a day that is convenient for you. The time of day that you deliver is your choice as well. If you would like to participate in the 2023 Bring Cheer and Thanks event or if you would like further clarification, please contact Pat Cloud, [pbcloud@bellsouth.net](mailto:pbcloud@bellsouth.net).

## FIRE STATION #18



## Yard of The Month

We have many beautiful yards that won 2023 Yard of the Month. Our judges have done a great job. Thanks to Stacey Garner, Jackie Willey, Gloria Gillespie and Chuck White for judging. Stacey also puts out the signs and takes pictures. If you would like to be a judge, please email me.

## Binghamton Monument

Coby Pearson and Susan Funderburk did an amazing job cleaning up the Binghamton monument and planting. We need volunteers to pull weeds again as they came back, and it's not good for the plants. To volunteer, please do get in touch.

## Beautifying Our Neighborhood



- ✧ Please maintain your yard by mowing it and trimming back bushes.
- ✧ If you have bushes growing into the curb and street, weeds or ivy growing in the curb, and or yard debris, please clean it up. It's not just unattractive, it does not allow water to flow properly to the storm drains and debris clogs the storm drains.
- ✧ Please do not leave newspapers in your driveway. It is unattractive and a sign to thieves that no one is home.
- ✧ Please do not park trailers or boats beyond the front plane of your house. It is a code violation.
- ✧ Please eliminate open storage, which is a code violation.
- ✧ Large work trucks are not allowed to be parked in residential communities.



## Beautification

Interested in helping with Beautification? Contact Gerri Penn: [Beautification@DunwoodyNorth.org](mailto:Beautification@DunwoodyNorth.org)

## POLICE HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Our Annual Police luncheon is currently scheduled for Wednesday Dec 6, 2023 at 11:00 am. This event is very well attended by the police and their staff and is very popular. We are the only group that does this. We have Shane's cater the food, and in addition, we

provide  
homemade  
desserts



and salad. Consequently, we need volunteers to create those desserts, and a couple of people to host the luncheon. One can do either or both. Please contact me (Judy Hofer) at 404-402-9354 if you can help.

## HOLIDAY DECORATION CONTEST

It is that time of year once again!!

The 9th annual Dunwoody North Civic Association Holiday Decorations Contest!

This year's categories are:

- ✧ Clark W Griswold - The display you can see from outer space
- ✧ Traditional - The home that captures the classic holiday spirit
- ✧ Family Fun - Decorations that bring out the child in all of us

The DNCA Decorations Committee will nominate 4 homes from each category for members to vote on. Decorations should be ready by December 13th. Voting will be from December 16 to 20. The winner will be announced shortly thereafter.

Note that winners from last year will not be eligible to be nominated this year.

Get involved, contact us: [Decorations@DunwoodyNorth.org](mailto:Decorations@DunwoodyNorth.org)

Are you ready to SHOW off?  
Let's light up Dunwoody North.

## MAILBOX EXTRAVAGANZA

7. The total number of gifts listed in "The 12 Days of Christmas" is 364 — nearly one gift for every day in the year.

Just \$25 gets your mailbox decorated with beautiful greenery and a fabulous bow of your choice.

This year we have sparkly blue, solid white, solid green, solid red, red and green plaid. For details, see the insert.