



Deer Tracks

Deerbrook Home Owners Association Newsletter February 2007

Luminary Lights Review!! The annual Luminary lighting went much better than the previous year as we got a big break from Mother Nature this year. It was cool, but not too cold and not windy at all – in all a beautiful evening to light the luminaries. Tom Heinze has posted a beautiful photo on the DHOA website courtesy of Mr. Jeff Hubbs – a Deerbrook resident and DHOA member since 2002. Thanks Jeff!! It is truly an exceptional photo using time-lapse photography to show off the lights to great advantage. Check it out on our website at www.deerbrookhoa.org.

Dues: Those of you who missed the chance to pay your dues when picking up your luminary supplies can still drop off your **2007 DHOA dues** at our treasurer BJ Tracy's mailbox at 4083 Deerbrook. If you also have an updated info sheet to turn in for the upcoming new Members Directory leave both info sheet and check in president Roger Hagen's mailbox at 4015 Windhurst Ct. The dues are now **\$60 per household**, as passed in the May general meeting. **Please make the check payable to DHOA.**

Deerbrook Financial Report: The amount in the general treasury as of December 29th was \$5748.88. This does not include money donated specifically for the front entrance sign. Our expenses for landscaping and electrical fees were \$160.84 for December.

Front Entrance Sign Update: The amount raised to date just for the sign is \$1340.00— thanks so much to everyone who donated! We now have enough money in the Treasury that we can proceed with replacing the sign up front as voted on in the May 2006 General Meeting. Progress on the replacement progress will be posted online at our website as well as in the next issue of Deer Tracks. The Board is in the process of confirming earlier quotes for the sign replacement and looking at the quality of the sign makers' work.

Once this is completed we will start on actual replacement of the sign, with the goal to be done with it by the end of March.

General Meeting Monday May 7th at 7 p.m: We wanted to remind members early that we are coming up on our annual May General Meeting soon. We will post signs at the front and back entrances on May 1st. The Board would like to encourage all members to attend and participate in the meeting. We will be discussing phases 2 and 3 of our front entrance makeover project as well as electing new officers and Board members. We encourage any and all members to run for office or be involved in other ways. It is an all-volunteer organization and requires committed people to keep it running.

Bridge Replacement on Killian Hill: Back in November many of you may have noticed signs by the Yellow River bridge on Killian Hill Rd announcing a Neighborhood Meeting sponsored by Gwinnett County at the Good Shepherd Church to preview the replacement of the old bridge. Roger Hagen, our DHOA president, attended the presentation by the contractors for the new bridge along with Georgia DOT. The presentation was quite informative and showed large graphic drawings of the plans for the new bridge as well as of the road itself and how it will be impacted. Representatives of the contractors along with DOT engineers were there to answer any questions local residents had about the project.

The new bridge will be wide enough to accommodate the potential future addition of a lane on each side of Killian Hill, but as of now there are no plans for Gwinnett County to add more lanes to Killian Hill as promised by the DOT representatives at the presentation. It will also include a 6-foot wide foot path across the bridge, a raised concrete center divide starting at Stonemont Drive and ending at Pathfinder Way on the other side. There will be both right and left turn lanes for the Runnymede subdivision, Stonemont Drive, Pathfinder Way; and a right turn lane for homes on the east side of the bridge between Stonemont and Pathfinder.

The present plan to replace the bridge will take about 10 months. During construction, the bridge will have only one lane open both ways (for the entire 10 month period), which is similar to how the process went during the replacement of the Yellow River bridge on Five Forks Trickum. The projected start time of the construction phase is sometime between 2007-2010. Contact our County Commissioner Mr. Mike Beaudreau if you want to give him your opinions on the subject as well. His office line is 770 822-7003 or you can email him at Mike.Beaudreau@gwinnettcountry.com.

The Gwinnett county Project # is BRMLB-9317(5) and the P.I. # is 150320. If you have questions regarding the project, contact GDOT at www.dot.state.ga.us under Public Outreach. All comments are public record.

Spring Yard Sale Saturday April 21st from 9 to 2: Volunteers members will place signs up at both entrances to the subdivision on Killian Hill and Five Forks Trickum Rd. the preceding Monday, April 16th. Neighbors need only open their garage doors and put out their wares in the morning. Beware of "professional" buyers who show up early, sometimes while people are setting up. Do not feel intimidated into selling before you are ready to do so. Telling the early birds to come back later when you are ready is a perfectly acceptable thing to do. It is YOUR sale after all. Make it enjoyable and on your terms.

The Board also wanted to share the number to the American Kidney Fund, 770-441-2220 this year for those who wish to donate any leftover items not sold. Call the night of the yard sale and see if you can schedule Monday pickup. Put all items in boxes or bags marked "AKF" and place on the porch or driveway. If you want a receipt for items donated simply request one when calling and it will be left for you. The Salvation Army also picks up some items for donation but has more limitations on what they'll accept. You can reach the local Salvation Army in Lawrenceville at 770-963-8802 for details on their donation pickup program.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors: We have received no requests of our Neighbors Helping Neighbors in the past couple of months. We hope that this means no one was in need of much assistance. We want to remind folks that NHN is made up of volunteers willing to take on such tasks as bringing meals to neighbors who are sick, help with yards, emergency babysitting, and so forth. If you know of a neighbor who needs any assistance or if you need any yourself, please do not hesitate to call the NHN volunteer coordinator Teri Parkman at 770-931-7108, or her back-up, Debbie Jacobson, at 770-925-0871.

Welcome to Deerbrook!! The DHOA would like to extend a warm welcome to new residents Conall and Kimberly Furey at 4092 Deerbrook, Donna Crews and Steven Giles at 4012 Deerbrook, and Lionel and Carmen Torres at 4103 Deerbrook, all of whom moved into the Deerbrook neighborhood in 2006. We hope your experiences in Deerbrook are good ones with many years of fond memories.

Construction Update: You have all probably seen the construction site on the corner of Five Forks Trickum and Hasty Court. In case you were wondering, there is a dentist's office being constructed there.

Also, there are 4 new homes being built at the end of Hasty Ct. The Board is still trying to find out more about this development. The new houses will be sitting right in a flood plain of the Yellow River, which is only 100 yards from the road. The lots are now being filled in with fill dirt to raise them to street level.

This information was in our last issue of Deer Tracks but we thought we would reprint it for some of our newer neighbors.

Deerbrook Garden Club: The Yard of the Month winner for this month goes to Vicki and Dennis Stotts at 4123 Deerbrook, our first 2 time winners since starting the Yard of the Month award. Congratulations to them for keeping such a consistently good looking yard!! YOTM for January went to Jude and Bert Gotrich at 1439 Fawnbrook Ct. Congrats!! YOTM for December went to Nancy and Duane Thompson at 4173 Deerbrook. Congrats to all of the monthly winners once again. It is pride of ownership in the Deerbrook subdivision which keeps the neighborhood looking so good. Some winter gardening tips include cutting back on rose bushes and Crape Myrtle trees.

Crime Watch: There have not been any incidents reported to the Board for the past couple of months. Despite the entries we often put in our Crime Watch section of Deer Tracks, Deerbrook is still one of the safest neighborhoods in the area. This is due largely to residents who look out for each other. Know your neighbors, and let them know when if you will be away for any period of time so they can watch your house as well.

If you see anything that looks suspicious but does not merit an emergency 911 call, use the **Gwinnett Police's non-emergency number, 770-513-5100** and let them check it out. Then call any Board member and we'll pool our information.

Newsletter Announcements: If you have an announcement, event, or feedback that you want in Deer Tracks, contact DHOA Secretary Elton Thomas at elton.thomas@concert.com, or call 770-407-1553 and leave a message.

Deerbrook Home Owners Association Officer List May 2006 through May 2007

President:

Roger Hagen
4015 Windhurst Ct.
770 806-9055
rh4g3n@yahoo.com

Vice President:

Patricia Yeargin
1404 Rustlewood Court
770 923-2823
yeargin2000@yahoo.com

Treasurer:

BJ Tracy
4083 Deerbrook Way
770-717-1917
bjtracy@bellsouth.net

Secretary:

Elton Thomas
4143 Deerbrook Way
770 407-1553
elton.thomas@concert.com

Board Members:

John Dyer
1384 Rustlewood Ct
770 923-7814
diggor@comcast.net

Debbie Jacobson
1219 Wheatley Dr.
770-925-0871
jacobsonjames@msn.com

Debbie Slappey
4093 Deerbrook Way
770 925-7802
slapdeb@aol.com

Christy Johnson
4132 Deerbrook Way
770 982-3021
waterbrook@comcast.net

Timber Glen Representative:

Tanya Zamora
1172 Timber Glen Court
770 638-1739
ztime1@yahoo.com

For copies of DHOA bylaws, covenants, photos, links to Gwinnett County government—which include Gwinnett property maintenance law, parking code, animal control, and how to report violations.

If you have suggestions for the website or in general, email us at mail@deerbrookhoa.org. Or, if you prefer a real-time conversation, you can call any officer or board member.

Visit our website at:

<http://www.deerbrookhoa.org>