



# Deer Tracks

Deerbrook Homeowners Association Newsletter  
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**Newsletter Announcements**  
If you have anything you'd like to see in the newsletter, please email Claire Gloeckner at [Claire<at>dr gloeckner.com](mailto:Claire@at>dr gloeckner.com) — or you can call her at 404 834-6845.

## 2013 Dues and Upcoming DHOA Events

The 2013 general membership drive was held in December. Forty (40) residents provided \$60 each to assist, for example, in keeping the Killian Hill entrance beautiful (\$1950/year). If you did not have the opportunity to provide your dues, you should have received a membership notice in the mail. You can **mail your \$60 dues** to our Treasurer, Geoff Abraham at 4063 Deerbrook Way or any officer on the board. When you provide your dues, you will get a new 2013 Resident Phone Directory.

DHOA was able to provide **each of the three shifts of our firehouse with \$100** thanks to our generous residents. Also, \$170 was donated by 34 residents to help offset the cost of the luminaries.

## Who Let the Dogs Out?

If you've noticed people carrying baseball bats, bricks, or sticks while walking in the neighborhood, it may be because there's been a recent problem with **dogs running loose** in the neighborhood, sometimes in 2s and 3s. Whether they're getting out of a hole in the fence or zipping through an open door, they're a hazard to themselves, yards, children, and other dogs.

Dogs can act very differently outside, or when running with other dogs. A dog that's on a leash is often very nervous around one (or a pack) that is free, and **loose dogs are often aggressive** with leashed ones. This situation has led to attacks and dogfights right here in Deerbrook.

Everyone knows **it's unlawful** to have dogs loose. Unrestrained dogs can be picked up by Animal Control, and owners can be fined. If a dog harms or damages another person or their property, the

Board members, volunteers, and many residents participated in setting up the luminaries on December 9. If you haven't seen the **beautiful luminaries display**, be sure to check our website.

The board has decided the upcoming DHOA activities. On **Saturday, April 20 we will have a community-wide yard sale** from 9 am to 2 pm. Our spring general meeting will be Monday, May 13 at 7 pm. At this meeting, we will hold our **officer and board elections!** Many of the officers and board members have been on the board for years, and we're eager for new participants. If you have great ideas, please come and share them!

**owner is liable.** What you may not know is that if anyone needs to defend themselves, their child, or their property against a loose dog, animal cruelty laws are temporarily suspended.

**Being loose isn't safe** for the dogs for a lot of other reasons, of course; for instance, some dogs don't know to stay out of the path of an oncoming car. Others won't find their way home on a cold night.

If you see a loose dog that you can safely approach, please check the collar and call the owner. (See past issues of Deertracks online for more ideas on how to do this.) If someone is hurt, call 911 first. You can also call **Animal Control or Gwinnett non-emergency dispatch at 770-513-5000**, even nights and weekends. Help keep your neighborhood safe – and loose dogs off the street!

-Patricia Yeargin

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## **Don't Forget to Care for your Yard this Winter**

Although this is typically the time of year when plants stop growing, that doesn't mean we can forget about our yards. Leaves and pine needles have and are falling, and we need to keep cleaning them up. Remember to have the pine needles occasionally cleaned off your roof and out of your gutters to make them last longer.

Please don't blow your pine needles and yard debris into the road. Not only

does it look bad to your neighbors and our visitors, but as we learned last year when the county blocked the roads while they made repairs, it also clogs up our storm drains.

If you haven't already, this is the time to prune your rosebushes and deadhead large flowers. It is really too late to plant seeds or bulbs outside, but a great time to start growing seeds indoors to plant in the spring.

## **View Wildlife as it Lives and Grows**

**Ustream.tv** is the YouTube of live video feeds. Many feeds show the birth of wildlife in the wild. For example, the **Southwest Florida Eagle Cam** now shows two fledgling bald eagles in the nest of their parents, Ozzie and Harriet. You can watch the eaglets grow, eat, sleep in their natural environment. The camera is switched over to a nighttime view so you can watch 24 hours a day.

QuickTime™ and a decompressor are needed to see this picture.

## **Around the Neighborhood... Recent Losses**

It is with regret that we let you know of the recent passing of Dennis Mathis, resident since 1985, and Virgil Lowe, resident since 1982. Our condolences to their families.

## **Quotes**

Government's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases: If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it.

-Ronald Reagan

The only thing harder than getting a new idea into the mind is getting an old one out.

-Liddell Hart

Education is the best provision for old age.

-Aristotle

## ***About Our Organization...***

The objectives of this Association shall be to protect, preserve, and enhance the property values; to promote integrity and good faith and friendly relations amongst its members; to

prevent or adjust controversies; and to represent the community in the consideration and decisions of public policy in municipal, county, and state affairs.