



# Deer Tracks

Deerbrook Homeowners Association Newsletter  
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## Spring Yard Sale Saturday April 25, 9am-2pm

Our annual spring yard sale date is being announced to give everyone plenty of time to prepare! All that stuff you got at Christmas and can't use, or the stuff you replaced that's still taking up space – now is the time to get things together, make a list and plan to make a little money getting rid of it all.

The HOA will put up the signs at the entries. If you're off the beaten path you might put up an arrow at the corner.

Tips for easy sales: The little colored dots from the office supply store are great for simplifying prices. Post a pricing key and save yourself a lot of writing.

The Dollar Tree on the corner sells Mylar type balloons for a buck apiece. They last a long time, so get one a few days ahead for your mailbox. "Garage sale" signs by the driveway can also help draw in people once they're in the neighborhood. And have fun!

## General Meeting Scheduled for Monday May 11, 7pm

On **Monday, May 11**, we'll have our first 2015 meeting to discuss the budget and plans for the upcoming year. Annual officer elections will be held, too. Come and meet your neighbors! And if you're interested in being on the HOA Board, email us. Either way, bring a chair and meet us on Rustlewood Court for chips and soft drinks. Beer drinkers can bring some to share...coolers & ice will be provided.

## Directory still missing information: Can you help?

Although we had a lot of response to the drive to get updated directory information, we haven't heard from about half of you yet. It may not have been clear from the requests so far, but the last directory's information isn't going to fit in the new one in the same way. Given the changes in proportion of cell phones and land lines, we're looking to have space for both – which requires cell phone numbers be tied to a specific person rather than just a household. This is more detail than we've had in the past, so even if nothing has changed, we need your form. If we don't have your info, or if your info is incomplete, you'll be getting a note or a call soon!

## Record amount donated Learning in Lilburn for firefighters

The HOA collected \$405 for the fire house on Five Forks, which allowed \$135 per shift for gift cards to Kroger. These were dropped off by our treasurer, James Jacobson, the week before Christmas. Thanks to everyone who donated when they dropped off their dues and got luminaries. We hope the firefighters had some good dinners!

Make your own rainbarrel and take it home, or learn about tree planting and maintenance at Lilburn workshops February 21. Learn about other this and other events at:

[www.cityoflilburn.com/calendar.aspx](http://www.cityoflilburn.com/calendar.aspx)

Remember we aren't really located in Lilburn; so if you're looking for county code or official meetings of our governing bodies, visit [www.gwinnettcounty.com](http://www.gwinnettcounty.com)

## Deerbrook Homeowners Association

### Officers 2014-2015

#### **President**

Claire Gloeckner  
4033 Deerbrook Way

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Kate Hagen  
4015 Windhurst Ct.

#### **Treasurer**

James Jacobson  
1219 Wheatley Drive

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1404 Rustlewood Court

#### **Board Members**

Roger Hagen  
4015 Windhurst Ct.

Jeff Hubbs  
4043 Deerbrook Way

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1380 Doe Hollow Trace

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1428 Fawnbrook Ct.

## Dues: thanks to those who paid for 2015 membership!

We took in dues from 34 households on December 7, and thanks to everyone who got those in!

Paying your dues means you can vote on matters at the general HOA meetings and gets you a copy of the directory when it's finished. It also allows you to run for DHOA office and serve as an officer or on the DHOA Board if you are elected.

Those who didn't yet pay dues can drop off their \$60 check at James Jacobson's house at 1219 Wheatley.

## Winter Weather on the Way

Let's hope we don't need it, but we have a small stockpile of sand for our roads in case of slippery slopes. We've learned the hard way that snow melts into ice on a lot of our hilly, shaded streets. We also noticed there is no substitute for shoveling snow off the roads (especially the hills) as soon as possible after it falls. We'll be looking for volunteers with shovels the next time that happens!

## Tips from the ASPCA About Pets and Cold Weather

Keep your cat inside when it's cold. Outdoors, felines can freeze, become lost, injured, or killed. Cats who stray are also exposed to infectious diseases, from other cats, dogs and wildlife.

During winter, outdoor cats sometimes sleep under the hoods of cars. When the motor is started, the cat can be injured or killed by the fan belt. If there are outdoor cats in your area, bang loudly on the car

## Quotes

Life isn't about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself. --George Bernard Shaw

You have enemies? Good. That means you've stood up for something, sometime in your life. --Winston Churchill

Always make the audience suffer as much as possible. --Alfred Hitchcock

## ***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

## Winter weather, cont'd

You should also have extra supplies at home in case of power outages or other emergencies. The Centers for Disease Control has a very helpful emergency preparedness list at: <http://emergency.cdc.gov/preparedness/kit/disasters/>

**On the road:** Be sure to have your emergency kits ready for winter driving, too. If you must drive in wicked weather or when it's predicted, here are some ideas for what to have in your car. Flashlights and batteries, bottled water, jumper cables, some high-calorie non-perishable food (peanut butter, raisins, nuts, etc.), flares, first-aid kit, blanket, ice scraper, and a bag of sand, to name a few. Keep your cell phone charged, have a charger in your car, and keep your gas tank at least half full at all times. Find out what you can do with shaving cream, sandpaper, and iodized salt at: <http://www.almanac.com/emergency-car-kit>. All this stuff would have been really helpful to a lot of people who got stranded on the streets last January.

hood before starting the engine to give the cat a chance to escape.

Puppies don't tolerate the cold as well as adult dogs, and may be hard to housebreak during the winter. If your puppy seems sensitive to the weather, you may opt to paper-train him inside. If your dog is sensitive to the cold due to age, illness or breed type, take him outdoors only to relieve himself.

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