

# DeerTracks

## Deerbrook Home Owners Association Newsletter

March 2004

### Interest Survey Attached

DHOA officers are trying to find out what is most important to you. Please take a moment to complete the survey and return to our secretary at your earliest convenience.

### General Membership Meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, May 3, at 1384 Rustlewood

*New officers and board to be elected*

We hope you will come, and bring your observations and ideas. Besides the new officers, we expect to vote on:  
the budget for the upcoming year,  
discussion of priority activities selected by the attached survey,  
bylaws changes, and  
whatever else you would like to bring up.

### **Please bring a chair if you'd like to sit!**

We're hoping for dry, non-tornadic weather this year—mark your calendar!

### Call for Nominations

If you are interested in serving in any capacity as an officer or Board Member in the upcoming year, please add your name to the bottom of the attached survey. If you would like to nominate someone, please call any officer (see back of newsletter). Officers needed: *President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Board Members*.

### DHOA Bylaws to be Updated

DHOA members, please look for a proxy ballot near the beginning of April, which will show current and proposed changes in the DHOA bylaws. We want to be sure you have adequate time to review the bylaws before the May meeting.

### Yard Sale this Spring *if enough homes sign up to participate*

Saturday, May 8 is under consideration for a neighborhood wide yard sale. If you are interested, please call the secretary at 770 923-2823 or email [DeerbrookHOA@netscape.net](mailto:DeerbrookHOA@netscape.net) as soon as possible. If we get more than six or eight households committed, we will purchase the newspaper ad, and place signs.

### Volunteer Award Given to Sherry Hoger *Presented March 1, at the DHOA Board Meeting*

Everyone knows Sherry, because she's always doing something for Deerbrook. The Board decided to take the unusual step of honoring her with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Association, and also donated money individually to give her a gift certificate to a local shop.

Sherry has worked tirelessly on covenants, planted flowers, set up a newsletter distribution team, helped assemble directories, researched litter laws, volunteered for committees, and phoned neighbors for all sorts of things. She is always an enthusiastic participant in DHOA activities. At the time of the award, she was attending the Board meeting to finalize parts of an information packet to be used to welcome new residents to Deerbrook. Now that she's employed full time, we will see less of her, but we suspect that she'll still be working on something. Thanks, Sherry!

### Free Help for Half Blackouts?

DHOA Board members compared notes and learned that it was surprisingly common: The lights suddenly go out, but only in parts of the house, and the circuit breakers are all mysteriously sitting in their "on" position. Our president saved the secretary a lot of trouble, time, and expense by pointing out that the first call should be to Walton EMC. Although the fault may lie closer to the house, and hence be the homeowner's responsibility, there is a good chance that it will be in Walton EMC's territory.

When it happened to us, Walton was out within a few hours, and it was fixed the next day. The best part: no big repair bill. As the wiring ages in our 20-year-old neighborhood, this is likely to happen more often.

### Garden Club Under Consideration

If you would like to see a neighborhood-wide garden club, please come to the General Meeting May 3, and we will look at possibilities together.

**Congratulations** to the Younts on their new addition, Anna Grace, born on Feb 14!

**New Pools Open at Mountain Park Park**  
Year-round indoor pool, and summer pools for children and exercisers. Check it out.

**Five Forks Park to open near Ronald Reagan Parkway**

Slated to have a dog park and skateboard area. Call 770 822-8840 for the Gwinnett County Parks and Recreation Department.

All reports herein were written by the Secretary, and have not been reviewed nor approved by the full DHOA Board.

Officers and Board Members can be contacted at the numbers below, or email [DeerbrookHOA@netscape.net](mailto:DeerbrookHOA@netscape.net)

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Submit items of interest for the newsletter to:  
[deerbrookhoa@netscape.net](mailto:deerbrookhoa@netscape.net)  
or call DHOA secretary.

### **Top Issues of Concern from Your Neighbors**

*Noted by volunteers last fall*

- \*Parking, especially on the street. Larger vehicles and those parked close to corners were particularly noticed as problematic
- \*Trash and trash cans visible from the street
- \*Shrubbery too close to corners obstructing sight lines for vehicles
- \*Items stored outside, visible from the front
- \*Dead trees and plants
- \*Siding repairs, cleaning, gutters, and paint touchups needed
- \*Holiday and other outside lights being left on display after the holiday is over

Many of these have since been corrected, but please look carefully to be sure your house and yard are in good repair, and are in compliance with covenants and county laws.

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Remember to complete and turn in your Household Survey so that your opinions can be considered in setting DHOA's priorities in the upcoming year. We need your input!