



## Deer Tracks

### Deerbrook Home Owners Association Newsletter March 2008

#### Mark your calendar for the DHOA General Meeting to be held on Monday, May 12 at 7 p.m.

This is the main homeowner's meeting of the year, and it will be held in the garage of the Dyers' home at the corner of Deerbrook and Rustlewood. Important issues to be discussed include election of new officers, budget and activities plan for the upcoming year, the long-awaited new directory, and more.

Light refreshments will be served, and drawings for door prizes will be held. And, as always, please bring a chair!

#### DHOA Spring Yard Sale set for Saturday April 19<sup>th</sup>, 9 am to 2 pm.

No need to reply if you plan to participate; this is easy! DHOA volunteers will put up signs at the entrances to the neighborhood. If you live down a dead-end street, you may want to put up a little sign or arrow pointing from Deerbrook Way the morning of the yard sale.

If you're not selling, bring the family and come around to see what's happening. It's always a fun way to meet your neighbors—and pick up great bargains!

## Parking tickets and traffic safety

*Test your knowledge: true or false?*

1. It is legal to park on the left side of a residential street during daylight hours.
2. You can get a ticket for parking in front of a person's mailbox.
3. It is legal to bike on the left side of the street (facing traffic.)
4. It is safer to walk in the same direction as traffic (on the right side of the street) if there are no sidewalks.
5. You can park 10 feet from a fire hydrant.
6. It is legal to park within 2 car lengths of an intersection in the state of Georgia.

*(Answers on the back)*

**Newsletter Announcements:** If you have an announcement, event, or feedback that you want in Deer Tracks, contact DHOA Secretary Patricia Yeargin at [yeargin2000 \(AT\) yahoo.com](mailto:yeargin2000(AT)yahoo.com), or you can call her at 770-923-2823.

**Crime watch:** We've had no criminal activity reported to the Board in the past few months. 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 and publish a summary in the newsletter. Or you can email us at [mailATdeerbrookhoa.org](mailto:mailATdeerbrookhoa.org).

#### **Help Wanted: Resident to Represent Timber Glen on the DHOA Board.**

Please consider joining us: You do not have to be elected! The only commitment is a monthly meeting, usually Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m., and they are always close by. Call Elton or Debbie Jacobson if you are interested. The next DHOA Board meeting is set up for Monday March 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the Bouzyks' home.

### Answers to Traffic Quiz:

**1. False.** You must park on the right side (with your car facing the same way as the moving traffic on that side) of any 2-way street regardless of time of day. You can be ticketed if you don't.

**2. False.** You probably will not get a ticket, but the person with the blocked mailbox may not get their mail. Rural mail carriers are not required to get out of their vehicles to deliver mail, though they often do it anyway.

**3. False.** Bikers must ride to the right, with traffic. People aged 16 and under must wear helmets. Above age 16, you may elect not to wear helmets—unless you think maybe there is something in your head worth protecting!

**4. False.** Pedestrians should walk to the left (unless they are on a sidewalk), so that they face oncoming traffic closest to them. This allows them to move off the roadway if the oncoming car does not yield. Although the law requires that drivers yield to walkers, this is small consolation when a pedestrian is hit. Important point: people walking are rarely as visible to drivers as they think.

**5. False.** You may only park 15 feet or further from fire hydrants.

**6. False** (depending on the length of the car, of course). You must park at least 30 feet from intersections. Keep in mind that in some situations, 30 feet may not be enough for safety—especially if traffic in the cross street moves quickly, like at our subdivision entrance.

Sources: Georgia Code Title 40; personal communication with desk staff on duty at GPD and postal carrier.

