



DeerTracks

Deerbrook Home Owners Association Newsletter
May 2005

May '05 General Meeting: We would like to thank those neighbors who came to the May 9th General Meeting and helped make it a great success. Thanks to the Dyers for once again hosting the event and thanks to the board and officers for organizing the meeting refreshments and door prizes, which were great fun to give away! A quorum was easily reached at this year's General Meeting, and as a result we accomplished many things which the outgoing board and officers have been working on. Special thanks goes to Sherry Hoger & Tom Heinze who continue to do a lot for the Board and the Association without being, Board members and acting simply as a concerned and caring neighbors. Their constant efforts are greatly appreciated.

Privacy Policy approved: Our privacy policy regarding the use of email in the Association's business, drafted and approved by the outgoing Board and President, was also approved at the May Meeting. This policy formalizes the practices that have been in use since 2002. It summarizes the official privacy policy in relationship to membership email addresses remaining private and only used for DHOA Board purposes; also, how official email and personal information is used. The policy was approved unanimously.

New Board Elected: Each May we elect DHOA board and Officers. This year members elected the following officers: Patricia Yeargin, President;

Elton Thomas, Vice-President; Brian Swinkola, Treasurer; Roger Hagen, Secretary; and the following Board members; John Dyer, Glenton Ashby, Debbie Jacobson, Teri Parkman, Gary Schubert and new resident BJ Tracy.

New Website & DHOA email address:

Tom Heinze presented the members with several options for a new web hosting service and email address for the free DHOA website which Tom has been keeping up voluntarily since 2002. After much lively discussion and debate members approved an upgrade for paid Web hosting with Cyberland for \$18/yr, with an additional \$15/yr to register the domain name www.deerbrookhoa.org separately with Aplus.net. At a quick Board meeting on May 19th Patricia Yeargin reported that Tom had completed the switch to the new webhosting service and email address at mail@deerbrookhoa.org. The Board has agreed to consider a format for selling advertising space on the website (DHOA and the Board were in agreement about not using pop-up ads) and report back to membership at the next General Meeting in October. If you want to make suggestions for the website, please email the Board at mail@deerbrookhoa.org

Corporate Sponsorship Available for Directory: If you would like to advertise your business in the upcoming Directory, please call Jeanie Mooney at 770-931-0120. Half page ad space is available at \$35 and whole page at \$60.

The new board plans to print & distribute the 2005 Directories this summer. Sherry Hoyer has volunteered to gather remaining member information sheets for the Directory. If you want to help, please contact Sherry at 770 595-1964. If you have not sent in your household information form, expect a call or knock on the door. If you're unsure whether you sent in a 2005 form, you can email your household information to mail@DeerbrookHOA.org or call directory volunteers at 770 923-2823.

Dues: If you have not paid your dues for 2005, it's not too late. Please drop your check for \$40.00 payable to DHOA to Brian Swinkola's mailbox, located at 4163 Deerbrook.

New street signs for deaf children: Teri Parkman has volunteered as an Audiologist to contact Gwinnett County and ask them about installing 2 road signs letting drivers know there are hearing impaired children at play in the neighborhood. Please remember as residents to drive slowly through the neighborhood and watch for kids.

Home Service Referrals needed.

If you have had any work done on your home (either exterior or interior) and are happy with the bonded company that did the work, please let us know. We would like to be able to recommend those companies to other neighbors who may be looking for a reputable company or handyman for work around their home.

Parking and Safety: The DHOA Board has continued to hear many complaints regarding parking. Please be courteous to your neighbors by not parking in front of their home for extended lengths of time or blocking mailboxes. Commercial or large vehicles cannot be parked on the street for more than one hour. It is a violation of our covenants and county ordinances. Members are encouraged by the Board to report violations of Gwinnett code to the County. Please read more at www.co.gwinnett.ga.us. Members at the meeting expressed concern over speeding in the neighborhood as well as parking hazards to drivers.

Timber Glen membership grows: Mrs. Kirchoffer expressed interest in serving as Timber Glen liaison to the Board and block captain to Timber Glen but wanted more specifics on what the duties of this position would entail. Some Timber Glen members were told that they have covenants of their own and are consulting with Sherry Hoyer on ways to determine this. Sherry was the driving force behind DHOA's recent Covenant renewal with Gwinnett County.

Hwy 78 Revitalization project: Sherry Hoyer has offered to try and organize a meeting with our County Commissioner to come to our neighborhood this summer to discuss the project with us and give us opportunity to voice our concerns. She would also like to elicit the County's assistance to enforce parking violations.

Early Board Meeting Held: Thursday May 19th at 7:30 pm the new Board held an early meeting to discuss landscaping services for the front entrance and other issues requiring decisions quickly. The next Board meeting will be held on Monday June 6th at 7:30 p.m. Members can contact Patricia Yeargin at 770-923-2823 if they wish to attend.

New Landscaping Service: At the early meeting held May 19th the board reviewed several bids for the contract to maintain and service the DHOA front entrance on Deerbrook Way and Killian Hill. The decision was made to work with Lilburn Landscaping. Their bid came in under the maximum that members budgeted for in the General Meeting.

Board Member & Officer positions defined: The Board approved by unanimous consent the job descriptions which President Patricia Yeargin took time to produce for each Officer position and Board Member positions. Patricia also put together Board Member and Officer 'handbooks' complete with contact list, map of the neighborhood, DHOA bylaws, covenants, Gwinnett County laws, DHOA policies and procedures and FAQ's and more. This was a culmination of the previous Board's efforts over the past year.

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<http://www.deerbrookhoa.org>

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.

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