



Deer Tracks

Deerbrook Home Owners Association Newsletter May 2007

From the May General Meeting: The new sign has been completed, paid for and installed at the front entrance!!! Thanks to all of the DHOA members who donated money for this cause so that the entire cost did not come out of the dues. Thanks to **BJ Tracy** and the rest of the Board for getting the donations together and the bids finalized and work ordered. At all the meetings and discussions, the most common request was to keep the new sign the same as the old one. Minus the cracks and rotting wood, it looks like the Board and sign-maker were successful in this endeavor. We hope everyone is happy with the results.

The sign is of cedar wood as was the old one, except that this one is a solid piece instead of 2 pieces glued together. If it is re-painted in about 6-8 years, it should look great for more than 20 years. We'll try to remember that in the early summer of 2014.

The volunteer installers discovered that the brick post closest to the road has settled and is leaning inward a bit. This is what caused the pressure on the old sign which put pressure on it and accelerated its coming apart. The new sign should not have this pressure. Thanks to **BJ Tracy** and **Roger Hagen** who actually installed the new sign—free of charge, so that installation costs did not come out of DHOA funds.

Other outcomes from the general meeting included revisiting the plan to cover the brick

columns of the sign with stone; the group agreed that stone, while attractive, is inconsistent with our subdivision's colonial style. While the brick may be cleaned if needed, it will be left in place.

The next phase of the front entrance will be new lighting, which is currently being looked at by volunteer **Sherry Hoger**. She will be putting together a proposal for new fixtures that will work with our current wiring and setup.

A budget was proposed, discussed, and approved; and new officers were voted in. It was pointed out that most of the officers have been on the Board for awhile. It would be great to have some new members, and there is still space on the Board for a couple more; if you're interested, please contact our President **Elton Thomas** or VP **Debbie Jacobson** to discuss requirements and procedures. See back page for newly elected officer names and contact information.

Outdoor Watering Restrictions have tightened to Level 2 and may get more stringent if when the drought deepens. Homes with odd numbered addresses can water or wash cars from 12 midnight to 10 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday; even-numbered addresses can water 12 midnight to 10 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday. The ban does not apply to food gardens. You can also water any day that you are planting, but must do it during allowed hours. You may water newly-landscaped areas any day between 12 midnight and 10 a.m. for the first 30 days only.

During level 2 restrictions, one may not wash driveways, walkways, or streets at any time, unless not washing them would cause a health or safety hazard.

Burning Ban: There is a full ban on outdoor burning through September 30. This may be extended if necessary.

Front Entrance Planting: The spring replanting at the front entrance was recently completed by an all-volunteer crew: Thanks to **Sherry Hoger, Roger Hagen, Marilyn and Bill Heard, Donna Crews and Stephen Giles** for selecting, purchasing, arranging, and planting the new color up front.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors: We have received no requests of our Neighbors Helping Neighbors in the past couple of months. We hope that this means no one was in need of assistance. NHN is made up of volunteers willing to take on such tasks as bringing meals to neighbors who are sick, helping with yards, emergency babysitting, transport to doctor's appointments, and so forth. We are happy to help! If you know of a neighbor who needs assistance, or if you need it yourself, please do not hesitate to call the NHN volunteer coordinator Teri Parkman at 770-931-7108, or her back-up, Debbie Jacobson, at 770-925-0871.

Welcome to Deerbrook!! The DHOA Board is pleased to welcome Donna Crews and Stephen Giles who recently moved into 4012 Deerbrook Way. We're very excited about their plans for revamping their yard, too.

Deerbrook Garden Club's Yard of the Month Picks: The Yard of the Month winner for May goes to the **Dennis** family at 4045 Windhurst Ct. The April award went to the **Morans** at 4263 Deerbrook, and March's went to the **Lashleys** at 1420 Doe Hollow. Congratulations on this recognition, and thanks for keeping your yards beautiful.

Crime Watch: There have been several incidents of dirt bikes (motorcycles) reported to the Board. We want to remind members that riding dirt bikes on the street is illegal and can result in the bike being impounded by police. Reports have been also been made to the Gwinnett County Police Department about noise disturbances, speeding, and vandalism as one resident's lawn was torn up by a dirt bike. Please be considerate of your neighbors, and ride dirt bikes in an appropriate off-road place.

Despite the entries we often put in our Crime Watch section of Deer Tracks, Deerbrook is still one of the safest neighborhoods in the area. This is due in part to residents who look out for each other. Know your neighbors, and tell them when you will be away so they can keep an eye on your house as well.

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. (This includes complaints about dirt bikes!) Then call any Board member and we'll pool our information and publish a summary in the newsletter. Or you can email us at mail@deerbrookhoa.org.

Newsletter Announcements: If you have an announcement, event, or feedback that you want in Deer Tracks, contact DHOA Secretary Patricia Yeargin at yeargin2000ATyahoo.com, or you can call her at 770-923-2823.

Deerbrook Directory for 2007-9 is in progress. We know that most of you have completed a Household Information Form in the past couple of years; however, if you have a new email address, work number, or if your child's preference for petsitting, babysitting, or yard work has changed, please complete and submit the new form to Roger Hagen at 4015 Windhurst.

This year, we had a new suggestion to include interests in the directory, in case there are people who'd like to get together for activities as a group. This new category is on the Household Information form that is attached. If you have questions or suggestions, please call the secretary, or note them on the form. Thanks!

Upcoming events: The next DHOA Board meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m., Monday June 11th at the home of Elton Thomas. Any member who wishes may attend.

Sad goodbyes: Jeanie Mooney, who has lived on Windhurst for the past 7 years, is moving out of Deerbrook to live closer in to town. Jeanie has served on the DHOA Board and has volunteered in numerous capacities, including Block Captain for newsletter and flyer distribution. She has contributed greatly to our endeavors. With her ready laugh and fun-loving personality, she has also livened things up quite a bit. We'll miss her a lot!

