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Deerbrook Homeowners Association Newsletter
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The May 11 General Meeting that Almost Didn't Happen

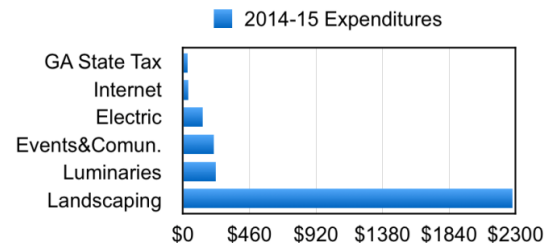
Our bylaws require us to have 20% of the membership present to conduct a general meeting. On May 11, this almost didn't happen due to the scarcity of members. We started 22 minutes late after two non-member households arrived and paid their dues on the spot. Thank you very much to them!

The majority of our spending in the past year - over 52 households' worth of membership dues - was spent to keep our front entrance beautiful (see graph). As this is such an important part of our spending and our community image, a Landscaping Committee was started at this meeting with the goal of investigating ways to keep our frontage competitive with new neighborhoods nearby. Contact Claire Gloeckner if you're interested in this effort.

Spending and budget were discussed, as were abandoned properties. The same officers were re-elected, in the same positions. There were no new volunteers for the Board. Due to losses last year, we still need 3 to 4 new Board members.

The Dark Days of Deerbrook

It was in 2002 that the bills barely got paid. No Board meetings were held. Naydeen London, the Secretary-Treasurer, paid pills with dues from the year before. Board members were frustrated because HOA business was not being carried on as demanded by the Bylaws, and called an emergency General Meeting on November 7. Quite a few concerned people attended the meeting and volunteers were appointed to the positions that had been inactive. Since dues hadn't been collected that year, the new Officers and a number of other attendees paid their dues on the spot. It wasn't clear why it had happened, but the HOA nearly disappeared. A number of residents, new and old, came together and saw what could happen when apathy reached the critical point. Of those people who signed up that night, most have remained active in the HOA in some capacity ever since. But they are reaching 10 and 12 years with their service. Some of them have done a great deal to support the neighborhood and our property values; others have moved out. Your HOA needs you now.



A Passionate Plea by a Homeowner Who Cares

--By Claire Gloeckner

The officers and board members of this homeowners association **really care** about keeping this neighborhood looking good. They're not in it for the money (there's no pay) or benefits (like what?), or power (this is voluntary!) - they just honestly care about keeping their community, **and yours** - a place that others want to live. This keeps all of our home values up and our community looking nice. Don't you want that, too?

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Deerbrook Homeowners Association

New Officers for 2014-2015

President

Claire Gloeckner
4033 Deerbrook Way

Vice President

Kate Hagen
4015 Windhurst Ct.

Treasurer

James Jacobson
1219 Wheatley Drive

Secretary

Patricia Yeargin
1404 Rustlewood Court

Board Members

Jeff Hubbs
4043 Deerbrook Way

Your name here?

Please email us at [mail AT deerbrookhoa.org](mailto:mail@deerbrookhoa.org) to volunteer to be on the DHOA Board.

Or just show up -- the next Board meeting is July 9 at the Hagen house, 4015 Windhurst, at 7:30 p.m.

Passionate Plea (continued)

And it isn't just officers and board members. I'd like to take some time to recognize some longstanding contributors to our beautiful neighborhood. **John Dyer** has been keeping the lightbulbs at the frontage working, uncompensated, and unbidden, for years. **Tom Heinze** has run our website since its inception. **Roger Hagen** has been a board member, an officer, and an overall contributor since he moved here - if you've picked up luminaries, donated to the firehouse, or paid your dues in person, you've likely visited Roger's garage. He and **James Jacobson and a number of others** have also regularly donated hours of their time to setting up luminaries that our neighbors forget to pick up, so we can have a dazzling display that I tell my friends to come see each year. Don't you love that display?

So why don't you help?

The almost-canceling of our May meeting was a sad day, caused because so few residents came out for the meeting. We all live here. Please participate in your homeowners association. We need your ideas. We need your energy. **We need you.**

We Aren't Called Deerbrook for Nothing

This deer was photographed around 10 am on June 1 on Fawnbrook.

Wildlife has been seen in unusual places recently in Gwinnett County. So far, black bears have only made it to Norcross, as far as we know. But keep your eyes open!



Burning ban still on till Sept 30

Just a reminder that outdoor fires aren't allowed during the summer. After October they're allowed during the day only; anything that causes thick dark smoke can't be burned. Outdoor fires are banned on Sundays, windy days, during air pollution episodes, fog, rain, the passage of cold fronts, and other hazard days. Anyone with a medical condition who is bothered by smoke can ask the Fire Marshal for help with banning fires nearby. For more, call the Burn Info Line at 678.518.4979.

Lilburn Farmer's Market Started June 5 Across Killian Hill

It's that time again! The Lilburn Farmer's Market is again at Good Shepherd Presbyterian just on the other side of Killian Hill. They are open from 4 to 8 pm on Fridays, with lots of goodies to eat, entertainment to experience, and neighbors to see. See our August 2014 issue on the website to read a summary of what was there last year. I look forward to seeing you there this year.

Quotes...

And so with the sunshine and the great bursts of leaves growing on the trees, just as things grow in fast movies, I had that familiar conviction that life was beginning over again with the summer.

-F. Scott Fitzgerald, The Great Gatsby

"Do not be angry with the rain; it simply does not know how to fall upwards."

-Vladimir Nabokov

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