



Deer Tracks

Deerbrook Homeowners Association Newsletter
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Newsletter Announcements
If you have anything you'd like to see in the newsletter, please email mail@deerbrookhoa.org, or contact the President or Vice President.

General Meeting: Still need an HOA Secretary

The general membership meeting held May 14 gave us some new officers but no Secretary for the HOA. The attendees approved an annual budget, and made plans for more work on the front entrance garden patch. We also learned more about the dogs that have been bothering people and leaving droppings in yards (see article below on Loose Dogs). There was a lively discussion about Animal Control dealing with a sick raccoon and much more.

The rest of the newly elected officers quickly set up a contingency plan for record-keeping without a Secretary, but we desperately need someone who is willing to take minutes and keep email communication going.

Please contact us if you might be willing to serve as Secretary or even help with minutes or the newsletter, at mail@deerbrookhoa.org, or call any officer for more information.

Loose dogs? Call 770-513-5700, even nights & W/Es

Did you know you can now call for an Animal Control Officer any day of the week and even after hours? The Gwinnett Police Non-Emergency number, also called the Police Dispatch Office or Communications Office, is the first and main contact, at **770.513.5700**.

The officer who responds to your call will conduct a brief investigation (here's where your pics come in handy) and take your statement.

In the past few months, there have been several reports of loose dogs coming into people's yards. Residents have posted comments on our DHOA FaceBook page, and others have visited dog owners to tell them of the problems their dogs are causing when they get out.

If you have problems with dogs or this procedure, please send a comment to the DHOA FaceBook page to let others know what happened, and what has been done.

But if you happen to call the Gwinnett Animal Control rather than the non-emergency dispatch number, you're now given the option to be transferred to the right number to reach an officer.

If you see loose dogs and don't feel comfortable checking for tags (or if they have none, which has been the situation recently), **get a couple of pictures and print them out to share with the officer** in case the dogs are gone by the time the officer arrives.

Dog Bites Get Priority

If you have a dog bite that needs emergency attention, call 911. But if you don't need emergency care, just call the non-emergency number above to get an officer out and report the problem.

Curbside Recycling Changes July 1: No more glass

As of July 1, Waste Pro will no longer collect glass. Glass now joins a number of other items that are recyclable but that aren't accepted at curbside, like plastic bags, Styrofoam, and rechargeable batteries. If these items are placed in recycle bins, they are put in landfills rather than being recycled.

You can find out where to take these and many other materials for recycling at <http://www.gwinnettcbo.org/recycling/>. (See also article on recycling on page 2.)

Deerbrook Homeowners Association

Officers 2018-2019

President

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Secretary: Vacant

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4023 Deerbrook Way

Curbside Recycling: Waste Pro Misses Recycling Days

by Patricia Yeargin

Waste Pro has missed picking up our recycling on Tuesday a few times in the past 6 months.

Calling the County to report the most recent event (June 4), I learned that Waste Pro can be fined for missing pickup days. This happens in 2 cases: if the same household reports a problem 3 times within 6 months, or if Waste Pro misses a whole neighborhood -- and 5 or more people must report the missed pickups.

What you can do: If Waste Pro misses us on Tuesday, report it ASAP (Wednesday morning is best): 770.822.7141, M-F 8-5.

Now for some good news: The monthly fee for solid waste collection is being reduced, and the senior discount for those 62 and older will increase on July 1st. Note that you'll have to apply for this discount in writing after July 1st. For more info, visit www.gcsolidwaste.com or call the Gwinnett Solid Waste Center at 770.822.7141 M-F from 8 am to 5 pm.

Haulers will also supply covered, wheeled 65-gallon recycle carts, but Waste Pro says you have to request one after August 1st. Call them at 770.451.9395.

New Home at 4342 Deerbrook

The house that burned in 2016 is being rebuilt, finally. The new foundation is poured and it's being framed in. The builder also checked in with the Architectural Committee, and verified the house will be in the same style as the other Colonial homes in Deerbrook.

Quotes

The supreme accomplishment is to blur the line between work and play. --Arnold J. Toynbee

You can only protect your liberties in this world by protecting the other man's freedom. You can only be free if I am free. --Clarence Darrow

Kindness is always fashionable. --Amelia Barr

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

Yards, storms, & falling trees

June came in with a bang--thunder, high winds, hail, falling trees & branches. The National Weather Service classified our June 1st afternoon storm as a "downburst" with winds measured up to 85-90 mph, which is equivalent to an F1 tornado.

People are still cleaning up, but this is a good time to look at the trees on your property to see if any are unhealthy (dead branches or leaves), or threatening (broken branches, leaning over your house or your neighbor's). If you're not sure, get an expert -- a "tree surgeon" who will figure out if you can safely save your trees. Visit <https://georgiaarborist.org/> to find someone who can come out and assess your trees and tell you how to manage or mitigate any threat.

It's best to look at trees now, while you're out there cleaning up the yard after our long winter and soggy spring. Don't wait till something falls and you have to deal with the insurance company!

Outdoor Fires Banned May 1 – September 30

Gwinnett County bans outdoor burning for the whole summer. Call 678.518.4979 for more or visit www.gwinnettfiremarshal.com to learn about restrictions and safe burning practices. After September 30, burning is only banned on high fire-risk days. But even on low fire-risk days, the County has specific safety requirements that must be met.

If you suspect someone is violating the ban or is burning unsafely, you can report it at 770.513.5700, or after hours call 911.

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