

DeerTracks

Deerbrook Home Owners Association Newsletter July 2005

Neighbors Helping Neighbors: One of the highlights that came out of last month's DHOA Board meeting includes the new Neighbors Helping Neighbors program. Teri Parkman has volunteered to be the primary coordinator of the new group. The group is made up of volunteers and will take on tasks such as bringing meals or doing yard work for neighbors who may have a need for such help due to illness or whatever. Other thoughts included emergency babysitting (for real emergencies), transportation to doctor's appointment, and such. While not part of the Board's function, and not under its oversight, the Board all agreed on the concept and most put their names down for specific tasks they would be willing to help with.

Teri can be contacted at 770-931-7108 if you would like to volunteer your services or if you know someone with a specific need for help. If you can't reach Teri's, call Debbie Jacobson at 770-925-0871. The Board thought this idea was a great way to extend the community in a positive and helpful way here in Deerbrook.

Submit Questions for the Information Meeting August 22: Sherry Hoyer has organized an informational meeting which has been set for August 22nd to be held at her house on 1391 Doe Hollow Trace. Gwinnett County 3rd District Commissioner Mike Beaudreau will start the event off as the featured speaker at 7:00pm. Connie Lawson, Real Estate Agent with REMAX,

will also speak at 7:30pm. Mr. Beaudreau will address specific questions which Sherry plans to give them before the event. There will be some time for discussion, but we want to have all the important questions given to the Commissioner prior to his visit so that he can have the answers ready. Ms. Lawson will be addressing how to improve the values of homes in Deerbrook, and how to bring up neighborhood "comps" so that, when we do move, we can get better prices for our houses. Questions that have been submitted so far:

- When will the widening of Killian Hill take place, and will it will affect traffic flow and our entrance?
- How the new school on Killian Hill will affect traffic;
- How the County can help us on street parking, given that wrecks are the fault of drivers who must leave their lanes;
- When the Spikes restaurant site will be cleaned up;
- Who is responsible for overgrown weeds at the ditch at Hasty Acres and Five Forks Trickum; and
- Information on the US 78 improvement project and where to find public notification of future changes

Please email Sherry at sch1391@aol.com or call her at 770-595-1964 by August 1 with any other questions you'd like answered by our Commissioner.

Outdoor Fire Ban: A reminder to all residents there is a Gwinnett County

outdoor fire ban in effect from May 1st through September 30th. Violations are punishable by \$500 fines and/or jail time. To report a violation of the fire ban call 770-513-5100; if no answer, call 770-513-5911.

Posting of Signs: Just a reminder that posting signs on County right-of-way property (at front entry) is against County Ordinance. Weekend signs for open houses are allowed, but must be removed by Sunday night. Official DHOA activity signs are allowed on a short-term basis.

New Website & DHOA email address: Tom Heinze has completed the new DHOA website located at <http://www.DeerbrookHOA.org>. The website features a new improved FAQ section with questions from how to handle service interruptions to how to get a license renewed. The Web site also has a listing of our Covenants, DHOA bylaws and links to Gwinnett County services. Please send us feedback on the website itself or offer suggestions for further improvements by emailing us at mail@deerbrookhoa.org. If you want to make suggestions for the website, please email the Board at mail@deerbrookhoa.org

Front Entry Improvements: You may have noticed that the front entrance of Deerbrook Way & Killian Hill recently received a much needed touch up. Thanks to members Sherry Hoger for organizing on short notice, and Christina Alston, Bill Hoger, Teri Parkman and for literally lending their hands and backs to replant the front entrance with some new plants and flowers while removing the unwanted weeds in the flower beds and putting down fresh pine straw. The planting cost less than \$120.00 thanks to all the volunteer work.

October Meeting and Oktoberfest: The Board agreed to hold both an Oktoberfest celebration and general membership meeting the same day on Saturday the 15th of October in the Rustlewood cul de sac. There will be the party from 3:30pm until

about 5pm when the meeting will be held. The Board will organize and provide supervision of children in designated play area while parents can attend a quick 20-minute meeting and vote on any pending issues. We will announce more details as they come together. Anyone wishing to volunteer to help organize the Oktoberfest party should contact Patricia Yeargin, DHOA President at 770-923-2823. Patricia can refer volunteers to the board member or coordinator of specific tasks or items.

Directories to be published: The new DHOA member Directories are almost ready for printing and binding. Patricia Yeargin plans to coordinate a gathering with several other members to complete the process of putting the pages into the comb binding with distribution to follow soon after. Households (including associate members) who have paid dues for 2005 get one free copy of the directory.

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. For \$40.00 DHOA members are getting a great deal. Most associations cost over \$100 a year on average and typically are mandatory. Houses located in HOA neighborhoods also typically sell for a bit more than similar houses not in HOA neighborhoods. Our voluntary dues take care of the lighting and landscaping of the front entrance, printing of our DHOA directory, newsletters, special event flyers, and also towards record keeping with the County as well as events like our Oktoberfest and the General Meetings in May and October.

Home Service Referrals Needed.

If you have had 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 someone to 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. Other complaints include lawns going too long prior to being mowed, and dog droppings.

Pets and Other Peoples' Yards: Both the County and DHOA Covenants require that pets be fenced, on leash, or otherwise restrained when outside. Both also mandate that pet droppings be cleaned up by the pet owner. We've noticed that most people take baggies with them for this purpose, which is most appreciated, but have had several complaints about brown spots left on lawns due to unsupervised pets--mainly dogs. If you've let your pet into someone else's yard, please pick up after it. If you see dogs or other pets running loose, you can call Gwinnett Animal Control at 770 339-3200.

Crime Watch: Recently two of our neighbor's cars were vandalized. One had a piece of cinder block thrown through the windshield while it was parked on the street at night, and the other got a good sized dent. This occurred on Deerbrook Way near Wheatley. While crime is relatively low in our neighborhood, it's always good to keep an eye out when you hear or see anything unusual. Call 911 if you see any suspicious activities, and let one of the Board members know so that we can keep everyone up to date. Just for the record, we've not heard recently of any more "garage snatchings" where lawn equipment was stolen. More people are keeping their garages locked up, though.

TimberGlen Member Update: TimberGlen Associate Members are reminded that they will get directories. Any Timber Glen resident who turned in a Household Information form a few months ago will also be listed in the DHOA Directory. If you'd like to join, dues are \$40.00 a year for TimberGlen residents to join as Associate Members of DHOA. All are welcome to join. We will continue to keep you posted about activities throughout the year via newsletters and signs. We hope that everyone feels free to participate in our yard sales, meetings, and parties. Incidentally, DHOA has invited Timber Glen to send a representative to the monthly DHOA Board meetings, although we've had no takers so far. The invite is still open—call any Board member for upcoming meeting date and location.

If Timber Glen residents would like to participate in the luminaria this December, please contact John Dyer or Patricia Yeargin so that we can purchase additional materials. Thanks!

Welcome! A big welcome to our new neighbors Rodrigo and Margarita Marin. Also new to the neighborhood are Bernice and Cathy Douglas, Anna Bohorquez, and Marina Martinez. The Deerbrook Home Owners Association welcomes you.

Congratulations! Congratulations to Debbie Slappey who now has her first grandchild and also to John & Janette Dyer on their second grandchild.

Congratulations also to Gary & Elizabeth Schubert on the engagement of their son William to Kelley Tankersley of Augusta GA. The couple will be married in June of 2006 in Augusta where Ms. Tankersley is originally from and where they met in college.

If you have an announcement or know of a special event that you want in Deertracks, please contact DHOA Secretary Roger Hagen at rh4g3n@yahoo.com or call 404-302-0901 and leave a message.

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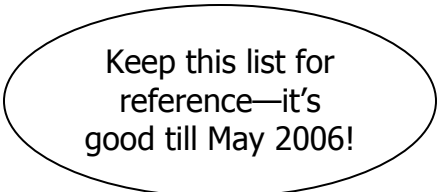
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Keep this list for
reference—it's
good till May 2006!

Visit our website at <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.