



Deer Tracks
Deerbrook Home Owners Association Newsletter
Late summer 2010

Next General Meeting Saturday October 16th: Rustlewood Court, 4:30 p.m. No party this year, but stay for soft drinks and meeting your neighbors. Bring a chair and any concerns you have. And if you want, bring beer to share – there's always a cooler and people to raise one with!

Yard Sale: Saturday, September 25th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. In case you were wondering what to do with those holiday decorations you don't use anymore. If you don't have anything to sell, it's always fun to go out bargain-hunting and meet some neighbors.

Crime Watch: Theft from open garage. A home on Deerbrook Way had a reel-to-reel tape player and a pressure washer taken from the garage when no one was home on 7/13/10.

Now let's talk trash!

Houses that look bad: In general, the homes look good in Deerbrook,

but one or two neglected ones can make us all look bad. There have been concerns about eyesores and out of control grass in our neighborhood. This hurts the sales and sale prices of homes in the Deerbrook, which are already down due to the economy. This eventually hurts all of us, because just about everyone will someday sell their houses. You can help your neighbors and yourself by keeping your home looking good.

For those perpetrators who just won't take the hint, you can call the any DHOA board member if you'd like us to leave a notice about a covenant violation. Or you can call the county if it's a code violation. To report a code violation, contact the Code Enforcement Unit at 770.338.4170 ext. 5765 or report a Code Violation online by completing the forms at <https://eddspermits.gwinnettcounty.com/citizenaccess/>

No more loose bags of trash: With the new trash arrangement, we can recycle so many more types of plastic, paper, and cardboard. That's

good, because we can no longer have extra garbage. All the household trash must fit into your 95-gallon trash container; if it doesn't, Waste Pro is not required to pick it up. In fact, if you have too much trash to fit, you have to get a second container from Waste Pro for a \$20 delivery fee. Then you get to pay an extra \$12 per month for trash pickup. If you have a 65-gallon container (which so far haven't been delivered), and you can't fit everything into it, we're told you'll have to trade up to the 95-gallon one.

Recycling made easy: If you have too much recycling to fit into your container, you have 3 options: you can buy a recycling bin; you can request a second recycling bin from Waste Pro for a one-time delivery charge of \$15; or you can use any container marked "Recycling".

Large trash items: Waste Pro will also pick up furniture and most large items, but you have to schedule them 48 hours before the regular trash pickup day. They will only pick up refrigerators and freezers that have been tagged after the Freon has been properly removed. And they won't pick up car batteries.

Yard waste pickup is an optional service that is not included in the county-wide plan. If you want this service, you must contact your hauler directly. Cost is \$60 for 6 months of pickup. Or, you can find an inconspicuous spot in your backyard to compost yard waste.

Reach a local Waste Pro staffer: The main number on the trash cans

reaches a call center in Illinois, which doesn't have access to your account information. They are able to communicate your information to the local Waste Pro via computer. But if you want to reach someone who knows what's going on in Gwinnett, call **770.777.1447**.

Opt out of ads on your mailbox & driveway. Did you know you can legally opt out of the handbills, business cards, and paper ads that seem to show up constantly on your mailbox and driveway?

Under Gwinnett code, these paper ads are not allowed if you post a special green "no handbills" decal on your mailbox. You can order a decal online. Go to www.gwinnettcba.org, then choose "Litter prevention."

From that web page you can read about handbills and litter, or go to the online order form. It's the handbill equivalent of the 'do not call' list – it won't stop everyone from leaving stuff, but anything that is put on your mailbox or in your driveway after that can be reported.

Corrections from last newsletter: The statement was supposed to read "Recently it has been cool enough to keep open the windows but often they remain shut to keep smoke out of houses." Roger says he's sorry about the vowel mix-up.

Newsletter Announcements: If you have an announcement, event, or feedback that you want in Deer Tracks, contact DHOA Secretary Patricia Yeargin at yeargin2000@yahoo.com, or you can call her at 770.923.2823.

