

# DeerTracks

Deerbrook Home Owners Association Newsletter  
November 2004

## Neighborhood Luminary Lighting

**Scheduled:** Plan to light your luminaries on **Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at dusk**, about 6:00 P.M. If you will be away, please talk to your neighbor about setting up and/or lighting yours. They are so beautiful in a softly glowing unbroken string along the streets. Check out last year's pictures at <http://mywebpage.netscape.com/DeerbrookHOA/home.html>.

**Pick up Luminary supplies and Update your Membership:** John Dyer and Roger Hagen have graciously volunteered to hand out luminary supplies on two dates: Saturday December 18<sup>th</sup> from 1-5 and Sunday December 19<sup>th</sup> from 3-5.

### **Please bring a bucket to carry sand.**

John and Roger will set up in John Dyer's garage located at 1384 Rustlewood.

**Also, please fill out the attached 2004 Deerbrook Household Information Form** and bring it with you when you pick up your luminary supplies. **DHOA annual membership** fees are \$40.00 and we are asking for \$5.00 to offset the Luminary supply cost. You may bring one check payable to DHOA in the amount of **\$45.00** at the time of pick up. The information on the form will be used for our upcoming DHOA Directory. All members who pay their dues will receive the Directory at no additional cost when it's published in early 2005.

**Holiday Cookie Swap:** On December 19<sup>th</sup> before we light our luminaries, all neighbors are invited to the Rustlewood cul-de-sac at 4:00 to swap cookies. Bring a dozen (or two) of your favorite cookie and take a dozen back home. We will un-wrap all the cookies and you may pick through and take a variety of cookies home! Bring something to take your cookies home in too!

## Home Repair Work: Who should you call?

by Patricia Yeargin

It finally happens—the roof really needs to be replaced. It's an expensive job, and you can hardly even find the time to get an estimate. Then when you schedule the time, the appointees don't even show up. Has this ever happened to you?

On occasion, people email DHOA to find out if "we" recommend anyone for a particular type of repair work on homes. We've never had a systematic way to gather this kind of information, and probably, with our small size, never will.

There are services that review companies for a fee; for example, Angie's list charges \$49.00 per year to review and recommend all sorts of services. There is even a group that does it at no charge to the consumer. Since I've used it before, I'll share: [www.homereports.com](http://www.homereports.com). You can go to their website and enter your zip, locate the type of work you need done, and look at their ratings. They won't name the badly reviewed people, for fear of legal reprisal, but they do list the good ones.

The downside is that sometimes the companies that are listed are overloaded, short staffed, and too busy to respond to you. I got one home repair service out to give estimates, but when I called them back to do some of the jobs, they didn't call me back for weeks. I finally gave up on them and called **Handy Andy**, recommended by a colleague. They do all kinds of jobs, large and small. Even with being called 3 weeks later, they had the work estimated and completed before the other company's proposed start date. And, at a better price.

So, that is my first recommendation. If you've worked with a local company for any kind of home improvement or repair, and you'd like to share your experience with your neighbors, let us know. We'll print it. No paid ads, though—just YOUR recommendation!

Email [DeerbrookHOA@netscape.net](mailto:DeerbrookHOA@netscape.net) or call our secretary, Jeanie Mooney at 770-931-0120, with your recommendations.

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### Thank you!

The Board would like to thank **Lynne Thomas** for organizing, shopping and grilling up those tasty bratwursts at our neighborhood Oktoberfest gathering.

The Board would also like to thank **Sherry Hoger** for spearheading our front entry beautification project.

We would also like to thank all those individuals that worked in their own yards.

**Front entry and individual home upkeep is imperative to our neighborhood's appeal.** There are new neighborhoods popping up all around us. We all need to be aware of this and do our best to keep our neighborhood beautiful. Talk with a Board Member if you have questions or problems. We're all in this together.

### Local Parks and Pools Open for

**Business. *Ronald Reagan Park***, Gwinnett County's first dog park, is open every day. Not only does the park have two fenced areas for dogs; it also has a skateboard park, ½ court basketball, shuffleboard, picnic areas, playground, and a wonderful nature trail. Go north on Five Forks Trickum; go under the Ronald Reagan parkway, and the park will be on your left across from the Five Forks Library.

***Mountain Park Aquatic Center*** is open to the public at very reasonable rates. The indoor pool's winter hours are:  
Monday & Wednesday 6:00 am to 9:00 pm,  
Tuesday & Thursday: 9:00 am to 9:00 pm  
Friday: 9:00 am to 6:00 pm  
Saturday: Noon to 6:00 pm and  
Sunday from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm  
*Call for more information: 770-564-4650.*