



Deer Tracks

Deerbrook Home Owners Association Newsletter

November 2011

The Fall General Membership Meeting was held October 15. The interest survey results were shared in more detail and discussed. Plans were made as follows:

Luminary pickup will be **Dec 10 & 11**, at **4015 Windhurst, Saturday 1 - 5 and Sunday 3 - 5**. Bring a bucket for sand! You can drop off your 2012 dues and firehouse donation too (see below).

Light your luminaries at dusk on Sunday the 11th. Ask your neighbors for help if you are going to be away on the 11th so that your house won't be one of the dark gaps in the lovely line of lights.

To see what the luminaries look like when they are all lit up, visit the website at www.deerbrookhoa.org and click Photo Gallery. But there's nothing like actually seeing them live.

Even with our best efforts, there are always gaps. Want to fill them in? We have a couple of guys with trucks and lots of holiday spirit. Let Roger know when you pick up your luminaries if you are willing to help for about an hour. Volunteers go out at dusk to set up candles for addresses where no one picked up, so that we have an unbroken string of flickering lights along the road.

Adopt (our) fire house

If you've had a medical emergency or a fire scare, you know that we are lucky

enough to have a station just around the corner staffed with professional EMTs and firefighters. They work 365 days a year, 24 hours a day, and we'd like to get them all a meal that they can enjoy. If you want to **donate** to this cause, you can give any amount of money when you pick up luminaries/pay dues. We'd like to raise about \$150 so that we can share \$50 per shift (there are 3 shifts of 5 staffers). ****{or you can sign up to bring them food?}**

Crime Watch

An attempted burglary happened in a home on the 4000 block of Deerbrook in the predawn hours the first week in October, and 2 cars were rifled through along Fawnbrook and Windhurst. Nothing of value was stolen from the cars, and the would-be burglar didn't get past the garage.

Burglaries and robberies increase in recessions and during the holidays, so we may be in for more property crimes. It's very common for cars to be broken into at night. Keep valuables and garage door openers out of cars parked outside. When you're away, get neighbors to pick up newspapers, mail, flyers, and packages. Set timers to turn lights on and off, and leave on a radio or TV inside so that it looks and sounds like someone is home. After the holidays, don't put boxes from new electronics out for the trash in full view. It advertises your new possessions and makes your

home a target. Break down boxes and put them discreetly in your recycle bin.

Local, Nearby, and County Info

<http://lilburnpatch.com> has police info and news from the Lilburn area, including unincorporated Gwinnett
<http://www.gwinnettcounty.com/> has official county information
gwinnettforum.com is an online think tank to explore pragmatic approaches to improving life in Gwinnett

<http://www.cityoflilburn.com/> has news from inside the Lilburn city limits

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