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Deerbrook Homeowners Association Newsletter November 2017

# Luminary Supplies Pick-up & Dues Sunday, Dec. 10 – 1459 Fawnbrook Ct.

Luminaries and dues season is upon us! Please come by 1459 Fawnbrook Ct. on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> between 1pm – 5pm to get luminary supplies and pay dues. Dues are \$60 and please make checks payable to DHOA, with a suggested \$5 donation for luminary supplies. Also, you can donate in any amount to the Five Forks Firehouse at the same time!

This year, the luminary supplies will be at Claudia Martinez and Ben Robey's house – please stop to pick them up, and enjoy some refreshments with DHOA board member volunteers. Set up and light your luminaries at dusk that evening. If it rains or is windy, we will light them in the evening on Monday the 17th instead (pickup will still happen on Sunday).

If you can't pick up or light your own luminaries, please call in a neighbor to pinch-hit for you! The lit luminaries a quite a sight when all are lit, which brings us to... Please take pictures of the lit luminaries! We love posting them to our DHOA Facebook page.

## Summary of the DHOA Fall General Membership Meeting

The Deerbrook Homeowner's Association held its fall general membership meeting on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at James Dyer's house. Despite the weather, the meeting was attended by a successful quorum including some newcomers to the general meeting (thanks for attending!) and advanced a few important points of business:

Most notably, the specific plans were laid to renovate the front entrance flower bed; that work has now been completed and a short recap is found on following page.

Details were advanced for plans to hold our annual luminary lighting event, described above.

The Welcoming Committee has welcomed many new families to our neighborhood since May.

Please make a mental note to attend the spring general meeting – usually held in

## Keep Streets, Gutters & Storm Drains Clear

Deerbrook has serious rains and flooding from time to time, and our street-side gutters flow water off the roads and into drains. Keeping them clear to get water off our roads is critical to safety and security in our neighborhood during serious weather conditions.

Per Gwinnett County Code, homeowners (or renters) are responsible for keeping the streets, gutters and drains clear of debris like leaves, pine needles and mulch in front of their property.

If you hire a contracted lawn service, please make sure that they blow debris off the gutters and streets, but NOT into the storm drain.

If you see any drainage problem, it can be reported to Gwinnett County Stormwater Maintenance Customer Service Center at 678.376.7000, or just let a DHOA board member volunteer know at the contact information on the next page.

DHOA e-mail mail@deerbrookhoa.org

<u>Website</u> deerbrookhoa.org

#### Facebook Page

Deerbrook Homeowner's Association, Inc. https://www.facebook.co m/DeerbrookLilburn

Gwinnett County and nearby municipalities gwinnettcounty.com/ cityofliburn.com/ http://www.snellville.org/

Our District 2 Gwinnett County Commissioner Contact Commissioner Howard at 770 822-7002 or Lynette.Howard@gwinnet tcounty.com

#### Newsletter Announcements

If you have anything you'd like to see in the newsletter, please call or email Ben Robey.

## Deerbrook Homeowners Association

#### Officers for 2017-2018

President Roger Hagen 4015 Windhurst Ct.

Vice President & Treasurer James Jacobson 1219 Wheatley Drive

Secretary Ben Robey 1459 Fawnbrook Ct.

#### **Board Members**

John Dyer 1384 Rustlewood Ct

Claire Gloeckner 4033 Deerbrook Way

Blake Parkman 1409 Fawnbrook Ct.

Patricia Yeargin 1404 Rustlewood Ct,

**Board Member Vacancy** 

Please email us at <u>mail@deerbrookhoa.org</u> to volunteer for your HOA, if you have questions or concerns, or if you'd like to be appointed to the DHOA Board. Everyone is needed!

## Information During Emergencies Where & How Can I Find It?

Our first suggestion for neighborhood information is our Deerbrook Homeowners Inc. Facebook page, because DHOA volunteers manage it with information specific to our neighborhood.

Gwinnett County's homepage is <u>www.gwinnettcounty.com</u> and displays a banner during emergencies with links to follow-up stories and continued conditions. And if you happen to find out something the whole neighborhood should know, you can message the Deerbrook Facebook page so that it can be posted publicly.

If internet connection is unavailable, the Gwinnett Emergency Management department can be reached at 770.513.5600, though wait times may increase during emergencies. If that doesn't work, try calling officers listed on this newsletter.

You can also **sign up for emergency warnings** on your smart phone. These alerts notify users of big events like tornadoes and floods, usually in advance. They don't include follow-up information though.

Search for "Gwinnett County Emergency Management, Warnings and Notifications" to learn your options.

## Is the DHOA Facebook Page in Your Feed?

The HOA has learned that even those who "liked" the DHOA Facebook page may not get DHOA news in their FB feed. In an emergency, they might actually have to search for the DHOA FB page, and it's good to bookmark the page for quick access.

## What If Waste Pro doesn't pick up on Tuesday as scheduled?

Recently, Deerbrook has experienced trouble with Waste Pro not picking up recycling until Wednesday morning. We've learned that Waste Pro can fined for this, and anyone can call to report it to the Gwinnett County Solid Waste Program by calling **770.822.7141**.

Just a reminder: DHOA covenants require trash cans and recycling bins to be "decoratively hidden so as not to be visible from the street or adjoining lots except on trash day.

# Front Entry Flower Bed Moved & Renovated

In November, Deerbrook volunteers led by DHOA officers moved and renovated the front entry flower bed. Volunteers included Mary Carrier, Debbie & James Jacobson, Roger Hagen and Blake Parkman. Thanks to all who helped to complete this project!

## Quotes...

What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness?

– John Steinbeck Travels with Charley: In Search of America

Thank goodness for the first snow. It was a reminder – no matter how old you became and how much you'd seen, things could still be new again if you were willing to believe they still mattered.

- Candace Bushnell

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