



September 6, 2011

Dear Huntley Hills residents, I often tell my friends outside of Huntley Hills my neighborhood is awesome. When asked why, I tell them we have local schools that are tops in the area; a great swim and tennis club; volunteers who help maintain the gardens and triangles; volunteers who help with neighborhood watch; a great community chat board; organized local or neighborhood wide events -- most importantly a caring and engaged community.

A little sappy maybe, but I truly believe neighbors helping neighbors is a part of our community spirit.

To recognize and bring everyone together, we are holding our fourth annual HH block party September 24th by the pool from 4:00 to 9:00. The block party has grown from just under 100 the first year to last year's nearly 300 people. We are grateful to the vendors who have generously provided food to our community event. Please continue to patronize and thank them!

Our community spirit is covered in this newsletter with City information, upcoming events, HH elementary school info, recognition of the great vendors that support our neighborhood, and HHNA updates.

I look forward to seeing you at the block party or waving at you as we walk, run or drive through the neighborhood!

Kevin Shannon, HHNA President

The Huntley Hills Swim & Tennis Club is raising money to plant a memorial tree and put in a new bike rack, in honor of Nick Sheffey. For more information and/or to make a donation, please visit our website: www.hhstc.com

CHAMBLEE ANIMAL CONTROL

"JR" is the Chamblee Animal control officer. He has been with the city for 35 years. His goal is to be a visible presence in the neighborhood. He likes to get to know the residents and pets. JR's goal is **not** to take your animal. If at all possible, he will return your pet to your door, and help you figure out how to keep your pet from getting loose again. The **MOST IMPORTANT** thing a pet owner can do is have a collar and **ID tag** on your pet. Micro chips are good also, JR can scan the pet. However, most pets are found/picked up by individuals and therefore the best method of ID is a tag. JR said you can get an inexpensive snap on plastic tag at Wal-Mart and put your phone number and address on it. (Article written by A. Metheny based on a telephone interview with JR; author note – I could not find any tags at Wal-Mart but PetSmart has some that hold a lot of info for less than \$8. Also, it can't hurt to include several phone numbers on the ID tag!)

Calendar of Events

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| 9/16 | CHS Blue & Gold Silent Auction, 57th Fighter Group, 5:30, for more info email: hmdsmith@gmail.com |
| 9/17 | Taste of Chamblee, "A Festival for the Senses", 11-8, downtown Chamblee |
| 9/24 | HH Elementary PTA Yard Sale 8-12 (drop off donations 9/23, 3-6) |
| 9/24 | HHNA Neighborhood Block Party 4-9 |
| 9/29-10/2 | Atlanta Greek Festival |
| 10/31 | HHSTC Neighborhood Halloween Party, 4:30-6:30. More details later at www.hhstc.com |
| 11/5 | HH Elementary Fall Festival 10-3 |
| 11/5 | Marist Holiday Traditions Arts & Craft Show, 9-4, \$3, no strollers |
| 11/12 | Dunwoody United Methodist Holiday Festival, 9-4 |

What is Neighborhood Watch?

Neighborhood Watch is a crime prevention program that enlists the active participation of all residents of Huntley Hills, in cooperation with our Chamblee Police, to reduce crime, increase safety, and improve the quality of life for all ages in our community. By sharing your contact information through your Block Captain, you will get to know and work with your neighbors and create a security network where your neighbors looking out for you, and you for them.

We encourage all residents to participate by contacting your Block Captain to register your contact information. Contact Tom Scott (770-457-1223) Neighborhood Watch Coordinator for the name and contact information of your Captain. Also, information will be available at the NNO block party related to what blocks still need captains.

Want more neighborhood news? Join our Yahoo Group! You can recommend a local roofer, post info about your lost pet, promote a fundraiser you are organizing, advertise your yard sale, email the group to immediately report any suspicious vehicles and/or share any other crime related information. Here's the link to join (it's also posted on our website): <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HuntleyHills>.

We also have a Neighborhood Services Blog, where you can view and write local recommendations for anything from automobile repair to yard work – there are more than 30 categories. Check it out: <http://huntleyhillsneighborhood.blogspot.com>.

"Like" us on Facebook and get instant neighborhood updates right in your news feed: www.facebook.com/huntleyhillsna

Hurray for bike lanes!

Carolyn Weber, Traffic Calming coordinator

DeKalb County has taken several more steps towards implementing our Traffic Calming plan. Bike lanes were painted on Longview Drive in early June. I have enjoyed seeing so many adults and children walking, running, riding bikes and pushing strollers in the bike lanes! I frequently walk on Longview and I feel much safer than I did before – and I hope you do, too. In addition, edge-of-pavement striping was added on several other streets including Admiral, Ellwyn and Plantation. While these are not wide enough to ride or walk in, they are intended to visually narrow the road, thus causing cars to drive more in the middle of the road and away from people walking and riding along the side of the road. In July, two new 4-way stop signs were installed at intersections that previously only had 2-way stop signs. I know that it has been an adjustment for those of us who have lived here a long time, but so far I haven't seen anyone run the stop signs.

The next phase will be the installation of 3 traffic circles on Longview and a center island in front of the park. The county traffic department is still working on the design for these. We will be the first neighborhood in DeKalb to have traffic circles, so there are a lot of things that have to be figured out as a 'pioneer'. I will update you via email as I learn more details.

The Huntley Hills Swim & Tennis Club had another terrific summer!

There are 13 new memberships left for sale before we start a wait list. You can pre-pay the initiation fee now to reserve your spot for 2012. If you decide not to join before April 1st, your initiation fee will be fully refundable. Check the website for prices and additional details: www.hhstc.com.

HHNA Financial Report

Fiscal Year
Ending 5/31/11

Revenue

Donations	\$ -
Membership	3,420
Total Revenue	<u>\$ 3,420</u>

Expenses

Fees/AACA dues	\$ 252
Neighborhood Watch	225
Neighborhood Fall Block Party	594
Newsletter printing/postage*	3,172
Signs/misc expenses	360
Triangle mowing	210
Landscaping/beautification	-
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 4,813</u>

* FY 2011 5 newsletters instead of the usual 4/year

CHAMBLEE CODE ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

Officer JJ Davis provided the information on the right related to code enforcement violations in the Huntley Hills Subdivision for the past 3 months.

In addition, Officer Davis was also asked to provide the code rules related to vegetation and debris as a few neighbors were issued a code enforcement warning for tree limbs obstructing the road. Good information to know ...

Sec. 18-75. Vegetation and debris.

(a) Vegetation. There shall be no dead or hazardous trees, shrubs, ground cover or weeds likely to: harbor vermin or insects, create a health menace or fire hazard, restrict or impede access to or public use of adjacent sidewalks and streets, obstruct traffic-control signs and devices and fire hydrants, or pose a risk of physical injury to the public.

b) Height of grass and weeds. Owners and occupants of property shall not permit weeds or grass within 150 feet of any building or structure to grow on such property to a height exceeding 12 inches.

(c) Debris. There shall not be maintained on a property for more than seven calendar days any used or damaged lumber, junk, trash, debris, scrap metal, concrete, sand, asphalt, cans, bottles, tires, salvage materials, boxes, containers, bins, and abandoned, discarded, inoperative or unusable furniture, stove, refrigerator, freezer, sink, toilet, cabinet or other household fixtures, yard waste or equipment stored so as to be visible from public street, alley or from an adjoining property unless appropriate permits have been obtained from the city. Nothing herein shall preclude the placement of stacked firewood for use on the premises (in the side or rear yards of the premises).

	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>
<u>Grass</u>	42	16	20
<u>Parking Violation</u>	0	4	0
<u>Trash/Debris</u>	4	4	2
<u>Burglary</u>	2	0	0
<u>Parking on Unpaved area</u>	1	1	1
<u>Abandoned vehicle</u>	2	0	0
<u>Special Details</u>	1	1	0
<u>Building Permits</u>	1	2	0
<u>Misc/Signs/etc.</u>	1	12	3

A NEIGHBOR'S SUCCESS WITH CHAMBLEE PUBLIC WORKS (BY DONNA MYRICK)

As a Huntley Hills resident for 20+ years, in the newly annexed part of the neighborhood, we were excited to be part of the City of Chamblee.

Then in February of this year we found out just how great it is to be a part of the City! A sink-hole opened up in our front yard. We did our research and found that there was a storm drain running through our front yard that had caused the sinkhole. The Public Works Department worked hard with DeKalb County to make sure our problem was corrected and the pipe rerouted as it was buried very close to our house. Since the project was extensive and time consuming we had the opportunity to meet many of the Public Works employees. They were great about checking on the progress of the job to make sure things were done in a timely manner and done correctly. We are VERY impressed by the Director of Public Works, Tillman Hannon, and his wonderful crew. We want to say a BIG THANK YOU to them and the GREAT job they did. The city is lucky to have such great people working for them.

Greetings, Huntley Hills Neighbors!

Once again, we open our school year with flying colors! We are very proud that we continue our Distinguished Status as an AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) school. The bar keeps raising, and we will work very hard this year so we can continue our trend of excellence.

We welcome all of you to partner with us in educating our Huntley Hills Tigers. Mark your calendars, please, for the PTA Yard Sale on Saturday, September 24 from 8-12 and our Fall Festival, Saturday, November 5, from 10-3.

Currently we have 504 students and continue to offer both the traditional and Montessori programs. Should you be interested in a Montessori classroom observation as you consider your child's education, call the school to schedule an appointment. We will begin scheduling those in October, providing time for our teachers to establish classroom routines with their students during August and September.

I am so pleased of the hard work of my faculty and staff, and I challenge you to involve yourself in our school so you can see first-hand all of the exciting learning opportunities which are provided at the school.

Should you need me, please do not hesitate to call the school 678-676-7402 or email angela_c_leissa@fc.dekalb.k12.ga.us. I look forward to another successful year as we continue in "Grrravitating toward Grrreatness!"

Proudly serving our school community,
Angela C. Leissa, Ph.D., Principal

Neighborhood Night Out Block Party

Saturday, September 24, 2011 * 4pm – 9pm

On Commander Drive, Next to the Pool

* Food * Drink * Children's Activities * Good Company *

All HH residents are welcome * FREE!

Great door prizes will be given away



Please Bring To Share:

A side dish or dessert

Please Bring To Sit:

Camp Chairs



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP - PLEASE!!!

Contact Matt Dolan at dolan_m@bellsouth.net

This event is organized by the HHNA Board members. Special recognition to Tom Scott and Kevin Shannon for working hard to obtain the food and door prize donations; Carolyn Weber for her spectacular organization skills, and Pat Brower for her donation of a Beach week-end for a door prize - check out www.atthebeachvacations.com, click on tour, then on rent, and then on #397!

Special thanks also to the Huntley Hills Swim and Tennis Club for use of the facility and their donation of soft drinks and water.

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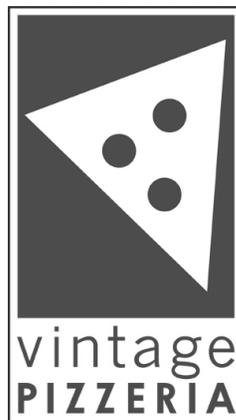
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News letter

Thanks Go To These Businesses For Their Generous Donations:



In addition, MANY THANKS TO:

- WAFFLE HOUSE * QUICK TRIP
- CAFÉ SABABA * RITA'S ICE * SUNTRUST
- JIFFY LUBE * PIZZA HUT * KROGER
- * \$7.95 Hand Car Wash & Detail *
- * www.atthebeachvacations.com *

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Thanks to those who have renewed or joined. If you have not, we hope you will. Please use the form below. If you are not sure you have paid your dues this year, contact Charles Rudd, at crudd@bellsouth.net, or 770-452-8119.

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**Annual Membership - \$20.00*, June 1, 2011 – May 31, 2012
Huntley Hills Neighborhood Association**

Today's Date: _____ New Member: _____ Renewal: _____ Own _____ Rent _____

Name _____
(i.e. John Doe, John and Jane Doe, the Doe family)

Street Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail address: _____
(E-mails only used to receive notices of community activities or crime alerts.)

Please mail form with \$20 to: HHNA, P.O. Box 80141, Chamblee, GA 30336 or pay via PayPal© from www.huntleyhills.net, or bring to the neighborhood block party on September 24th.

***All memberships expired May 31, 2011, including the 6 month special membership run earlier this year. Everyone should renew or join NOW. Note, the HH Neighborhood Association is a separate organization from the HH Swim and Tennis Club.**