

HHNA NEWSLETTER

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P R E S I D E N T ' S C O R N E R

It's been a busy spring and summer so far. We had a great turnout at our annual meeting in March. In addition to a standing-room only crowd of residents, we were joined by the mayor, the city manager, our Neighborhood Watch liaison from the police department and several city council members. Each of the board members reported on activities in his or her area, and there was also time for questions and discussion.

I would like to welcome our newest board member, Tami Martin. She moved to Atlanta from Chicago four years ago. She likes to run with her dog, Angel, and she is also a member of the Huntley Hills tennis team. Thank you to Tami and the other seven board members for your willingness to serve and to give of your time and your talents to help make Huntley Hills a better neighborhood!

Starting in April, the Neighborhood Watch program began sponsoring Neighborhood Night Out parties throughout the neighborhood. The Block Captains have been hosting the parties and inviting the neighbors on their blocks. Check out our webpage for some great pictures! Thanks to the 21 Block Captains who have held parties so far. If you don't know who your Block Captain is, please contact Scott Gillispie, Neighborhood Watch Chair, at scott_gillispie@yahoo.com.

I hope that you are enjoying your summer and are taking advantage of all the fun activities around Huntley Hills and Chamblee. The next free outdoor concert in downtown Chamblee is Friday, August 23. If you missed that last one, you missed a good time! The Swim and Tennis Club is sponsoring its annual July Fourth Bike Parade again this year. Everyone is invited to join the fun! If I haven't met you in person yet, I look forward to meeting you in the near future. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at 770-454-8283.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Weber

HHNA President



T H E N E W S L E T T E R O F T O M O R R O W

For the past year, we have had a beautiful, color newsletter printed for free by KDA Publications. There was no cost to us because they sold ads to cover their costs. Unfortunately, they have not been able to sell enough ads to make a profit, so they will no longer be publishing our newsletter. Since the cost to print and mail an

8-page newsletter like this, just in black and white, is over \$700, we have decided to save money by taking advantage of modern technology. Starting in September, we will be going to an online, digital newsletter instead.

Many organizations have been switching to online newsletters. It's so much cheaper and the lead

time to produce it is much less. If you like having a printed copy, you will still be able to do that by downloading it from our website. In addition, if you are an HHNA member and you do not have a computer or internet access, we will continue to mail you a copy.

HUNTLEY HILLS ELEMENTARY & MONTESSORI SCHOOL

Huntley Hills has a very exciting initiative for the 2013-2014 school year! Teachers will be implementing S.T.E.A.M activities and lessons. S.T.E.A.M is an acronym for Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics. This initiative encourages inquiry and project based learning, in addition to critical thinking skills. We are looking to partner with Engineering and Technology businesses to incorporate S.T.E.A.M.

This month, Huntley Hills is transitioning to wireless service. The projected completion date is scheduled for the end of June. We are excited that we will be able to offer wireless service to our students, staff, and parents!

Lastly, Huntley Hills has ended the school year with impressive Spring CRCT results.

lessons and professional development for teachers.

The fifth grade students left a "parting" gift to Huntley Hills by purchasing Lego kits for our LEGO engineering activities next year. Parents and community members can find more information about S . T . E . A . M . at www.steamedu.com or www.stem.com.

The school has a total College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI) score of 82 out of 100. We are proud of our teachers and students!

Please visit the Georgia Department of Education's website at <http://public.doe.k12.ga.us/Pages/Home.aspx> for greater detail about CCRPI.

New this summer, Huntley Hills is hosting a free summer bridge program for Grades K-4. The summer bridge program provides academic support and enrichment activities for students. Breakfast and transportation is provided. The program is Monday-Thursday from 8:00-12:00. See dates below.

Go Tigers!



U P C O M I N G I M P O R T A N T D A T E S

SUMMER REGISTRATION

June 11 – July 25
Tuesdays & Thursdays
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

REGISTRATION / OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, August 7, 2013
9AM – 1PM

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Monday, August 12, 2013

Please check the Huntley Hills website for other important dates and information.

The faculty and staff look forward to a successful 2013–2014 school year!

TREASURER'S REPORT

This year HHNA took in \$3,872.16 and spent \$2,389.11, with a net gain of \$1,483.05 and bank balance of \$4,818.45. Expenditures included Neighborhood Beautification projects, such as shrubbery for the Longview Dr. median island and Stream Clean-up; social events like the September Neighborhood Night Out Party, November Chili Cook-off, December Decorating Contest, February Game Night, March Neighborhood Watch party and Block parties; a Community Support donation in memory of Tom Scott; and the May Annual Meeting. Planned expenditures for the 2013-14 fiscal year include signage at neighborhood entry points; a June Members Only Party; a Fall Neighborhood Night Out Party, foliage for Huntley Hills Park; the HHNA Newsletter; as well as several other social, safety and beautification initiatives.

HHNA Fiscal Year ending May 31, 2013		
Account	Sum of Debit (-)	Sum of Credit (+)
Block Party Social	\$30.00	
Community Support	\$100.00	
Membership	\$25.00	\$3,440.16
Neighborhood Beautification	\$369.74	\$352.00
Neighborhood Watch	\$53.69	
Neighborhood Night Out Social	\$692.18	
Office Supplies	\$13.45	
Postage	\$18.00	
Printing	\$18.10	
Registration	\$30.00	
Decorating Contest Social	\$115.00	
Game Night Social	\$205.41	
Annual Mtg.	\$204.92	
Chili Cook Off Social	\$513.62	\$80.00
Grand Total	\$2,389.11	\$3,872.16

Ann Tamli	Starting Balance	\$	3,335.40
HHNA Treasurer	Ending Balance	\$	4,818.45
	Net Gain	\$	1,483.05

GET READY FOR THE 2013 CITY OF CHAMBLEE ELECTIONS

For the first time, all registered voters in Huntley Hills will be able to run for office in the City of Chamblee. Though the majority of the neighborhood was annexed into Chamblee in 2010, the residency requirement of one year kept anyone from the newly annexed area from being able to run for office in 2011. At that time the three council members up for election were unopposed and no election was held.

This year the Mayor's seat, currently held by Eric Clarkson, and two council seats are up for election in November - District 1 seat which represents Keswick Village and Sexton Woods and a small part of Huntley Hills is currently held by Mark Wedge. Scott Taylor currently

holds the At-Large Council seat. There are three City Council districts and two at-large districts. Candidates running for a district seat must reside in the district but run citywide. Again, one of the requirements is that you have lived in the City for a minimum of one year. If you are going to run for Council District 1, you must reside within the confines of the district.

Qualifying fees have been set at 3% of the salary of each position, with the qualifying fee of Mayor being set at \$324 and the qualifying fee for the Council Member seats being set at \$216.

Here are the important qualifying dates set by the City of Chamblee: Tuesday, August 27, 2013 and

Thursday, August 29, 2013 candidates can file Notice of Candidacy. Hours will be 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, October 7, 2013 Last day a person can register and be eligible to vote in the Municipal Election.

November 5, 2013 All Municipal Elections Statewide

For more information about running for office in the City of Chamblee, please contact the City Clerk and Election Superintendent, Emmie Niethammer, at 770-986-5019.





UPDATE ON CHAMBLEE PLAZA REDEVELOPMENT

Trinity Development Group bought Chamblee Plaza in May 2012. The 18-acre shopping center has been mostly empty for the past several years. In late 2012, Trinity formed a Blue Ribbon Panel consisting of residents from nearby neighborhoods, including Huntley Hills. The panel met with representatives from Trinity numerous times last year and early this year to provide its input on the redevelopment of the plaza. In late April, the panel held a Town Hall meeting to show the results of its planning and to discuss next steps.

Some of the key points presented were plans to:

- Build a city center with the look and feel of areas like West Midtown and Virginia Highlands
• Include a mix of national names and mom-and-pop stores
• Add another 28,100 square feet to the 167,000 square feet already there
• Spend an estimated \$3 million on landscaping, a new facade, a culinary center, a pocket park and other amenities
• Build walking paths and use green construction
• Add restaurants with drive-through access and add a food court
• Have an eclectic mix of retail shops and unique, specialty local restaurants

At the meeting in April, the panel anticipated submitting its final site plan to the City of Chamblee within the following 60 days. However, in June the panel said it would not be ready to submit the plan for another 60 days. Also in June, the panel announced the "rebranding" of the shopping center and renamed it "The Blee on Broad", saying that "Blee" is a take on the name "Chamblee." This new name has not been well-received by the neighborhood, and there have been many emails and Facebook posts with comments and alternate names. This feedback has been given to the Trinity Development Group, but we don't know yet what the outcome will be. We will continue to keep you updated on any new developments as we learn about them.

HHNA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Table with 2 columns: Role and Name/Email. Roles include President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Membership, Property Relations, Communications, and Community Relations. Social roles are listed separately at the bottom.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Despite it raining seemingly every Saturday in May and June, Huntley Hills block captains organized and held six block parties around the neighborhood. Thanks to all of the folks who helped host, organize, and attended these events in order to get to know their neighbors a little bit better. If you didn't get an invite this year – hey, you might not have a block captain yet – would you like to be one?

Welcome to our new recruits to the block captain team – Kevin & Mary Finnegan, Tami Martin, and Bo Atlow on Admiral, and Brian and Cara Ray on Ensign. We still have a number of areas in the neighborhood where we can use a few block captains – the south side of Admiral, Commodore, the south end of Longview, Captain, and Greenhill. If you are interested in being a point of contact for your neighbors, please drop me an e-mail at scott_gillispie@yahoo.com. There will be a block captain meeting later this summer, so keep your eyes out for an announcement.

What do block captains do? Get to know your neighbors, and let them know that you are there to help. Make sure folks are informed of the goings in the neighborhood – do they know about the neighborhood association? Help identify problems in your part of Huntley Hills, and help the association board to take action. Participate at the fall neighborhood night out, and organize a spring block party. Simply, be a good neighbor.

One of the key resources that we have available is the new neighbor package that Dick Patterson puts together. Dick has put together all kinds of information for new residents on Huntley Hills and Chamblee – zoning and sanitation information, history of the area, contact information for the city, and a form to help exchange information. When you see someone new move in, let your block captain know, or contact Dick (rpatters@math.iupui.edu) or me, and we'll get a packet out. Thanks to Dick for all his work at putting these together.

Hopefully everyone stays informed on public safety issues. Officer Alex Cushenan with the Chamblee Police Department does a great job at putting out his weekly report to the community. Please take a look at this, which he posts every week on the neighborhood Yahoo e-mail list.

If you haven't taken a look yet at the new Chamblee city website yet (www.chambleega.com), it's worth checking out. Among other things, the Chamblee Police Dept. has made it much easier to sign up for its House Check Program. This program allows you to let the police know when you will be out of town, (no comma) so they can check your house and also know what cars to expect, and it provides them with your contact information in case there is anything suspicious. Look on the website menu under Departments -> Police -> Community Programs -> House Check Program

One last thing – we have a few houses in the neighborhood that are empty and not being kept up – these may be rentals, or inherited by out of state family that hasn't decided what to do with them. Beyond being potential eyesores if not maintained, empty houses may be targeted by criminals. If you know of any houses near you that are empty (with the grass growing right now, this is a good time of year to notice this), please let me or your block captain know; we can pass this on to Chamblee Code Enforcement to check out the situation. Thank you. Scott Gillispie.



A FUN TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!

The Huntley Hills Neighborhood Association hosted an ice cream party in the park on Saturday, June 22! The toppings of sprinkles, whipped cream, and Oreo pieces were a big hit with the kids (and some adult "kids" as well). Thanks to everyone who attended and supported the HHNA.

A special thanks to the HHNA Board members who worked hard to make the event possible - Dick Patterson, Ann Tamli, Tami Martin, Pat Brower, Carolyn Weber and Paige Perkins. We couldn't put on these events without our dedicated Board members who volunteer their time. For pictures of the event, check out our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/huntleyhillsna>. Don't forget to "Like" us.

C H A M B L E E C H A R T E R H I G H S C H O O L
U P C O M I N G I M P O R T A N T D A T E S

OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, August 8, 2013

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM 9th Graders and New Students

4:30 PM–6:30 PM 10th, 11th, 12th, and Returning Students

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Monday, August 12, 2013

Please check the Chamblee High School website for other important dates and information.



C H A M B L E E C O N S T R U C T I O N U P D A T E

The construction project is slated to be completed in two phases :

Phase I – Should be completed when the students come back from winter break. It included demolishing a portion of the existing school building and the Highland Garden Apartments. This made space for a new academic building.

Phase 2 – Is expected to be completed by the start of the 2014 – 2015 school year. It will demolish the remaining portion of the school building and build a fine arts wing, auditorium, natatorium, and gymnasium.

For more information visit the Chamblee High School website and click on “Construction Updates”.

S U M M E R T E E N S E R V I C E S

BABYSITTING

Lindsay Williams (404) 775-2795; Available June after 11:00 a.m. each day; July 1–18 any time

Alicia Martinez (770) 455-6882; Available after July 16

Solina Jean–Louis (404) 713-6953 or solinagal@gmail.com; Available NOW

Xena Jackson– (for kids 2 yrs. – 9 yrs.) Contact: xenajackson@gmail.com; Available after July 14

HOUSE SITTING / PET SITTING

Solina Jean–Louis (404) 713-6953 or solinagal@gmail.com; Available NOW

GERMAN TUTOR

Alicia Martinez (770) 455-6882; Available after July 16

**HHNA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP
JUNE 1, 2013 – MAY 31, 2014
\$ 20 PER HOUSEHOLD**

Today's Date: _____

New Member: _____ Renewal: _____

Rent or Own?: _____

Name: _____

(i.e. John Doe, John and Jane Doe, Jane Doe and Laura Smith)

Street Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

(Emails only used to receive notices of community activities or crime alerts.)

There are two ways to join/renew your membership:

- **Mail** – Send \$20 and this form to HHNA, P.O. Box 80141, Chamblee, GA 30336 or
- **Online** – Go to www.huntleyhills.net and click on “Join the Huntley Hills Membership Association,” fill out the Membership Form and then pay via PayPal.

Want to check on your membership status with the HHNA? Contact Paige Perkins at paigefwd@att.net. THANK YOU!

What can the Huntley Hills Neighborhood Association do with just \$20?

- Manage an active Neighborhood Watch Program that works to keep your neighborhood safer
- Maintain www.huntleyhills.net and a neighborhood email list for quick notifications of news you can use
- Sponsor neighborhood social events, such as the annual Neighborhood Block Party and Holiday Decorating Contest
- Monitor the decisions that city, county and state lawmakers make that could affect your property value and report it back to you
- Provide education forums for you to learn about upcoming issues that affect the neighborhood such as the redevelopment of Chamblee Plaza and the expansion of Chamblee High School

Because all Board members and committee members are volunteers, your investment of \$20 can go a long way.
Support your neighborhood and join today!

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from the Huntley Hills Swim and Tennis Club.**

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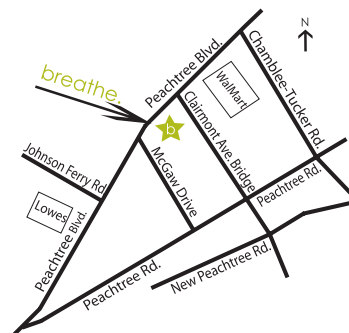
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