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The Huntley Hills Herald

Presidents Corner

Happy New Year! We are excited to start the year with plans to keep you informed and involved and continue to make Huntley Hills a great place to live (and work and play!)

First, welcome to our new and improved newsletter! As announced to the Huntley Hills Yahoo Group, the HHNA is very excited to announce a new partnership with KDA Communications that provides us this full-color, glossy magazine style newsletter. KDA will assist the HHNA by publishing and distributing our newsletter quarterly beginning with this issue—March 2012. The best part of this? It doesn't cost the HHNA one bit—it's absolutely free to us. This allows us to include lots of neighborhood information in the newsletter, and redirect your money previously spent on printing and mailing the newsletter to other neighborhood projects. The HHNA responsibility is to provide the newsletter content—articles and pictures, and KDA will do the rest.

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The HHNA board welcomes neighborhood input for the newsletter. If interested, please contact **Allison Metheny** at ametheny@comcast.net. Input will continue to be solicited from the yahoo group each quarter.

We look forward to serving our HHNA neighbors and continuing to make Huntley Hills a great community.

Kevin Shannon,
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Election of New Board Members

Once again it is time to recruit new Board Members. There are four positions that are up for re-election this year. The Board is thankful for those who have served this past year by giving their time and efforts. A special thanks goes to those members rotating off the Board—James Kingman, Charlie Rudd and Matt Dolan.

There are four officer positions on the Board—President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. In addition, there are several standing committees and the Board members chair these committees. The committees are:

- **Community Affairs:** This committee works with other community organizations to keep our neighborhood up-to-date on activities that may affect us— such as the GA DOT Revive 285 initiative, the Georgetown Corridor initiative and the potential city of Brookhaven. They should try to attend City of Chamblee council meetings, AACA meetings and others that affect our area.
- **Communications:** This committee handles all of our communications, including our quarterly newsletter, our Yahoo email list and our website. The manager of the website is a member of this committee and they should have experience developing and managing a website. We would like to improve and expand our website, and bring it to the next level, as we have done with our newsletter.
- **Membership:** This committee keeps an up-to-date list of members, sends welcome notes to new members, encourages membership among neighborhood residents, manages the annual membership renewal process and the elections, etc.
- **Property Relations:** This committee implements programs to enhance the safety and security of the Neighborhood as well as to protect property values throughout. This includes maintaining common areas and taking measures to ensure all properties maintain compliance with local zoning and code regulations. This committee works with city officials on code enforcement issues. The **Neighborhood Watch** program is part of this committee.

The Board meets monthly (*or every other month, depending on how much is going on*). We even have pizza and drinks at times! We also keep in touch frequently via email between meetings to make plans and keep moving forward.

We have some interest already from neighborhood members but we hope that you will put your hat in the ring! In order to run for the Board, you must be a paid member of the HHNA. If you are interested in running, please send your name, email address and phone number to **Kevin Shannon** at kevin.shannon@earthlink.net.

Details on voting will be sent during March to all paid HHNA members.

Annual Meeting March 25th

Our annual meeting will be held at the pool clubhouse on Sunday, March 25th at 4:00pm. New Board members will be installed at that time. We will also be giving our Annual Report covering what has been achieved over the last year and discussing plans for the coming year. We are also likely to have special guests from Chamblee and hope you will join us (*with drinks and snacks!*)

In addition to Board positions, volunteers are always needed (*and welcome*) to help with other board activities—such as the fall block party and social, Neighborhood Watch, newsletter, neighborhood beautification, etc. Please let me know what you would like to help with! Contact me at **Kevin. shannon@earthlink.net**.

Traffic Calming

By Carolyn Weber

Residents of Huntley Hills, led by Leslie Freymann, worked with the DeKalb County traffic department for over a year to design the traffic calming plan for our neighborhood. After being approved by more than 65% of the impacted residents, the DeKalb County commission adopted the plan in January 2010.

The plan is being implemented in three phases. The first phase was completed in July 2010 and consisted of installing 20 speed tables throughout the neighborhood on Longview, Admiral, Ellwyn and Plantation. We immediately noticed a reduction in the speed on these streets, as it is very difficult to drive over them at more than 25 mph without damaging your car or at least getting a severe jolt.

The second phase was implemented last summer. Five-foot wide bike lanes were painted on Longview Drive. They are being used frequently by people walking, running, biking or pushing strollers. Many neighbors have commented how much they enjoy using them and how much safer they feel now while walking or biking on Longview. Striping was also painted on sections of Admiral, Ellwyn and Plantation. These are not intended to be biking or walking lanes, as they are only two to three feet wide. The purpose of the striping is to visibly reduce the width of the street. This causes people to drive closer to the center of the road, which in turn causes them to slow down when passing a car coming in the opposite direction.

The third and final phase will be installed this year. It will include three traffic circles on Longview, plus a center island in front of the park. The traffic circles will be located at the three intersections on Longview that do not have a stop sign – Admiral (on the north end of Longview), Ellwyn and Commander. Huntley Hills will be breaking new ground, as we will be the first residential area in DeKalb County to have traffic circles! Unfortunately, this has caused a delay as the Traffic Department has to develop the design for them. And they need to work with engineers and other county officials to ensure that they follow all the appropriate guidelines and regulations. The wheels of government turn slowly. However, work is progressing and we remain confident that we will have traffic circles this year.

The design for the center island in front of the park is much simpler and has already been completed. The Traffic Department has passed it on to the Construction Department which will actually do the work. It will be three feet wide and will have dirt in the middle for planting. We anticipate having it installed this spring. We will keep you posted on the progress in future newsletters.





Membership Report

By James Kingman

Thank you for your membership and support over the past year! The HHNA final 2011/2012 report shows a total 192 active members. This was a significant increase over the previous year, and we hope for even greater neighborhood involvement in 2012! With your support, the association has focused on valuable projects in the community, including the neighborhood watch program, publishing the newsletter, traffic calming, and the annual neighborhood block party. The new membership year officially begins on June 1, 2012.

We encourage members to begin thinking of innovative ways to maximize the membership budget and potential impact of the association during the upcoming year. We hope to see many of you at the Annual Meeting March 25th, 4:00 P.M., at the Swim/Tennis Clubhouse. This association is in place to serve our neighborhood and to work on projects that you deem important and that can improve the quality of our surroundings. Let's continue to work together to make Huntley Hills the best that it can be in 2012!

Chamblee City News & Events

By Patricia Brower

The city of Chamblee continues to work on the development of a growing community and manage guidelines for economic development that will enrich the quality of life for the citizens of the city.

Chamblee Plaza Update: The potential buyer decided to back out of the purchase from DDR, the company that owns Chamblee Plaza. However, there is ongoing interest in the development of the plaza. Keep the Faith!

I-Hop is going strong since it opened in November, 2011. Zaxby's is due to open the end of February, 2012.

Citizens are encouraged to stay involved with what is happening in the city. Periodically check out the website Chambleega.com. The city council meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, and the city council work sessions are at 6:00 PM the Thursday night before the council meeting. Citizens are ENCOURAGED to attend the work session as this is where to find out about important issues, and where we can have a voice in the process of development that affects our community. To get an item of interest on the agenda, it must be sponsored by an elected official (names are on the website). Many of us felt that we did not have a voice in DeKalb County – We now have a chance AND A CHOICE to participate in government that affects our lives!

FYI – the next 2 city council work sessions are March 15th and April 12th. Hope to see you there!

Holiday Decorating Contest

By Carolyn Weber

The HHNA sponsored what we hope will become the first of many Annual Holiday Decorating Contest. Residents were encouraged to nominate themselves, or their neighbors, for the best lights or decorations in the neighborhood. We had 19 contestants. It was wonderful to drive around and see all the beautiful lights.

We had three categories and awarded a first prize (\$25) and a second prize (\$10) in each category. Below are the categories and winners:



BEST OVERALL

1st Ryan Tracy & Meghan Harris; 2nd Cynthia Renee Thomas



BEST LIGHTS

1st Mike & Jeri Steele; 2nd Melissa Muenchen



MOST ORIGINAL

1st John & Melissa Carel; 2nd Melissa Neubauer

Thanks to everyone who entered and who voted. We hope that you all hit the after-Christmas sales to stock up decorations and lights for next year's contest!

Spring Neighbor Night Out!

Saturday, May 19th

Mark your calendars now! The Neighborhood Watch Program invites you to join your neighbors for **NEIGHBOR NIGHT OUT**, Saturday, May 19th, 2012, 6:00–9:00pm or whatever time works for you!



You've been saying you are going to meet your neighbors, but you just never get around to it. Now is your opportunity. Whether you are a long-time resident or a newcomer, we invite you to join your Block Captain for a neighborly get-together. You'll have the chance to visit, share refreshments and information, chat about neighborhood activities and concerns and get to know each other.

Part of the Neighborhood Watch program is to promote good neighbor relations. In doing so, we create a safer neighborhood where people who know each other watch out for each other. Statistics show that neighborhoods with active Neighborhood Watch programs significantly reduce the amount of crime and can react much quicker to protect themselves when a crime does occur.

So get out of the house and gather with your neighbors! Share supper or just snacks. Make new friends or reminisce about the old days. You will be hearing more about the event from your Block Captain and/or via email if you are signed up to receive the Huntley Hills yahoo group emails.

If you don't know who your Block Captain is, please contact our Neighborhood Watch Coordinator **Tom Scott** at **(770) 457-3344** or tomscott@mindspring.com.

The Neighborhood Watch Program is sponsored by the Huntley Hills Neighborhood Association.

Huntley Hills Newsletter

We hope you enjoy this newsletter. We have added a lot more information since we are no longer restricted due to printing and postage costs. Please let us know what you think and also, if you would like to write an article or provide input for the next newsletter, please email **Allison** at ametheny.comcast.net. Information for the next newsletter will be due to Allison around May 1st.



Huntley Hills Neighborhood Watch Update

By Tom Scott, HHNW Coordinator

Crime Prevention Meeting

In an effort to improve the security of our neighborhood, our residents were asked for their suggestions on what we could do. This was followed up by a meeting with the Chamblee Chief of Police. We concluded that there were **10 points** critical to the improvement of security in Huntley Hills.

1. **Lighting:** Turn on those porch lights
2. **Lock Your Car:** ALWAYS, and NEVER leave valuables in sight.
3. **Report Suspicious Activity:** If you see anything or anyone suspicious, odd, unusual—anything that doesn't seem "right"—**CALL 911.**
4. **Do not advertise your absence** from our home. Keep those newspapers clear of the driveway, leave that light on and bring in the mail.
5. **Be a Good Neighbor:** Get to know your neighbors, their faces, their cars. Knowing who belongs around and who doesn't makes all the difference.
6. **Register with the Chamblee Police** Vacation Program (*the main Chamblee Police Dept number is (770) 986-5005*) when you go out of town, and join the **Neighborhood Watch Program.**
7. Purchase either a monitored or unmonitored alarm system, post security yard signs, and place an alarm sticker on each window.
8. Along the "Stop Feeding the Criminals" concept, try to keep this in mind whenever you're tempted to leave something valuable in your car, forget to lock doors, think it's fine not set the alarm this time. Ounce of Prevention.
9. If a solicitor knocks on your door, remember that you do not need to answer. If you have any concerns, call 911.
10. Contact the police department and have them come out and do a free Security Audit for your home.

Neighborhood Watch Upcoming Events

In the coming months your Huntley Hills Neighborhood Watch Program, in conjunction with our Chamblee Police Neighborhood Watch leadership, hope to host a number of events for the benefit the citizens of our city. Posted below are some thoughts we are developing. We need your volunteer help to make these events become a reality and we are counting on your participation. Volunteers should call **Tom Scott** at **(770) 457-3344**.

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| 1. Develop a Safe Home Network for Kids who encounter trouble. | 5. Perhaps connect with Chamblee First United Methodist Church in its annual 5K Run |
| 2. Annual Bike Ride for Kids | |
| 3. Clothing Drive for those in need | 6. Potluck supper in the spring of the year |
| 4. Form a Mom's group | |

We invite your ideas on projects that will benefit our community and our citizens.



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 Section 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 Section Captain to register your contact information. Contact **Tom Scott** at **(770) 457-1223** Neighborhood Watch Coordinator for the name and contact information of your Captain.

Neighborhood Watch: Block Captains Needed

Block Captain needed for the following areas. Please contact **Tom Scott** if you are interested in being a block captain. We are very close to getting every block in the neighborhood represented!!!

ADMIRAL DRIVE

12 Homes: 3873-3874-3877-3880-3883-3886-3889-3892-3897-3900 3903-3906, plus 2139 Wye Lane

FORRESTAL DRIVE

10 Homes: 2952-3960-3961-3966-3972-3978-3983-3986-3992-4000

ADMIRAL DRIVE

11 Homes: 3909-3912-3915-3918-3921-3924-3927-3932-3933-3940-3943

GREENHILL DRIVE

11 Homes: 3771-3774-3782-3790-3795-3796-3801-3802-3817-3808-3813

CARLTON DRIVE

16 Homes: 3841-3847-3848-3853-3859-3860-3865-3868-3871-3878-3879-3884-3885-3890-3891-3898

PLANTATION LANE

9 Homes: 2114-2122-2125-2128-2131-2134-2137-2140-2148

COMMODORE COURT

6 Homes: 1990-1991-1994-1995-1998-1999

NORTH PEACHTREE

8 Homes: 3952-3958-3964-3975-3998-4002-4008-4028

ENSIGN DRIVE

12 Homes: 3808-3809-3814-3820-3826-3832-3838-3844-3860-3856-3862-3868

SEAMAN CIRCLE

12 Homes: 2049-2057-2062-2065-2068-2071-2074-2077-2085-2091-2097-2103

Huntley Hills Neighborhood Watch Block Captain Duties

- 1.** Welcome all new neighbors. Introduce them to our Neighborhood Watch Program and its benefits. Invite them to participate in the Program and join the Huntley Hills Neighborhood Association (see www.huntleyhills.net).
- 2.** Ask for their contact information and provide them with yours
- 3.** Identify any homes without Internet access. Make special arrangements to insure these residents are informed by phone or in person of any Security Alert or other important information broadcast by e-mail to the neighborhood.
- 4.** Forward all suggestions for making our neighborhood stronger, safer and more unified to the Neighborhood Watch Coordinator.
- 5.** At least once per year make every effort possible to contact every home by phone, e-mail, or personal visit, to update all contact information.



Adam Stine: Good Neighbor & Past HHNA President

By Kevin Shannon, friend, neighbor, & fellow HHNA Board Member

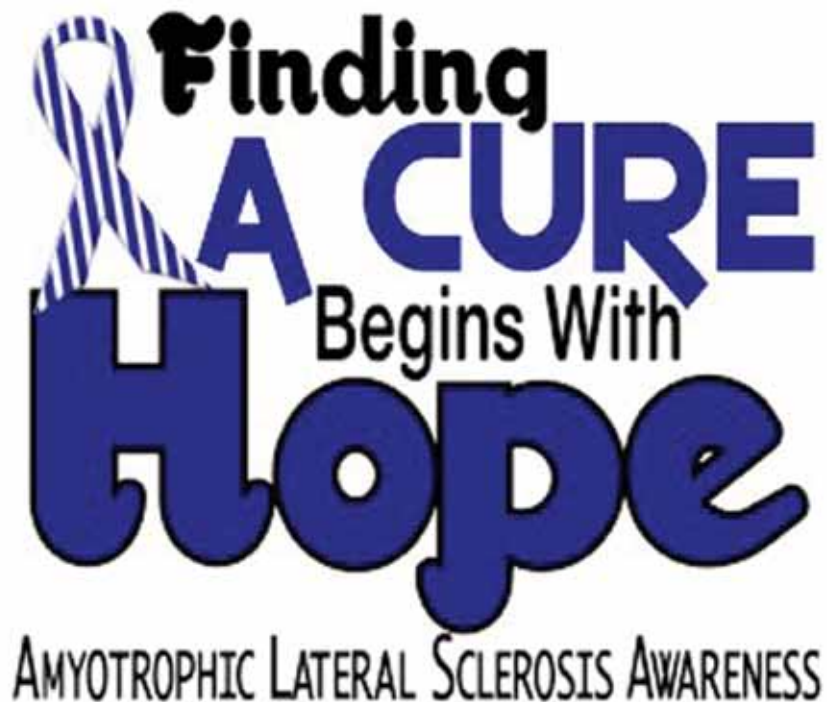
Most of you know Adam. He has been in the neighborhood for 20 years and has been on the HHNA board for over half of that. He was behind the sign toppers as well as the initiation of the block party tradition started four years ago.

What you may not know is that Adam has Lou Gehrig's disease, also known as ALS, a disease that impacts the muscular system. Adam continues to work, respond to emails and be involved both at work and in the neighborhood. As the challenges progress for Adam and his wife Stephanie, they continue to add new and innovative tools to deal with the ongoing changes. For example, Adam has a new wheel chair that nearly outran me on a walk a few weeks ago! He also has a cool computer screen that he can click his eyes and type messages and read news.

A group of Adam's and Stephanie's friends have formed a core group called "**Adam's A Team**"! This group communicates to those interested—how things are going and where help may be needed, such as sitting with Adam or doing yard work. If you are interested in keeping up with Adam, and maybe helping out, you may join the group by going to this link: <https://mymuscleteam.lotsahelpinghands.com/c/641669/login/>.



The challenges of ALS do not come without significant cost. From the wheel chair to in home nursing care to the computers to a wheel chair accessible van, there are real costs. Donations to help defray any of these would be welcome. As Adam has so generously given of himself to our community, let's now take the opportunity to "*give back*" to Adam. You may make a donation through a dedicated PayPal account here, adams.ateam@yahoo.com or send a check to **Stephanie Ramsey at 4056 Forrestal Drive**. Thank you for any support.

A poster for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) awareness. It features a blue and white striped ribbon on the left. The text reads: "Finding A CURE Begins With Hope" in large, bold, blue letters. Below this, in smaller black capital letters, it says "AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS AWARENESS".

**Finding
A CURE
Begins With
Hope**
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Block Party



Block Party



Haunted Halloween



Haunted Halloween



Fun in the Sun



Fun in the Sun



Holiday Lights



Holiday Lights



We are looking forward to another great summer at the swim and tennis club! Last year we made some exciting improvements to the Club, including adding a new tennis deck, additional shade sails and resurfacing the baby pool. One of the fun changes we know is coming for 2012 is the addition of early morning swim—at-your-own risk hours for our members. Who knows what else we have planned?!? You'll just have to join to find out!

Our summer schedule was not finalized in time for this newsletter printing—so please join the Yahoo Group to find out about our annual Open House, 2nd Annual “Dip-Off” Contest and other neighborhood social activities we have planned.

We are very thankful and grateful that despite the economy, our membership is strong and has continued to steadily grow every single year for the last 6 years. We are capping our 2012 membership at 175 and as of the printing of this newsletter, we are at 167—so only 8 memberships left! Dues are due by March 15th, so we will probably have additional memberships for sale, but not until after we know how many of our current members are renewing. You can reserve your spot now by pre-paying the initiation fee **(\$400)**. If you decide not to join by March 15th — you will receive a **FULL** refund, no questions asked. For additional information and/or to pay online, visit our website at www.hhstc.com.

Nick Sheffey Memorial

The Huntley Hills Swim and Tennis Club hosted a Labor Day Fundraising Weekend (**with lots of fun events!**) to raise money for a memorial tree and bike rack, dedicated to Nick Sheffey. We raised enough to buy an almost 20 foot tall Red Sunset Maple Tree. We installed it in early October and the leaves changed color in the Fall—it was beautiful! It's located right in the middle of the grass, at the front of the club—go check it out!! We also bought a beautiful new bike rack and will be installing it this Spring, at the front entrance to the Club.



Many thanks to everyone who contributed money and/or helped with the tree installation. Special thanks to HHSTC Board Member, **Ryan Tracy** (Escape...Outdoor Lifescaping, (404) 642-3408) for finding the tree and handling all of the installation details.



Coat Drive & Caroling

The Huntley Hills Swim and Tennis Club hosted a Thanksgiving Coat Drive this year and collected over 35 coats from all of our very generous neighbors. Some of the coats were brand new, with the tags still on them! All of the coats went directly to families in need, who have children at our Huntley Hills Elementary School. Thanks everyone!!!

HHSTC also sponsored a Christmas Caroling Evening, which we plan to make a new tradition for our neighborhood. Lots of families turned out for the caroling, despite the rainy weather, and we had a great time! After all the singing, we gathered at the clubhouse for cookies and hot chocolate.

Halloween Party

The Huntley Hills Swim & Tennis Club (HHSTC) hosted our 6th annual Neighborhood Halloween Party—and it was the biggest and most successful party ever! Over 70 families attended! We had a graveyard hunt, piñatas, costume contest, pictures and pizza for all. After the party, everyone left to begin trick-or-treating throughout the entire neighborhood.

This year's party was co-hosted with **Barbra Neuman Wollner** of Keller Williams Realty. Many thanks to Barbra, the HHSTC Board and everyone else who helped plan, setup and clean up the party. Also, thanks to **EVERYONE** who spent the time and money to decorate their homes and pass out candy to the children. It was a GREAT Halloween in Huntley Hills!



Greetings Friends of Huntley Hills Elementary School (HHES)

I write to you to bring you information regarding the current happenings of our school. Please know that we all are working very hard to make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) this year. Recently we were recognized once again as a Title I Distinguished School because of our academic success!

This time of year, we receive a number of inquiries regarding the Georgia PreK Lottery, Kindergarten Round-Up, and the Montessori program housed at Huntley Hills. I thought it might be helpful to provide you with important dates regarding those happenings.

- Montessori Information Meeting: Thursday, March 1, 6:00 PM in the library
- Montessori Tour and Observations Days: March 13 or March 21, 8:30 AM (Please call the school 678-676-7402)
- Georgia PreK Lottery: April 17, Registration 8:30-1:00; Lottery 1:15 (2 lotteries will be held-one for traditional and one for Montessori)
- Kindergarten Round-Up (traditional or Montessori): Tuesday, May 8, 9:00-9:30 Info session; 9:30-12:00 Registration (Please call the school 678-676-7402 for more information).
- Montessori Lottery for In-Area Students (K and Grades 1-5 [for those with previous Montessori experience]). A waiting list will be created for each grade level based on the lottery results: Wednesday, May 16, Registration 8:30-1:00; Lottery 1:15

I look forward to seeing you this Spring at these and other school events. Feel free to contact me should you have questions or need more information.

Sincerely,

Angela C. Leissa, Ph.D.
Principal

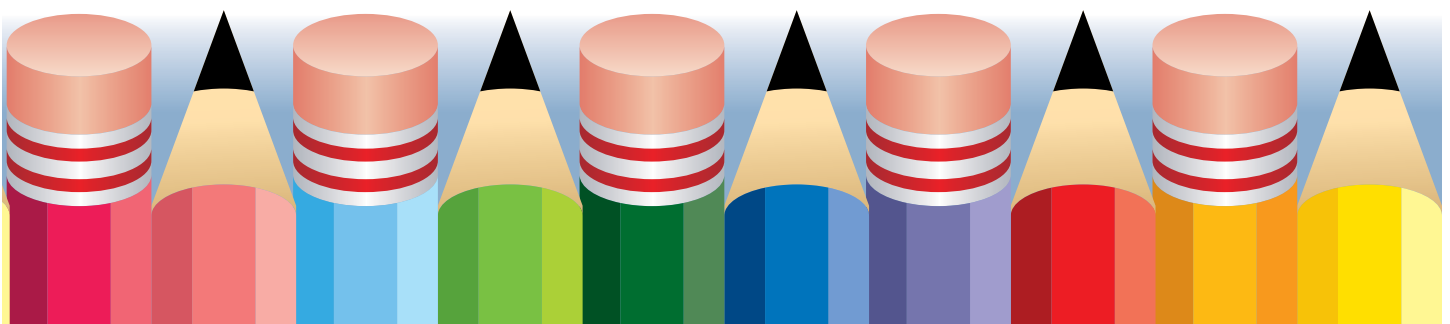
News from the Huntley Hills Elementary School (HHES) PTA

HHES is having 3 Spirit Nights at local restaurants: March 7th at IHOP, March 14th at Chick-Fil-A at Chamblee Plaza, March 27th at Vintage Pizza and Frosty Caboose. Just come by or place a to-go order and identify you are with Huntley Hills Elementary School (*very important part*) and the school receives a portion of that night's proceeds from "*our*" customers. Each spirit night lasts from 5-8pm.

Huntley Hills Elementary School PTA is starting a new campaign to raise money for school office supplies, art supplies and PE equipment. Starting the month of February, we are asking our Partners In Education, local community businesses and surrounding neighbors to "*Show Your Love for HHES*" by collecting Coke rewards, Box Tops and Labels for Education in your place of business to donate to our school. Join our students and their families as we work together to "*turn points into cash*" for our school. Any neighbor who would like to support HHES can place those items, sealed in a Ziploc bag, in the mailbox at **4191 Admiral Drive** or **3962 Longview Drive**. For participating products, go to the following websites:

- <http://www.labelsforeducation.com/Portals/0/assets/pdf/ParticipatingProductsList.pdf>
- <http://www.boxtops4education.com/Image.aspx?id=3878>

If you own or work for a company who would like to develop a partnership with Huntley Hills Elementary School and support our students and staff on a deeper level, please contact **Allison Pellettieri**, Partners in Education Coordinator at **(678) 676.7402**. There are many ways we can work together to enhance Huntley Hills Elementary school and further enrich the lives of our students.





MARCH

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4	5	6	7 HHES Spirit Night, IHOP, 5-8pm	8	9 DeKalb County Schools Closed—Holiday	10
11 Daylight Saving Time Begins	12	13	14 HHES Spirit Night, Chick Fil A, 5-8pm	15 Chamblee City Council Work Session, 6:00pm	16	17 St. Patrick's Day
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 HHNA Annual Mtg, Swim/Tennis Clubhouse, 4:00pm	26	27 HHES Spirit Night, Vintage Pizza & Frosty Caboose, 5-8pm	28	29	30	31

NOTE SPIRIT NIGHTS: Just come by or place a to-go order and identify you are with **Huntley Hills Elementary School** (*very important part*) and the school receives a portion of that night's proceeds from "our" customers.

APRIL

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8 Easter	9	10	11	12 Chamblee City Council Work Session, 6:00pm	13	14
15	16 Time for Spring Cleaning?? Stop by the front of the club house between April 14th-22nd for a neighborhood throw away! There will be a dumpster available for you to discard any unwanted items sponsored by Barbra Neuman Wollner with Keller Williams Realty.	17	18	19	20	21 Neighborhood Watch Block Party Meeting, 2:00pm Swim/Tennis Clubhouse
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6	7	8	9	10 Chamblee City Council Work Session, 6:00pm	11	12
13 Mother's Day	14	15	16	17	18	19 HHNA Neighbor Night Out, 6:00 – 9:00pm
20	21	22	23	24 DeKalb County Schools – Last Day of School	25	26
27	28 Memorial Day Holiday Sanitation Schedules	29	30	31		

- **City of Chamblee:** Mon-Thur will be Tues-Thur, Tues-Fri will be Wed-Fri
- **DeKalb County:** Mon garbage and yard will be Tues; Tues garbage and yard will be Wed, no change to Thur-Fri

Neighborhood Cub & Boy Scout Programs

Many are not aware that we have one of the best Cub and Boy Scout Programs in the Atlanta Region right here in our Huntley Hills neighborhood and the City of Chamblee. Cub Pack and Boy Scout Troop 268 was first chartered by Chamblee First United Methodist Church in 1948 and has an unbroken history of serving the young men of our community. Over the years, Troop 268 has had 104 young men to earn their Eagle Scout rank. Unlike others, Troop 268 has a beautiful, stand-alone Scout Hut hidden back in the woods of Chamblee First's 34 acre campus. You are encouraged to visit it at 7:00 most every Monday evening throughout the year.

To join the Cub Scout Pack 268, the young man needs to be six (6) years of age. When he is in the 5th grade and 11 years old he can join Boy Scout Troop 268. All young men throughout our community are invited to join the appropriate Scouting organization at any time of the year. For Cub Scout Pack information, contact **Mike Steele** at (770) 451-3580. For Boy Scout information, contact **Tom Scott** at (770) 457-1223.



HHNA FaceBook

Our HHNA Facebook Page is getting more popular—we now have well over 160 people “liking” us on FaceBook at www.facebook.com/huntleyhillsna. We try to keep it current with the most important and/or interesting neighborhood news and information. It's also now where we are posting all of our photos and recent photo updates including the Sheffey Tree Installation, Halloween Party, Christmas Caroling, Holiday Decorating Contest Winners, and much more! Check it out—so you can tag yourself (*or maybe untag yourself*) in the photos. And if you haven't already, please “Like” us!!

Yahoo Group

Want more neighborhood news? Join our Yahoo Group! You can post info about your lost pet, promote a fundraiser you are organizing, advertise your yard sale, etc. You can also use this email group to immediately report any suspicious vehicles in the neighborhood 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>.

Neighborhood Services

Need a local, neighbor recommended Handyman, Plummer, or Computer Repair Service?

Check out our **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 and dozens and dozens of comments – all from your neighbors. Check it out: <http://huntleyhillsneighborhood.blogspot.com>.

Teen Services

BabySitting

AshleyHegwood–Age 13
(770) 558-4647

Cailey Miller–Age 13
(770) 885-9402

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Cailey Miller–Age 13
(770) 885-9402

Gabby Miller–Age 12
(770) 885-9402

Jared Tench–Age 16
(770) 265-5849

Light Yard Work

Jared Tench–Age 16
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House Sitting

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(770) 265-5849

City of Chamblee Code Enforcement:

Officer JJ Davis provided the information below related to code enforcement violations in the Huntley Hills Subdivision for the last quarter of 2011.

VIOLATION	OCT	NOV	DEC
Grass	42	16	20
Parking Violation	0	4	0
Trash/Debris	4	4	2
Burglary	2	0	0
Parking on Unpaved area	1	1	1
Abandoned Vehicle	2	0	0
Special Details	1	1	0
Building Permits	1	2	0
Misc/Signs/etc.	1	12	3

Officer Davis stated that miscellaneous complaints increased due to property maintenance issues. The applicable code sections are shown below:

Sec. 614. Parking In Residential Zoning Districts.

Parking any automobile, motorcycle, motor vehicle or trailer shall not be allowed in the front yard, side yard or rear yard of a residence unless said automobile, motorcycle, motor vehicle or trailer is parked on a concrete, asphalt or gravel driveway or parking area. It shall be unlawful to park any automobile, motorcycle, motor vehicle or trailer on the grass, lawn or dirt areas in the yard of any residence located within the corporate boundaries of the city. (Ord. No. 545, 8-15-06; Ord. No. 565, 12-19-06)

Sec. 18-97. Exterior Property Areas.

(a) Accessory structures: Accessory buildings and structures shall be structurally sound and be maintained in good repair or such buildings and structures shall be removed. All surfaces shall be maintained free of broken glass, loose shingles, peeling paint, crumbling stone, brick or cement or other conditions reflective of deterioration or inadequate maintenance. The exterior walls, roofs, windows, window frames, doors, doorframes, foundations and other portions of every building and structure shall be so maintained as to prevent deterioration from water and weather. Damaged materials must be repaired or replaced promptly. Places showing signs of rot, leakage, deterioration or corrosion are to be restored and protected against weathering or seepage.

(b) Fences and retaining walls: All fences and retaining walls on the premises shall be structurally sound and kept in good repair. The fence posts shall be firmly set in a base that does not allow the posts to shift. The fence railings or slatting shall be firmly attached to the supporting posts. Gaps or wedges in a retaining wall shall be restored to the original condition. Fences and retaining walls shall not encroach on the public right-of-way and must be maintained in a manner that will protect the fence or wall from rotting, decay, deterioration, or loss of structural integrity.



BOOM OR BUST?

KIDS' FAVORITE
BEVERAGES NOT
ALWAYS HEALTHY



Fat-free or 1% milk is a healthy beverage option for kids.

Health-conscious parents often worry about what their kids are eating. Those greasy fast food French fries kids love might be cringe-worthy to parents, but it's not just the foods kids request that parents should monitor. Adults and children alike have favorite beverages that may or may not be healthy. But which beverages are beneficial and which should be avoided? The answer to that isn't always absolute. The following breakdown can help health-conscious parents determine which drinks their kids can continue to enjoy as well as which ones they should limit or avoid altogether.

Sweetened Drinks

Sweetened drinks can include some fruit punches and other fruit drinks that aren't called "juice." Labels on these beverages often claim "Made with real fruit juice." While that might be true, they're all too often made with a lot of sugar as well. Typically, these drinks do provide some nutritional value, including some vitamins and minerals. However, these drinks are often high in calories, and the amount of vitamins and minerals provided is minimal. The American

Heart Association suggests the less adults and children have of these drinks, the better off they are. Still, the drinks are not entirely devoid of nutritional value, so parents might want to decide if they'll allow kids to drink sweetened drinks in moderation or remove them from the refrigerator entirely.



Sodas

Sodas have taken quite a public relations hit in the 21st century, and that's likely because they provide no nutritional value. What's more, many sodas provide more sugar than a child's body needs, which will lead to weight gain and possibly even cavities or tooth decay. Children typically love soda, so parents might find it difficult to stop kids' soda consumption entirely. However, soda's status as a sugary, high-calorie drink makes it one beverage most parents will want their kids to avoid. If kids must drink soda, try diet soda instead. Though diet soda also provides no nutritional value, at the very least it's a lower-calorie alternative.

Milk

Milk is perhaps the most difficult beverage for parents to gauge. Many parents assume all milk is the same. However, whole milk and 2% milk contains extra fat the body does not need. All milk provides valuable nutrients like calcium and protein, contributing to strong bones and teeth while helping build strong muscles. But when choosing which milk to give kids, choose fat-free (formerly skim) or 1 percent milk, each of which provides the same amount of nutrients as whole or 2% without also providing unnecessary fat.

Even chocolate milk can be a healthy beverage option for kids. Just be sure to apply the same principles mentioned above (namely, choose nonfat or low-fat chocolate milk) and keep in mind chocolate also comes with extra calories thanks to sugar. So monitor how much chocolate milk kids are drinking.

Water

Kids might be indifferent to water, but water helps maintain a healthy body temperature and can even make skin look better. Water's also important in digestion, helping the body digest food. Kids should drink water every day. In addition, parents who are concerned about their children's weight should encourage them to drink more water. The symptoms of dehydration mimic those of hunger, so kids who don't drink enough water could be mistaking mild dehydration for hunger. Drinking more water might just help kids avoid eating an extra snack or two, indirectly helping them lose weight.

To learn more ways to help kids get healthier, visit the American Heart Association at www.heart.org.

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