

President's Corner

Spring was beautiful this year in Huntley Hills. The warm weather came early and so by March, the neighborhood was filled with dogwoods, azaleas and cherry trees in full bloom. Kids and adults alike were out riding and walking in our wonderful bike lanes. As I drove down Longview, I was reminded again how beautiful our neighborhood is! But spring also brought sadness this year. Adam Stine, a long-time resident and former President of the HHNA, died of ALS at the young age of 45. Our deepest sympathy goes out to his wife, Stephanie.

Although the calendar says that summer is still three weeks away, it is already in full swing in Huntley Hills. The swim club is now open and filled with kids enjoying their summer vacation. All neighbors are invited to the pool to cheer on the Hammerheads swim team at one of their meets (June 12 and 19). We have lots of great events planned for this year, including the annual Fourth of July Parade/Bike Ride, a summer cookout (jointly sponsored by the HHNA and the swim club) and our neighborhood-wide Block Party in September.

I encourage everyone to get involved with the neighborhood. There are lots of ways that you can do this. The board is always looking for people to help with events. So if you would like to help

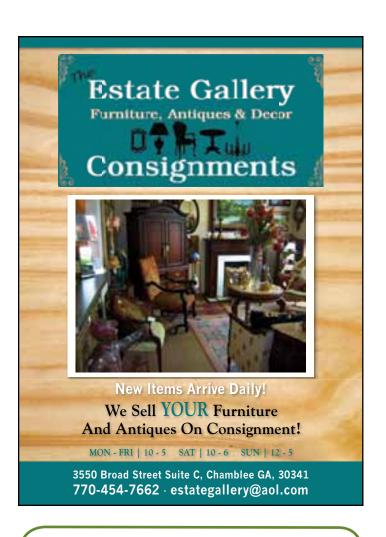
with the newsletter, with neighborhood beautification projects, with our fall Block Party, or any other activity, please contact one of the board members listed on page 3. The Neighborhood Watch program is still looking for more Block Captains. We have over 45 signed up, but there are still a few streets without a Block Captain. If you can volunteer, please contact Tom Scott. If you are not currently a member of the HHNA, I urge you to join. Your \$20 will be invested in the success and the future of this neighborhood, our neighborhood.

So I hope that this is the year you decide to get to know your neighbors better and to get more engaged with your neighborhood. That is one way to help make Huntley Hills a stronger, safer place to live. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please contact me or any of the board members. I look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming events!

Carolyn Weber, President



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Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting was held on Sunday, March 25th. It was well-attended and neighbors enjoyed refreshments and socializing before the business portion of the meeting started.

We were very pleased to have the City of Chamblee Mayor **Eric Clarkson** as a guest speaker, as well as Officer Cushenan, the Chamblee Police Department Neighborhood Watch Coordinator. The mayor said everything is going very well. He thinks the new city manager is doing a great job and has great ideas for the city. The mayor also discussed the potential new annexation. He stated if approved, the City population would increase about the same percentage as it did when the rest of Huntley Hills, and other neighborhoods, were annexed into the city. He felt that the city could handle the increase without any significant problems. Officer Cushenan had great praises for Tom Scott and the Huntley Hills Neighborhood Watch program, and said that it is the model that is being followed in other neighborhoods in Chamblee.



We are pleased to welcome Scott Gillispie, Dick Patterson, Paige Perkins and Ann Tamli to the board. We are excited to have their enthusiasm and new ideas! Also returning this year are Pat Brower, Allison Metheny, Tom Scott, Kevin Shannon and Carolyn Weber.

We would like you to get to know the board members a little better so we are providing a very brief bio of each.

- Carolyn Weber (President). Carolyn has lived in Huntley Hills for 25 years. She is a Neighborhood Watch Block Captain and has been a member of the HHNA since its inception. She is the coordinator with DeKalb County for the Traffic Calming initiative and fully expects that we will have the long-awaited traffic circles this year. Carolyn works for AT&T and does financial management for IT. In her spare time, she enjoys gardening, running and volunteering with the St. Vincent de Paul society.
- Paige Perkins (Vice President and Membership Chair). Paige has lived in the neighborhood 20 years. She was the first Community Development Director for the City of Chamblee where she managed the initial development of the HH neighborhood park. For the past ten years she has been the Executive Director of the homeowners association for Sugarloaf Country Club which has more than 5,000 members. She has great aspirations for growing the membership of the HHNA! She is the happy owner of two dogs and loves to read and hike.
- Pat Brower (Secretary). Pat has lived in Huntley Hills since 1996. She is a family nurse practitioner and works for Wellstar in Internal medicine. She occasionally works in a hospital ER and makes visits to hospice patients as well. Pat recently organized the fundraiser and celebration of life event in honor of Adam Stine. We're hoping that she will also take on the position of social committee chair! Pat is a long-time member of the HHNA and is also a Neighborhood Watch Block Captain. She is single, loves to entertain and shares her home with Tucker, her spoiled Corgi.







Pat Brower and Carolyn Weber

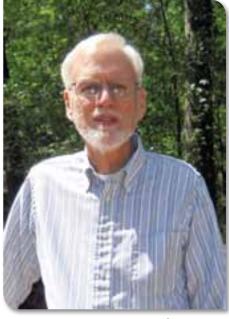


Kevin Shannon and Paige Perkins

- Ann Tamli (Treasurer). Ann is a 3rd-generation native Atlantan and a 19-year resident of Huntley Hills. She and husband Doni have two sons. They own Cafe Sababa in Dunwoody, where Ann is in charge of marketing. Ann also works full-time at Given Imaging, a high-tech medical device company. Ann is a Neighborhood Watch Block Captain, an active member of the Dunwoody Chamber of Commerce and a volunteer with the American-Israel Chamber of Commerce. Her hobbies include choral singing and swimming.
- Allison Metheny (Newsletter). Like Ann, Allison is also a native Atlantan, and has lived in Huntley Hills for 28 years. She retired 3 years ago, and is still exploring different volunteer opportunities including serving on the neighborhood association board! She enjoys gardening and volunteers at DeKalb county master gardener project sites, including the Dunwoody Nature Center. She also enjoys walking the neighborhood with her yellow lab mix Rugby. Allison has been a Neighborhood Watch Block Captain for many years.
- Dick Patterson (Webmaster). Dick is responsible for the HHNA website and maintaining the Welcome Packet that is provided to all new neighbors. He also maintains one other website for a nonprofit group. He has already made great progress on our new website be watching for it soon. Dick is a retired mathematics professor. He and his wife Sarah moved to Huntley Hills two years ago to be nearer to one of their daughters and her family. In his short time here, he has already become very involved in city and neighborhood affairs. Dick enjoys gardening, stained-glass art and bird watching.
- Tom Scott (Property Relations / Neighborhood Watch). Tom is a native of Ashville, NC and has lived in the neighborhood 41 years! He and his wife Fran have two grown children. He is a member of Chamblee First United Methodist church and is a past president of the Huntley Hills PTA. Tom is the owner of a company that produces corporate recognition awards. He was instrumental in reviving our Neighborhood Watch program in 2010 and works closely with the Chamblee Police to help make our neighborhood safer.
- **Kevin Shannon** (Community Affairs). Kevin has lived in the neighborhood since 2005. His background is in non-profits and associations with a particular emphasis on transportation and energy. Last year Kevin graciously stepped up and took Adam's place as the HHNA President. Kevin has a teenage daughter and he is a faithful spectator and number one fan at all of her volleyball games. He enjoys running and is also a board member of the Huntley Hills Swim and Tennis Club.
- Scott Gillispie (Member at Large). Scott Gillispie has lived in Atlanta for over 25 years since attending Georgia Tech. He moved to Huntley Hills with his wife Sheila in 2001, and is a Neighborhood Watch Block Captain. Scott has two children one at Huntley Hills Elementary and one at Chamblee Methodist Kindergarten. He works at Alcatel-Lucent in Alpharetta in the global program management office.



Ann Tamli, Scott Gillespie, and Allison Metheny



Dick Patterson



Tom Scott

All of the committee chairpersons would love to have committee members to assist them. If you are interested in serving on any of the above committees, please let us know. Also, volunteers are needed to assist with specific events, such as the fall Block Party. If interested, contact Carolyn Weber, at 770-454-8283 or carolyn weber@bellsouth.net.



Communications and Website

The response to the last newsletter was great. One neighbor said it was the first one that he actually "saved"! The newsletter is accomplished with the work of many individuals – some board members and other neighbors willing to give a helping hand by taking pictures, submitting articles, etc. I am happy to say that 4 neighbors have agreed to be on the "Newsletter Committee". They are Judy Berman, Kathy Kopplow, Barbara Sutter, and Rob Swingle. They will help with editing, proofing, photography, gathering news and writing articles.

Please support our advertisers and encourage businesses you frequent to advertise in our newsletter (let me know if you want an extra copy of the newsletter to give them). See page 3 of the newsletter for information about advertising. The next newsletter will be published September 1st. Send an email to **ametheny@comcast.net** if you are interested in contributing an article, news, life events info and/or pictures for the next issue.

Dick Patterson is our new "webmaster", and is hard at work updating the website. Hopefully in the near future the website will be a great place to get the latest neighborhood association news.

Community Affairs – Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers to serve on the community affairs committee. This committee works with other community organizations to keep our neighborhood up-to-date on activities that may affect us—such as the GADOT Revive 285 initiative, the Georgetown Corridor initiative, Annexations, Ashford Alliance, City of Chamblee council meetings, and other issues that come up. Please contact **Kevin Shannon** at **kevin.shannon**@earthlink.net

Traffic Calming

Guess what? We are still waiting on our traffic island and circles!! Carolyn Weber, our Traffic Calming coordinator, is in close contact with DeKalb Country, but unfortunately the process is taking longer than we thought. We'll send an email to the Yahoo group when there is news to report. In the meantime, we hope that you are enjoying the bike lanes!

SAVE THE DATE: SEPTEMBER 22, 2012 ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTY

Treasurer Report

The new treasurer is getting up to date on the financial status and will have the Fiscal Year ending May 31, 2012 report for the September 1st newsletter. In addition, the board plans to establish a budget for the new FY based on neighborhood input from the block captain meeting and the neighbor night out event, and that also will be included in the September 1st newsletter.

Neighborhood Watch

The neighborhood association held a block captain meeting social on April 21st at the swim/tennis clubhouse. There were over 20 block captains at this event. The meeting started with refreshments and a chance for the block captains to mingle and get to know each other. The seating was set up in a round table format so everyone was an equal



part of the discussion. The primary purpose of the meeting was to explain the Neighbor Night Out Event – scheduled for May 19th, and encourage the block captains to plan a neighborhood get together on that evening, or whenever it was convenient for their "block", so that neighbors can get to know each other. Hopefully many of you attended a neighbor night out event on your block!!

We also encouraged the block captains to discuss with their neighbors the benefits of joining the neighborhood association and solicit ideas as to what activities they would like to see the neighborhood association sponsor. Some ideas brought up at the meeting were: more neighborhood parties and spruce up the entrances with landscaping. If you have ideas to share, send an email to Carolyn Weber at: carolyn_weber@bellsouth.net.

We could still use a few block captains. If you are interested, please contact **Tom Scott** at **tomscott@mindspring.com**.

Reminder: Neighbors that are members of the Huntley Hills Yahoo group receive a weekly crime report from Officer Cushenan. Another good reason to become a member of the Yahoo group! See page 3 for the web address.













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HHNA Sponsors Fundraiser and Celebration of Life Party for Adam Stine

On April 14th the Huntley Hills Neighborhood Association sponsored a celebration of life and fundraiser for Adam Stine and his wife Stephanie Ramsey. Adam was an avid supporter of our neighborhood and a wonderful friend and neighbor. He recently passed away from ALS and they incurred many expenses dealing with this debilitating disease.

Just as Adam had given of himself to the neighborhood, it was now time for Huntley Hills to give back to Adam and Stephanie. The community support was nothing short of spectacular. The planning of this event was sent through the Yahoo group and to Adam and Stephanie's friends, family, and co-workers. Within a few days several people had enthusiastically said they would love to attend and offered to help. Donna Myrick quickly called friends in the restaurant business and received almost \$500 in gift card and cash donations. Amy Holmes-Chavez put together

a wonderful slide show of pictures of Adam's life. Velica Brown donated poker chips for a tournament fundraiser planned during the evening. Chad McRae donated 4 cases of Sierra Nevada beer for the event. The Guerrero and Buck families donated a bouncy house and games for kids to play. Nina Watts made a beautiful flower arrangement and many people came early and stayed late to help with the celebration.

We were astounded that 113 people came to celebrate Adam's life and show support for Stephanie. We were also thrilled to raise over \$2700 and checks are still coming in. Some people just stopped by to drop off a donation. The weather was perfect and a good time was had by all. The generosity and community support was beyond our wildest expectations. Huntley Hills continues to be an example of what every neighborhood should be.



So, Just What Does an Architect Do?

I've called Huntley Hills my home for 17 years now. I am one of a handful of architects living in Huntley Hills. For those of you who are unfamiliar with what an architect does, please allow me to share with you the exciting process of design. To illustrate it let's take a project I recently designed for my neighbors.

My neighbor mentioned to me one day how he'd like to add a carport to the home he's owned since it was built in the 1960's. Most projects start with just a kernel of an idea. His must have come while he was washing his cars in the driveway, "I need some shelter from the elements." A car enthusiast, he also explained that the addition should set off the beauty of not only the house but his automobiles too. Thus the idea of was born.

With the concept in hand I advised him that we must first see what the Chamblee zoning ordinance says. The city, like nearly all cities, restricts many aspects of an owner's right to build. Parts of such regulations come out of safety concerns like firefighting needs and structural requirements. Others constrain how much open space should exist between the building, its neighbors and the street. Ultimately, these help assure us that our neighborhood will be safe, valuable and attractive.

The City of Chamblee code can be viewed online at http://www.municode.com/Library/GA/Chamblee as well as more rudimentary guidelines on their own website. I distilled the code to "just" seven pages relevant to the carport project. We looked over the plat map and paced out the distances required from the street curb and the neighbor's fence line. I gave him the good news: "There's room to build a carport fit for three cars!"

We stood back at the sidewalk and tried to visualize what this could mean. I suggested that the lines of the carport roof should complement and reflect those of the main house. I sketched out a rough idea onto an index card. With his enthusiastic agreement along with some budgetary goals, I walked home sensing the thrill of beginning a new design and reveling in our new friendship.

A land survey was made of the property showing an outline of the footprint of his existing home. I brought this into the computer and began to layout measured drawings indicating those zoning lines mentioned above. Working within these constraints I envisioned a couple of ways the carport could take shape. I quickly created a

3D computer model of these two schemes and presented them to my neighbor and his wife. The nice thing about design options is it allows a variety of opinions and comparisons without hurting





anyone's subjective feelings. After sleeping on it he got back to me with their clear choice. We were well on our way!

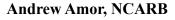
I drew up the preferred design to the degree that we could meet with the city's planning department for a preliminary review: a site plan showing the proposed carport along with some 3D renderings. I wish I could say it was a slam dunk. But there seemed to be some disagreement among them as to the interpretation of the front yard setback, the distance from the new building to the street. We waited a week or so while they hashed this issue out among themselves. Much to our great relief, we got the interpretation that we were seeking. Approved!

A complete set of drawings were then completed with my neighbor's input all along the way. These were issued to three or four qualified builders. A couple of weeks later we had written quotes from the bidders. There was a significant difference between the high and low numbers. But we settled on the one in the middle since the carpenter had some construction innovations along with a few enhancements on how to make it truly handsome. Release the builders!

I take great joy in making the design process fun and engaging. But nothing can compare to seeing the project materialize right before your eyes. The drawings and renderings gave him a realistic expectation. The bricks, mortar and heavy wood timbers realized his expectations in a daily dose of excitement. And he

wasn't disappointed. There is a tangible thrill one gets when his idea comes to pass.

Nowadays he and his family are enjoying the carport, bringing not only shelter for his cars but delight for his heart.



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Beginnings

I am a weirdo. I am that guy who actually enjoys yard work. I make sure there is enough time on the weekends for my property maintenance tasks, and I look forward to getting a little dirty and sweaty in the process. I watch shows like "Yard Crashers" on HGTV and look forward to the regular trip to Lowes, and the 2 hours I invariably spend there, even though I am only looking for a single spark plug (this happened to me at the end of March – true story).

I have come to learn that my neighbors both envy me for my outdoor work ethic while passive aggressively blaming their significant others for some kind of perceived deficiency in comparison. (To all the significant others out there, fire back with the standard response of, "I think it is going to rain soon." That always works wonders.) I have had thoughts of secretly coming to my neighbors' aid in the middle of night by spraying their gutter weeds, or edging their driveways, but I always stop for fear I'll be the next "suspicious person" reported to the yahoo group email list!! That and my wife rolls her eyes at me, when this thought is mistakenly spoken out loud (love you honey!).

Speaking of my wife, she is the first to remind me that I am mediocre at my yard tasks. I am certainly not a gardener. Gardeners know of seasonal plants, soil chemistry, and native species. I am not a landscaper. Landscapers have vision for the land, for color schemes and lines of sight, and for hard vs. soft-scapes. What I am though, is the stereotypical person who works in an office typing a keyboard all week, while secretly longing to be a grounds keeper of a fancy golf course, free from the temperature controlled, florescent lighted world of indoor business. <sigh> I can hear the birds of Augusta National chirping now.

What does all this mean? It means I am a weirdo... a "yard weirdo" if you will, different from the average home owner who curses their outdoor tasks; different from the weekend warrior who would rather watch college football reruns than pull weeds. Darn it, I like to work outside, and it feels good to admit it.

In addition to my yard weirdness, I am also a Huntley Hills resident. I love our neighborhood, even the Yahoo Email Group and its "reply-to-all" responses. (Whatever happened to the drainage ditch otter anyway?) I hope others also care about our community and that they see our neighborhood for its awesome potential. When I am outside working on my 30341-land, I like to think that I am doing my small part to help that potential become reality. Mostly though, I like the feeling I get when my mind calms and my focus narrows. I find that I do some of my best thinking while mowing the lawn or raking leaves... and geez, I get a lot of thinking done due to all those Huntley Hills leaves each November.

If you also share in these same thoughts, then maybe we can be yard weirdos together? The weirdos shall inherit the earth... or maybe we just maintain it? Regardless... yard weirdos unite! Because if there are enough of us, then maybe, I can consider myself simply a "yard enthusiast". Na, that just sounds weird. Besides, I still want to reserve the right to edge a neighbor's driveway.

- The Yard Weirdo



The Yard Weirdo's June 2012 Tip

As the summer temps heat up, the Georgia clay hardens and rain washes away more easily instead of being absorbed by the ground. Consider aerating your lawn in late June / early July to help water reach the roots of your grass during the remainder of the summer. It's like digging a bunch of small empty swimming pools all over your lawn that are just waiting to be filled by the next rainfall. Gravity and nature will do the rest of the work to help keep your grass green even when rain is scarce.

"You are always doing something outside. I don't get it..."

-Anonymous neighbor

Yardwork Schmardwork is a regular column within the quarterly Huntley Hills Herald newsletter. The goal of the column is to entertain and to raise awareness for neighborhood beautification. If you have thoughts or observations that you would like to share with the Yard Weirdo, follow him on Twitter using **@YardWeirdo**. You can also add to the conversation using the hash tag **#YardWeirdo**, or observe the banter online at **https://twitter.com/YardWeirdo**.

Huntley Hills Neighborhood Association (HHNA) Membership Drive

Greetings HH neighbors! I may be the new membership chair, but for the past 15+ years I've seen what membership in a vibrant neighborhood association can mean to this neighborhood. I also work with homeowner associations in my professional life, and so I really know how vital a strong neighborhood association is to lowering incidents of crime, encouraging property maintenance and maintaining solid property values. An involved and engaged community requires that everyone participate – and that's why we need you to join the neighborhood association! We have approximately 750 homes in this

neighborhood and our goal in 2012 is to have the majority become members of the HHNA – of course we are hoping for 100%!

It is now time to join your Huntley Hills Neighborhood Association. The membership fiscal year runs from June 1, 2012 to May 31, 2013. The annual dues are only \$20 per household per year. Membership is voluntary, which means that everyone who participates has made a conscious decision to invest not only in their home, but in their neighborhood.

Your HHNA Board is energetic, cares about the neighborhood and is looking for

all residents to get involved, provide ideas and help with projects. We already have a model Neighborhood Watch program and need to also be known as a model neighborhood association as well!

There is a membership form in this newsletter or you can go to the website and renew online.

I look forward to meeting many of you at the HHNA events planned for this year.

Paige Perkins

HHNA Vice President and Membership Chairperson

The History of Huntley Hills

Longview – with a view to the future: Carol Hoffner, who grew up in Huntley Hills, discovered an original sales brochure from Longview Realty in an old family box. Remarkably well preserved, the sales folder details all the latest conveniences and features found in their house plans, from the hardwood floors and concrete driveways to the custom-made kitchen cabinets; from the plastic countertops and electric dishwashers to the choice of decorator colors for interior and exterior painting.

The sales office, with a display room and subdivision model, was located in the now empty building behind the Firestone Store that Timeless Furniture used to occupy. Carol remembers riding around in a golf cart with the sales person to see models and select a lot. The subdivision plan was for a 928 acre community subdivided into 2,014 homes. The community was planned to extend through what is now I-285 (which wasn't in the plans then) up into Dunwoody in the area on both sides of North Peachtree just across the expressway.

Here is a description of the community from inside the cover of the brochure:

"Longview...a city within itself, didn't just happen...It was planned with a VIEW to the FUTURE. Nothing was overlooked from land planning to complete community services. Over 928 rolling acres – subdivided into 2,014 lots...trees...3 school sites...4 church sites...shopping center...parks...all utilities - sewer, water, natural gas, electricity, telephone service, police and fire protection. All streets are paved and have attractive rollover concrete curbs. Years and years of experience, research, inherent knowledge, and the finest materials and skills go into each home in LONGVIEW. Engineered by the staff of Long Organization, and each home individually designed by James E. Gilder, A.I.A., quality and charm is the goal. All homes are built by Long Construction Company, home builders since 1914, having constructed over 15,735 homes since 1942 alone. Yes - quality, beauty, convenience, and charm can all be yours, and ...what is more...a SECURE VIEW to the FUTURE in Longview."

Huntley Hills subdivision was obviously the initial phase of this larger community

and it was eventually built-out pretty much as planned. There are a few interesting differences to note. Most streets have the original name except that Seaman Circle was to have been called Oregon Drive; Admiral Way was to be Craven Lane; Forrestal was to be Saratoga Drive; and Longview Way was to be Suffolk Lane. There must have been a parochial school planned for the current public school site as the drawing shows a church on the corner of what is now Forrestal and Seaman Circle. The proposed shopping center did develop into Chamblee Plaza. Our new neighborhood park on Longview was originally planned to be a park, with two additional parks on Ellwyn and Plantation.

Mr. Long built the first phase of homes up to Plantation Lane, including the pool which was for community use. That was in the 1950's. He actually lived for many years in the subdivision on Greenhill Drive. Even on today's county records, homes in this area are still referred to as Longview Subdivision. Somewhere in the 1960's, other builders took over and completed the subdivision back to North Shallowford. That is the reason for the distinct difference in home structure on both sides of Plantation Lane.



HHNA Annual Membership June 1, 2012 – May 31, 2013 \$20 Per Household

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Want to check on your membership status with the HHNA? Contact Paige Perkins at paigefwd@att.net . THANK YOU!
The Huntley Hills Neighborhood Association is a separate organization from the Huntley Hills Swim and Tennis Club.

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

- Manage an active Neighborhood Watch Program that works to keep your neighborhood safer
- ✓ Publish a quarterly newsletter and 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 Neighborhood Yard Sale
- 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 traffic calming efforts, potential new Chamblee annexation or the redevelopment of Chamblee Plaza or Savoy Drive

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

Summer is here!! And it's a great time to be at the pool with all of your friends and neighbors. It's not too late to join our Huntley Hills Swim and Tennis Club – we still have new memberships for sale. For additional information, including prices, pictures and so much more, please visit: www.hhstc.com

We have a very full social calendar this year and are hosting several community events.

Tennis Club

Save the Dates:

Sun, June 3rd – Good Neighbor Day! (pool is open to all Huntley Hills neighbors)

Sun, June 10th – Senior pot luck dinner (open to non-member seniors)

Tues, June 12th and 19th – Home swim meets (come have dinner at the pool and cheer for our neighborhood kids!)

Sat, June 30th – 2nd Annual Dip-Off Party (adults only, open to non-members)

Wed, July 4th – Neighborhood Parade!

Sun, July 8th – Chamblee Day (open to all Chamblee employees and families)

Join the Huntley Hills Yahoo Group so you can get reminders and details about all of these events and more.





Greetings from Huntley Hills School!

What a fast and busy Spring! We have concluded our CRCT testing and have great hopes that our students excelled in every way! How lucky we are to live in such a supportive community. We have a hard working PTA, volunteers who frequent the school to assist, gracious Partners-in-Education, a dedicated School Council, parents who care, and a faculty and staff who gives it their all every day!

As you drive by the school, please note the new "no parking" signs across from the school. This was done at the request of the School Council to help keep our students and their families safe. A special thank you goes to the Chamblee Police for working hand-in-hand with us on that project.

We are glad to be the hub of this fine neighborhood and appreciate those of you who "watch out" for us each day. Know that we are working hard inside to make our community stronger by teaching our students to be problem solvers and forward thinkers! Here's to a great summer!

My best,

Angela C. Leissa, Ph.D. *Principal*

Chamblee High School Construction Update

By Kathy Kopplow

After numerous delays, demolition of the old Chamblee High School finally started in early May. As you can see in the photo, heavy equipment started leveling the building at the corner of Stadium Drive and Chamblee Dunwoody Road. In order to accommodate construction vehicles, Pierce Drive was closed to through traffic and Stadium Drive will also be permanently closed and no longer available as a "short-cut" from Chamblee Dunwoody to Peachtree Blvd. These road closures proved to be a bigger challenge than anticipated with the multiple graduation ceremonies held in May. Also, when football season begins in August, the parking will be very limited - approximately only thirty parking spaces will be available in that area.

The new academic building is projected to be completed by the winter break 2013-14. The fine arts wing, auditorium, natatorium and gymnasium are scheduled for completion by the beginning of the 2014-15 school year. These are being built on the site of the old Highland Gardens Apartments.

At an estimated \$78 million dollars, the new Chamblee High School (see artist rendering) will be a beautiful, state-of-the-art "neighbor" that will continue the tradition started on that site back in 1917.





Chamblee Police News

Hello Huntley Hills,

I'm Officer Cushenan with the Chamblee Police C.O.P.S. Unit. I hope everyone has enjoyed my weekly crime reports. I try to make myself available to everyone through emails and community meetings so if you have questions or need assistance with home safety tips send me an email. A few months ago in a weekly report I attached an "Emergency Family Plan" specifically written for Huntley Hills. If you'd like a copy or have any questions I'd be happy to hear from you. I truly believe that a motivated and prepared community helps the police department and improves the standard of living for everyone. To view crime statistics in the city copy and paste the link below into your browser.

http://www.chambleega.com/Departments/Police_CrimeStatistics.aspx

Thank you,

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Spring Cleaning Event

THANK YOU Barbra Wollner for helping residents do some Spring clean up!! As noted in the last newsletter, April calendar, Barbra arranged for a large dumpster to be placed in the swim/tennis parking lot the week of April 14th-April 22nd. It was a huge success – as you can see from the picture!!

Barbra lives in Huntley Hills, and is an Associate Broker for Keller Williams Realty.



Life Events

Engagements

Jeff and Judy Berman, who moved to Huntley Hills in May of 2010, would like to announce the engagement of their son David to Katie Murray. They live in Oakland, CA. David is a Network Design Specialist, with Windstream Communications and Katie is a fourth grade teacher. A November 2012 wedding will be held in Denver, CO.

Births

Barbra and Matt Wollner are proud to announce the birth of their son, Hudson Eric Wollner, on January 30, 2012, 8lbs, 5 oz! Welcome to Huntley Hills Hudson!!



Faith and Mo Nasser, are thrilled to announce the birth of their 3rd daughter, Aliya Hope, on April 5, weighing 6 lbs, 11 oz. And Mom says Rose and Sophia are awesome big sisters!

The MESA FAMILY on Commodore Drive welcomed with love – Ethan James Mesa, April 6, 2012, 7 lbs, 6 oz.

Birthdays

On Feb. 16th, HH resident Maude Plunkett turned 106!!! She is a wonderful woman, funny and kind. Maude was surprised and thrilled to receive lots of birthday cards from HH neighbors (Thanks to HH neighbor Maureen who sent an email to the yahoo group.)



Deaths

Ruth Morgan, a Huntley Hills resident since 1966, passed away Thursday, February 23rd, at the young age of 78. Ruth was a kind, gentle, sweet, soft spoken angel. Ruth will be missed by her family and friends.

Joy Rochell, one of the original Huntley Hills residents – on Commander Dr. since 1958, passed away on March 25th. She will be greatly missed by her family, friends and neighbors.



Annexation Update

By Elena Parent

More than 11,000 DeKalb residents will have the opportunity to vote for annexation into Chamblee on November 6. HB 1006, a bill filed by Rep. Elena Parent, permits a referendum by the Dresden East Community Association (DECA) neighborhoods (East of Buford Highway, South of Clairmont-Tucker, and North and West of I-85) to vote on whether they want to annex into the City of Chamblee. A recent poll taken at a Dresden East Civic Association March meeting showed approximately 60% of attendants in favor of annexation.

As in the 2010 annexation that included Huntley Hills, only voters in the area considering annexation will be allowed to vote. Current voters in the City of Chamblee will not vote on this annexation.

Unlike the 2010 annexation, this proposed addition to the City of Chamblee occurred within a short time period. Parent said that it rose out of the planning stages of the proposed City of Brookhaven

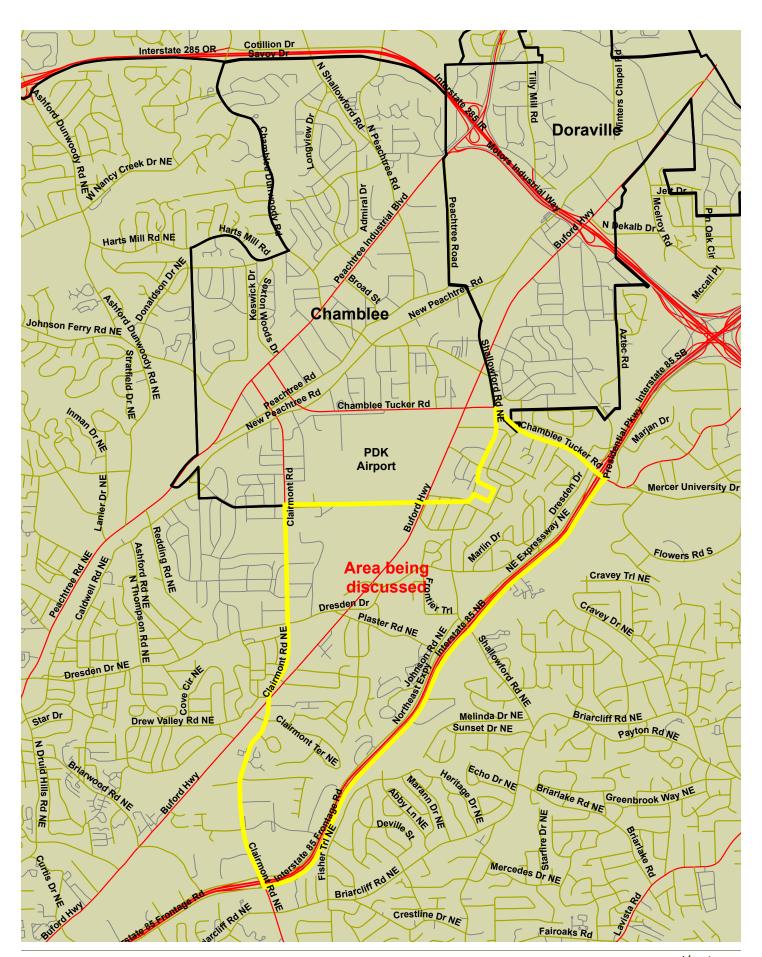
"I saw a proposed city boundary map that basically went down Clairmont, bypassing all of the DECA residential areas, but encircling the commercial areas," explained Parent. "Imagine if Chamblee had decided to annex everything on Peachtree Boulevard and North Shallowford/North Peachtree but bypass Huntley Hills. You would have been an island with diminished annexation options for the future, and I couldn't let the DECA neighborhoods have that happen to them."

Parent contacted DECA which represents the majority of the subdivisions in this area to make sure they were aware of the situation. They were not. At the same time City of Chamblee officials were also learning of the proposed Brookhaven plan which appeared to hand-pick commercial property, including the half of the airport currently in unincorporated DeKalb. "The lines that were being proposed didn't seem to consider the preservation of neighborhoods," explained Mayor Eric Clarkson. "Nor did it make sense to divide commercial areas on Clairmont and Buford Highway. That's why the City was concerned about the original boundary lines for the proposed City of Brookhaven."

After speaking with her constituents in the area and the City of Chamblee, Parent saw that residents wanted the right to choose whether they would be in a city or would stay in unincorporated DeKalb - something that the Brookhaven plan would not allow them. With that knowledge, Chamblee council members voted unanimously for a resolution to ask Parent to file a bill with the legislature to call for the vote of annexation of the DECA neighborhoods.

During this same time, the City of Chamblee was also negotiating to have the proponents of the Brookhaven cityhood drop their claims to the commercial areas looped into their proposed city limits. This then gave a consistent and more thorough mix of residential and commercial property down Buford Highway and Clairmont – removing the "islands" of what on the surface appeared to be unwanted commercial or residential areas.

Since the referendum will not be held until November, Clarkson said that the City has begun working on how these new neighborhoods will be served if annexation is approved. "We're going to use the next six months to plan for how to best extend all services to the DECA neighborhoods," said Clarkson. "If this area chooses to join the City of Chamblee, we want to make sure that we are ready to provide exemplary service from day one."





Gardening in Huntley Hills

By Allison Metheny, a gardener by choice (versus newsletter editor!)

To those of you that are gardeners and have been in the neighborhood for a few years, I'm sure you have fond memories of Kay Packard's articles and newsletters!! Kay has a gift when it comes to putting the beauty, joy, pleasure, practicality of gardening into words. I am not Kay!!! Unfortunately, Kay just finally reached the point where it was time to "retire" from all of that. Kay is still gardening, and is doing pretty good most days. In another issue we will devote a whole page to Kay. But for now - since I do love gardening and love to give advice – you are stuck with me! For this issue, since as usual I have run out of time, here are a few gardening tips to remember:

If needed, prune spring blooming shrubs, such as azaleas, by the end of June. The sooner the better since everything bloomed so early this year. These shrubs form their flower buds for next year in July/August. Also - don't use electric or gas trimmers!!! These stimulate growth at the cut and you end up with a bushy shrub on the exterior and everything brown/dead on the inside!! Hand prune, cutting into the middle of the shrub (like thinning) to open it up so the inside of the shrub gets some light and air.

Beware of poison ivy!! There is lots of big, beautiful poison ivy in the neighborhood. See the pictures – one showing what looks like innocent greenery by the road, and then the close up!! Very easy for pets and children to "interact" with! And if your pet gets the oils on his/her hair – guess who might get it also?

Fall is the best time to plant – trees, shrubs, perennials, and fescue grass. This gives the roots time to get established before the stress of spring growth, and summer heat and drought! You can get your flower beds or lawn "ready" this summer, and then plant when it cools down a bit. Fescue grass should be planted from mid- September thru October. Trees and perennials can be planted throughout the fall and winter.

Plant some native trees, shrubs, perennials. They provide food and shelter for our native wildlife and insects, which helps keep the whole ecosystem working!! You know – you get the good bugs to eat the bad bugs, blah, blah. Non-native varieties contribute beauty and that's about it!

Next issue – help me figure out where all the rabbits and turtles and frogs have gone? Let me know if you are missing them too!!! I do hear some frogs in the creek but I never see them in the yard. Do you?

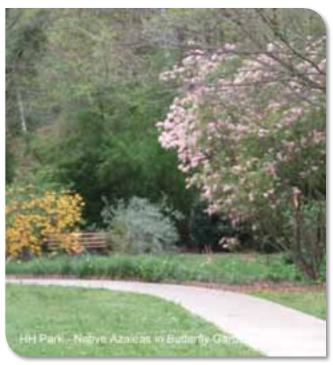
















Neighborhood Teen Spotlight

My name is John Beck. I am a 13 year old 7th grader at Chamblee Middle School. You might know me directly or indirectly through my parents Jenny and Paul Beck. We have lived in Huntley Hills for 16 years and feel it is the best neighborhood.

I have been selected to become a People to People Student Ambassador to the Australian outback. This is an extremely special opportunity. Next summer in June, I will join a delegation of 40 students my age on a 17-day educational program that will take us through Australia, the Australian outback and New Zealand.

Our curriculum will teach us about the history, culture, and people of the region. After all, there is no better way to learn about culture than to experience it firsthand, through home stays and school visits. We will be led by experienced teachers and engage in a wide variety of cultural encounters and adventures. We will get to interact with an Australian member of Parliament, rappel down a mountain, try out snorkeling in the great barrier reef and visit an aboriginal village. Needless to say, I am incredibly excited. If you would like more information on the program, please contact me personally or visit www.peopletopeople.com.

I am paying my way and raising money for the program. I will be babysitting (I received my Red Cross certificate in April 2012), lawn mowing, collecting old phones and ink jet cartridges for Phoneraiser, selling items that I and my family have made and reaching out to local businesses and people for sponsorships. Two businesses have let me put collection boxes for the Phoneraiser program (Old cell phones and Ink jet cartridge recycling) in their stores. Treasure Mart and GNO Snowballs are the drop off locations. Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to support my quest in any way. You can email me at <code>jrbbeck@bellsouth.net</code>. I would be happy to make you some origami, bead bookmarks or post cards (from the Galapagos). Please check out my sponsorship page at http://peerbackers.com/projects/dollars-for-down-under-with-the-people-to-people-program/

Thank you for supporting me in my goal to explore and understand another country.













JUNE							
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17 Father's Day	18	19	20	21	22	23	
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JULY							
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22 Parent's Day	23	24	25	26	27	28	
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City of Chamblee: Regular pick-up schedule DeKalb County: No blue box/recycling pick up.

AUGUST						
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SAVE THE DATE: SEPTEMBER 22, 2012 ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTY.

Teen Services

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Tamara Rattansingh–Age 16 (770) 455-9552 • (404) 316-8933

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Gabby Miller–Age 12 (770) 885-9402

Jared Tench–Age 16 (770) 265-5849

Tamara Rattansingh–Age 16 (770) 455-9552 • (404) 316-8933

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John Beck–Age 13 years (770) 986-8306

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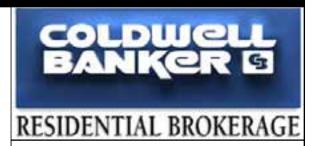
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