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Huntley Hills Neighborhood Association

President's Corner

Everyone who is glad that summer is over, raise your hand. I bet there are not a lot kids' hands raised out there! But for all the adults who had to pay A/C bills and who watched their grass and flowers wither in the heat, I'm sure you are raising your hand in relief that summer is almost over. In case you were lucky enough to be out of town and missed it, Atlanta hit an all-time record high of 106 degrees. on June 30.

Luckily, we have a wonderful swim and tennis club in our neighborhood; so many people were able to cool off from the heat. For the first time in years, it has reached full membership and there is now a waiting list. Even if you are not a member, I'm sure you appreciate that having a pool makes the neighborhood more desirable and adds to the value of your home. Thanks to the pool board for all they do to keep our club top-notch!

The summer was filled with fun events in Huntley Hills. The Neighborhood Watch program sponsored block parties throughout the neighborhood in May and June. Each Block Captain coordinated the party for their area. Families got together to socialize, meet new neighbors and enjoy hot dogs, hamburgers, BBQ and ice cream. Next was our annual Huntley Hills July 4th parade. Over 100 kids of all ages were out in their red, white and blue – riding bikes and scooters, walking and pushing little ones in strollers. The Chamblee police led the parade with two policemen on motorcycles. Awards were given for the best decorations and everyone cooled off with popsicles at the end.



Celebrating July 4th in HH

But all good things must come to an end, and the sight of yellow buses rolling down Longview tells us that summer is over and school has begun. Although there were some cutbacks, the Montessori program at Huntley Hills Elementary School has survived again, much to the delight of local parents. At the high school level, demolition finally started in June and some progress is being made.

However, just because summer is over doesn't mean the fun is over. The fall calendar is filled with great events for young and old. Our biggest event of the year, the neighborhood-wide block party, is Saturday, September 22nd. If you're new to the neighborhood, this event is not to be missed! On October 31, we have our annual Halloween Party, sponsored by the swim and tennis club, and once the weather turns a little cooler, we are planning a Chili Cook-off on November 10. The year will wrap up with our Second Annual Holiday Decorating contest. I hear that some of the runners-up went shopping the day after Christmas last year to stock up for this year's contest!

If you have any questions about the neighborhood association, or any ideas for future events, please contact me at carolyn_weber@bellsouth.net.

Carolyn Weber
HHNA President



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Communciations

By Allison Metheny and Dick Patterson

Newsletter Info: This is the 3rd edition of the new and improved newsletter. It seems to be a big hit with the neighborhood. Thank you to all that contribute articles, news tidbits, and pictures! **Everyone – keep sending ideas, news/info, stories, and pictures - these are really what make the newsletter interesting!!** Send info to Allison at ametheny@comcast.net. Also, please consider placing an ad in the newsletter – for your business or favorite charity or something else! The current newsletter arrangement (no cost to us!) is dependent on adequate advertising. The deadline to submit information for the next newsletter is November 1st.

Website News: The **Huntley Hills Website** is a treasure trove of information you will likely need at one time or another while you live here.

- If you'd like to be able to go for a walk and find your way home again, download the Huntley Hills Walking Map.
- If you're a history buff –you can read about a railroad that used to pass through where Chamblee Plaza and the Chamblee United Methodist Church now stand, that was used by President Theodore Roosevelt to visit his mother.
- If you want to join the Neighborhood Yahoo Group to get help finding a lost dog, give away unwanted furniture or learn about suspicious activity, you'll find instructions for joining on the Welcome page.
- Telephone numbers for the Chamblee police department are on the Safety page.
- Old newsletters are in the Document section.
- Information about the Neighborhood Association is on the About Us page. Contact information for the officers is here.
- Photographs of this Spring's Block Parties are in the Photo Gallery. So are pictures of the Fourth of July Parade.

This is only a sampling. Visit www.huntleyhills.net to see what else is there. If you have a news article you'd like to post, or photographs of a neighborhood event, there is room for more. Contact the Webmaster Dick Patterson at rpatters@math.iupui.edu.

Membership Report

By Paige Perkins, Vice President and Membership Chair

**Are You Part
of the 17%?**

I belong to a special group in this neighborhood. I'm part of the 17% of the property owners or renters in Huntley Hills that have joined or renewed their membership to the Neighborhood Association. But, we're not an elitist group and would love to be known as the 100% Club!

If you're part of the 17%, let me thank you 1000% for your participation and your willingness to stay involved with the work that this neighborhood association continues to do. If you've not yet joined, why not do it today?

It's very easy to renew and still only \$20! You can return the application that is right in this newsletter and return it via mail, or go to the HHNA web site, www.huntleyhills.net and Click on "Join the Association" and pay via Paypal.

The ability to demonstrate a strong neighborhood association is important when addressing issues of redevelopment – such as Chamblee Plaza or Savoy Drive – or delivery of promised services from the City of Chamblee. Please know that your Board of Directors carefully monitors all of these issues, and many others, and will always alert the membership to each and every opportunity that may come for you to voice your opinion. Please join us in our efforts to keep Huntley Hills moving forward!

5TH ANNUAL Neighborhood-wide Block Party

Sponsored by the Huntley Hills Neighborhood Association (HHNA)

Saturday, September 22, 2012

4 pm – 8 pm

On Commander Drive, Next to the Pool

* FOOD * FRIENDS * FABULOUS DOOR PRIZES *

* FIRETRUCK * POLICE * BOUNCY HOUSE AND OTHER GAMES *

* FUN * FUN * FUN*

All HUNTLEY HILLS Residents WELCOME!

Great Opportunity to meet neighbors and the HHNA Board Members

Pizza, BBQ and other food and beverages
provided by local businesses and the HHNA

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share

Bring chairs or blankets to sit on

Best to walk to the event - very limited parking

WE NEED LOTS OF HELP - PLEASE VOLUNTEER!!

Contact Scott Gillispie at scott_gillispie@yahoo.com or any HHNA board member

“Reminder - this event will be good opportunity to

JOIN THE HHNA - BRING \$20!!”

This event is organized by the HHNA Board members. Special recognition to board member Kevin Shannon who chaired this event. Special thanks also to the Huntley Hills Swim and Tennis Club for use of the facility and their donation of soft drinks and water.

Neighborhood Watch Report

By Scott Gillispie, Neighborhood Watch Chair

Earlier this year, Tom Scott, who has done a wonderful job re-energizing our Neighborhood Watch team over the last couple of years, left his active role on the association board as the Property Relations Chairperson, which includes the Neighborhood Watch Program. We want to thank Tom for all of his good work and wish him the best.

As a current Block Captain and new member of the association board, I've taken over the role of Neighborhood Watch Coordinator. As such, I'm going to do my best to continue Tom's work in recruiting Block Captains, and building a strong team in this area across the neighborhood.

For those not aware, we have divided Huntley Hills into about 56 'blocks' and have tried to identify Block Captains for each one. The responsibilities of the Block Captain are:

- Welcome new neighbors, introduce them to the Neighborhood Watch and the neighborhood association, and invite their participation. Dick Patterson has put together new neighbor information packets; you can contact Dick or me for information on these.
- Exchange contact information, so that we can work together in case of emergency, or provide support (and an eye on their houses) when neighbors are out of town. Try to contact all neighbors at least once a year, to keep information refreshed.
- Support building neighborhood relationships, through our neighborhood-wide and block parties.
- Provide suggestions to the Neighborhood Watch Coordinator (me) for making our neighborhood stronger and safer.

If you do not know who your Block Captain is, please contact me at scott_gillispie@yahoo.com or 404-723-2072. We have a number of Block Captain vacancies in the neighborhood. If you want to be a Block Captain, please let me know. Please look for me at the Fall Neighborhood Wide Block Party on September 22.



Neighborhood-Wide Block Party

By Kevin Shannon

We are excited to have our fifth annual Huntley Hills block party! It will be held Saturday September 22 from 4:00 to 8:00pm, on Commander Drive, next to the pool. We always have great support from our local businesses, and will strive to make this year's event better than ever. This year, we hope to break last year's record crowd. We are inviting many of our local officials, such as the mayor, city council members and Chamblee police officers. We will also have the very popular raffle with some great door prizes. Last year's prizes included: a beach weekend, gift cards, Starbucks coffee, oil changes, car washes and all sorts of neat gifts and surprises. We will also have games for kids (and maybe the adults!). Stay tuned to the Yahoo group emails or check the website (www.huntleyhills.net) for updates!

With a record crowd we will need **lots and lots** of help in setting up, serving/monitoring the food and beverage areas, cleaning up and also help with picking up food, ice or other goods from vendors. See the flyer for further information!

I look forward to seeing everyone on September 22nd.



HHNA Treasurer's Report

By Ann Tamli, Treasurer

I am honored to be the Treasurer of HHNA for fiscal year 2012-2013. First of all, I want to report that we had a very strong year last year, ending with a balance of over \$3,300. This was due to two things. First, we had an increase in membership and ended the year with 190 members. Thanks to everyone who supported the HHNA! Second, we no longer have to pay for printing the newsletter. Our newsletter is now produced by KDA and funded by our generous advertisers. So please remember to support their businesses. Many of them are our Huntley Hills neighbors.

HHNA 2011-2012 Financial Summary		
Starting Balance		\$ 1,982.59
Income	Membership	<u>3,798.30</u>
Expenses	Stine Memorial	(416.61)
	Corporate Fees	(50.00)
	Neighborhood Watch	(160.84)
	Newsletter (1 issue!)	(828.46)
	Annual Meeting (includes signs)	(385.78)
	Christmas Decorating Contest	(70.00)
	Annual Block Party	<u>(533.80)</u>
Subtotal		(2,445.49)
Ending Balance		\$ 3,335.40

This year, it is our goal to put your membership dues (\$20 per family per year) to even better use. The fortunate problem is figuring out how to spend the estimated membership dues income of \$4,000 and the carryover of \$3,335 from last year. At our last Board meeting, we came up with several ideas for neighborhood events and improvements, including the following:

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| 1. HH Signage at N. Shallowford Triangle | 7. Volunteer of the Year Plaque | • Members-Only Party |
| 2. Triangle landscaping | 8. Paint for train at park | • Spring Block Parties |
| 3. Trash cans at bus stops | 9. Block Captain Meeting | • Feed the birds event |
| 4. Stream Cleanup | 10. Social Events: | • Holiday Decorating Contest |
| 5. Recycling Education | • Fall Block Party | |
| 6. Seasonal decorations | • Chili Cook-off | |

We would like to solicit additional ideas from our members. If you have an idea of how to put your dues to work for Huntley Hills, please contact your favorite HHNA Board member and they will present it at our next Board meeting, when we will discuss and vote on the best ways to use the funds collected. We look forward to your input.

Traffic Calming

By Carolyn Weber

In June of this year, the next step of the traffic calming program was implemented. A center island was installed on Longview across from the park. It looked pretty insignificant when it first went in! But thanks to two hard-working HHNA board members, it looks much better now. They purchased and planted several types of colorful plants. They even arranged for a small cadre of volunteers to water them throughout the summer. The yellow Lantana look especially pretty when you drive into the neighborhood.

There is still one piece of the plan missing and that is the traffic circles on three intersections on Longview Drive. Unfortunately, progress in this area has been very slow. But I am continuing to contact DeKalb County on a regular basis and to push them to deliver on what they promised. I am still optimistic that the project will be completed by end of year. In the meantime, please drive carefully through our neighborhood and remember that the speed limit is 25 mph.



Neighborhood Beautification - Chamblee the Beautiful

By Carolyn Weber

Most of us learned the song “America the Beautiful” when we were kids. Now there’s a group in Huntley Hills that is trying to make our corner of the city “Chamblee the Beautiful”. In June, I sent out a request asking for volunteers to work on the newly former Neighborhood Beautification Committee. Ten people replied that they wanted to help.

We had our first event on June 30, when the volunteers met to tackle the overgrown triangle at the north end of Longview. With the assistance of Leslie Robson (who helped us figure what was a weed and what was a plant!), we pruned and trimmed and weeded. Although we started early, it got warm quite quickly. We didn’t find out until the next day that not only was it hot, it was the HOTTEST day ever in Atlanta! So a special thank you goes out to the six hardy souls who braved the heat to help make Huntley Hills more beautiful.

In July, we moved our efforts to the other end of Longview to work in the Butterfly Garden.

Many things in the garden were growing so well that they were crowding each other out. So we thinned things out a lot to give them room to thrive. We also pruned some of the trees to let in more sun. We even had two volunteers come to help who didn’t even live in Huntley Hills, but had a special love for the Butterfly Garden. Thanks Jean and Dave! The next time you are walking through the park, I hope that you’ll stop and smell the flowers.

If you have suggestions on what else in Huntley Hills could use some “beautifying” or if you are interested in helping on our next project, please contact me at 770-454-8283.



1. Jean pulling a tall grassy weed. 2. Peggy cutting weedy vine off the Joe Pye Weed (odd name – good plant). 3. Peggy Waterman, Jean and Dave Otness, Carolyn Weber; photographer – Allison Metheny



Kitty Update

By Allison Metheny

For those of you that missed out on all of the drama in May related to the kitty trapped in the drain at the corner of Longview and Ensign Dr. – you can get all the great details and pictures at the website: www.huntleyhills.net (I keep telling everyone they NEED to join, or in some instances – just read – the Yahoo group email!). In summary, thanks to several very brave and determined neighbors, the kitty was rescued, adopted by a great neighborhood family, and is doing great!

The family provided the following update: “Addy is doing great! She is now over 4 times the size she was when she came to live with us in May - now weighing in at over 4 pounds! The kids love her, as do we all! She has met lots of the neighborhood kids, and loves when they come to visit. Ainslie, Liam and Aiden are very protective of her, and help facilitate “small group visits” -especially when Addy was new to our home. We didn’t want her to be overwhelmed by the chaos of lots of little hands and faces trying to get very close to her! Addy takes turns sleeping with the kids, she mostly alternates between Ainslie and Liam’s rooms. They are a big help in taking care of her, taking turns feeding her and scooping the cat box! We are still very thankful for the kind neighbors that took the time to rescue our sweet girl!”



Kitty in May 2012



August 2012 - look how big Addy has grown!

Sababa (Awesome) Summer Watermelon Salad

Doni Tamli, Huntley Hills Neighbor and Executive Chef at Café Sababa

Sweet, sour, bitter and salty—these are the flavors that need to be balanced when creating an amazing salad of any origin. Balancing these flavors in a unique, refreshing, Mediterranean-style salad is easy with just a few ingredients:

- ½ seedless watermelon flesh, cut into bite-sized chunks
(keep the rind-half for use as a serving bowl for this salad, if you like)
- Juice of 1 ½ to 2 limes
- 1/3 cup coarsely chopped cilantro leaves
- Dash of salt
- ½ cup crumbled feta cheese

Gently mix watermelon, lime juice, cilantro and salt in a bowl. Cover and chill for at least 15 minutes, to let flavors fuse together. When ready to serve, sprinkle feta cheese on top.

The sweetness of the watermelon and the tang and saltiness of the feta are offset with the sourness of the lime juice and the mild bitterness of the cilantro to create a flavor combination you wouldn’t ordinarily expect from a fruit-based salad. This isn’t a dessert salad. Serve it as a side dish when you grill out this summer and your guests will think you are sababa!

Doni Tamli is Executive Chef and Co-Owner of Café Sababa – Mediterranean Grill in the N. Shallowford Plaza Shopping Center at 4639 N. Shallowford Rd. in Dunwoody. A native of Israel and a Huntley Hills resident, he has been a restaurateur for twelve years and in the restaurant business for 25 years. To find out more about Chef Doni and Café Sababa, visit www.cafesababa.net.



Neighborhood Spotlight on Tom Scott

By Kevin Shannon and Pat Brower

Our community spotlight this month focuses on Tom Scott. Many of you know him as the coordinator of our Huntley Hills Neighborhood Watch program. For the last two years, he has worked tirelessly to get the program revitalized. We have gone from about a dozen Block Captains to over 40! In addition, he has built a good working relationship with the police department at Chamblee.

But we also wanted you to know more about Tom and what he has brought to our community. Tom has lived in Huntley Hills for 41 years. Tom is 74 years old and has been married to the love of his life Fran for the past 51 years. They have one daughter and one son, and three grandchildren, maybe four by the time you get this newsletter! He graduated from the University of North Carolina, putting himself through school. He moved into the area to work in the garment industry but when that ended, he started Tom Scott Enterprises making engraved plaques and awards.

Outside of work, Tom has been involved in many activities. When his children were young, he was the President of the Huntley Hills PTA for three years. He was a Boy Scout committee chairman and was very proud when his son achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. He has been a devoted member of Chamblee Methodist Church for 40+ years and is the Boy Scout liaison and temporary chair.

We spoke to some of his friends and neighbors to learn more about Tom. His neighbors say, “It’s comforting to know that Tom and Fran are a few houses away. They are staples of our community and we all are grateful to have them as friends and neighbors”.

Chamblee police Officer Alex Cushman had this to say about Tom: “After every meeting with Tom Scott, I felt a sense of pride that I was the emergency response unit for a neighborhood like Huntley Hills. Here is a man that is a leader, knows what he wants, and knows how to get it. He is a motivator, an organizer and a man that truly enjoys giving back to his community. With bumper sticker sayings like “Don’t Feed the Criminals” Tom Scott strives to make Huntley Hills a safe and secure neighborhood for the future. Thanks for everything buddy, stay strong!”

Chamblee police Officer Sgt. J. J. Davis added this: “When I first met Mr. Scott he, was so glad to introduce himself as the Huntley Hills Neighborhood Watch Coordinator. I think the world of Tom, and I thank him for what he has taught me. I knew very little about Neighborhood Watch but Mr. Scott would answer any question I asked him. Thank you Tom Scott - you have done a great job for Huntley Hills. Your shoes will be tough to fill as neighborhood coordinator and we will never forget what you have done. Get well my friend.”

As some of you may know, Tom has been battling cancer for some time now. We send him our best wishes and prayers for good health. We would all like to thank and recognize Tom for his service on the Huntley Hills Neighborhood Association board for the past three years. He took over our Neighborhood Watch program and it is now being used as a baseline for developing other Neighborhood Watch programs throughout the county. His message has always been “don’t feed the criminals” and he is always trying to keep OUR neighborhood safe. Thank you Tom Scott, for the wonderful job you have done!

(Editor’s note – if you have a suggestion for a future Community Spotlight, please contact Allison Metheny at ametheny@comcast.net.)



Tom and Fran Scott

Spring Neighbor Night Out

By Scott Gillespie

In May and early June, many of our neighborhood watch Block Captains organized get-togethers for their neighbors. In some cases, several block captains joined together to host a party. Thanks to all of the block captains that hosted parties. See the pictures below. The neighborhood association plans to make this an annual event and we hope to see the participation increase next year. So if you missed out on this year's event, we hope that you will try to participate with us next year!



Block Party on Greenhill



Block Party on Afond Ct



Block Party on Afond Ct



Block Party on Afond Ct



Block Party on Afond Ct



Block Party on Ensign Ct



Block Party on Ensign Ct



Block Party on Greenhill



Block Party on Forrestal



Outflowing of Family Space

By Andrew Amor, NCARB, Amor Design Studios

In these dog days of summer we sleep with the AC cranking away most the nightlong. First thing this morning I poured a cup of coffee and stepped out on my deck to breathe in the cool fresh air of daybreak. Then out of nowhere I was viciously attacked! Bit five times around my ankles and shins. My assailants? A swarm of bloodthirsty mosquitos!

My neighbors down the street must have experienced the same thing when they came up with an idea to outsmart these winged menaces of Huntley Hills. “Let’s build a screened-in family room.”

By the time they called me in as their architect the young couple had managed to sketch out a plan showing the addition coming off of the back side of their house. They pointed to a pair of windows facing their backyard and explained how nice it’d be to remove these so they could walk out from the dining room. I watched their little kids playing outside, oblivious to the mosquitos, and asked how they’d like to connect the addition down to the back yard. The wife smiled and expressed her love for her girls, wanting to watch them play. But she admitted her hatred for wearing bug spray all day. “Let’s put a screen door out to a set of steps leading down to the brick patio.” She liked how this would allow her to come and go while she watched them. And she laughed at the thought that she might even go back to wearing French perfume instead of “Deep Woods Off”.

We walked outside to get a better feel for the size of the addition. We talked about the best way to marry the new roof with the existing gabled roof so it would blend in with the style of the house. I sketched out how the pitch of the roof should match the existing gable. “The new ridge must not go up above the top of the existing ridgeline.” They could see that the width of the addition sets the height of the roof.

Thus it could not be any greater than 24 feet long. We settled on 18 feet then made the depth 12, a very typical dimension for living rooms.

Then the husband’s face lit up as he put in his request for a place to grill out. I drew a box next to the family room, “Like this? OK then the carpenter could frame the floor for the family room and extend it out to form a sort of deck.” We drew a line on the ground showing the edge of the deck and the steps that would land onto the existing patio. “Great.” I double-checked to see that the deck would give him enough room to set his grill up without smoking out the family... or catching the roof on fire!

One of them gasped, “Uh-oh! What about the door to the crawl space?” The furnace and plumbing needed to be accessed through that tiny door. I told them they could crawl under the deck, open the door and get into it that way. Instead we devised a better way: a portion of the new deck floor could be made into a hatch that could be swung up to allow an opening to the existing doorway. “Not bad. And easier than crawling under the deck.”

With the project all laid out we then proceeded to discuss the style of it. The wife pulled out some magazine clippings showing some examples they liked. They were beautiful country homes built out of heavy pine lumber, “heavy timber”. I agreed, a rustic look would definitely look great and feel comfortable. They shared with me how they’d like to sit in the room and look out towards their wooded backyard and see through the framing of the roof. I sketched out how the roof would be held up with wood framing called a “truss” - its cross-members forming an interesting look of tracery.

A few last minute requests: ceiling fans, plugs for lamps, a skylight and even a small

countertop at the kitchen windowsill for her to pass-through the ingredients to her husband as he cooks out. “Oh, and don’t forget the bug screens!” she chuckled.

A few days later I came back with my laptop computer in hand. I had created a sort of 3D “virtual reality”, a model of what we dreamed up together. It was exciting to fire up the computer and spin around the model from various angles. Architecture comes to life! There was none of the usual problem of reading architectural floor plans and building elevations and sections. The 3D design was as easy to read as if they were flying around their house or standing in their back yard. All the relationships of the parts were immediately understandable. “Perfect. Let’s build it!”

I went back to my design studio and extracted some 2D drawings, added notes and details. All was now ready to send to the city for construction permits and to their selected contractor to begin.

These days I occasionally run into my neighbors. Before I can even ask, they’re giving me raving reviews on how much they enjoy their new addition. They tell me they spend so much time in it they can’t believe they could ever have lived without it - all those years cooped up in their stuffy house or swatting ‘squitos on their terrace. Going on, they share how on fresh mornings and cool evenings they eat together, relax with a good book or have a conversation all within earshot of their kids frolicking out in the yard. Then with a wink to his wife he hints at their new romantic candlelit evenings with scented candles... no longer of the citronella kind. How about that? I smile inside and out, feeling I’ve accomplished something good. To hear them tell of the joy we created together is music to my ears. Our project has become a vibrant outflowing of family space.



I'm Sexy and I Know It

A few years ago, I was window-stalking my neighbor as he was starting his usual lawn mowing work. He walked down the driveway with his mower, was casually looking around at other houses, and up and down the street. He fired up the mower, and got rolling. Nothing unusual, I thought.

Being the nosey neighbor that I am though, I kept visually checking in on him from the comfort of my air-conditioned couch. Throughout his work, I noticed that he was still looking around, and was standing differently with his posture. This continued for the duration of his work.

It then hit me... he is self conscience of how he looks while mowing his lawn! I had a brief chuckle to myself, but then I thought, "What do I look like when I work outside on my property?" Queue the adrenaline and anxiety, and the scary music in my imagination.

Per my last column ("Beginnings"), we have already established that yard work is hard. Now I have to be worried about how I look when I do the work? Hmm... let's explore this then.

I wear crappy clothes for my yard work activities, which hide in my drawer until the weekend. I like to think of them as politicians, who only make themselves known to me when there is a chance they may be used in a favorable manner. One day, I will vote them out of my life, but until then, I am stuck with them, until a less crappy option comes along.

I sweat when I work outside and I usually have a scruffy face too... think of a bear coming out of his den after hibernating all week behind a desk and computer.

I never do my hair beforehand, and usually have a hat or something on my head for the sun, bugs, sun, dirt, sun, pollen and sun. Of course, I rarely match my hat to my outfit of choice. Maybe I should... I bet that Atlanta Braves hat I have would go well with a red shirt and navy blue pants?

Finally, I stink. I once had a long-lost friend stop by randomly as I was shoveling mulch. I warned her of the stench, and she gave me a courageous hug anyway. This gives a whole new meaning to "Braves" by the way.

Ugly, scruffy, disheveled, and stinky. Add Dopey, Sleepy, Doc and the Smurfs, and you have yourself a party! Am I the only one who prepares for yard-battle this way? I hope not. Besides, I figure the ends of yard work justify the means. My neighbors put up with my poor appearance, and in return, they get a tolerable property next door. Issue closed.

Now, back to more important issues... my couch is calling me, as I have more window-stalking to do.

- The Yard Weirdo

P.S. Someone better dress up as "the Yard Weirdo" for Halloween this year, or I will be very disappointed. Tweet me a photo of your costume!



The Yard Weirdo's September 2012 Tip

If you have a fescue lawn, September is the time to aerate and over-seed. This is a required activity each year unfortunately for fescue lawns... you get that beautiful deep green color and thin blade that everyone envies throughout the year, but you have to do this annual task as the price for all that annual beauty. Do this before our Huntley Hills trees start to drop serious leaves as it will be much less work. Also, if you are going to plant something, like trees or shrubs, September is the best time of year to do so in Georgia, as the red clay is loose and has not frozen yet. Plus, we usually get a fair amount of rain in September, which is great for new roots trying to get established.

**"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>.



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Name: _____

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Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

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

There's 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 the Association Info tab, and then Membership Pay via PayPal

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 your neighborhood and join today!



Huntley Hills Swim and Tennis Club Update

By Leslie Freymann

It has been another terrific season at our neighborhood swim and tennis club! This summer we welcomed 40 new families to the club and had one of the best seasons of Friday night cookouts, movie nights, holiday parties and fun at the pool than we've ever had. We sponsored several fun events that were open to the entire neighborhood – senior potluck dinner, the dip off party, good neighbor day, and of course the July 4th Parade.

In order to ensure our pool and facilities are safe and enjoyable for our members, we capped membership just before Memorial Day weekend. We now have a wait list – it's easy to sign-up – no fee, no deposit, no down payment and NO obligation. We just need your name and contact information. As of July 30th, we had 19 people on the list. If you think you might want to join in the future, please sign-up today! Visit www.hhstc.com for more details.

Dip Off Party

The HHSTC 2nd Annual Huntley Hills Dip-Off party on Saturday June 30th was a great success! We had over 20 entries and the 2012 winners are as follows:

- Best Tasting – Luis Moreno
- Best Presentation – Bonita Cason-Atlow
- Most Colorful – Kevin Shannon
- Best Name – Kristie Marie Kirk/MaryJo Bragan
- Best Dessert Dip – Kathie Pettigrew Coy
- Best Overall – Luis Moreno

Many THANKS to our sponsor, The Treasure Mart, for donating all of the prizes. For photos of the event, check Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/HHSTC>



Upcoming HHSTC Schedule

(open to all Huntley Hills Neighbors)

- Fri, Sept 21st – Movie Night (Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory)
- Sat, Oct 13th - Movie Night (Star Wars – Episode TBD)
- Wed, Oct 31st – 7th Annual Halloween Party (co-sponsored with Barbra Neuman Wollner, Keller Williams)
- Sat, Nov 10th – Chili Cook-off (co-sponsored with HHNA)
- Sat, Dec 15th - Christmas Caroling

Check our blog (<http://hhstc.blogspot.com>) and/or join the HH Yahoo group for details about these events and other additional news/information.

By the way - the Nick Sheffey memorial tree is doing great! HHSTC also installed the memorial bike rack this past Spring. Head to the front entrance of the club to check them out.

HH Swim Team –HAMMERHEADS!

By John Jewett, Huntley Hills Hammerheads Swim Team Dad

The Huntley Hills Hammerheads had a great winning 2012 season. This was our biggest year yet with a record breaking 100 swimmers on the team. We swam against some tough neighborhood teams including Kingsley, Deerbrooke Waters, Huntcliff, Brittany Club and Deerfield Spaulding Lake. Our record this season was 3 wins and 2 losses for a third place finish in our division. Did you see all the cars parked on Plantation, Commander, Ellywn, and Carlton one Tuesday night in June (June 19th to be exact)? That was the home swim meet with Brittany! WOW. Thanks to the neighbors for putting up with all of the extra cars in the neighborhood. We hope the Chamblee Police didn't ticket anyone!

All the credit goes to our awesome 2012 Hammerhead coaches for this winning season. Lili Watts was our head coach, followed by Rachel Mottern and Adam McHugh. We also had two junior coaches Jordan Wilson and Casey George. The coaches are all accomplished swimmers that worked with the team on all of the competitive strokes and skills. They helped push the team to this great winning season.

Our sponsorship this year was amazing and we encourage the neighborhood to sponsor the local businesses that support our neighborhood team. See the official 2012 Huntley Hills Hammerhead sponsors at www.hhstc.com. Also follow our team on Facebook.

It's not too early to start planning for next year. This is a fun summer sport and we have great things planned for the 2013 swim season!

July 4th in Huntley Hills

By Leslie Freymann

The **6th annual Huntley Hills July 4th parade** was a great success! We had the biggest turnout yet - lots of red, white and blue decorated people, bikes, trikes, scooters, strollers, wagons and even dogs! This year we were honored to have Chamblee's motorcycle police lead the parade, as we marched around the neighborhood. We were also mentioned (twice!) in the Atlanta Journal Constitution (complete with color photos!), as having a terrific, low-key neighborhood parade. Many thanks to the HHSTC Board for organizing and volunteering for the event. To see all of the parade pictures, check Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/huntleyhillsna/>





Huntley Hills Elementary School News

By Mary Finnegan and Lori Thompson

The PTA is having a yard sale on Saturday, September 22, from 9:00 AM to 1:00PM. We welcome donations from anyone on Friday the 21st from 3 to 6 at the school. We basically sell clothes, household items, toys, books, working electronics and small furniture. If people have items and can't get them there on Friday they can get in touch with me by email and I can make arrangements for a pick up earlier! We welcome shoppers to come and support the school! Thanks! Mary Finnegan mary@thetmart.com.

The Huntley Hills Elementary and Montessori School will have its Fall Festival on Saturday November 3rd from 10 – 3. There will be arts and crafts, bouncy houses, cake walks, pony rides, great treats to eat, and many other wonderful activities. It is a wonderful time to come out and support your neighborhood school!

Chamblee High School Construction Update

By Kathy Kopplow

We've come a long way since the Summer Newsletter showed a small pile of rubble resulting from the very beginning of demolition. The installation of the underground utilities for the Academic and Athletics buildings and Auditorium has begun. Concrete footings and foundation walls are progressing in the Academic building and overall construction is on schedule.

The intersection of Admiral Drive and Chamblee Dunwoody Road will be especially busy while construction continues, as the main entrance for both school buses and vehicular traffic will now be on Mendenhall Street. Buses will release students near the "trailer village" but will exit out a bus loop road to Peachtree Blvd. That should be a help!

On a personal note, I'm glad that the plans for the new school spared several of the large Oak trees along Chamblee Dunwoody Road. They have been there a very long time and deserved to stay!



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Chamblee Plaza Sells To Trinity Development

By Paige Perkins

Local developer Trinity Development Group purchased Chamblee Plaza on May 10. The 1960s strip center sits on 20 acres and has more than 167,000 square feet, which is currently mostly vacant.

Chamblee Plaza was developed in the early 1960s on property owned by the Ivey family. By 1963 it had a Colonial grocery store, a Woolworth's and a W.T. Grant store. Thirty years later the Grant's location had become a Winn-Dixie, and a wide variety of community businesses occupied the center, including several different drug stores. Many favorite neighborhood restaurants, such as Athens Pizza and China Inn, remained at the Plaza until the last few years. The property has been on the market for redevelopment since 2008.

Trinity, with offices at Peachtree DeKalb Airport, focuses on retail centers in the South and the West. Locally, the company was responsible for the redevelopment of the former Burlington Shopping Mall to Plaza Fiesta on Clairmont Road and Buford Highway. Current Trinity CEO Vincent Riggio developed the former Red Lobster location into QuikTrip at the corner of Peachtree Boulevard and Chamblee Dunwoody Road as a partner with RAM Development Group. Though the Walgreen's was developed, the plans for a mixed-use development behind the drug store never came to fruition.

The redevelopment of the property will be a challenge as former owner DDR sold the final front parcel to IHOP, limiting

the frontage for any new business at the aging strip center. The Masonic Lodge property is also not part of the development, thereby limiting the corner and parking lot usage.

"Of course we were disappointed when DDR sold the outparcels," said Mayor Eric Clarkson. "We knew that it would not only limit the redevelopment options for the Plaza but could also hinder the City's redevelopment plans for the streetscape down Peachtree Boulevard. That said, we know that Trinity has the experience needed to redevelop challenging retail spaces and we anticipate this being a project that benefits the City both economically and aesthetically as the area gets cleaned up and rejuvenated."

Owners of Trinity have indicated to City of Chamblee officials that they are interested in having input from the surrounding community as they begin strategic planning for the long-term redevelopment of the property. City officials have reported that they anticipate community input meetings with the developer in fall of 2012 as they look for the right retail mix for this shopping center.

The HHNA will keep the community apprised of any community meetings that are planned and any City Council meetings where the redevelopment of the property will be part of the agenda. The principals of Trinity Development Group have been invited to the September 22 HHNA Block Party.



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Chamblee Police News

Hey everyone,

I'd like to thank everyone who attended the Kids Safety Courses and Woman's Self Defense Classes at the Chamblee Library. We had a wonderful turn out and I look forward to doing more courses in the future. Follow the weekly report to keep up with crime alerts and community events. Your motivation and enthusiasm for the Huntley Hills Neighborhood Watch is greatly appreciated. This Fall, let's focus on keeping those car doors locked, valuables out of sight and eyes and ears open for suspicious activity. We need to let these criminals know that the residents of Huntley Hills have each other's backs. Keep up the good work!

Officer Cushenan #258
Chamblee Police C.O.P.S. Unit
3518 Broad St. Chamblee GA 30341
(770) 986-5005 ext 304.
acushenan@chambleega.com

The following information was provided by Officer JJ Davis, Code Enforcement:

Warnings/Citations issued in the Huntley Hills Area

April – 95
May – 65
June – 29

Note - These numbers were hand compiled and are not 100% accurate. This department doesn't have a specific person that collects data for a specific area.

Tall grass is the number one problem followed by trash/debris, parking on the grass and rotten wood/mold on the premise. April starts the month of Spring so you can see the code enforcement problems diminish as the months get hotter.

Chamblee Public Works

By Allison Metheny

Do you remember seeing the leaf vacuum truck last Fall? What a wonderful site that was. This is another great reason to get (and read) the Yahoo group emails. Last fall Mayor Clarkson sent an email to the Yahoo group telling us that the Public Works Department would host a leaf roundup during the last two weeks in November (2011) for the newly annexed area in Chamblee. What this meant was you didn't have to bag the leaves!! Just rake them to the curb and the City would vacuum them up!!

I called Public Works and spoke to Tillman Hannon to see if they will provide that service again this Fall, and unfortunately, the answer is NO! Tillman said they aren't doing it again since the city will take over all sanitation pick up, including lawn, yard, and leaves, starting in January 2013. I whined and carried on about that will be too late, to no avail!! We may have to start a grass roots campaign – start writing our representatives and calling the mayor!! Anyway, just in case they change their mind and come early – here is some important information from last year about the leaf pick-up – that will definitely start in January - that everyone needs to know: "Please remember to place the leaves in separate piles for pickup. Make sure that rocks, limbs or logs are not mixed in with the leaves. Any of the above items mixed with leaves will damage the impeller inside the leaf machine, and this could jeopardize collection times and **create unsafe conditions for the workers**. Leaves are to be placed in loose piles on the ground on the **residents'** side of the curb."

I say stay tuned to the yahoo group or check the neighborhood website often – www.huntleyhills.net – just in case ...

Chamblee Animal Control

By Allison Metheny

JR is the Chamblee Animal Control Officer, and he drives through the neighborhood quite often. He loves animals. I spoke to him recently and asked if there was any news he wanted to share with the neighbors, and he said YES!! We've printed this message before but ...PETS need to have collars with ID tags, or at least have your pet micro-chipped. JR said his biggest problem is finding great pets that he cannot re-unite with their owners because he can't identify the owners!! Tags can be purchased from most pet stores, possibly Wal-Mart, and even online. Don't risk losing your pet forever. I assume that even the rabies tag can be traced back to the owner, so there is no excuse not to have some sort of tag on your pet's collar. I'm sure you can find collars at Wal-Mart and maybe even the dollar store!

Taste of Chamblee Returns September 15

Mark your calendars!! FREE Festival to Showcase Diverse Restaurants, ArtWalk, Kidz Zone and Music. The 5th Annual Taste of Chamblee will bring together local restaurants, arts, live entertainment, kids activities and more for the entire family to enjoy. This FREE admission 1-day outdoor festival will be held Saturday, September 15, 2012 from 11:30am – 8:30pm. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation and will provide vision and hearing services for uninsured Georgians. The event is hosted in conjunction with the Chamblee Business Association and the City of Chamblee.

The festivities will be held in Downtown Chamblee, GA at Peachtree and Broad Streets in front of City Hall (5468 Peachtree Road, Chamblee, GA 30341).

The 2012 Taste of Chamblee will include a unique blend of flavors from more than 20 local restaurants serving up their specialties. Known for its ethnic food diversity, the city's diverse array of eateries will be showcased at the Taste of Chamblee. Patrons will purchase food tickets for \$1 each and tickets will be used for event food purchases at participating restaurants. Participating restaurants will serve sample sized portions of their specialties for 1-4 tickets per serving.

The Art Walk will feature local and regional artists offering a variety of unique art including paintings, photography, pottery, graphics, sculptures, jewelry and much more. The Kidz Zone will feature an array of interactive games and art projects for kids of all ages.

Grab a table in the Beer Garden and enjoy some of the area's best live music and entertainment on the Music Stage.

The Taste of Chamblee Main Stage is loaded with great talent again this year, as country, rock, and R&B-inspired favorite local acts will offer up a diverse blend of music. Please visit www.thetasteofchamblee.com to learn more about this amazing event.

Contact Info: Sarah Buckley
Company: Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation
Phone: 770-738-4678
E-mail: sbuckley@lionslighthouse.org

Life Events Births

Proud parents John and Molly Rumple welcomed their first child, Thomas Wyatt, into the world on June 19th, 2012. He weighed 7 lbs 6 oz and was 20 in long.



Welcome Thomas!

Neighbors – if you like this section you need to help me! I know Maude was thrilled for us to recognize her 106th birthday! I am sure there are other spectacular events that give us all a warm fuzzy feeling or even sad news that neighbors would like to know about/maybe can reach out and help. But I can't print them if you don't tell me about them!! Did anyone celebrate living in the neighborhood for 40 or more years? How about a 50th wedding anniversary? Or reaching the 1-0-0? If you want to share your 'news' with the neighborhood, send me an email! Allison at ametheny@comcast.net. The deadline for the next newsletter is November 1st! Thanks, Allison.



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Gardening in Huntley Hills

By Allison Metheny

In the last issue of the newsletter I asked for help in trying to figure out whatever happened to the frogs and turtles and rabbits. Well, after doing a little research, I find there is no short and sweet answer. In fact, I'm not sure there has been enough research to answer this question. The one sure thing is that frogs and turtles are very beneficial to humans because they eat pesky insects – especially mosquitos!! The main reasons cited are because of lack of adequate habitat – fewer forests, and they need clean water, which our creek is probably pretty polluted. We need to remember that whatever ends up on the ground – yards, driveways and streets, can get washed down the storm drains and end up in the creek. So, use lawn and garden chemicals sparingly, and clean up any toxic spills – like oil or gasoline! Also make sure painters don't wash their brushes out in the storm drain! I encourage everyone to help keep our woods healthy and our creek clean. If you are interested in learning more about frogs, turtles, rabbits and other wildlife, the National Wildlife Federation website is one source of information, www.nwf.org.

On a more “gardening” related note, Fall is definitely the time to plant trees and perennials. And, just in time, the Dunwoody Nature Center is having a Fall plant sale – with the best kind of plants – native plants! I volunteer at the Nature Center and it really is a great asset for all of us. There are walking trails through the woods, they are dedicated to being earth friendly, they offer educational and fun classes for children and adults, and children's camps as well. The plant sale is a fundraiser for the nature center. Go to their website: www.dunwoodynature.org to see the list of plants for sale. The plant sale goes online September 4th, and the pick-up dates are October 5th and 6th. Many of my trees and perennials have come from the nature center plant sales.

And speaking of trees, a longtime resident mentioned to me that she would love to see more dogwood trees planted in the neighborhood! She said that she believes all of the streets were lined with dogwood trees when the subdivision was first built. You can see the possibilities of this along a few of the streets in the neighborhood. For example – take a drive down – Captain and Commander. The flowering dogwood, *cornus florida*, is a Georgia native tree, so it would be a great tree to plant this fall. It doesn't like full sun – grows naturally on the edge of woods or under large trees. I will encourage the Dunwoody Nature Center master gardeners to include dogwoods in the plant sale.

My plant ID choice this quarter is the Virginia Creeper. I picked it because a lot of people don't seem to know what it is. It is a 5 leaf vine that many confuse with poison ivy or I used to think it was poison oak. It is a **harmless** vine, a native plant, rather invasive though - gets lots of berries (that the birds like) that are somewhat hidden by the leaves. Its leaves turn a deep red to burgundy in the fall – very pretty. Young leaves start as a cluster of 3 and look similar to poison ivy, but if you look closely or at the whole plant, you will see the other 2 leaves. You will find it everywhere you find ivy and poison ivy! I consider it a weed but I know Kay (Packard) enjoys having it cover her fence.





Mark Your Calendar!!

September

- 3** Monday, Labor Day sanitation schedule:
City of Chamblee and DeKalb County: M-Th will be T-Th; T-Fr will be W-Fr
- 15** Saturday, Taste of Chamblee
- 21** **Friday, Movie Night at the Swim/Tennis Club – open to all neighbors (Willy Wonky and the Chocolate Factory)**
- 22** **Saturday, Neighborhood-Wide Block Party**
- 22** **Huntley Hills Elementary School – Giant Yardsale**
- 22-23** **Saturday/Sunday, Sandy Springs Festival**

October

- 13** **Friday, Movie Night at the Swim/Tennis Club – open to all neighbors (Star Wars – Episode TBD)**
- 6-7** Saturday/Sunday, Brookhaven Art Fest
- 31** **Wednesday, 7th Annual Halloween Party – open to all neighbors (co-sponsored with Barbra Neuman Wollner, Keller Williams)**

November

- 3** **Huntley Hills Elementary School Fall Festival**
- 3** Saturday, Marist Arts and Crafts Show
- 10** **Saturday, Chili Cook-off (co-sponsored with HHNA)**
- 10** Saturday, Dunwoody United Methodist Holiday Festival
- 12** Monday, Veteran's Day sanitation schedule:
City of Chamblee and DeKalb County: M-Th will be T-Th; T-Fr will be W-Fr
- 22-23** Thursday/Friday, Thanksgiving sanitation schedules:
City of Chamblee – M-Th will be Mon. only; T-Fr will be T only
DeKalb County – M-Th will be Mon-Wed, T-Fr will be T only

Light green denotes neighborhood events.

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Locks of Love

By Allison Metheny and Charlene Placey

Many of you probably know her as “Miss Placey” from Huntley Hills elementary school, or maybe just as good neighbors – Charlene and her husband Ron. They are longtime residents of Huntley Hills. I’m sure you have seen them walking all over the neighborhood, occasionally in the mornings with coffee cups in hand! I suspect they walk to the plaza for coffee sometimes.

What you might not know, is that “Miss Placey” grows her hair long and then donates it to **Locks of Love** (more info below). How cool is that? I asked her how/why she got involved with this organization and here is her response:

“Because I am a survivor and my mother-in-law passed away from breast cancer, I wanted to give something back. When I saw all the children who are without hair for one medical reason or another, it was easy for me to decide to have fun growing my hair long to donate for wigs for those children. I have so much hair, Faith (HH neighbor and owner of Pigtales and Crewcuts, a Kids Hair Salon) has been able to get 2 braids each time she has cut my hair. Locks of Love has a website where you can get information on how to donate.

Here are before and after pictures! This was the 3rd time in 7 years Faith has cut my hair for a donation.”

Charlene Placey
www.locksoflove.org



“Locks of Love is a public non-profit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children in the United States and Canada under age 21 suffering from long-term medical hair loss from any diagnosis. We meet a unique need for children by using donated hair to create the highest quality hair prosthetics. Most of the children helped by Locks of Love have lost their hair due to a medical condition called alopecia areata, which has no known cause or cure. The prostheses we provide help to restore their self-esteem and their confidence, enabling them to face the world and their peers.

Mission Statement: Our mission is to return a sense of self, confidence and normalcy to children suffering from hair loss by utilizing donated ponytails to provide the highest quality hair prosthetics to financially disadvantaged children. The children receive hair prostheses free of charge or on a sliding scale, based on financial need.”

Information on a new refinancing option

By Toby Lynn, Huntley Hills homeowner and mortgage professional

There is a new refinance program called “HARPII” which offers a solution to help stabilize our real estate market by allowing homeowners the opportunity to refinance without an appraisal! HARP stands for Home Affordable Refinance Program. Phase I has been around since 2009, but had much more difficult guidelines for a homeowner to qualify.

With the new Phase II guidelines a homeowner can either be “underwater” OR simply not have enough equity to qualify for a refinance without adding mortgage insurance. With Phase II, it’s also ok if the homeowner has an existing 2nd mortgage as well.

It’s a tremendous new solution for

homeowners wanting to refinance but have not been able to, due to a declining value. The HARP phase II refinance program began in April, and currently has an expiration date end of 2013. There IS no downside. Here are the basic qualification guidelines:

- Your loan must be owned by either Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac (a mortgage professional can determine this for you)
- Your loan has to have been sold to either one above by May 30, 2009
- Eligible for primary residences, second homes or investment properties
- Credit scores 640 and above qualify
- No appraisal necessary

It’s a great opportunity. There is more information at the Federal website, www.FHFA.gov (Federal Housing Finance Agency).

In addition to the FNMA/ Freddie Mac refinance options, FHA has also recently revised their upfront and monthly mortgage insurance fees to make a FHA “Streamline” refinance option much better than it has been in the past. Again no appraisal is necessary.

You can also talk to your lender or I would be happy to answer any questions. Give me a call at 404-255-9025.



Becky Daisies on Seaman Circle – white flower with yellow center



Butterfly Bush in the Butterfly Garden at the Park



Knock-out Roses and Crepe Myrtles on Admiral



Fig Tree on Montford



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Crepe Myrtles on Admiral



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