

# HHNA NEWSLETTER

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## T R A F F I C   C A L M I N G

The Traffic Calming project that began over five years ago is almost finished! Speed humps and bike lanes were installed several years ago and then there was a long lull where nothing happened. I found out this summer that my contact at the DeKalb County Traffic and Engineering department had left and there was a new person that was assigned to work with Huntley Hills. So I was afraid that the project might never get finished. So I was pleasantly surprised when, in mid-October, work began on the traffic circles. Three of them have been installed on Longview Drive. Now at every four-way intersection on Longview, there is either a stop sign or traffic circle. I think that will go a long way to slowing down traffic on that street.

A special Thank You goes out to Leslie Freymann who initiated this project and who spent countless hours meeting with DeKalb County officials and neighbors to develop this plan. And then she kept pushing the county to ensure that the plan actually got implemented. Volunteers like Leslie are a great asset to our neighborhood!



They also installed sidewalk corners at two of the intersections. They are connected to existing sidewalks at those intersections. The final step will be to restripe those intersections and to add signs. New crosswalks will be painted. They will be farther back from the intersections than the existing crosswalks, to allow for pedestrians to safely cross the street, without walking into the traffic circles.

The striping will also extend the bike lanes up to the intersection and will guide drivers around the traffic circles. Each traffic circle will have signs for traffic approaching from all four directions. There will be signs indicating that there is a traffic circle ahead. Then there will also be signs directing people



to KEEP RIGHT. We hope to have the signs and the striping completed by early December. This should eliminate some of the confusion that we have now, where people don't know how to maneuver around the circles.

Carolyn Weber  
HHNA President



## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH UPDATE

### PART 1: SUSPICIOUS VISITORS

We've had a number of neighbors post on the Yahoo group about being approached by people on the street, who say they are working in the neighborhood, and would they be interested in work on their windows, or gutters, or roof, etc. I've given some short warnings in reply, but I want to elaborate.

The danger here is these people might want to have an up close look at your house, to

prepare for a break in. Maybe you'll tell them you live alone – so that when your car is gone, they know that no one's there. Or they can see that there's a ladder available in the back, that they can use to get to a window that no one can see.

The worst case is that they are looking for an opportunity for a home invasion right then. But the more common risk is that they are scouting for a later robbery.

Important things to remember are

that anyone legitimate will have identification – ask to see it. But you can always say no thank you. If you want a terribly polite way to dismiss them, ask for a business card and say you will call back for an appointment (don't call back unless you determine they are legitimate, of course). And if you feel threatened in any way, call 911, get loud and holler for help. The Chamblee police will be happy to sort it out.

### PART 2: UNWANTED GUESTS

It's time for reminders about keeping your home safe when travelling during the holiday season.

Make sure you have a close neighbor who knows you are out of town, so they can keep an eye out that there is nothing strange at your house. You can also contact your block captain (if you don't have one, volunteer to be one). Make sure your mail is being picked up and newspapers are stopped or picked up (free newspapers are delivered on Wednesday and Thursday). Step out to the curb and look at your house, is there anything you can do to make it look like someone is home?

If you haven't already, get some outside lights on motion sensors and get indoor lights on timers (at the very least when you are traveling). Personally, we keep a few on timers all the time. Some people will keep a radio on a timer also. If you want to be really creative, put a radio on a motion sensor when you go out of town. Regardless of what you do, remember, one of the biggest things burglars hate is sudden light and sudden noise.

One last thing, use the Chamblee police house check service. You can let them know when you will be gone, when you will be back, give them emergency contacts, and even let them know who is checking on your house, or might be there while you are gone (cat and dog sitters, etc.). It helps the police not only keep your house safe, but also all of the rest of us in the neighborhood.

With a little caution and preparation, you can make sure that you have a safe and comfortable holiday season!

Scott Gillispie  
HHNA Neighborhood Watch Coordinator

## T R E A S U R E R ' S   R E P O R T

With a starting balance of \$4818.45, from June through October 2013, HHNA took in \$3,085.16 and spent \$4,552.50, for a net decrease of \$1,467.34. Major expenditures included permanent signage, the Fall Neighborhood Street Party, and printing and mailing the last hard-copy newsletter. Other expenses included refreshments and prizes for a variety of events, and office supplies. \$2,990.16 was collected in membership dues. Planned expenditures for the remainder of the fiscal year include foliage for Huntley Hills Park, the Chili Cook-off, the HHNA Newsletter, as well as several other social, safety and beautification initiatives.

Ann Tamli

*HHNA Treasurer*

Account	Sum of Debit (-)	Sum of Credit (+)
Halloween Contest	\$45.00	
Ice Cream Social	\$102.01	
Membership	\$155.00	\$2,990.16
Neighborhood Watch	\$30.00	
Newsletter	\$571.34	
Office Supplies	\$72.35	
Park Landscaping	\$30.12	
Signage	\$2,849.44	
Street Party	\$656.60	\$95.00
Young Adult Party Contribution	\$40.64	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$4,552.50</b>	<b>\$3,085.16</b>

### HHNA PURCHASES NEW ENTRY SIGNS FOR NEIGHBORHOOD

The HHNA has purchased two new entry signs for the neighborhood. The purchase was based on requests by numerous residents and was fully funded by the neighborhood association.

Huntley Hills has numerous entryways into the neighborhood. However, only the wall sign at the park clearly designates the neighborhood. HHNA used the same template the City of Chamblee used to mark their neighborhoods in 1996 and paid to have two new signs constructed. The new entryway signs were installed at the "triangle" on North Shallowford and Longview and at Plantation and North Peachtree.

Unfortunately, complaints to the City of Chamblee forced the relocation of the Plantation and North Peachtree sign, but it will be reinstalled by the end of the year.

Now, when you enter our great neighborhood, you'll know where you are!

Paige Perkins

*HHNA Community Relations*



## BEAUTIFICATION OF HUNTLEY HILLS PARK

Leslie Robson, a professional landscaper and Huntley Hills resident, has designed a landscaping plan for the southern end of Huntley Hills Park. It will contain native plants wherever possible and will be drought-tolerant to survive our hot summers. The first step in the spring was to remove some of the grass and to kill the weeds. Then in September, the stone border along the edge was installed. The City of Chamblee provided the granite used for the border and they also sent a backhoe and some manpower to dig the trench. Then Leslie and a co-worker placed the granite and leveled it.

Carolyn Weber  
HHNA President



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## GREATER THAN 20% OF NEIGHBORHOOD JOINS HHNA IN 2013

The HHNA is ending the year with only 186 members, which is just greater than 20% of the entire neighborhood. The goal for the 2012-2013 membership year has been 200 members.

It's easy to join if you're new to the neighborhood. You can go online to [www.huntleyhills.net](http://www.huntleyhills.net) and click on "Join the Huntley Hills Membership Association," fill out the Membership Form and then pay via PayPal.

The membership year runs from June 1, 2013 to May 30, 2013, and dues are still just \$20 a household. If you have any questions about your membership status, please don't hesitate to email the Membership Chair, Paige Perkins, at [paigefwd@att.net](mailto:paigefwd@att.net).





## ANNUAL BLOCK PARTY

Thanks to all the attendees at our 6 Annual Block Party!

Most importantly, thanks to all of our sponsors who donate food for free! Some of our sponsors are noted below:

Pig and Chik    Mad Italian    Vintage Pizza,    Galla's Pizza    Frosty Caboose    Rita's ice cream  
                                  Pizza Hut                      The Atlanta Braves

And, thanks to the Chamblee Fire Department and Police Department for all their support.



## HHNA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST

After a ghostly and spooky Halloween Decorating contest, it's time to move onto the next season. Our Christmas/Hanukah/Holiday Decorating contest starts Monday December 9. If you would like to nominate a house (including yours!), please send an email to Joan Varlan ([jvarlan@bellsouth.net](mailto:jvarlan@bellsouth.net)). Include the address of the house and the name of the occupant/decorator. Nominations will be accepted through Monday, December 16. Voting will be from the 17th thru the 22nd. Winners will be contacted Monday, December 23. The winners will also be announced via a sign in their yard. The contest is sponsored by the Huntley Hills Neighborhood Association (HHNA) and is open to everyone!



## CHILI COOK OFF!

Dust off the crock pots and cookbooks and look for the Chili Cook Off to take place on January 25th to kick off 2014! HHNA will sponsor event.

Keep an eye out in the HH Yahoo Group and Next Door Neighbor for details on the event!

## HALLOWEEN DECORATING CONTEST

Our HH Halloween Decorating Contest was a lot of fun and was open to all HH members. Neighbors looked for the most spook-tacular homes and submitted the addresses for online voting. Our top winner received a \$25 gift certificate from Galla's Pizza, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners received \$10 gift certificates from Pig-N-Chik and Rita's ice cream/custard shop.

And our winners were:

1<sup>st</sup> place: The Vinson's at 4063 Admiral —>



2<sup>nd</sup> place: The Armstrong's at 2201 Seaman Circle —>

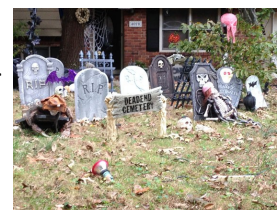


There was a tie for 3rd place!



<— 3<sup>rd</sup> place: The Freymann's at 2070 Plantation Lane

The Chance's at 4078 Commodore —>



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

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

New Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal: \_\_\_\_\_

Rent or Own?: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

There are two ways to join/renew your membership:

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

Want to check on your membership status with the HHNA? Contact Paige Perkins at [paigefwd@att.net](mailto:paigefwd@att.net). THANK YOU!

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

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

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

**The Huntley Hills Neighborhood Association is a separate organization  
from the Huntley Hills Swim and Tennis Club.**