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President's Corner

Carolyn Weber, President

untley Hills continues to change and thrive. As the traffic in the Atlanta area gets worse, homes that are inside the perimeter are getting more desirable, and Huntley Hills is definitely benefitting from that. At

any given time, very few houses are for sale because once they go on the market, they are snapped up. We are also beginning to see some upscale homes in and near our neighborhood. One nicely remodeled house is on the market for \$425K, and there are six new homes being built on Commodore that are priced in the \$600's. People are discovering what a great place Huntley Hills is to live!

In addition to our terrific location, there are other things that make Huntley

Hills a great place to live. Our neighborhood swim and tennis club is very popular. It is at membership capacity for the second year in a row and the calendar is filled with fun events for its members as well as some that are open to all of Huntley Hills, such as the Fourth of July parade and the Halloween party.

Our neighborhood park is another draw. It is frequently filled with families, children, dogs, bikes and Frisbees. For many years, dedicated neighbors have maintained a beautiful butterfly garden. Recently, plants and flowers have been planted at the other end of the park. This past spring, a Huntley Hills resident built a beautiful bench in the park as his Eagle Scout project. And the city has recently installed a new swing set with a shade cover. It's the perfect place to spend a warm afternoon.

We are fortunate that Huntley Hills is a safe place to live. We owe a lot of that to the Chamblee Police Department. Officer response time to 911 calls is amazing! They also make an effort to interact with the neighborhood and get to know the people they serve. They attend our Annual Meeting, give out candy on Halloween, lead the children on Walk to School Day, support our Neighborhood Watch program, etc. But we, as neighbors, all also play a large part in keeping our neighborhood safe. So please continue to get to know and to watch out for your neighbors!

The Huntley Hills Neighborhood Association (HHNA) is changing and thriving, too. We were joined

this year by board member Sandy Burke, who has a degree in Marketing and has helped us take our website to the next level. We have also recently developed our first-ever mission statement. Based on the feedback we got to our survey from the neighborhood, the Board created HHNA's mission statement, "Fostering community engagement, beautification and safety in the vibrant Chamblee neighborhood of Huntley Hills," and the Board of Directors is making every effort to fulfill it.



HHNA continues to sponsor fun social activities for the neighborhood. In April, we had a great turnout at our first Happy Hour and are planning another one for November. We also planned an outdoor movie night, which was enjoyed by kids and adults alike. And of course, our biggest event of the year – our annual Street Party – is coming up on September 19. If you haven't been before, this is the don't-miss event of the year! See details on page 8. We also have numerous social groups in the neighborhood to appeal to a wide range of interests, including a restarted group for parents with babies and toddlers. See page 29 for more information on how to get involved.

There are also events going on in Chamblee which could have a big impact on our neighborhood, particularly requests for rezoning and variances. To keep up with these, you can read and participate in our blog (http://huntleyhills.net/category/area-development). There will also be an election for three City Councilors in November—two district seats and one at-large seat. All residents of Chamblee can vote for all three seats. So get to know the candidates so that you can make an informed decision.

Thank you to everyone who contributes, in big ways and small, to make Huntley Hills such an awesome neighborhood! If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact any of the HHNA Board members listed in page 3.



Treasurer's Report

Joan Varlan, Treasurer

he HHNA had an ending balance of \$3,030 at the close of our 2014-2015 fiscal year. During this reporting period we took in \$6,333 and had expenditures of \$6,645. Annual neighborhood membership dues of \$20.00 per household accounted for \$3,709 and allowed the Association to sponsor social, community, and beautification projects and events. Highlights included the neighborhood-wide Street Party, Happy Hour at Southbound, holiday decorating contests, graduation banners to congratulate high school seniors, and a donation to Huntley Hills Elementary School. The major expenditure for the past year was the purchase and installation of the new neighborhood entry sign on Admiral Dr., which now gives us three signs at our entrances.









Membership Update

Brian Ray, Vice President and Membership Chair

love our members! Our members are the heart of the HHNA.

While the Board may take the lead on many events, it's the members that show up and participate who make the neighborhood a great place to live. The \$20 membership enables many activities, but the true measure is the number of people who choose to support the neighborhood in so many ways.

The proof is in the numbers: for the last two years, we have had over 200 members, which is roughly 30% of the 722 houses included within the neighborhood. Our 2015-2016 membership so far is 140 families – a great showing so early in the fiscal year.

The mission of the HHNA is to **foster community engagement, beautification and safety in the vibrant Chamblee neighborhood of Huntley Hills.** We do this in many ways, such as sponsoring social events like the annual Street Party, Happy Hours and Movie Nights. Our volunteers maintain the plantings in the park, butterfly garden and traffic circles. We support the Neighborhood Watch program. The HHNA helps neighbors keep in touch through our webpage, Facebook and Nextdoor.

Our fiscal year runs June through May, so it's not too late to join! Membership is only \$20 and can be paid easily via our website http://huntleyhills.net or by mailing in the membership form below with your check. Feel free to contact me at membership@huntleyhills.net with any questions.

HHNA Membership Form

Full Names of all adults:	
Street Address:	
Email(s):	
Phone(s):	
Membership Type:	New □ Renewal
Home Ownership: □	Own □ Rent
Payment Method:	Check Enclosed

Membership is \$20 per household per year (June 1 through May 31).

Make checks out to **Huntley Hills Neighborhood Association**and mail with this form to: P.O. Box 80141, Chamblee, GA 30366

Or join online at **www.huntleyhills.net**

Note: HHNA is not affiliated with the Huntley Hills Swim and Tennis Club and memberships for each organization are separate.

Neighborhood Watch Update

Jon Richardson, Neighborhood Watch Coordinator

am excited to become your new Neighborhood Watch Coordinator. For 17 years, I have lived at 1995 Commodore Lane with my wife and two sons.

I'd like to thank our outgoing coordinator Meghan Harris for her service to the neighborhood and to prior coordinators Scott Gillispie and the late Tom Scott. Thanks also go to all the Block Captains. They have been fulfilling an important role and working hard to establish connections among all of us.



Do you know who your Block Captain is? Your Block Captain should have been in touch with you, but if not, then ask around of your neighbors, or contact me, and I will put you in touch. Block Captains facilitate acquaintance and commu-



nication in your closest group of neighbors. They host annual block parties for neighbors to meet and get to know each other better, helping to create a safer neighborhood.

However, your Block Captain is not an emergency responder. If you are faced with an emergency situation, then immediately call 911. The Chamblee Police Depart ment also has a non-emergency number: (770) 986-5005. Please report any suspicious activity to the police so that they can investigate. Then, you can contact me or your Block Captain to alert neighbors about any ongoing situation.



Meghan Harris conducted a survey of Block Captains to solicit their thoughts and ideas for improving our Neighborhood Watch program. The HHNA board and I have analyzed the results of that survey and are working to implement several of the suggestions.



If you have any questions or any suggestions on how to make our Neighborhood Watch program better, please feel free to contact me at jonrichardsonbama@gmail.com, or 404-483-3064.





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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.
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WE NEED LOTS OF HELP - PLEASE VOLUNTEER!!

Contact Meghan Harris at beautification@huntleyhills.net

Reminder - this event will be good opportunity to

JOIN THE HHNA - BRING \$20!!

This event is organized by the HHNA Board members. Special thanks also to the Huntley Hills Swim and Tennis Club for use of the facility and their donation of soft drinks and water.



Not the Same Social Events You Once Knew

Dana Freyman, Social Committee Chair

ince we're now in the thick of our annual membership drive, I'd like to remind you of one key benefit of living in Huntley Hills. I might be biased, but I would argue that it's the social events.

Thanks to the Huntley Hills Neighborhood Association (HHNA), social events are a priority. They help us meet our neighbors and offer a fun way to experience the neighborhood and surrounding city. Over the past year, though, we decided to switch things up – trying different events and putting a new spin on old favorites.

I, for one, was sad to see the annual Chili-Cook-off take a year off, but with limited space options to host the event we opted to try something new in its place. Back in April, downtown Chamblee restaurant Southbound, graciously

opened its doors to us and we hosted more than 50 Huntley Hills residents for an after work happy hour. Residents enjoyed a smattering of delicious bites and were served cocktails by Southbound's owner, Mike Plummer, in the upstairs private event space, which features the bar from Memphis's famous Peabody Hotel. The event was so popular we plan to return in November and make it a regular calendar item next year with quarterly gatherings. It's partnerships like this that make our neighborhood and city so special.

Each June, we thank our members for supporting the HHNA, typically with an ice cream social. However, this year we thought the event needed a little refresh, so Popsicles

in the Park was born. King of Pops popsicles have become Atlanta staples with their unique flavor combinations. So

instead of ice cream, we decided to treat our members to complimentary pops one hot summer Saturday, drawing adults and kids alike to partake in the fun. In August, we try yet another new event—Outdoor Movie night. Neighbors got the chance to vote for their flick of choice and then bring blankets to sit and watch it under the stars.

I'd like to thank the people who make our social events a success—YOU! Thanks to the more than 200 neighbors that join the HHNA and to those of you who attend and enjoy our social events. If you haven't joined yet or are hesitating to renew, I hope you'll consider investing the \$20 to help make Huntley Hills the thriving neighborhood we all know and love

If you haven't had the chance to participate in a social event yet this year, I want to issue you a challenge. Over the course of the next year, find an event that interests you and attend! You've got the biggest social event of the year coming up—our 8th annual Neighborhood Street Party with local food, entertainment, and free beer and wine. If that doesn't draw you out, I don't know what will! If you want to go the extra mile, bring a dish or dessert to share. We've also got volunteer spots available if you want to get really crazy and help set up or clean up. I'll settle on you just attending, though, even for a few minutes to see the great job our board does putting together this stellar event each year.





I might be a little biased, but I'm proud to live in Huntley Hills, and while I think it's the social events that make it special, I'll let you be the judge. Come out to participate and let me know!

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Community Affairs Update

Brian Ray, Vice President and Community Affairs Chair

hamblee continues to be a place where a lot of things are happening. While the redevelopment of the former GM plant in Doraville is the 800 lb. gorilla in the neighborhood, there are a number of other things happening closer to Huntley Hills.

The city is moving forward with the streetscape plans for Chamblee-Dunwoody between Harts Mill Road and Peachtree Boulevard. They're currently acquiring right-of-way and completing the engineering plans.

There are also quite a number of development projects close to our neighborhood:

- 1. Demolition is complete and construction is starting at the Olmsted apartments next to Walmart. Construction is expected to be complete in 2016 and include 238 one-, two-, and three-bedroom units plus significant retail and commercial space.
- 2. Site construction of Huntley Estates (on the former Chamblee Methodist Church property) has been completed, with construction of the houses expected to begin in the near future. The project includes six parcels on 6.61 acres.
- 3. Parkview on Peachtree (the old Great Gatsby's site) was approved in October of 2014. The plan includes 597 apartments in two six-story buildings with additional commercial space.
- 4. Peachtree Crossing on Peachtree Blvd. across from Lowe's was approved in February of 2015. The project will include a Whole Foods in the roughly 100,000 square feet of commercial space and is expected to be complete in 2016.
- 5. North Peachtree Towns on North Peachtree Road was also approved in February of 2015. It will include 30 townhouses on the 2.6-acre property.



- 6. A rezoning of the Korean Central Presbyterian Church property on Chamblee-Dunwoody was approved in April of 2015. The project will include 27 single-family homes.
- 7. Perimeter Park received a modification of an existing planned unit development (PUD) in June of 2015 to provide 123 townhouses and 33 single-family homes on a portion of the existing office park off North Peachtree Road near I-285.
- 8. Townsend at Chamblee was approved in July of 2015. The project will include 42 townhouses on property currently occupied by four houses adjacent to The Friendly Dentist office on Chamblee-Dunwoody.

If you have concerns about how these and other projects are changing Chamblee, speak up! Talk to the City Council and let them know what you think. Attend the monthly City Council work session and meeting. The City Council meets on the third Tuesday of each month and the Work Session is the Thursday before the city council meeting. There are also monthly meetings of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and the Architectural Review Board (ARB). You can sign up on the Chamblee website to get email notifications of any meetings that you are interested in at this link: http://chambleega.com/list.aspx. Stay involved in your community and help keep Chamblee on the right track!



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- · Let's develop a Master Plan for the city's parks and recreation.
- · Let's create a walkable, safe community for families to enjoy.

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Huntley Hills Elementary School News

Sheila Gillispie, PTA President

untley Hills Elementary has accomplished some pretty amazing things!

Our spring Fueled by Fitness fun run raised \$12,000!! The money is designated for school improvements, teacher training and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) expenses. The school has been working towards STEM certification for two years, and the official certification will be applied for this fall. Some of the school improvements have been new pathways to the "learning cottages" (school-speak for trailers) and a complete redesign of the teacher's lounge. Special thanks go to Katja Lauterbach for bringing her amazing design skills to the challenge! And thank you to all who donated!



The Special Needs Playground that so many of you donated to via Donors Choose was installed during the last few days of school and was a huge hit on the last day.



Due to the combined efforts of Ms. Crystal Lien and Ms. Toyin Fadina, the school won \$2,500 for our recycling program! Both Lien and Fadina also won a trip to Colorado to attend "Teacher Camp". Thanks to Novelis and the Atlanta Falcons for sponsoring the contest and recognizing the awesomeness of our recycling efforts.

As members of the Huntley Hills community, we need your help to contribute to the continued success of our neighborhood school in the following ways:

Save and Donate:

- ⇒ Box Tops for Education: Box tops contributed to Huntley Hills Elementary provide a major source of funding for books and other supplies in our school library. You can drop the box tops off at the school or contact me and we'll arrange a pick-up/drop-off
- ⇒ Coke Rewards: These go to buy gym equipment
- ⇒ Labels for Education: We use these for a variety of things but mostly for gym equipment
- Attend Spirit Nights: Local restaurants host regular spirit nights, where a portion of sales go to the Huntley Hills PTA. Look out for announcements, and please join us on these nights.

Volunteer:

- ⇒ If you have a career in science or technology, you may be able to help us with a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) day program. Please contact the PTA to find out how.
- ⇒ The library is always looking for regular volunteers to help shelve and check out books since there is only one staff person in the library.
- ⇒ Would you like to help a child read fluently? We are looking for a few volunteers to come and listen to kids read out loud and help them where needed. This sort of practice is essential to build fluency. The hours haven't been set yet but would generally be in the afternoon.

Want to talk to someone about other ways that you can help? Contact me, Sheila Gillispie, at 678-547-1604.

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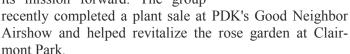




Drew Wills

Keep Chamblee Beautiful (KCB) is an all-volunteer organization dedicated to making Chamblee a cleaner, greener, and more beautiful place to live, work and play. The organization was founded in 1991 and has sponsored

numerous cleanups, plantings, park amenity installations and more in the past three decades. KCB recently sponsored a logo contest, garnering submissions from across Chamblee. Over 200 people then voted to help select the winning design by Lizz Nor-Chamblee a resident. man, On the heels of its successful cleanup at Dresden Park and the Chamblee Rail Trail, Keep Chamblee Beautiful continues to move its mission forward. The group



Keep Chamblee Beautiful's major project this summer and fall will be the installation of four Legacy Benches. Each bench honors an individual who has helped make



Legacy Bench Location

Chamblee a great place to live. Of particular interest to our

neighborhood is the Legacy Bench to be installed in Huntley Hills Park. The bench will honor long-time Huntley

> Hills resident Kay Packard, whose extensive gardening and conservation efforts culminated in Chamblee being designated a Certified Wildlife Habitat Community in 2003. Keep Chamblee Beautiful volunteers met in July with head of Chamblee Parks & Recreation Jennifer Rackley to decide on the bench's location. It will be placed in a tranquil corner of the park along Ensign Drive. More information on the benches and how you can help contribute

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can be found at the KCB website.

For more information about Keep Chamblee Beautiful involved. and how can get it keepchambleebeautiful.org and watch for the latest news on Facebook at facebook.com/KeepChambleeBeautiful.

Code Enforcement

Dick Patterson

Huntley Hills is lucky to be in one of the few communities whose police department has an entire unit of five officers dedicated to looking after our quality of life and property values. This article is put together from contributions from the head of the Code Enforcement Unit, Sgt. J.J. Davis, as well as from Officer Mike O'Neal, who sat down with me to answer some questions about his job.

Q. What are the most common problems you have to deal with?

A. In the summertime, tall grass and trash in the yard. Other things we look for are peeling paint, rotting soffits and appliances stored in the yard.

Q. Do people notify you or do you go out looking for violations?

A. We cruise very slowly along the streets looking for problems. This has the added benefit of showing our presence in the community. But people can also file a complaint on the Chamblee website Municode Link: http:// chambleega.com/index.aspx?nid=213. It also lists other regulations, for example setbacks for sheds and types of fences that are allowed. These rules help home values stay up.

Q. How do you deal with a violation?

A. We issue a warning. Some 80% of the warnings are complied with. About 20% receive a second warning. Half of these eventually receive a citation. We've also noticed that a warning about peeling paint often leads to additional upgrades and repairs. We're willing to work with residents and businesses.

Q. When do I need a building permit?

A. Many things can be replaced without a permit – flooring, appliances, and cabinets. But you do need a permit to change wiring or plumbing or remove a wall. The safest thing is to visit the Development Department at 3506 Broad St. (770-986-5024) and discuss your project with them.

Q. What do you like about your job?

A. I like to work on code enforcement because I care about our quality of life. If I drive down a street where I have left a number of warnings and see that every one of them has been acted upon, I know I'm making a difference.



Neighborhood Beautification

Meghan Harris, Neighborhood Beautification Chair

he Huntley Hills Neighborhood Association is thrilled to announce the creation of the new Neighborhood Beautification Committee. For the last few years, board members and volunteers from the former Huntley Hills Garden Club have been maintaining the Butterfly Garden and planting and caring for the traffic circle flowers. Now, I am heading up the new committee which oversees these efforts. The focus is on anything that can be done to make our neighborhood an even more beautiful place to live and visit.

We kicked things off in July by installing 50 bales of pine straw at the corners of Longview Drive, Admiral Drive, and Ensign Drive. Thank you to everyone who helped to get the job done on one of the hottest weekends this summer.

We will be sponsoring more frequent beautification days with the goal of enhancing the common areas sprinkled throughout our neighborhood. This is a great way to get some fresh air, meet new neighbors and get a little exercise. There will be tasks for all skill levels so everyone can help—kids, too. We are also working out the logistics with the city to get more strategically placed pet waste stations in our neighborhood. We hope to work with Keep Chamblee Beautiful to get more trees planted.

Since this is a new committee we would love to hear any suggestions that you have for helping us accomplish our goals. Please contact me at beautification@huntleyhills.net to share your thoughts.









Communications Update

Sandy Burke, Richard Patterson, and Ann Tamli, Communications Co-chairs

The Huntley Hills Neighborhood Association (HHNA) has been busy enhancing our communications efforts in recent months. This past summer we surveyed our community to get your input on what the role of the neighborhood association should be. The Board then developed a mission statement that articulates our purpose as an organization and will help direct our efforts in the community:

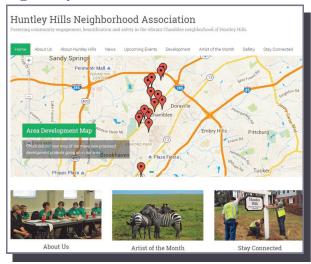
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and safety in the vibrant
Chamblee neighborhood of
Huntley Hills.

Additionally, in early June we launched a brand new website with a fresh new design. The homepage now features a slideshow of our latest updates and the navigation has been reworked for greater ease of use. We have also been adding new content based on the interests of the community, including:

- ◆ Area Development: To expand access to development-related information, we added a section on our website dedicated to new area development proposals. Maintained by HHNA Community Affairs Chair Brian Ray, this has been a great addition and has driven a significant uptick in traffic to the site. We also created an interactive map where you can view these proposed development projects. http://huntleyhills.net/area-development -map/
- Upcoming Events: In addition to our HHNA organized events, the new Upcoming Events page is a good collection of other fun, local events around Chamblee, Dunwoody and Brookhaven. http://huntleyhills.net/upcoming-events/.

• Artist of the Month: Artist of the Month: The Artist of the Month project is going strong. By July it had featured Claudia Jernigan, Heni Sandoval, Dick Patterson, David Lynn and Matt Wollner. Still to come: Jim Copeland, Jim and Tammy Lyle, Bobbie Flowers, Susan Strange, Diana White, Teneisha Jones and Drew Wills. If you would like to be featured, or if you want to suggest someone, send an email to Dick Patterson. http://huntleyhills.net/artist-of-themonth/.

Our intention is to make the HHNA website a great resource for Huntley Hills residents and potential residents alike. If you have suggestions of what you would like to see included, please let us know at info@huntleyhills.net.



In the area of social media, we continue to have an active Facebook group, which is primarily run by Huntley Hills neighbor Leslie Freymann. Updates from Facebook can now be seen on the right side bar of the website in real time. https://facebook.com/huntleyhillsna.

The publication of last year's *Huntley Hills Herald* using volunteer-solicited advertising dollars was a great success. We even made a little bit of additional money after expenses. So, the Board decided to do it again this year, with the result being the newsletter you are reading



now. Many thanks go to the volunteers who worked diligently to put this paper together, including Drew Wills who provided many of the photographs, the neighbors who submitted articles, the advertisers, and the entire HHNA Board of Directors.

As you see, the HHNA provides many ways to get information about what is happening in and around our neighborhood. But how do our newest neighbors find out about the array of activities and news that abounds? That is where our Welcome Packets come into play.

One of the activities of HHNA is to give each new neighbor a Welcome Packet. Among other things, the packet contains a map of the neighborhood, info on the Neighborhood Association, some history of Huntley Hills, our website and Facebook addresses, as well as discount coupons from local businesses.

The packets are prepared whenever Dick Patterson learns of a house that was just sold or rented. He gets information monthly about sales from Real Estate Agent Chris Tallman's report, but he has to learn about renters from the neighbors. So if you know of anyone who recently moved into our beautiful neighborhood, please be sure to let Dick know at rpattersin@gmail.com.

Providing a wide variety of ways for you to learn about what makes Huntley Hills so special is one way we strive to fulfil our mission of fostering community engagement.

Get Connected with Huntley Hills Online

Sandy Burke, Communications Committee Cochair

f you live in Huntley Hills, you know it is an active, friendly and highly connected neighborhood. In recent years, technology has helped to make this even truer. Our two most popular online neighborhood forums are the Huntley Hills Yahoo! Group and the Huntley Hills Nextdoor online community. If you aren't already on these networks, we highly recommend that you join one or both of them

Both networks enable you to interact with your neighbors and share relevant information with the purpose of building a stronger, safer neighborhood. Your neighbors are using these networks to:

- Track down a trustworthy babysitter
- Quickly get the word out about a break-in
- Find out who does the best paint job in town
- Ask for help keeping an eye out for a lost dog
- Find a new home for an outgrown bike

The Yahoo! Group is a private email group that was established several years ago and has over 700 members. The Nextdoor online community is a social network just for local residents. It is newer, but already has over 450 members in Huntley Hills, and, if you include the nine neighboring communities in our area, there are nearly 2,000 neighbors with whom you can connect. Neighboring communities include Chamblee Dunwoody, Sexton Woods, Murphey Candler, Dunwoody North, Elm Street & Spring Walk, Chamblee MidCity District, Brookrun Dunwoody, Avery Park and Donaldson Drive.

Once you have subscribed, both networks give you the ability to manage the volume of emails you receive, whether you prefer immediate updates or less frequent summary digest emails. Nextdoor also allows you to select which categories of emails to receive such as Crime & Safety or Classifieds. Alternatively, you can choose to opt out of all emails and just view your neighbors' posts on the Nextdoor website or mobile app.

To join Nextdoor:

In your web browser, navigate to nextdoor.com, enter your street address and email address, and click "Confirm your address." You will automatically be directed to the Huntley Hills neighborhood group based on your address.

To join the Yahoo! Group:

In your web browser, navigate to groups.yahoo.com/ group/HuntleyHills and click the purple button that says "Join Group." If you have a Yahoo! account, enter your login information. If you don't have a Yahoo! account, click "Create Account" and follow the prompts. Another option for joining is to send an email to the administrator at HuntleyHills-subscribe@yahoogroups.com, and they can send you an invitation.

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Huntley Hills Nominated For National Register of Historic Places Designation

Ellen Rankin, Huntley Hills Resident

ongview-Huntley Hills could soon join other Atlanta-area communities like Inman Park and Avondale Estates on the National Register of Historic Places. The Register is our country's official list of historic buildings, structures, sites, objects, and districts worthy of preservation and provides formal recognition of a property's architectural, historical, or archaeological significance. The Register also identifies historic properties for planning purposes and insures that these properties will be considered in the planning of state or federally assisted projects. According to Bob Vila, host of TV series This Old House, "A listing on the National Register of Historic Places is an honor. A source of pride for you and your family, this special recognition from the federal government can only give your old house the prestige it deserves as an important part of our American past." ["All About The National Register," Popular Mechanics, December

Why is Longview-Huntley Hills deserving of this designation?

Our subdivision's architecture encompasses a remarkably good and intact collection of mid-20th -century houses that followed major national trends but with some distinctive Georgia influences. The residential architecture includes good examples of the American Small House, the split-level house, the split-foyer house, the two-story traditional, and various styles and sub-types of ranch houses as identified in Guidelines for Evaluation: The Ranch House in Georgia (2011). While many of the homes have been enlarged, renovated, and modernized over time, most of them maintain their original hardwood floors, fireplaces, bathroom fixtures, and even built-in retro appliances.

Longview-Huntley Hills is a good example of the type of community facilitated by the availability of FHA and VA loans after World War II. The subdivision was developed in response to rapid population growth north of Atlanta in the decades following World War II. This middle-class automobile suburb was designed to provide well -built, affordable housing for the families of workers in nearby manufacturing plants such as General Motors. This suburb's overall design was based on the new mobility provided by the automobile and the surrounding network of arterial streets. The proposed District reflects the era's predominant planning trends: Approximately 800

irregular lots are located along curvilinear streets on gently rolling hills and feature front yards that tend to meld into one another, providing landscape continuity. Also included in the original overall design was easy access to amenities such as schools and shopping centers. Nonresidential resources in the proposed Historic District include Huntley Hills Park and Huntley Hills Elementary School.

Would being listed on the National Register restrict my use of my property?

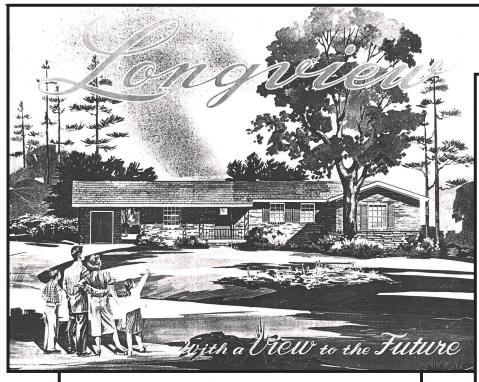
- Listing in the National Register does not place obligations or restrictions on the use, treatment, transfer, or disposition of private property or otherwise restrict a property owner's private property rights. For example, listing in the National Register does not regulate paint color or other design aspects of a historic prop-
- Unless your home is subject to receiving tax benefits, listing on the National Register does not restrict your right to modify your home. Owners of National Register properties can remodel, renovate, sell, or even demolish their property with no restrictions. However, significant modifications may result in removal from the National Register.

You mentioned possible tax benefits? Are there financial advantages to being in a Historic District?

- Listing on the National Register generally does not decrease property value and often increases the marketability of a property.
- National Register listing encourages preservation of historic properties through public awareness, federal and state tax incentives, and grants.
- Income-producing properties (including rentals) may be eligible for a 20% federal income investment tax credit through the Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives program. To qualify, properties must undergo rehabilitation according to set preservation standards.
- The Georgia Preferential Property Tax Assessment Program for Rehabilitated Historic Property allows eligible participants to apply for an 8 1/2 -year property tax assessment freeze.
- The Georgia State Income Tax Credit Program for Rehabilitated Historic Property allows eligible participants to apply for a state income tax credit equaling 25% of qualifying rehabilitation expenses capped at \$100,000 for personal, residential properties, and \$300,000 for income-producing properties.

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Who is preparing this nomination? What is the process?

Longview-Huntley Hills first appeared on the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' radar in 2009 as part of the DeKalb History Center's DeKalb Single Family Residential Post War Development Project. Dr. Richard Laub, Director of the Historic Preservation Program at Georgia State University, suggested Longview-Huntley Hills as a preservation project to his graduate students. Enlisting the support of the Huntley Hills Neighborhood Association members and other residents in the area, University students worked diligently to survey the Longview-Huntley Hills district's homes, school, church, and park, and solicited personal remembrances, historic blueprints, and old photos through site visits, community meetings, and resident interviews. In April 2015, the GSU students presented their findings to the community at the Chamblee Civic Center.

On August 28th, 2015 the nomination was presented to the Georgia National Register Review Board at Panola Mountain State Park shortly after 1030 AM. During the meeting, Georgia's Historic Preservation Division (HPD) National Register staff gave a formal presentation about the proposed nomination. The Board members were able to comment or ask questions, and property owners and other interested parties were invited to address the Board. The Board then formally voted that the proposed nomination appears to meet the National Register Criteria.

Now that the nomination is approved by the Georgia National Register Review Board, HPD's Division Director will officially list the District in Georgia's Register of Historic Places. The final step in the National Register process is preparation of the official submission for the National Register of Historic Places in Washington, DC. The final documentation and review process can take up to two years, but if the nomination meets all requirements, the District will be officially listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Upon listing, the Historic Preservation Division encourages owners of historic properties to display National Register plaques to recognize and promote the National Register program, but plaques are neither required nor supplied by the government.

Where can I find further information?

- National Register of Historic Places: www.nps.gov/nr/
- Historic Preservation Tax Incentives: www.nps.gov/history/hps/tps/tax/
- Georgia Historic Preservation Division: www.georgiashpo.org/
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Autobiography of a Neighborhood

Huntley Hills

any decades ago, before I was created, there were the same rolling hills from which I grew. There were dairy cows happily grazing and the only traffic was the occasional locomotive passing through along the placidly bubbling creek. It was the quintessential country setting

My creation began in the early 1950's when a man named Earle E. Long had a VIEW to the FUTURE. That would be the idea behind my first name, Longview. In only a few short years I was a small but vibrant neighborhood. I quickly doubled in size. I got an elementary school and a neighborhood pool right around the same time. I was so happy to welcome the new friends on to my streets. I can still remember the life and joy that I felt when the people began to share their lives with me.

I was nearly 100 percent developed by the early 1970's; only a handful of new houses have been squeezed in since then. My name was changed sometime in between to Huntley Hills. I didn't mind. In fact I liked the new name. It was a better description of the land from which I was created. More families moved in and, for a long time, not a day went by when I couldn't hear the joyful sounds of children laughing and playing from sun up to sun down.

Then something changed. I was no longer in the country. The families started to move away to the newer and bigger houses that were being built in the new country. The urban sprawl of the 1990's brought with it a dark time for me. The laughter that I had become so used to at the school playground became so faint that I could hardly hear it over the roar of the highway. The people were so busy that they rarely walked their dogs or visited with their neighbors. I felt lifeless and

A wonderful change occurred sometime in the late 1990's. The elementary school began a new program, it was called Montessori. Apparently, families liked this new program because they are back! Today I have a fabulous mix of families, young couples, single people, and even some of my original friends all sharing their lives with me again. The balance is just right. I am more popular than I have ever been. My houses don't stay on the market long. The exuberant cheers from the children once again radiate through the air at the school and the pool. You can find someone enjoying my shaded streets pretty much anytime of day. The neighbors are friendly and often stop to chat when their paths cross. I am happy, vibrant, and full of life once again. Thank you friends!





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Something's Cookin' in the 'Hood! Recipes shared by your neighbors

Featuring Grant and Holly Yarborough

rant Yarborough and his wife, Holly, moved to the neighborhood in 2014 after meeting in graduate school at Georgia State. They've been married almost three years and have a boxer with a tail, named Teddy. Grant and Holly both love to cook, with Grant subscribing to the "what's in the fridge" school of cooking, while Holly specializes in chili, baked goods and planned events. They love the neighborliness of Huntley Hills and are very happy to share these recipes with their neighbors:

Grant's Couscous:

Adapted from various recipes, this couscous dish is great for summer or winter and is a delicious way to incorporate lots of fresh veggies. It can also easily be doubled or tripled to serve large groups.

Ingredients:

Salt/pepper (to taste)

1 tsp. olive oil

1/2 large red onion (1 med/small)

2 med-large carrots (10-12 baby carrots)

1 green pepper diced (1/4ish cup) (optional)

1 cup water

1 zucchini (med)

1 cup couscous

2 tomatoes (diced)

5-6 Kalamata olives (can use juice later)

1-2 lemons (large), halved and squeezed (keep juice)

1 (6oz) container feta (6oz)

Directions:

Combine olive oil, pepper, salt, onion, zucchini, carrots and peppers (optional) in large pot. Sautee to desired tenderness (I don't like mushy carrots so I stop before then). Add 1 cup water and bring to a boil. Add couscous, tomatoes, olives and remove from heat. Stir and cover with cloth towel for 5 minutes (couscous should be crumbly not sticky). Add lemon juice, lemon, and feta. Stir and serve. Serves 4-6.

And, because every meal needs a good drink:

Whiskey Peach Smash (adapted from Dale Degroff, The *Craft of the Cocktail*):

Ingredients:

1/2 peach, cut into thick slices (with or without skin)

3 or 4 fresh mint leaves

1 lemon wedge

1 ounce water

1/2 ounce simple syrup

2 ounces rye or sour-mash whiskey (something light)

1 thin peach slice for garnish

Directions:

Muddle all ingredients except whiskey in a cocktail shaker. Add ice and whiskey. Shake and strain into an icefilled old fashioned glass and garnish with a peach slice and a sprig of mint. Makes one drink.







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Reborn: Huntley Hills Babies & Toddlers Group

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No matter the time of day, it's hard to drive around our neighborhood without at least one stroller sighting! As you may already know, Huntley Hills has a reputation for having an abundance of young families. Previously, parents in the neighborhood had arranged get-togethers via email groups or other informal means. In 2011, Cordelia Blake (of Captain Drive)

decided that our neighborhood parents and caretakers could use a more formalized way to get together, in order to create a sense of community and allow parents living so near to one another an opportunity to convene, share, and let the little ones play. In an effort to further that ideal, she created the Facebook group, "Huntley Hills Babies and Toddlers." However, as the children of that original group aged, the communications and meetings eventually petered out.

Fast forward to spring of 2015:

There's a new crop of young kiddos in the neighborhood! Some other neighborhood moms and I agreed that it would be a great idea to try to revitalize the group. Utilizing the original Facebook group, huntleyhills.Nextdoor.com, and the neighborhood Yahoo listserv, we've been trying to get the word out there about meetup locations and times. We initially con-

vened at the Huntley Hills Park train, but as Spring turned into Summer, it seemed that the lack of shade made the decision for

> us—some alternative sites needed to be found. Some of the places we've met include my home as well as the Chamblee Methodist Church's playground.

> If you're interested in learning more about this group and are a Facebook member, we'd encourage you to please join our Facebook Just search for "Huntley Hills Babies & Toddlers." Otherwise, keep a lookout for our emails. We're hoping to continue to foster the group's growth and engagement in our wonderful community.





Swim and Tennis Club Update

Ryan Tracy, HHSTC President

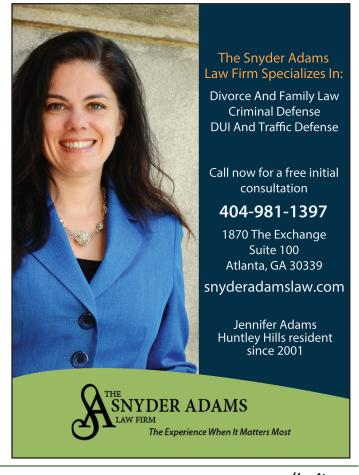
The Huntley Hills Swim and Tennis Club (HHSTC) continues to enjoy success in 2015. We capped our membership level this year at 215, an astonishing number that has not been seen for quite some time.

Members were treated to several new upgrades this year. Our main pool received brand new plaster and interior tiles as well as renovated plumbing. These two enhancements combined to create a beautiful sparkle and shimmer to the water this year. New shade cabanas capped off an impressive list of visual upgrades in the pool area.

Tennis players are enjoying a newly refinished backboard for practice sessions. Our kids' summer tennis camps are also growing in number, with two sessions now being offered.

Our Hammerheads competitive swim team had another tremendous year. They did so well last year that they were moved up to a tougher division for 2015. Even so, they posted another winning season and sent several swimmers to ASA Championships, where they also enjoyed much success. We are very proud of our team!

HHSTC has been a stable presence and a valuable asset to Huntley Hills for over 50 years, and we have begun the process of solidifying the club's presence for another 50+ years. We appreciate everyone's support! And the biggest thank you goes to the phenomenal group of volunteers, past and present, who offer their countless hours and particular skill sets in the interest of continuing on the HHSTC legacy.



Chamber Corner

Van Pappas, Chamblee Chamber of Commerce Member

In May, the Chamblee Chamber of Commerce celebrated one year of existence. Born from the Chamblee Business Association (started in 1994), the Chamber has taken all the values and events of the Association and added the benefits of a full Chamber of Commerce. Now with more than 140 members, the Chamber advocates with a strong voice for the business community.

Business owners and residents can gather once a month at the Chamber's rotating Business After Hours event. These are great opportunities to network and meet business owners. The host

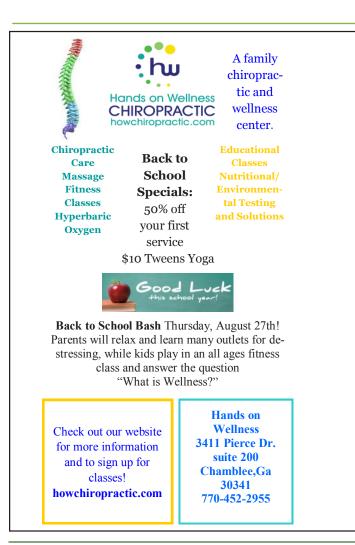


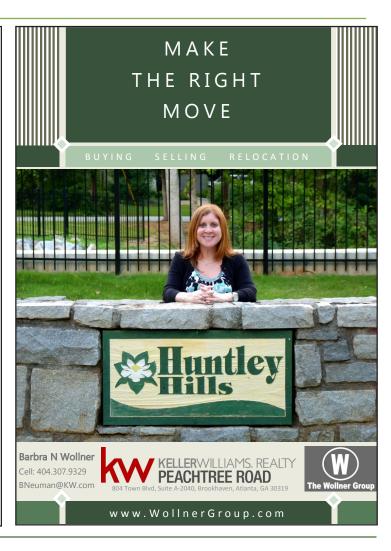
business gets a chance to showcase their business and promote the Chamber's Buy Local campaign. Also, once a month the Chamber hosts a Business Breakfast meeting. Held on the third Thursday of the month, guest speakers are brought in to talk about issues affecting Chamblee and the community as a whole.

The Chamber has promoted and supported many community clean-up activities like the Rail Trail, Dresden Park, and the Baptist Cemetery on Peachtree Rd. A Chamblee youth was selected to drive the Chamber's car in the local Soap Box Derby races. The car is designed to look like a Chamblee Police car and raced against the Dunwoody and Doraville Police soap box cars.

Once again, the annual Taste of Chamblee, hosted by the Chamber of Commerce and the City, will be held downtown on September 12th, 2015, with the proceeds going to the GA Lions Lighthouse (a local Chamblee non-profit).

Both residents and city government benefit from a strong business community and the Chamblee Chamber of Commerce is helping to drive economic growth. For more information, visit www.chambleechamber.org.







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