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The Huntley Hills Herald has evolved considerably over the last few years. For instance, you are receiving this illustrious publication earlier than in years past. After much deliberation, we decided that publishing the Herald in late August and having the Annual Street Party in September was too much work for our volunteer board to handle in such a short period of time. June suited me, your editor, in particular because I am expecting a baby in mid-June and if you are reading this at all, it probably means we got this issue to press before the baby made their appearance. I would like to thank all of our new and returning advertisers for their support of this little publication. We could not do it without you! We encourage our neighbors to support you with their business in turn. A big thank you to my fellow board members and our four guest authors for their valuable contributions to this issue of the Herald. Finally, I would like to specifically and profusely thank Katie Dailey for her extreme dedication to helping me navigate the design software, writing several articles, and proofreading. My two eyes would not have been up to the task alone.

We have worked hard to put together a newsletter that is both informative and entertaining. Hopefully, you will keep it to use as a reference throughout the year and pull it out when you’re not sure if that plastic container can go in the recycling or when you need to school someone about how a roundabout works. A digital version will be available online, too, though.

As you peruse the articles, you may recognize a few friendly faces. You may even see yourself! If not, we hope to capture you next year scarfing pizza at the End of the School Year Pizza Party, boozing at Happy Hour, or pulling weeds in the Butterfly Garden at one of our Beautification Days.

*Remember, HHNA membership is voluntary, but your $20/year makes many of the things reported on in this newsletter possible. See page 27 to join.*

We look forward to meeting you!

In the fiscal year January 1 to December 31, 2017 HHNA took in $7,900 and spent $7,200. Our revenue comes mainly from dues, which amounted to $4,200, and selling newsletter advertisements, which accounted for $3,600. Our biggest expense for the year was publishing the newsletter, which cost $3,400 to produce, but netted a $200 profit. Our next largest expense was $2,000 for social events. The annual Huntley Hills Street Party was our main social expense at $600. We were thrilled that over 300 people attended last year! We also spent $600 to help keep our neighborhood beautiful, by funding mulch and plants for the park and traffic circles and purchasing bags for the Doggie Waste Stations. The HHNA also supported our Community Connection program (formerly known as Neighborhood Watch) with $300. We provided a stipend for the Community Coordinators (formerly known as Block Captains) to host block parties, provided refreshments at the Community Coordinator annual meeting, and provided Welcome Packets for all new Huntley Hills residents. Our balance at end of the fiscal year (12/31/2017) was $4,643.56.

Pictured above: Huntley Hills neighbors turned out in record numbers to attend the Annual HHNA Meeting. This year we held the meeting at the Huntley Hills Swim & Tennis Club on a weekday evening (instead of a Sunday afternoon) and sweetened the deal with pizza, drinks, and desserts for all. Neighbors learned about the new Dekalb County Animal Services Shelter, home safety & security, planned updates to the sewer lines running through Huntley Hills, as well as the normal board business.
This year marks the 60th anniversary of the founding of Huntley Hills. Earle Long created this subdivision in 1958, and houses were built over the next ten years. The neighborhood has changed a lot since then. But as a long-time resident, one thing that hasn’t changed is the sense of community and friendliness. The people who live here are what make Huntley Hills special. They are warm. They welcome new neighbors. They care for their neighbors by making meals for someone who is seriously ill or injured. There are frequent posts on Nextdoor by people giving away items or offering to lend a truck to someone who needs to move something.

Huntley Hills also has a great volunteer spirit for activities both inside and outside the neighborhood. Our neighbors walk in the Hunger Walk to raise money for the Atlanta Community Food Bank. They make lunch bags during the summer and Christmas Break to provide meals to kids who usually get lunch at school. Others show up on a Saturday morning to weed and put down mulch in the Butterfly Garden at the park. They volunteer with the PTA to help with school activities.

Another great group of volunteers is the HHNA Board. They work hard all year long in various roles in the neighborhood association. Laura Addison plans fun social events like Donuts and Coffee in the Park and the Street Party. Gina Gallois edits our newsletter, including selling ads and writing articles. Jim Lyle works with a group of 42 Community Connection Coordinators to help welcome new neighbors and build community. Molly Rumple manages our web page and social media. Yvonne Bubienko coordinates workdays in the park to keep our shared spaces looking beautiful. Anita Clifton manages our finances. Katie Dailey helps keep the neighborhood informed on what is happening with the city council and across Chamblee. And Grant Yarbrough manages membership and encourages new members to join and support our organization.

Speaking of membership, if you are not yet an HHNA member, I hope that you will consider joining. It’s easy to join online at our website: huntleyhills.net. Or you can fill out the form on page 27 and mail it in.

Thanks for all that you do to be great neighbors and to keep Huntley Hills the best place to live in Chamblee! I look forward to seeing you at our next event.
Ever wondered how appealing your property looks to a criminal? Contact Chamblee’s Community Oriented Policing (COPS) unit for a personalized residential security survey. This service includes an unscheduled visit after dark by an officer to determine vulnerable elements such as lighting, fencing and shrubbery. The officers in the unit are certified in the strategy of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED). They work a flexible schedule rather than the rotating twelve hour shifts, which means they have greater flexibility to work with the citizens and community in crime prevention efforts. To request an assessment, email odukes@chambleega.gov or cpoythress@chambleega.gov. To learn more, check out the International CPTED Association at www.cpted.net

Pictured below:
Officer Chris Poythress

CPTED includes the use of four overlapping strategies:

1. **Access Control**
   - The design of an area to physically obstruct or guide access by people and vehicles. This strategy works by deterring access to potential targets of crime. If criminal behavior does occur, the access control makes it easy for legitimate residents to notice and report the crime to police. Examples include deadbolts, alarms, window locks, fences, turnstiles, speed bumps, and traffic signs.
   
   You can use access control by using a locking mailbox to prevent mail theft.

2. **Natural Surveillance**
   - The design of an area so as to allow visibility by legitimate residents. This strategy works because criminals will not commit crimes in areas where they feel exposed to observers. In the event a crime does occur, there is also a greater chance that it will be witnessed and reported to police. Examples include windowed stairwells, parking lots visible from the sidewalk, and security lighting.
   
   You can use natural surveillance by keeping your bushes trimmed lower than 36” and your trees trimmed higher than 7’.

3. **Territorial Reinforcement**
   - The design of an area to clearly show that someone owns the area. It suggests to criminals that a person is present who may see their criminal activity and report it to police. By enacting territorial reinforcement strategies, residents are clearly stating, “This is not public property.” Examples include landscaping, lighting, walkways, decorative fencing, and signs.
   
   You can use territorial reinforcement by placing a small decorative fence around your front yard to separate it from the sidewalk.

4. **Maintenance**
   - The basic upkeep, repair, and maintenance of property. Neglected property can create mistreatment by residents, while maintained property will elicit proper treatment. This strategy directly impacts the fear of crime in a community due to residents’ perceptions of responsibility and caring in the neighborhood. Examples include the immediate removal of graffiti, landscape maintenance, weed abatement, and painting worn buildings.
   
   You can use maintenance by keeping your property clean, weed-free, and repaired.
Phew! Where did the school year go?? As you read this article over the summer, Huntley Hills Elementary and Montessori PTA has put a bow on progress this year, and we’re already gearing up for another action-packed year supporting our students, parents, and teachers!

It's easy to forget all the great things that have happened when there is so much going on. I welcome the opportunity to reflect on what our tiny and mighty PTA team has been able to achieve this past school year with the support of parents and neighbors like you as well as the Huntley Hills Neighborhood Association who has been very generous with its support of our Courtyard plans.

Our Courtyard has been through various iterations of tidy up over the years, and it’s a key priority for us and the teachers who will drive it forward. We don’t just want to tidy it up. We want to bring it back to life! Our vision includes growing food and products, using it as an outdoor classroom, adding a more welcoming perimeter fence, fixing the pond, harnessing our aquaponics, recycling, and composting. We plan to add yard art and host an after-school environmental club where children continue to learn about the garden and the cycle of life. Our partners in the Neighborhood Association have been so supportive, and a generous $1,000 check will certainly help us achieve our vision.

We had a great Fall Festival in October, despite Mother Nature throwing a last minute curveball, that raised welcome funds to help us support our teachers and children; introduced a Spanish Club in collaboration with Dr. Ford and Senora Gomez, which was a BIG hit with the children; gained recognition from the Georgia PTA as an ‘award winning PTA’ for exceeding our PTA memberships; completed the media center refurbishment; and had a fun-packed Fueled by Fitness fundraiser culminating in our Fun Run.

Fitness is important and we plan to make fitness a persistent goal throughout the school year by educating the children about nutrition in conjunction with our health-oriented Coach. We are also in discussion with the school to introduce a Yoga Club after school. Who knows, there might even be Hip Hop and Dance Club, too!

It may be summer, but your Huntley Hills Elementary and Montessori PTA does not take the summer off. Where would be the fun in that when there’s so much to do for our fantastic children, parents, and staff?

Contact me at: bronaghlavery@gmail.com
Follow us on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/huntleyhillselementary/
Recycling: What’s Accepted, What’s Not
Gina Gallois, HHNA Board Member, Editor, with information courtesy of Chambleega.gov

Recycling is citywide in Chamblee and does a great deal for the city. Not only does recycling reduce the cost of the city’s landfill bill each year, but it also helps keep our landfills from filling up and promotes the reuse of certain materials, which also saves energy.

Chamblee Sanitation provides single-stream recycling to its residents. Single-stream means that the resident does not have to sort the recycled materials. Residents may place all acceptable recyclable materials in a single container for pickup. Unfortunately, due to low market rates, glass is no longer accepted. For more information, go to chambleega.gov/recycling.

Acceptable recycling materials are determined by the recycling carrier. At this time, our recycling carrier has deemed the following list as acceptable materials.

**Paper Products**
- Newspapers & inserts
- Paperboard e.g. tissue & cereal boxes
- Magazines & catalogs
- Paper
- Corrugated Packaging
- Paper egg cartons (remove liner)
- Juice boxes & milk cartons

**Plastic Bottles and Containers (#1 & #2)**
Look on the bottom of the container for the recycling symbol with a number inside indicating the type of plastic. Only types 1 and 2 are accepted and tossing in other types of plastic anyway contaminates the load. Please help us keep contamination to a minimum by checking your plastics carefully.
- Yellow or white plastic milk cartons
- Plastic soda & water bottles
- Detergent containers
- Bleach bottles

**Metal**
- Aluminum Beverage Cans
- Steel Food Cans

**Items to Exclude**
- Plastic grocery bags - Many grocery stores collect bags to be recycled.
- Styrofoam and/or packing peanuts
- Laminated plastic
- Light bulbs
- Batteries - Bring them to Public Works on electronics recycling day.
- Glass - See below for glass drop-off locations.
- Aluminum Pie Plates
- Auto Parts
- Toys
- Hazardous Chemicals & Aerosol Cans
- Aluminum Foil

**Glass Recycling Locations in Dekalb**
Although Chamblee has stopped accepting glass in the weekly pick-up, it is easy to drop off your glass at the following local collection bins:
- Blackburn Park
- Brooke Run Park
- Dunwoody Library

**What About Other Recyclables?**
The Sandy Springs Recycling Center located at 470 Morgan Falls Road accepts many items (including appliances, cooking oils, cell phones, and printer cartridges) that cannot be put in our regular recycling bins. Go to www.keepnorthfultonbeautiful.org/items-we-accept.html for a full list.
American Short Stories Discussion Group
Doraville Library
2nd Saturday, 10:30 am—11:30 am
We read the very best in American short story literature. Copies of the monthly selection are available at the circulation desk. Adult (18+)

Discussion
Chamblee Library
2nd Monday, 10:15 am—12:15 pm
Copies of the discussion title are available at the Front Desk on a first-come, first-served basis. Adult (18+)

Georgia Book Awards Book Club Series
Dunwoody Library
Wednesday, July 25, 2018, 4:00 pm—5:00 pm
Our book clubs feature titles that are 2018-19 nominees for Georgia Children’s Book Awards. Sign up for one or all four and enjoy discussion over pizza! Sign up at the branch and get your copy there beginning one month before the book club meeting. School Age (9 to 13 years)

HH Neighborhood Book Club
Last Thursday, 6 pm - 7:30 pm
Read a variety of fiction and non-fiction books selected biannually by club members. For more information, contact Sarah Pfeffer via private message on Nextdoor or email at sarahandalex@gmail.com.

Huntley Hills Mamas’ Book Club
Neighborhood mothers get together to discuss a variety of genres about every two months usually on a Tuesday evening. Contact Melissa Neubauer at missibea@hotmail.com for more information.

Book Worms Book Club
Chamblee Library
4th Tuesday, 4:00 pm—5:00 pm
June 26: Baby Mouse #10: The Musical, by Jennifer and Matthew Holm
July 24: Dracula Doesn’t Rock n’ Roll, by Debbie Dadey and Marcia Jones
For early chapter book readers. Pick up a copy of this month’s book, then join us for discussion, activities, games, and crafts! Books will be available three weeks before the meeting. School Age (6 to 8 years)
Open to first 9 participants. Please call or visit branch to register. Funding provided by the Friends of the Chamblee Library.
It’s an Exciting Time to Be in Chamblee!
David Carter, HH Neighbor & Downtown Development Authority Chair

I was recently asked to make some opening comments for Mayor Eric Clarkson’s State of the City address. As a bit of a lark, I referred to residents of Chamblee as “Chamblee-ans, Chamblee-ites, or Residents of the Actual Center of the Universe.” It was a comment conveying that Chamblee is changing. Reflecting on that comment a few weeks later, I think we are, in fact, seeing an important change in our identity – change driven by a recognition that together we can build a community of which we can continue to be proud.

In January, 2018, the Chamblee Downtown Development Authority engaged Seven Oaks Company, LLC, to establish a Conceptual Master Plan (“CMP”) for a Town Center. The CMP is due to be completed in June, 2018, as scheduled and will: provide data and analysis critical to the City’s ability to develop the downtown area while maintaining the unique personality and feel Chamblee enjoys; outline the development of municipal buildings and private development, streetscapes, parking, and even the potential use of autonomous vehicles; provide a framework for disciplined development in our downtown.

The Downtown Development Authority is working closely with City Council on this project – truly, an example of a vigorous public-private partnership. Since its activation five years ago, the Downtown Development Authority has acquired the key pieces of property needed to embark upon a project of this magnitude. As City services increase and the population grows, the City anticipates the need for substantially more administrative space. The Town Center will incorporate space for City Hall, courthouse, police station, Civic Center, and administrative office space, ensuring that we continue to enjoy the high level of municipal services to which we have become accustomed.

The CMP also addresses Chamblee’s severely limited parking amenities, which restricts visitor access to enjoy our streetscapes, restaurants, shops and other points of interest. However, we will avoid monolithic parking decks, which have limited lifespans and can be eyesores if not incorporated into overall development. Of course, the need for central parking may be mitigated by some form of community transit (imagine a Chamblee trolley), autonomous vehicles, or even bicycles available for short term rental throughout the City. All of these options will compliment Chamblee’s existing Rail Trail access, with the goal of making Chamblee a truly walkable community.

The Town Center will include retail, restaurant and residential space downtown as well. In 2017, the Chamblee Downtown Development Authority worked on the Trackside project. Located across the street from the Chamblee MARTA stop, Trackside is a transit-oriented development premised on the provision of employment of a highly trained and salaried workforce. This is just one example of the type of project we hope to see in the Town Center – employees who will take transit to their jobs in Downtown Chamblee, live in facilities like the Olmsted, walk to the Whole Foods for the groceries, and then entertain themselves in the restaurants and other venues of the Town Center.

The identity of Chamblee is, indeed, changing. Chamblee has always been a friendly, progressive community. As the greater metropolitan Atlanta area continues to grow, our choice is simple: either participate in the development of a city that we are proud of, or leave the choices up to others with little or no community input. We have chosen to participate in our own destiny. Looking back at this moment 50 years from now, I hope Chamblee-ans will be proud of the little town that is the Actual Center of the Universe.

PS: All meetings of the DDA are video recorded, and there is a lot of information available about the Town Center at the websites below. Meetings of the Downtown Development Authority are the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 at City Hall.
https://www.facebook.com/ActualCenter
http://downtownchamblee.com/
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeFBAV8SEwye-h7ETeqY_YdA
Long Lost Cat Comes Home at Last!

Meg Grady, Huntley Hills Neighbor

I adopted Rémy LeBeau in January 2011 when he was only four months old, along with a bonded four-month-old girl I named Beauchat. Rémy loved to be outside in the field next door, and even enjoyed going for walks around the neighborhood in a cat stroller. In January 2013, I moved to the Peachtree Malone Lofts across from the Chamblee MARTA station where Rémy only went outside a handful of times in the courtyard. He always returned until the morning of March 13, 2013, when I opened the door and couldn’t grab him. When he didn’t come home, I put up flyers around the complex, surrounding streets, and local vets. I went to the police to drop off a flyer for them, and even posted in Huntley Hills. I posted on Nextdoor and called the 24 Pet Watch, the microchip company, to let them know he was missing. I received some calls and checked on several sightings, but with no luck. I thought about him everyday, especially with all the lost and found pet posts on Nextdoor. I even contacted a pet psychic in late 2013 who told me Rémy was with another cat in a room being cared for, but he couldn’t get out to make his way home.

Fast forward to May 21, 2018, I got a call a little after 8am from 24 Pet Watch telling me Rémy was found and at the Coal Mountain Animal Hospital in Cumming, GA. A retired couple brought him in to update his shots and get his matted fur groomed. The woman said he wandered into her yard in early November 2017. Rémy appeared to have been cared for because his coat was in good shape and he was well fed. After having him for about six months, the couple became very attached to him. She admitted that if they knew they were not going to get him back, they may have not taken him to the vet.

I have missed out on seeing Rémy grow up these past five years because someone picked him up and never took him to get scanned. Beauchat still doesn’t recognize him, but I know it has only been a few days. There are a lot of new smells with new animals and a new home. It will take him some time to acclimate to his new surroundings and even to me! Who knows how many people and animals he has been around? He still has his sweet nature, but there is some aggression he never had before. I am just so thankful to have him back, regardless. I will give him lots of love and the time he needs to remember his sister and me. If only he could talk to tell me some stories of these past five years - I have soooo many questions!

Please, make sure every single one of your animals is microchipped, keep your information updated, and get them spayed or neutered. If you are caring for an outside cat, do the right thing and immediately take them to a vet to get scanned and altered. If a wandering cat has a microchip and is altered, chances are they are lost and need your help to find their way home.

Rémy in 2011

Rémy in 2018
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Do you smile when you see the blooming flowers that Jennie Palmer plants in the roundabout? Have you, like me, stopped by the entry at Longview and Admiral to admire the new native plants dazzling passersby (thank Leslie Robson for that one)? It’s often only when I have been elsewhere and return home that I notice how pretty Huntley Hills is.

As chair of Neighborhood Beautification, my responsibilities are focused on harvesting the power of master gardeners, hardworking neighbors, and anyone willing to spare some time to make our space even more beautiful. My motto for 2018, to all of us, is let’s participate and do more! Let’s do little things that will continually allow us to grow and cultivate our green spaces to be the very best that they can be.

Every few months, I announce beautification events on Nextdoor. We get together to plant flowers, weed, spread mulch, and do a general cleanup of our community park and entry ways. Please consider joining me at the next event for 30 minutes or 2 hours! You don’t have to have experience or be skilled at gardening. Helping hands joined together can really make a huge difference!

As you walk the neighborhood, some of you may have noticed plaques stating that a yard is a Certified Wildlife Habitat. In fact, Chamblee was the first Community Wildlife Habitat in the Southeast and the seventh in the nation. We were pioneers in recognizing the beauty and looking to preserve wildlife within our city limits. Atlanta metro area now has over 800 certified habitats within its border. What is staggering to me is that about one half are located in the “tri-cities” area of Dunwoody, Chamblee and Brookhaven. We live in one of the largest metro areas, with the world’s busiest airport, yet we get to reside in a city in a forest, teaming with owls, hawks, deer, foxes…and yes, even the ever popular coyotes. Let’s really enjoy it and participate in further preserving what we already have!
Dog Safety & Etiquette: Tips to Help Dog Owners
Gina Gallois, Editor, with information from BarkBusters.com

It’s our responsibility as pet parents to make sure our canine companions mind their manners at home and in public. Following these tips for dog and dog owner etiquette will help you avoid unsafe and unpleasant situations. Your neighbors and your dog will thank you!

At Home

• For the safety and security of your dog, neighbors, and passersby, your unsupervised dog should always stay on your property. If your dog is left alone, keep them in a safe location where they cannot hurt themselves or others.
• Train your dog to do their business in approved areas only. If they leave a mess on the neighbor’s lawn, clean it up right away. Huntley Hills is equipped with seven conveniently located doggy waste stations: Ensign & Plantation, Longview between Ellwyn & Plantation, at the Park by the butterfly garden, Seaman Circle near Longview, at the end of Longview in the triangle where Longview dead ends into N Shallowford, at Commodore & Commodore Court, and finally, on Forrestal, near the stairs leading to the school.

• Do not allow your dog to bark uncontrollably at or jump on others. Not everyone loves dogs as much as you do and some people, small children in particular are afraid of them.
• If your dog barks to the point of becoming a nuisance, keep them inside when you’re not at home. If they bark even when you are home, make an effort to find ways to manage the barking. You will enjoy a quieter home and so will your neighbors.

In Public Spaces

• Dogs should always be kept on a leash in public – this includes at the park and while walking in the street. Remember that other dogs may not be as well trained as yours and keeping your dog on a leash helps keep other people and dogs safe.
• Always supervise your dog around children. If you are unable to watch your dog, put them in their crate or safe place away from children.
• Pick up after your dog. Keep clean-up bags with you at all times for doggy messes, no matter where they occur. Dog waste is not only gross and smelly, it can be a fall risk if someone steps in it.
• Don’t let your dog do their business in your neighbors’ garden beds. That’s just uncool.
• When you encounter other people on the sidewalk or in the street, step to the side to let them pass.

Supervising meetings between your dog and another dog or person.

• Even if your dog is very friendly, do not let them approach every person you meet. Not everyone likes or is comfortable with dogs.
• When meeting a stranger, avoid putting tension on the leash, which may put your dog on alert to be wary. Keep an eye on your dog’s body language, but stay relaxed.
• If a stranger wants to pet your dog, tell him to let your dog approach them rather than having them approach your dog.
• If your dog seems uncomfortable with greeting another dog or person, never force them. It is always better to be safe than sorry.
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DeKalb Animal Services Shelter, located on Chamblee Dunwoody Road in Chamblee, is managed by LifeLine Animal Project, Atlanta’s largest animal welfare nonprofit, whose mission is to end the euthanasia of healthy and treatable animals at county shelters. Since receiving the contract in 2012, adoptions have increased by over 300% and between 85 - 90% of all animals coming in are saved (90 percent is considered the no-kill standard). Shelter programs strengthen the entire animal welfare community by providing humane care for the animals at the shelter, promoting homeless pet adoption, providing affordable spay/neuter services, assisting with pet reclams, increasing public awareness through work with volunteers and rescue groups, and advocating for lifesaving public policy. The Enforcement Division is handled by the DeKalb County police department. This division enforces local and state laws regarding animals including handling complaints about animals, rabies control, vicious and dangerous animals and cruelty or neglect of animals.

If you lose your pet, please visit the shelter as soon as possible to see if they have been picked up. Due to the large number of impounded animals and because so many animals look alike, they cannot tell you if they have your animal (unless tagged or chipped) or from what location a particular pet pictured online was picked up. Lost and stray animals may be held for only five days after intake, therefore, it is important you visit the shelter right away and again every few days to check for your lost pet. In order to reclaim, bring your driver’s license and proof of
ownership, such as vet bill or photos, if you have them. Impounded stray animals are scanned for microchips, so if your pet is chipped make sure that the microchip company has your current contact phone numbers. Workers also call on tags, so if your pet is wearing a rabies tag, registration tag or license tag, make sure that the tag agency has your current phone numbers.

Although overwhelmed with a tremendous amount of homeless pets, owner surrenders are accepted at DeKalb County Animal Services on an appointment-only basis for a $35 surrender fee per animal. Because they do not want to euthanize your pet or euthanize another pet to make space for your pet, surrendering your pet should only be done as a last resort. Generally adoptable pets are accepted, so if your pet is elderly, has behavior issues or is sick, it is your responsibility to take it to a veterinarian for treatment, hire a trainer or have it euthanized at a private veterinarian. During times of high intake or when the shelter is full, accepting owner surrendered animals may be completely suspended.

**Would you like to get involved as a volunteer?**
LifeLine Animal Project currently offers many volunteer opportunities - from office and administrative assistance, to adoption advocate for an individual dog, to adoption counselor assistant who answers questions and educates the public, to offsite adoption event volunteer. Other opportunities include animal photographer and pet profile writer, dog bather and groomer, and dog walker. Maybe you would like to give one of the pups a break from the shelter and participate in the Dog for the Day Program, where you can take the dog out with a provided leash, harness, and “adopt-me” vest. If you are up for even more fun, you might like to participate in the Sleepover Program, which allows pets to decompress from shelter life and also helps you get to know the animal better if you are considering adoption. The Cat Socialization position is purr-fect for anyone who would like to help shelter kitties by petting, playing, and talking with them. For those able to offer a temporary home, please consider fostering a special needs dog or cat while they await adoption. These animals are often too old or too young for shelter life or perhaps recovering from an illness. No matter what your interest or time availability, the shelter has a volunteer opportunity for you!

Families with children are welcome to participate in many of these activities.

For more information about the services or volunteer opportunities of the DeKalb Animal Service Shelter, please visit http://www.dekalbanimalservices.com/ or call Animal Shelter Customer Service at 404-294-2949. If you need to reach DeKalb County Animal Control Officers, please call 404-294-2996 ext 2.
Getting Social in the Neighborhood
Laura Addison, HHNA Board Member, Social Chair & Chief Epicurean

One of my favorite things about living in Huntley Hills is the growing sense of community. I’ve been seeing more and more people stopping on the street to chat, gathering at the park with their little ones, and participating in Chamblee community events. My goal as social director is to provide a variety of opportunities for you to come out and spend some time with your neighbors and meet some new friends. We received some great feedback from our annual survey, and I will do my best to incorporate many of your ideas into upcoming events! Keep an eye out on Nextdoor for event announcements. We also post signs around the neighborhood for big events like the Street Party in September, Donut Days, Ice Cream, and Pizza in the Park on the last day of school.
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**Introducing: Community Connection**

**Jim Lyle, HHNA Board Member, Community Connection Coordinator & Lead Hippie**

I’m pleased to announce that Neighborhood Watch is getting an update, starting with a new name - Community Connection! And, we will have Community Coordinators rather than Block Captains. In the pre-internet days, before many of you were born, the Neighborhood Watch program served the useful purpose of keeping neighbors advised of issues related to safety and security, as block captains used word-of-mouth and fliers to keep their neighbors informed of the happenings related to their blocks.

Times have obviously changed, with Nextdoor now being the means most of us use to stay in touch and be aware of the comings and goings in the neighborhood. In addition, 911 gives us almost instant access to Chamblee police, so most of our safety and security needs are handled directly with them.

Some neighbors are more open than others to knowing and being known, so there is no desire to force relationships on anyone. Building community takes time and intentional effort, and we’re grateful to our Community Coordinators for their willingness to put in the time and effort for us to get to know each other and feel good about living with the neighbors on our block.

**Join Us On Nextdoor!**

By now you’ve probably noticed several mentions of “Nextdoor” as you peruse this issue of the Huntley Hills Herald. Nextdoor is a social media platform for neighbors that has become an important source of information and communication in Huntley Hills. If you have not signed up yet, we hope you will join us soon. Find lost pets, buy and sell your stuff, borrow tools, recommend your favorite businesses, stay up to date on neighborhood and citywide events, make new friends! Go to Nextdoor.com to sign up.
Keep Chamblee Beautiful is proud to announce that we will become a direct affiliate of Keep America Beautiful this year! Since our founding in 1991, we’ve operated under the umbrella of Keep DeKalb Beautiful, which served us well while Chamblee remained a sleepy suburb of Atlanta. Direct affiliation will strengthen our tie to the national organization and keep our mission moving forward at a pace that matches Chamblee’s current growth rate. Affiliation also will offer our Board of Directors training and networking opportunities to help us operate more effectively. We can also apply for grants for larger projects that enable us to leave more lasting positive impacts on the Chamblee community.

Another milestone we reached this year is that every one of our Chamblee City Council and our Mayor are now paid members of KCB! We’re so proud to have the support of our elected officials and city staff—it truly makes an enormous difference in what we can accomplish.

Speaking of accomplishments, so far in 2018, KCB has:
- Recycled hundreds of Christmas trees in our January “Bring One for the Chipper” event.
- Hosted a Keswick Park workday, where we planted dozens of Fringetree and White Oak seedlings. Our Keswick Nature Trail team also did a trail cleanup, cutting several trees that fell on the trail over the winter.

With greater volunteer participation next year, we hope to engage more of Chamblee’s growing apartment dwelling population who doesn’t have access to the wonderful curbside service that homeowners enjoy.
- Celebrated Georgia Arbor Day, Feb. 16, helping the Chamblee Development Office plant a native Fringetree (Chionanthus virginicus) in Dresden Park and distribute seedlings to residents.
- Hosted KCB Board members, recycling team members, and city staff on a tour of the Pratt Industries recycling center to see where all Chamblee’s recycling goes so we can help Chamblee up its game on recycling.

- Joined city staff for a ribbon-cutting at Canfield Park on Earth Day.

- Held an inaugural membership drive event ChamRock on St. Patrick’s Day, graciously hosted by Southbound restaurant. We gained many new members, and brought greater awareness to our mission—and had a lot of fun doing it! Our gratitude to Mike Plummer who hired the band Electric Avenue and provided Southbound as the venue free of charge!

- Despite record growth in our paid member ranks this year, we are always looking for active volunteers who want to help us further our mission! Contact us at info@keepchambleebeautiful.org if you want to get involved! Please follow us on Facebook to stay abreast of our latest activities and coming events including a Hazardous Waste Collection Day this summer. We also plan to start holding quarterly membership meetings, which will be open to the public, and offer educational speakers on clean, green, and beautiful topics!

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Note: HHNA is not affiliated with the Huntley Hills Swim and Tennis Club and membership for each is separate.
Century Plant: A Rare Sight on Display
Gina Gallois, Editor, with photos courtesy of Tammy Lyle, LylePhotos.com

The excitement began just a few weeks ago when Chamblee City Councilwoman and Huntley Hills resident Leslie Robson announced that her century plant was about to bloom. Leslie’s garden is famous in the Huntley Hills for its size and beautiful variety of plants located at the south end of the neighborhood on the corner of Admiral and Longview.

Although its name seems to indicate it will live to be 100 years old, the century plant typically lives only 10 to 30 years. Growing to a diameter of 6-10 ft with gray-green leaves of 3-5 ft long, each of its leaves has a prickly margin and a sharp, frightening spike at the tip. Near the end of its life, the plant sends up a tall, branched stalk, covered in yellow blossoms, reaching a total height up to 25–30 ft tall.

The Agave americana’s common name, century plant, derives from the fact that it only blooms once at the end of its long life. The plant dies after flowering, but produces suckers or adventitious shoots from the base, which continue its growth. The Century Plant takes up to six weeks to finish blooming, so be sure to check it out on the Admiral side of the corner of Admiral and Longview.
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Doing Good in the ‘Hood

Gina Gallois, HHNA Board Member, Editor

You may have noticed that it has been less than a year since the publication of our previous newsletter in September 2017, but in that time, neighbors have found time to come together in so many ways to help others.

Natural Disaster Relief

This past year was a steady barrage of floods, hurricanes, wildfires, and more. It can be difficult to know how to help when so many people are suffering so far away. In the face of so much destruction, two young philanthropists decided to do something. Elementary school students Chloe Loretz and Hope Lavery set up a lemonade stand to raise funds for the victims of Hurricane Irma. Hope and Chloe collected $41!

Birthday Philanthropy

Parents know that kids’ birthday parties often seem to be a weekly occurrence, particularly with more than one child in the house. While it is wonderful to celebrate with friends, sometimes the gift giving and receiving can become a little overwhelming to manage. In our house, we try (and often fail) to keep the volume of toys under control. Our son is incredibly lucky to want for nothing, and we have always requested that people refrain from bringing gifts to his party. This year, as he turned 5, we took a different approach. We decided to make the “gifts” contributions of useful items for making care packages for the homeless community. Many of you will remember that back in January, I requested reusable bags and toiletries on Nextdoor for this project, and as usual, you came through with cash, high quality reusable bags, and boxes full of personal care and non-perishable food items to stock them with. It really is heartwarming to have such generous and willing neighbors!

Soon after this, we were invited to a birthday party where we were asked to bring coloring books, crayons, and other craft supplies to fill activity bags to be distributed at a Valentine’s day party organized by Caminar Latino. A wonderful time was had by all!

If you would like to try something like this for your child’s next birthday, but are worried about the prospect of no presents, rest assured there were still presents from family, everyone still had a great time, and got to learn how good it feels to do for others.

Feeding School Children During Breaks

Over winter break, members of HOPE in Chamblee, a group of progressive minded Huntley Hills and Chamblee neighbors got together to prepare 200 lunches for the Smart Lunch Smart Kid program. Action Ministries, the organization behind this fantastic program, coordinates volunteers to provide lunches during school breaks for children who otherwise may not be eating regular meals. This program, located at the First Baptist Church of Tucker, aims to feed 875 children each day during the summer.
Early this spring, the Bramor-Ogbebor family traveled from Lagos, Nigeria to live temporarily in the Atlanta area while they waited for the arrival of their baby daughter. Baby Ibuere was born on May 12, without incident, but only a week after her birth, back at the family’s home in Huntley Hills, she suddenly stopped breathing. The family was terrified as they waited for help to arrive. Mario, baby Ibuere’s uncle paced back and forth in the yard, listening for approaching sirens, when his nextdoor neighbor, our very own Marc Volk, happened to see him and ask what was wrong. Upon hearing that little Ibuere was not breathing, Marc ran into the house and began performing CPR on the tiny infant. He managed to revive her and the police arrived soon after. She stopped breathing again and the police officer revived her a second time. Baby Ibuere spent two days in the hospital before being released to go home, where she has been doing well ever since. Marc was not particularly interested in being held up as a hero, let alone being featured in a publication for helping the Bramor-Ogbebor family save their baby daughter. He simply said, “I just happened to be in the right place at the right time.”

But, all modesty aside, there is a very important lesson to be learned here: Learning CPR and basic life support skills really can save lives! As soon as I heard this incredible story, I began researching CPR classes my husband and I could take as soon as possible. We always meant to take a class when our son was born over five years ago, but never got around to it. Now as we await the birth of our second child, we are signed up for the next available class at the Cowart Family YMCA on Ashford-Dunwoody Road. The YMCA offers a 2.5 hour CPR and Basic Life Support class the second Tuesday of each month. The cost is only $50 for members. Several other organizations offer similar classes to suit different schedules. Has it been a while since you brushed up on your life support skills? Get signed up now!

Feel Good Story of the Year: Newborn Baby Saved by CPR!

Gina Gallois, HHNA Board Member, Editor

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holiday, and they can only do it with the help of people like you! **There are multiple opportunities to get involved this summer!** Contact Amy Olvey at aolvey@actionministries.net or go to www.actionministries.net.

Think you’d like to get involved in philanthropic events like this? Be sure to check Nextdoor regularly for details about upcoming service project opportunities. Have a great idea? Pitch it to the community, or get in touch with me on Nextdoor, and we’ll see what we can do together.
Be Informed, Get Involved

Katie Dailey, HHNA Board Member, Community Affairs Aficionado

**MyChamblee**


New, updated mobile app MyChamblee will allow residents to access city government in a single location. With this tool, residents can submit, track, and view nearby service requests through their smartphones and online. Residents will also be able to find information about events, public facilities, trash pickup, and more. The app will be available for download in the Apple App Store and Google Play by late June.

**Chamblee 101**

[www.chambleega.com](http://www.chambleega.com)
Home > About Chamblee > Chamblee 101

Chamblee 101 is a nine-week program designed to increase the number of informed and involved residents and business owners, who will learn how our city’s government works, who’s responsible for what and what steps you can take to make a difference. This annual class includes discussion and interactive activities on topics that include:

- Introduction with the Mayor and City Manager
- Finance and City Clerk
- Economic Development
- Parks and Recreation
- Police, 911 and Court
- Development
- Public Works

For more information on registration for the Class of 2019, contact Tisa Moore at 470-395-2309 or tmoore@chambleega.gov.

**Chamblee City Council**

[www.chambleega.com](http://www.chambleega.com)
Home > Government > City Council Meetings

The Chamblee City Council conducts its monthly meeting at 7:30 PM on the third Tuesday of every month at the Civic Center, located at 3540 Broad Street. The Council takes official action at these meetings. Public comment is accepted at the end of each session.

A working meeting is conducted at 6 PM at the Civic Center on the Thursday preceding each Regular Council meeting. Although no action is taken at the work session, interested parties are encouraged to ask questions or comment on any item that is of interest to them.

Meeting agendas and minutes are posted online.

“The Council enacts ordinances, establishes policy, adopts the annual budget, and establishes the ad valorem tax rate for each year. The City Manager is responsible for implementing the policies set forth by the Council, overseeing all City employees, and managing the day to day operations of the City.

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Keswick Park brings Chamblee together

Chamblee is home to seven parks. Our parks, excluding Keswick Park, are designed as neighborhood parks to be used by those living within biking or walking distance of the park. Keswick Park is the park that was created to serve as a community park with plenty of parking and contains a 3,500 square foot community building, a soccer field, a softball field, and a tee ball field—all of which are available for rent. This 45 acre park also includes walking trails, a dog park, two tennis courts and an outdoor basketball court. The newest addition to the park is a walking trail connecting to the Mid-City District.

Fourth of July means fireworks in Chamblee

Keswick Park is also the location of Chamblee’s annual Fourth of July Celebration. This fun-filled family event includes one of the best fireworks shows in our area, not to mention the live music, food and lots of family activities.

City of Chamblee offers discounted summer camp for children of residents

Chamblee Parks and Rec offers summer camp for children ages 6 to 12. Campers participate in arts, crafts, games, programs, swimming and field trips. Camp hours are 7:30 am to 6:00 pm each camp day with scheduled camp activities from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm. Supervised free play is 7:30-9:30 and 4:00-6:00. Space for each camp week is limited and reservations must be made in advance. Camp takes place at the Keswick Park Community Building.

Visit chambleega.myrec.com for information about Camp Chamblee and other Athletic programs including youth tennis, flag football, and swimming as well as adult softball and kickball.

City of Chamblee presents free live music concerts

Chamblee Summer Concert Series usually presents four nights of live music to Downtown Chamblee. Residents bring blankets and lawn chairs (or reserve one of the VIP Tables); some bring picnics or enjoy the offerings of onsite food and beverage vendors. These kid-friendly events are fun for the whole family. Check for details under Parks & Recreation at www.chambleega.com.

Santa Claus makes an annual stop in Chamblee

This year, Jolly Old St. Nick will be dropping by Chamblee Civic Center on Saturday, December 8, 2018. Be sure to contact Chamblee Parks and Rec well in advance to make reservations for your children to this event that sells out every year. In addition to breakfast and pictures with Santa, kids may enjoy story time, arts & crafts, coloring and more.
Navigating Roundabouts Safely

**There are Two Simple Rules for Roundabouts:**

1. Circulate Counter-Clockwise Around the Circle
2. Traffic on your LEFT has the Right of Way.

**Approaching the Roundabout:**
Use all available information, including signs, signals, and lane markings to choose the correct path or designated lane before entering the roundabout.
- Decide before you enter what exit you need to take.
- Check mirrors, signal, and maneuver carefully at every stage.
- Use turn signals correctly so you don’t confuse other road users.
- Adjust your speed and position for traffic conditions.
- Stay aware of the speed and position of road users around you.

**Entering the Roundabout:**
- Yield to traffic approaching from your left, unless directed by signs, road markings or traffic signals.
- Watch out for traffic already in the roundabout; drivers may not signal correctly, or at all.
- Look ahead before accelerating to assure traffic in front of you has moved.

**Caution: Watch for these situations!**
- Pedestrians may be crossing the approaches and exits. Yield to pedestrians!!!
- Blind/visually impaired pedestrians may not see you.
- Disabled pedestrians and those in wheelchairs may be moving slowly.
- Watch traffic crossing in front of you on the roundabout, especially exiting vehicles.
- Traffic may be straddling lanes or positioned incorrectly to exit.
- Motorcycles are small and fast – watch for them.
- Bicyclists and horse riders might stay in the right lane and signal left if they intend to continue round the roundabout. Let them do so.
- Trucks and large vehicles may need to straddle lane lines or use a truck apron next to the central island. Do not pass trucks in the roundabout.
- If emergency vehicles approach, take your desired exit and then pull over as far to the right as possible.

**Correct Vehicle Position and Turn:**

**Right Turn (When taking the first exit):**
Keep right, use right lane and right turn signal on approach and through the roundabout.

**Straight Ahead:**
- Select the appropriate path or designated through lane before entering the roundabout.
- You do not normally need to signal on approach.
- Use right turn signal when passing the exit before the one to be taken.

**Left or U-Turn:**
- Enter the roundabout from the left side of the entry or the designated left turn lane and use your left turn signal on approach.
- Keep to the left in the roundabout until you need to exit.
- Use right turn signal when passing the exit before the one to be taken.

**If You Don’t Know Your Exit:**
- Don’t panic; this happens occasionally.
- Enter the roundabout from the left side of the entry or the left entry lane and use your left turn signal.
- Circulate beside the central island and identify your exit.
- Use the left turn signal on approach and maintain this signal until passing the exit before the one to be taken.
- On your next orbit, use your right turn signal when passing the exit before the one to be taken.

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![Renovated Huntley Hills Home](image)

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