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## Editor's Note

*Dara Nunn, HHNA Board Member, Newsletter Editor*

When my husband and I started house shopping a year ago, I was concerned that our expectations were too high. We were looking for a vibrant community with a mix of restaurants and bars, but also parks and good schools. The neighborhood needed to be affordable, but still a good investment, while remaining inside the perimeter. We moved into Huntley Hills a year ago and have been so happy with our decision. And imagine my excitement when I learned my new neighborhood had everything I was looking for - but it also had an active neighborhood association that had built a strong relationship with the local city management, monthly social events and opportunities to give back to our local community! I joined the board because I quickly realized that this is a neighborhood that I want to invest my dollars, time and energy into.

After two years, we are so pleased to be bringing this newsletter back! Huntley Hills (and the rest

of the world) have been through a quite a bit the last couple of years, but your neighborhood association board is thrilled to be back with our regularly scheduled events and programming. As part of our annual newsletter, we've included highlights from the last year - including social events, neighborhood clean ups, community service, and a financial report of the association. If your household isn't currently a member, I encourage you to look through the newsletter to get an idea of what you can expect from us (and check out page 14 to learn how to join!). We're also proud to feature a number of local businesses and restaurants as advertisers in our newsletter! When possible, we encourage our neighbors to support our advertisers as they've supported us.

Thank you for your continued support of Huntley Hills, the neighborhood association and this newsletter - hope to see you at an event in the near future!

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# Neighborhood Nickels & Dimes

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Acct. Category/Activity	2020 Actuals		2021 Actuals		2022 Proposed Budget	
	(-)	(+)	(-)	(+)	Expenses/Revenue	(rounded off)
<b>Administrative</b>						
State Registration	-\$55.00		-\$250.00		-\$30.00	
P.O. Box/Postage	-\$106.00		-\$134.00		-\$134.00	
Bank Fees/Checks			-\$5.00		-\$20.00	
Website - 3 yr Renewal			-\$539.64			
SSL - 2 yr Renewal	-\$159.98				-\$160.00	
Domain - 1 yr Renewal			-\$20.17		-\$21.00	
Office Supplies/Printing			-\$65.44		-\$50.00	
Graduation Banner			-\$82.06		-\$100.00	
T-Shirts		\$ 58.00	-\$41.04		-\$600.00	\$ 800.00
Bd Appreciation Dinner			-\$230.01		-\$150.00	
Charitable Donations	-\$257.50					
Misc. Receipts		\$ 14.55		\$ 71.65		\$ 50.00
<b>Beautification</b>						
Dog Waste Bags	-\$856.94		-\$733.50	\$ 140.30	-\$600.00	\$ 150.00
Traffic Circles/Gardens	-\$147.26		-\$347.19		-\$1,000.00	
Work Days (Food)			-\$67.10		-\$120.00	
Signs/Misc.			-\$129.70		-\$50.00	
<b>Membership</b>						
Annual Dues		\$ 588.52	-\$20.00	\$ 5,707.45		\$ 6,000.00
"Swag"/Gift Certif.	-\$165.31		-\$103.68		-\$150.00	
<b>Neighborhood Connect.</b>						
Welcome Packets			-\$169.69		-\$100.00	
<b>Newsletter</b>						
Ad Revenue		\$ 2,611.08	**	**		\$ 2,500.00
Printing/Postage	-\$2,877.69		-\$298.32		-\$2,500.00	
Design Support					-\$50.00	
<b>Social Events</b>						
Happy Hours @4x/yr			-\$440.59		-\$1,000.00	
Spring Fling *new 2022					-\$900.00	
Annual Meeting					-\$250.00	
PW Employee Breakfast	-\$151.15		-\$293.91		-\$200.00	
Candidate Forum			-\$174.05			
Donuts in Park	-\$138.42				-\$150.00	
Pizza in the Park					-\$300.00	
Neigh. Night Out-NNO			-\$151.28		-\$150.00	
Ice Cream Party			-\$367.50		-\$400.00	
Fall Street Party			-\$1,082.64	\$ 72.11	-\$1,100.00	
Christmas Toy Drive			-\$53.96		-\$50.00	
Event Supplies					-\$200.00	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>-\$4,915.25</b>	<b>\$ 3,272.15</b>	<b>-\$5,800.47</b>	<b>\$ 5,991.51</b>	<b>-\$10,535.00</b>	<b>\$ 9,500.00</b>

\*\*2021 Newsletter not published

The 2022 Budget includes new activities such as selling T-Shirts, a large scope beautification project, producing a newsletter and adding a new Spring Fling event.





## President's Corner

*Laura Addison, HHNA Board Member, President*

Hi Neighbors!

The Huntley Hills Neighborhood Association is excited to be back in action! First, we'd like to welcome all our new neighbors! Of our nearly 750 homes in Huntley Hills, there are approximately 50 home sales each year. That's a lot of new neighbors! Welcome to Huntley Hills, we're so glad you're here!

Throughout the past year, we have been able to resume our annual activities and are busy planning for more to come! One of our goals is to increase membership so we can not only get more neighbors involved but we can enhance the events we already have and create more so we have even more variety. We are also hoping to complete a major landscaping project at "the triangle" at Longview and N Shallowford Rd through our neighborhood beautification efforts. Did you know the HHNA funds the doggie waste stations throughout the neighborhood and maintains the traffic circles and flower beds in the park? Your \$25 annual membership fee makes it all happen! If you are already a member, thank you and please invite a neighbor to join. If you are not a member yet, please join us.

Finally, I'd like to thank our board members for their time and dedication to making Huntley Hills the best place to live. Your efforts are truly appreciated!

We look forward to seeing you at an upcoming event and wish you all the best!

Laura Addison  
President

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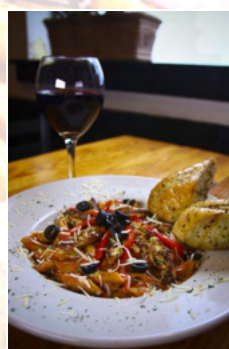
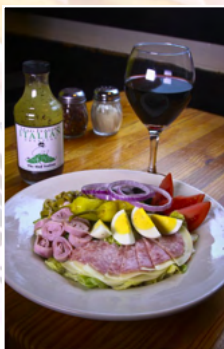
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# The Latest from Huntley Hills Elementary

*Deborah Roney, PTA President*

The Huntley Hills Elementary and Montessori School recently wrapped up its first full year of in-person learning since the pandemic began. It was a challenging year for teachers, students, and families, and our PTA focused its efforts on building school spirit and providing support however needed.



This included our volunteers redesigning the counselor's suite, a place where students who need a quiet space to calm down or an ear to listen to their concerns, to be a welcoming and affirming area stocked with needed resources like extra clothing and snacks, as well as surprising school staff with donuts and other treats.



We also focused on beautification to boost school spirit, including creating a half dozen colorful paver pathways, outdoor spaces to learn or eat, and new gardens. We partnered with Keep

Chamblee Beautiful to plant tree seedlings around the grounds. Dedicated volunteers pulled weeds, raked mulch, planted perennials, and painted much of the school's exterior. The student-led garden club enjoyed growing seedlings in the new greenhouse.

Inside the school, we raised enough money through our fall fundraiser to purchase kid-sized furniture for the media center and display shelves to show off student artwork. We provided grants to teachers so they could purchase needed equipment, books, and other learning resources.



Throughout the school year, we also hosted spirit nights at local restaurants to bring people together to get to know each other after two long years apart.

Thanks to a grant from AmericaWalks, we displayed two StoryWalks on the school grounds this spring, and we gave away 50 copies of the chosen books, *My Papi Has a Motorcycle* and *Daniel's Good Day*. We supported the school's field day, performance of the student-led *Lion King*, and more.

And this spring, we were so proud to finally host our first community-wide event since the pandemic began, our Spring Fling festival and Run For the Hills race. The event brought students and their



families together with our Huntley Hills neighbors for a day of fun and community building. We are grateful to school staff, parents, students, and our community members and local businesses who volunteered or performed, including the Safety Patrol, Student Council members, chorus, orchestra, and the many others who gave time and effort. We loved seeing our school community come together to have fun and make friends, while also raising money to support the school. The event was possible thanks to local business sponsors: Kiddie Academy of Dunwoody-Chamblee, Jake Otto-son - State Farm Agent, BB Salon, Ed Voyles Acura, MomsKloset, Chamblee Orthodontics, Jim Ellis Buick GMC Atlanta, Jim Ellis Chevrolet and The Dojo American Karate Centers.



None of our efforts would have been possible without the hard work and dedication of all our volunteers, as well as support from local businesses and our neighbors in Huntley Hills.

Please consider supporting our unique Title I neighborhood school by volunteering your time or donating to our PTA. You can learn more about our work here: [www.hhes-pta.com](http://www.hhes-pta.com). Reach out anytime with a question or idea to [ptahhes@gmail.com](mailto:ptahhes@gmail.com).







# In the Beginning...There was a Pool

*Marci Hooper-Smith, HHNA Board Member, Treasurer*

How did the Neighborhood Association get started? It's sort of a long story almost 40 years in the making. First there was a swimming pool, built in 1959 as an amenity by the initial developer of the subdivision, Long Construction Company. Promoted as a community, "WITH A VIEW TO THE FUTURE", the first phase of homes ended at Plantation Lane and was actually known as "Longview Subdivision". Operation of the pool was turned over to a group of homeowners who incorporated as the Huntley Hills Swim Club in 1965. (Read more about the beginnings of Huntley Hills at [huntleyhills.net](http://huntleyhills.net). It is interesting to see that the original subdivision plan extended far beyond where I-285 is today! And you'll find out how the name of the subdivision changed.)



The Swim Club (later the Swim & Tennis Club) became a focal point for social activities for many residents, mostly families with children and avid tennis players. In the early days, the Swim Club printed a small flier with membership and activity information distributed to members only. That grew into a newsletter that was distributed to all the residents with local business advertising helping to fund the printing and postage costs.

In the early 1990s, complaints of burglaries and vandalism led to the creation of an independent Neighborhood Watch Program, which the Swim Club eventually took under its umbrella and funded. We began to interact more and more with

DeKalb and Chamblee as the Swim Club took a leadership role in the civic affairs of the community. New developments and traffic began impacting the neighborhood. Speeding cars and buses on our streets were a big concern. Initially, only 95 houses were in the Chamblee city limits; the rest of the homes were in unincorporated DeKalb County. Working with the County government was frustrating. Chamblee was very responsive but limited since most of the neighborhood was not in their jurisdiction.

In 1995-96, leaders realized that a more inclusive approach was needed and, with the encouragement and support of the Swim & Tennis Club, a sister organization was formed – the Huntley Hills Neighborhood Association (HHNA). The Huntley Hills News became the Huntley Hills Neighbor News (now the Huntley Hills Herald)..... and the community found its "voice". The Swim Club supported the fledgling Association until it was ready to fly on its own. We incorporated and created ByLaws, filed as a 501(c)(3) civic organization and registered as a non-profit with the State. The first Board members were Dan Colleran, Jane Morrison, Charles Rudd, Becky Craven, Jay Allen, Mamie Asbury, Don Biles, Cheryl Jacobs and myself. Dues were \$10 per year. The first membership drive netted 180 members! The objectives outlined in the ByLaws were to "enhance the neighborhood, protect property values, promote the safety and security of the neighborhood and beautify the common areas, yards and streets".

Now united, we rallied with the community against an adult "fantasy" store on Peachtree Industrial Blvd. We sought annexation into the city limits of Chamblee for zoning protection from the encroachment around us. We combated speeding MARTA buses on Longview. We petitioned to get speed humps installed and sold "Slow Down" signs for yards. We organized social activities for the whole neighborhood. We created the County's first neighborhood website. We sponsored an annual Neighborhood Yard Sale Day. We won a Dekalb County Police "Community of the Year Award" for an outstanding Neighborhood Watch



Program with a 47% decrease in crime. The HHNA encouraged and promoted special interest groups under the overall Association like the popular Renovators Club, a Singles Group, a Young Couples Group, Mom and Dad support groups and a Babysitting Co-op. We promoted BackYard Wildlife Habitats and, under the guidance of Master Gardener Kay Packard and the National Wildlife Federation, became the first Certified Community Wildlife Habitat in the Southeast with participation from over 100 residents, local businesses, schools and the City parks. Through the Newsletter we helped teens find jobs as babysitters or yard work helpers. We sparked community pride through Yard of the Month and Holiday decorating contests. We designed and purchased street topper signs.



Looking back after 25 years, who knew that from the lowly beginnings of a neighborhood pool there would rise a mighty association now almost 300 households strong and growing, with a finger on the pulse of the greater community protecting the uniqueness of our beloved Huntley Hills neighborhood. There is no end to what we can accomplish as a united voice.....with a VIEW TO THE FUTURE! Huntley Hills is a great place to live!

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## Local Tastes

*Greg Schwartz, HHNA Board Member, Webmaster*

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Chamblee and the surrounding area feature many Mediterranean restaurants. Places like Hot Chickpeas off Presidential Parkway get high marks for their taste and authenticity while others like



and eggs with tiropita. The sweets include Greek custard pie, a warm custard baked in filo dough soaked in a secret recipe, simple syrup or cream pies, baklava (try it with pistachios) and cannolis among the many offerings.

So as we all continue to buy more responsibly, especially after the bleak times for restaurants during the lockdowns from the COVID-19 pandemic, consider venturing just north of Huntley Hills any time after 9 AM or before 6 PM (except Sundays). Happy eating!

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Grecian Gyro offer Greek fare in a chain, casual setting. But, Zukerino has cornered the baked goods offerings close by from an unassuming, renovated Waffle House building. For almost ten years they've mastered baked goods steeped in tradition from Ancient Greece previously meant for gods, goddesses, kings and heroes.

One of the best things about Greek bakeries is they are not limited to bread and breakfast pastries as they can also provide anything from sweet rolls, sponge cakes, cheese-pies, flatbreads, pastries, twists, and even layered cakes in a variety of shapes and sizes. Here you can find spanakopita, a quintessential Greek bakery item of flaky filo dough layered with spinach, herbs and feta. Or, you can change out the filling for a mixture of cheese

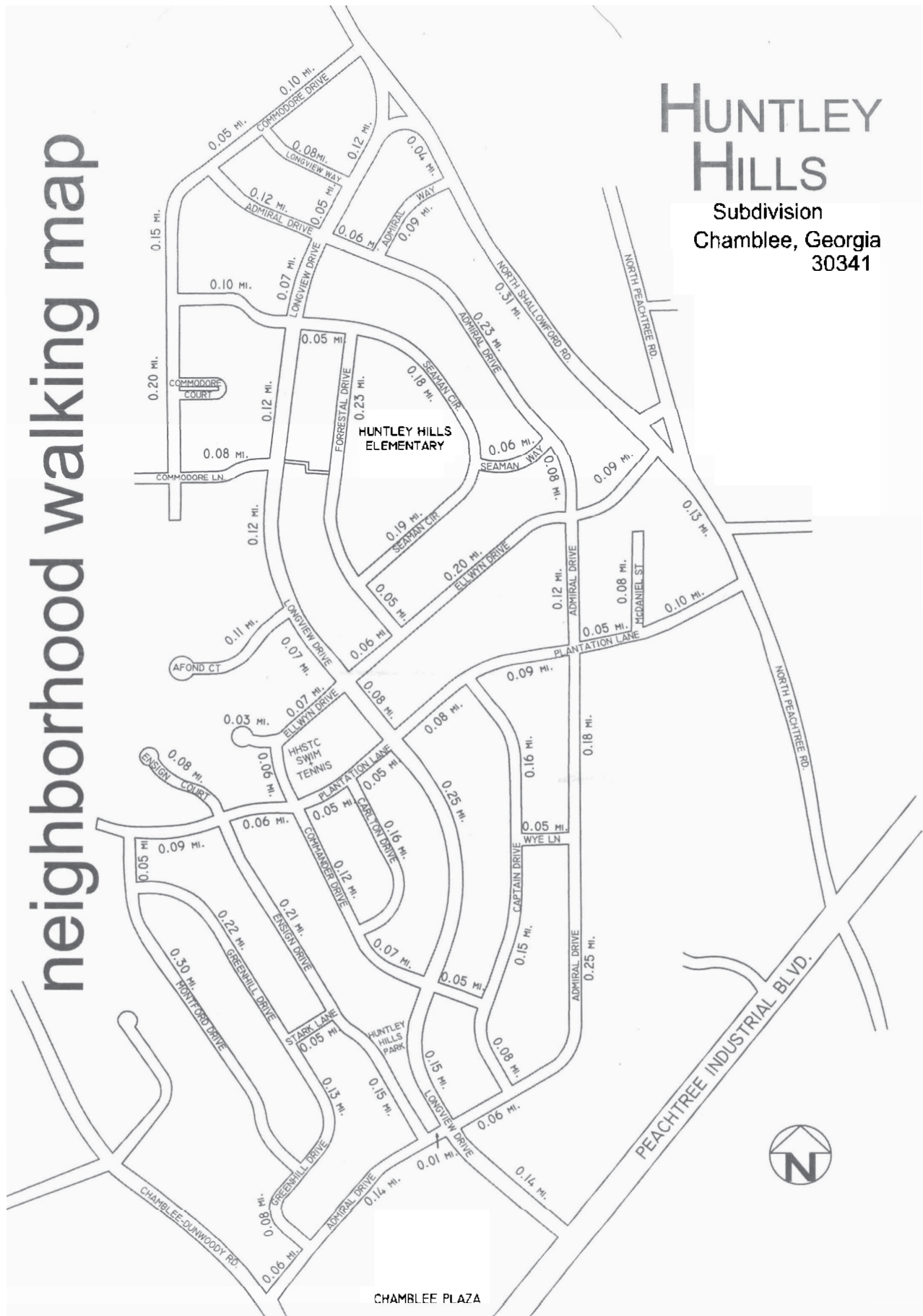




# neighborhood walking map

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# The HHNA Needs YOU!

*Carolyn Weber, HHNA Board Member, Membership*

## What does the Huntley Hills Neighborhood Association (HHNA) do?

- We plan fun social events like Ice Cream Parties, the Spring Fling, Pizza Parties and Happy Hours
- We beautify the neighborhood by planting flowers in the park and maintaining the Butterfly Garden
- We provide Welcome Packets to all new neighbors to introduce them to all the great things about Huntley Hills and Chamblee
- We installed the doggie waste stations around the neighborhood and keep them stocked with bags
- We publish this amazing newsletter

## Why should I join?

- Your dues of just \$25 a year help to support all of these great activities
- The more members we have, the more activities we can sponsor
- You will get a really cool HHNA magnet for your mailbox

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# Neighborhood Beautification

*Mike Frintner, HHNA Board Member, Neighborhood Beautification*

Hi Neighbors!

We've had great participation for the quarterly neighborhood cleanups, and I want to shout out to all our volunteers! In case you haven't attended one of our events yet, it's a great way to meet your neighbors and to make a difference in our community. Each quarter we meet for two hours in the Train Park to review the tasks at hand. So far we've replanted the traffic circles, cleaned out and mulched the butterfly garden, planted the traffic median on Longview, and cleaned the Huntley Hills signs at the neighborhood entrances, and a few other tasks that keep our neighborhood looking great.



With summer upon us, we have a lot of work to do and would love to see you there! The butterfly garden is AGAIN overgrown with Milkweed; we'll need to lay some weed blocker under the mulch this time. We also plan to work on the Longview neighborhood entrance (the one nearest the new Publix); pulling down the overgrown vines, weeding, pruning and laying mulch. The traffic circles are going to remain as they are because it's likely that they'll be disturbed when the neighborhood gets paved, but afterward we will be looking for "traffic circle captains" to maintain and weed them after the paving work is finished.

We are always open to suggestions for improving the neighborhood common areas, so let us know if you have any suggestions. Have a great summer and I hope to see you at our next event!









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# Community Connections

*Yvonne Bubienko, HHNA Board Member, Community Relations*

As most American cities grew and expanded, the automobile played a large role when it came to development of its street grids. In some ways Chamblee was different, we grew and expanded due to people and trains. The dairy land of Chamblee was transformed by two things: 1) a military base, which created a new need for immediate, easy-to-access housing, as an influx of soldiers came to Camp Gordon and 2) train tracks that ultimately paved the way for the industrial boom of the 1940's, 50's and beyond.

Our own Huntley Hills was built to supply housing to many employees at the GM plant and other nearby factories. People wanted to live and work in close proximity. In many ways, what is old is new again. People left the cities for suburbs and cars; many are coming back to be part of the intown community while looking to maintain the feel of home - walkability and convenience, a safe way to get to places on foot can be deciding factors on where to live.

Most of Huntley Hills has had a facelift above and below ground! We lived through the lengthy sewer line replacement project and this year many of our streets have been repaved. Unexpected delays due to gas lines being buried at a third of their required depth has left many of us with a dirt road. I think I speak for all of us living on Admiral Drive that we will appreciate a paved road more than ever!



Immediately next to our neighborhood, a new traffic circle is being proposed at the intersection of North Shallowford Road, North Peachtree Road and Ellwyn Dr. If you live or drive close to that intersection you know that it is a needed and welcomed change to our own neighborhood Autobahn.



Beyond the boundaries of our immediate neighborhood, many exciting projects are in the works. The old police station and other municipal buildings have been demolished to make way for a new, more pedestrian friendly Town Center with a new City Hall with space for city council chambers, community room and a new outdoor plaza.



Other projects breaking ground are The Gordon on Chamblee Dunwoody Rd, a mixed use development of condominiums and commercial space. Directly across the street, a large warehouse will be redone with new outdoor patio, and the multi-acre space will be available for new occupants, summer of 2022. Another development is the Chamblee City Heights, including 240 multifamily units and 13,000 square feet of commercial space for dining and shopping. On American Industrial Way, construction has started on an apartment complex with retail space and last but not least the Gray Studios are moving in to the old Doraville GM plant. New growth brings new businesses, such as The Distillery of Modern Art that is part distillery, part gallery, and part cocktail lounge with live music.

Let's not forget the incredible transformation that our own Chamblee Plaza has undergone. Perhaps the most emotional posts on Nextdoor were about its decline, the love affair everyone had with the old drug store lunch counter and the need for a new grocery store. Publix is coming, the name is on the building so no backing out now! Who is excited?



Growth and change are both exciting and exhausting. We suffer together, we benefit together. I know this means lots of closed off street lanes and possible detours, torn up parking lots and immediate headaches but it also means new sidewalks, a quicker development of the rail trail



providing us all with more walkable, safe options and ultimately having more of what we all want right here in our neighborhood.

To keep up with what is the latest project, events or general business that City of Chamblee is working on, please check out the bi-weekly report:

<https://www.chambleega.com/744/City-Manager-Bi-Weekly-Updates>



# Dog Days of Summer

*Mike Frintner, HHNA Board Member, Dog Enthusiast*

What are you doing this summer? Want to do something fun, challenging and extremely rewarding? While most of us are enjoying the dog days of summer, there is an ever-increasing need for volunteers, foster/permanent homes and donations for the care of homeless dogs/cats right here in our local community.

While Atlanta has numerous shelters and rescue groups, the number of stray and homeless animals is overwhelming. The DeKalb Animal Shelter, run by Lifeline Animal Project, takes in hundreds of stray animals every week. While the facility in Chamblee is certainly an upgrade from the former shelter, it's crowded with an overpopulation of dogs/cats waiting to be saved and placed in loving homes.



One rescue organization I work with is Two Tailz Rescue, a volunteer based 501(c)(3) that takes in street dogs that are abused, neglected and in terribly dangerous situations. Donations, foster homes and volunteers are in dire need. It takes a lot of support to take in these dogs, get them the care they need, and to place them in their furever homes.





How can you help?

**1. Foster homes** are desperately needed by rescues and shelters. The more animals that are in foster homes, the more room the shelter has to be able to take in more animals. There are puppies/dogs/kittens and cats available. The shelter can be very stressful for animals. Having dogs and cats in loving foster homes until adoption helps them acclimate to people and living in the comfort and safety of a home. It makes them so much more comfortable and adoptable. What's easier than volunteering at your own home?

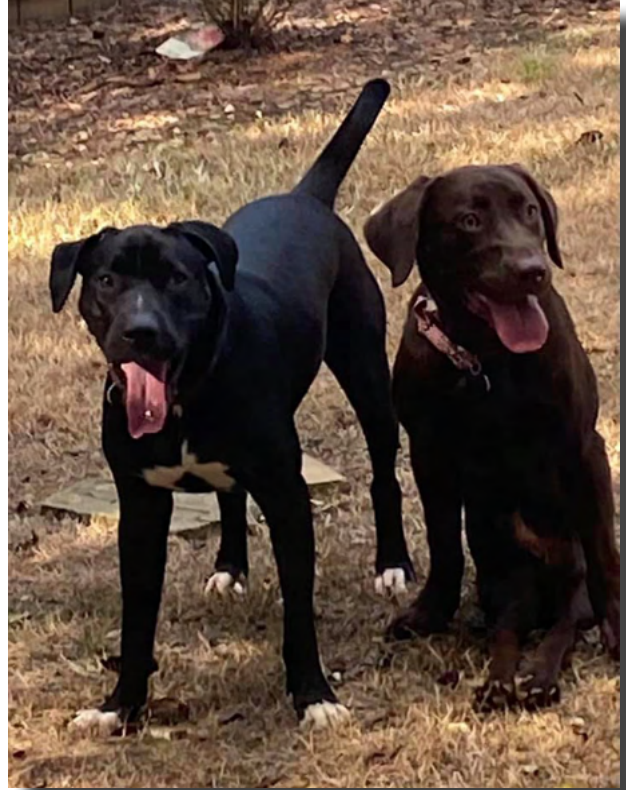
**2. Adoptions** – summer is a great time to take on a new 1st, 2nd or even 3rd pet. Kids are out of school and can help with the care of a new pet. The weather is warm so you can easily get the dogs/pups outside for exercise. As an added benefit, walking a dog is also great exercise for you!



**3. Volunteers** – shelters need volunteers with your skills! Marketing, advertising, working adoption events, dog walkers, shelter assistants and admin services are all in high demand for the rescues and shelters. Most allow you to work the hours you're available.

**4. Donations** – healthcare, boarding and feeding

dogs/cats is expensive. Donations for these groups are always needed. Please consider a one-time or ongoing donation to one of these groups. Blankets, treats, newspapers, food and cleaning supplies are always needed at the shelter.



I have been rescuing, fostering and volunteering for rescue groups since 2005 following Hurricane Katrina. Helping these animals has become a way of life in our household. The love of an animal, especially a rescued animal, is absolutely the best. You won't regret it!

<https://twotailzrescue.org/>

<https://dekalbanimalservices.com/adopt/>





# Sports Fandom of Huntley Hills

*Dan Nunn, HH Neighbor, Amateur Sports Analyst*

I grew up outside of Buffalo, NY in the early '90s as a diehard Buffalo Bills fan. How many kids can say they got to see their team go to four Super Bowls in a row? The answer – only Buffalo Bills fans. Heartbreakingly, we are also the only fans to see our team lose four Super Bowls in a row.

So when my then-girlfriend from graduate school and I were deciding where to move after we finished at Notre Dame, I thought I wanted to finally live somewhere that knew sports success. A city where I didn't have to constantly hear about sports heartbreak. A state that wins, and likes to let you know about it. So naturally, we chose to move to Atlanta.

Without ruffling the feathers of my new neighbors too much, Atlanta sports in June 2017 were... not the best. The Falcons had just made the Super Bowl, but we all know how that ended. UGA was a few months away from complete and utter heartbreak. The Braves hadn't won since 1995, Georgia Tech sports had fallen off, the Atlanta Thrashers picked up and moved, the Hawks had consistently underperformed in the playoffs, and the Atlanta Dream had lost three championships in four years. The one glimmer of hope was a brand new team – Atlanta United.

But then something happened that Georgia sports fans could have never seen coming. Atlanta United won the MLS cup in 2018. The Atlanta Hawks nearly made the championship after a terrible start to the season. The Atlanta Braves won the World Series. UGA beat the brakes off of Bama. Suddenly, we'd become Title Town.

As a brand new HH resident, and an avid sports fan, I've taken it upon myself to designate one official team for each sport that our neighborhood roots for based on signs hung in our neighborhood.

## **NFL:**

Buffalo Bills – 1 sign, Atlanta Falcons – 1 sign  
If you've made it this far, thank you. If you're short on time or you're dying to read the rest of this newsletter, you can stop after the NFL section. This is the only time we have a tie, but

since we all know that's not allowed, I'll have to cast the deciding vote. As such, from a completely unbiased perspective, I'm going to singlehandedly decide who we will all be unequivocally and wholeheartedly rooting for going forward. Verdict – Buffalo Bills

## **Baseball:**

Atlanta Braves – 14 signs

This one is a no brainer. I'm thrilled to see that we are all in solidarity here, celebrating what was truly a historic post season run with timely hitting and clutch pitching. Verdict – Atlanta Braves

## **Hockey:**

Tampa Bay Lightning – 1 sign

Tampa Bay has won the last two Stanley Cups, and as of this writing, are headed to another Stanley Cup Finals. Now that we are Title Town, I suppose this makes sense. Verdict – Tampa Bay Lightning

## **Soccer:**

Atlanta United – 10, Chamblee Soccer – 3

At first glance, this seems like a no brainer. Atlanta United clearly has more flags, and won a championship in its 2nd season. However, Chamblee won a state title this year (regardless of what the GHSA says), and I need to endear myself to my neighbors by choosing the clear answer. Verdict – Chamblee Soccer

## **College Football:**

UGA – 9, Michigan – 3, Georgia Tech – 2, Auburn – 2, Hawaii – 1, FSU – 1, UCF – 1, Georgia Southern – 1

I have to respect the wishes of the people. I am no longer allowed to be annoyed by the fanbase that has constantly reminded me of Notre Dame's losses to UGA over the past few years. Verdict – UGA (begrudgingly)

I know for some of you, these results will be a tough pill to swallow. I want to wish the best of luck to all of our new favorite sports teams, especially the NFL team we all now support.







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# Getting Social in the Neighborhood

*Nicole Kronenberg, HHNA Board Member, Social Chair*

The HHNA has been thrilled to be able to return to our regularly scheduled programming and bring the neighborhood together again over the last year! We had our Fall Street Party in October of 2021 and it was a huge hit with over 250 Huntley Hills members attending. Since then, we have had a slew of fantastic events for our residents to mix + mingle, from Happy Hours at several local businesses to fun family-focused parties at the HH Train Park. We had a brand new event in April of 2022 with our Spring Fling event, where we had snacks, crafts and games for all ages to enjoy. Look out for email blasts and Nextdoor posts for more info on all of our upcoming events, including an outdoor yoga class! Feel free to email any ideas for new events to [social@huntleyhills.net](mailto:social@huntleyhills.net), we are always open to member requests. Please enjoy this photo recap of the last year's events, and we look forward to seeing everyone even more in the months ahead!







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# Will You Marry Me?

*Carolyn Weber, HHNA Board Member, Membership Chair*

Dick asked Sarah in 1961. She said yes and they got married. They went on to defy the odds and have been married for 60 years. Mike asked Jennie a few months ago. She also said yes and they are planning their wedding and their life together. Here are the love stories of two couples in Huntley Hills.

Meet Dick and Sarah Patterson who recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

Dick and Sarah met in the fall of their senior year of college at DePauw University in Indiana in a Shakespeare class. Sarah was an English Literature major. Dick was studying math, but he wanted to broaden his education. They started dating and were soon planning a future together. When they graduated the next year, Dick planned to go to grad school. He chose California because Sarah had family there and it was much warmer than his other choice – Wisconsin!

They married on 1/26/1962 in Woodside, California at a small Episcopal church with a plum grove in back. Dick studied at UC Berkeley and Sarah worked in management at a local department store. Dick graduated in 1965 with a PhD in Algebraic Topology. Along the way, they had two daughters, Kate and Jill, and five grandchildren. Sarah stayed home with their children for about 10 years, then worked at the IRS and then at a pre-school for at-risk children.

Dick taught mathematics for over 30 years at

IUPUI in Indianapolis. He retired in 2004 and they moved to Atlanta in 2010 to be closer to their

daughter Jill and her family. Since moving here, they have enjoyed spending time with family and watching their two youngest grandkids grow up.

So what does it take to stay married for 60 years? Sarah said that you have to realize that there will be good times and bad times, but most times are somewhere in between. It's easy to think that there might be something better out there.

Dick said that it helps to have a common cause that you both believe in. When their older daughter came out as gay, they got very involved in PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays). Sarah volunteered on the hotline. Some parents were very distraught when they found out their child was lesbian or gay, and it helped them to have someone to talk to who had been through it. They also enjoy traveling together. They have been on 23 trips (and counting) since they retired, including Mexico, the Caribbean Islands, Europe and several Central American countries.

They both said that it also helps to have separate activities that you enjoy. Sarah likes to read and volunteers with Friends of the Chamblee Library. Dick enjoys making stained glass pieces and going on birding expeditions with the Audubon Society. Dick and Sarah have recently downsized to a smaller home with no yard work and are looking







Meet Jennie Palmer and Mike Frintner who are recently engaged. Jennie and Mike are just starting their lives together. They got engaged in February and are planning their wedding for next year.

Originally from Michigan, Jennie has lived in HH for 18 years. She is a VP of Human Resources for an indirect auto finance company and is passionate about rescuing dogs. Mike is from Virginia and moved around a lot before settling in the neighborhood in 2020. He works in IT consulting but his passion is landscaping and he loves grilling out with friends at home. He either has a spatula or a shovel in his hand at all times.

Early in 2020, before COVID-19 hit, Jennie and Mike met at a party. She was attracted by his sense of humor and his kindness. He would go out of his way to do anything for someone he cares about. He liked her work ethic and her love of animals. They began dating shortly after they met. As the pandemic was shutting everything down, they spent a lot of time hanging out at neighbors' and each other's houses, walking dogs and getting to know each other. They soon realized that they had something special and friendship turned to love.

How did he propose? Jennie said they were at a beach near Ft. Myers, Florida, with several of their good friends. Mike had t-shirts made up that his friends wore that said "Will you marry me?" on the back. He also wrote it in big letters in the sand. It's a good thing that she said yes. What would he have done with those t-shirts otherwise?



How are you alike? Mike said that they both love animals, especially dogs. They have six dogs between them and they usually also have several foster dogs that they are caring for until they can find a permanent home. They are both very high energy and like doing house projects. They enjoy yoga and taking long walks together – with and without the dogs. If you have lived in HH for any amount of time, you have probably seen them walking their pack of dogs.



How are you different? Jennie said that she is a total extrovert and would be happy going out every night. Mike is a bit quieter, although he has begun to embrace her social activities and they can be seen together each Thursday night playing trivia at Vintage Pizza.

Mike has been married twice before. What made him decide to try again? He answered very quickly "She was worth it!" Jennie has never been married before. What made her decide to go for it this time? She had dated someone for 8 years, but it just wasn't right. She had a lot of friends and a very full life. But she said there's something special about feeling that you're with the person you are supposed to be with. Over the last two years, she has had major surgery, and suffered the loss of her mother and three of her beloved dogs. She said that she never would have made it through without his love and support.

The wedding will be in 2023. They just finished a major house remodeling project. So for now, they are taking a little breather and just enjoying being engaged before diving into wedding planning.

We wish Jennie and Mike, and Dick and Sarah, many more happy years together!

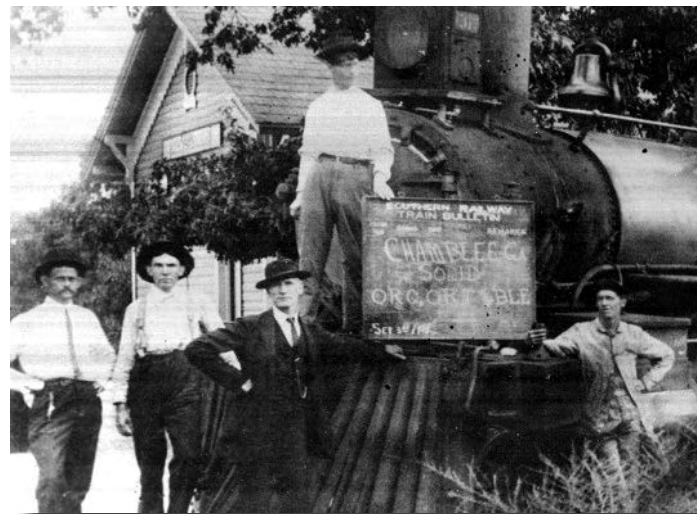


# A Look into the Past

*Marci Hooper-Smith, HHNA Board Member, Treasurer*

I love history, especially stories of the “early days”, and wanted to share with our newer residents some of the stories of the beginnings of our city.

**Excerpts are from “A Brief History of Chamblee” by Vivian Price Saffold, City Historian, and information from the City of Chamblee and DeKalb County websites.**



Creek and Cherokee Indians occupied the territory that would become DeKalb County in 1822. The earliest white settlers were plain people of English, Scotch and Irish descent. They were small farmers, poor and not highly educated. They were industrious and temperate and lived in log cabins.

The first rails reached the Chamblee area in 1845, connecting Atlanta with Washington, D.C. through Charlotte NC. Although the area saw little battle action, railroad service was interrupted by the Civil War and resumed in 1869. After the war, residents took advantage of the area’s abundant natural resources to build mills to turn trees into much-needed lumber to rebuild what the war had destroyed. The most well-known mill site was owned by William R. Wallace. His son, Dave, and his partner, Charlie

Warnock, opened the first store in Chamblee in the late 1880s. At their general merchandise establishment, you could buy five yards of percale for 62 cents, a lamp globe for a dime, a hammer for 40 cents, and overalls for a dollar. The merchants kept a pen in back of the store for cows and chickens brought by customers as payment on their accounts. The town also had a blacksmith shop, as well as the railroad depot, and a population of 72 people in 1890.

The town, then called Roswell Junction, was located at the junction of the Atlanta and Charlotte Air Line Railroad and the Roswell Railroad, which operated from 1881 to 1921. The narrow-gauge railroad, which ran through Huntley Hills, was used to haul cotton and wool products from the mills in Roswell to the main rail line. In 1885, the town petitioned for a Post Office but the town’s name was too similar to Roswell so was changed to Chamblee. Dave Wallace was the first postmaster. The Georgia legislature approved the incorporation of the City of Chamblee on August 17, 1908.



The biggest change in the city’s history came in 1917 when the U.S. Army built a military cantonment on 2,600 acres just outside the city called Camp Gordon. In the first year, more than 130,000 soldiers were mobilized through





Camp Gordon, including WW1 hero, Sgt. Alvin York. After the war, Chamblee returned to small town life, with many citizens involved in the dairy industry. Chamblee had at least 33 dairy farms and DeKalb County was the largest Grade A milk producer in the South.

In 1941, the U.S. Navy took over the old Camp Gordon site to use as a military airport and flight training school. Lawson Veterans Hospital, a 2,000 bed facility was built on the property specializing in training amputees to use prosthetic limbs. Eventually the Naval Air Station needed to expand and moved to Dobbins Air Force base. DeKalb County took over the land and in 1959 it became DeKalb-Peachtree Airport.

Post-War prosperity brought to the area many new industries, including General Motors (in neighboring Doraville), Frito-Lay, Kodak and General Electric along the newly constructed Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, providing the city with a strong tax base and sources of employment for more than thirty years. In the later 1980's, many of these factories downsized or closed and the area saw waves of changes in demographics and industry. The city championed its location and growth as an international city and began to put in place zoning changes to create mixed-use developments and livable, pedestrian-friendly neighborhoods. Chamblee continues to grow and re-invent itself as a "City on the Right Track".

*To learn more about Chamblee, visit:*

City of Chamblee ([chambleega.gov/127/city-history](http://chambleega.gov/127/city-history))

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