



Neighborhood Notes

Summer 2010 Quarterly Newsletter

2010 Association Dues

It's that time of year again when we collect for the Homeowner's Association. Dues are **\$20 a year**, which goes to the cost of printing the quarterly newsletter, the yearly neighborhood directory, new resident welcome packs and gifts, social events and neighborhood improvements.

This year we are asking residents to **consider doubling your yearly dues to \$40 per household** to pay for our new entrance sign at Ascot and Chamblee-Tucker. A company has been contracted, and we anticipate installation by mid-summer. We believe this will be a beautiful new sign that every resident will be proud of. The following residents have already donated extra money to this project:

- Dan and Diane Frazier
- Teresa Johnson
- Tom and Zona Thrapp
- Nurhusein & Safeya Mohammed

Attached to this newsletter is an envelope addressed to the Surrey Place President, Matt Sitter.

Make your checks out to the **Surrey Place HOA**. Thank you for your participation!

Dear Neighbors,

Where did spring go? Schools are out, vacations have begun, and the heat and humidity are on us (even though summer doesn't officially begin until June 21st)!



I have a lot of news to share with you since the last newsletter so let's get to it...

-On May 13th, we held our **Spring Homeowner's Association meeting**. Thanks to everyone who attended to get updates on the neighborhood and surrounding community. As for our residents, the primary concern was Code Enforcement...specifically tall grass. We will continue to report these problems in an effort to keep Surrey Place looking it's best not only for the folks who live here, but for potential buyers of homes for sale. As usual, **Officer Daryl Yarbro**, our ICP officer from the DeKalb Police Department, stopped by (on his vacation!) and shared some info about crime and prevention.

-A company has finally been contracted to construct our **new neighborhood sign**. The first step is getting a permit from the county, which can take up to 45 days, after which construction can begin.

-You may have noticed **Dresden Heights** is finally back under construction. The plan is to finish the 3 current buildings and to start construction on 2 more in July. When I toured the model layout in mid-May I was impressed by the quality of the interiors. The realtor told me 30 units were already under contract. The property on the Surrey Place side of Dresden is NOT part of this development, and is still for sale.

-The **revitalization of the Shallowford Corridor** (between Briarcliff and Chamblee-Tucker Rd.) held a public work session on May 22nd. It was attended by a large group of area residents from both the west side of I-85 (Dresden East Civic Association) and the east side (North Briarcliff Civic Association), along with Commissioner Jeff Radar and DeKalb County Land Use Planner, Sidney E. Douse. Former DeKalb County Planning Commissioner Davis Fox was the facilitator of this very productive meeting and brainstorming session.

Stay in touch,

Matt

Neighborhood Sign Update



As mentioned on the front page, Advantage Graphics and Signs has been contracted to build our new sign. The design was created by resident Mark Bedell and approved by the neighborhood association. It has a classic old-world style that reflects the colonial influence of Surrey Place's architecture and street names. We currently have \$2440.28 in our account, and the sign will cost approximately \$3200 (signs aren't cheap!), so any extra contributions are welcomed. We think this investment in our neighborhood will increase our visibility, attract quality residents, and create a sense of identity and pride. Now is your chance to take part in project that will have an impact on our community for many years to come.

Thank you in advance for your participation!

Nancy Jester is running for the DeKalb Board of Education, District 1 this November 2nd. She's a resident of Surrey Place, a former HOA President, a concerned taxpayer and a proud, involved, public school parent. She has worked as an actuarial consultant, served on a non-profit board and was the treasurer of a professional association. She is the current Chair of the Hawthorne Elementary School Council and a founding member of the Hawthorne Elementary School Foundation. Please contact Nancy with any questions or concerns at nancyjester@gmail.com or by calling 678.360.1148.



Incident Report

There were 3 "Part 1" crimes reported between March 1st, 2010 and June 1st, 2010 in our neighborhood. Here they are:

April 7, 2010, 6 pm, Case #10-040547, 2700 block of Harrow, Burglary, residence, *no forced entry*..

April 30, 2010, 10:50pm, Case #10-050878, 2900 block of Dresden Dr., Larceny-items stolen from property.

May 25, 2010, 12:50am, Case #10-061473, 3100 block of Ascot, Larceny-parts stolen from a vehicle.

These cases were found on **CrimeTrac**, a service of the DeKalb County Police Department. You can research criminal activity yourself by going to http://web.co.dekalb.ga.us/dk_police/, then click on the CrimeTrac icon. Once that page loads, you can type in your exact address, choose which crimes you are looking for (usually just leave all 15 choices selected), and you can even choose the distance from your house to search for crimes (from 500 feet to 2 miles).



KNOW Session

I attended another **Knowledgeable Neighbors On Watch (KNOW)** session on April 17th, 2010 at the DeKalb Police headquarters in Tucker. This was the sixth in a series of quarterly community educational sessions, and the agenda

included these 3 topics:

-DeKalb Emergency Management Agency: Citizen Preparedness and Volunteering

-Special Operations: Traffic and Operational Overview

-Crimetrac: Overview and Demonstration

Did you know that DeKalb County has approximately 745,000 residents, which balloons up to 1 million with daily transient workers? Did you know that we have only 350 daily public safety workers? What happens during a large-scale catastrophe in our county? Capt. Burgess of the DeKalb Fire Department is pushing to get many citizens involved in the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). For more information call: **770-270-0413**, or email DEMA@co.dekalb.ga.us.

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