

## Community Meeting and 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Cook-out & Pool Party at Emory University, Clairmont Campus on Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, *rain or shine*

Community Meeting 2:00-3:30 in Room 211 of the Student Activity & Academic Center  
(See directions below)

Cook-out and Pool Party 3:30-5:30 at the Lower Terrace (under the stairs)

Many important agenda items will be discussed that affect our neighborhood and Association, including:

- **Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) Study** of the **North Druid Hills Corridor** to address traffic & land use in our area.
- **Friends of Kittredge Park's** efforts to transform this 34-acre sanctuary into a magnificent park for us all to enjoy.
- **A.W.A.R.E. (Atlanta Wild Animal Rescue Effort)** will make us *aware* of what we can do about the **Coyotes** (and other wild critters) that are roaming through NDHRA.
- **DeKalb County CEO, Burrell Ellis** and **DeKalb County District 2 School Board Chair, Don McChesney** have been invited to speak at our meeting. We will issue an email blast before the event to confirm their participation. *Please register at [www.NDHRA.org](http://www.NDHRA.org) to make sure you're on the email list to get this and other important news.*
- **Cook-out & Pool Party** immediately following Community Meeting at the Lower Terrace. Hamburgers, Veggie Burgers, Beef and Turkey Dogs, and other good eats and treats will be served! (No outside food, except for poolside snacks). A variety of refreshments will be provided. *Alcohol is not permitted.* You have full use of the kiddie pool, children's and Olympic pools, as well as tennis courts, basketball courts and fitness center. Locker rooms are available, but bring your own lock and towels.

**Cost:** There is, of course, no charge to attend the Community Meeting. Cook-out & Pool Party is as follows:  
NDHRA Members = \$5.00 per person / Non-Members = \$10 per person / Children 12 & under = *Free!*

**Renew your membership or join the NDHRA:** \$25 regular dues per household + \$5 each per person for Cook-out; see reverse side for Membership Form. Dues can be mailed at any time to NDHRA, P.O.Box 29249, Atlanta, GA 30345, or paid on-site at the event.

**RSVP:** While you can show up and pay at the door, we ask that you please RSVP in advance, if possible, so we can plan our food accordingly. **Please call Vickie Purcell at 404-633-5856 and leave a message, or email Vickie at [vickie.sparico@mindspring.com](mailto:vickie.sparico@mindspring.com).**

**Outstanding Door Prizes:** As in past years, several terrific gift certificates from local area restaurants and merchants will be raffled at the Cook-out, but your NDHRA membership must be current to be eligible. On-site renewals and new members will be eligible to participate, but you must also be present to win.

**Special Prize:** Emory SAAC has again donated a pro-rated "End of Season" Family Membership Door Prize (valid through Nov. 1, 2009 – a \$300 value!) for the full use of its facility (pools health club, gym, tennis courts, meeting rooms, cook-out terrace, and locker rooms). Additional Individual and Family "End of Season" Memberships can be purchased for a one-time only, deeply discounted price just for NDHRA members. Information will be provided at the meeting, and so long as you complete the application form at the event you will have the following week to pay.

**Directions to Emory SAAC:** The Student Activity & Academic Center (SAAC) at Emory University's Clairmont Campus is located at 1946 Starvine Way, Decatur, GA 30033. Take Clairmont Road south towards Decatur. At the first traffic signal that's immediately past the VA Hospital, turn right onto Starvine Way. Follow the winding driveway to the left up the hill to the second driveway entrance into the large parking deck on your left. Parking is free. The SAAC is directly across Starvine Way from the parking deck. Tell the attendant at the SAAC desk that you are attending the NDHRA Community Meeting in Room 211 for admission. Proceed to the registration table to sign in, where you can also pay for the Cook-out. If you just want to come to the Cook-out & Pool Party, sign-in with the attendant at the desk and then pay at the Lower Terrace where the Cook-out will be held after the Community Meeting. Call 404.712.2430 for assistance.

### **President's Message** by Alan Pinsker

Greetings, NDHRA Neighbors! I am honored to be serving as your NDHRA president for a second term. I am particularly pleased that most of our Board from last year has returned to faithfully continue to serve and support our neighborhood. New to our board are **Gail Kitchens** as Secretary and **Judith Porter** as Environmental Enhancement Chair. As longtime residents of our community, your Board takes very seriously the responsibility of preserving and enhancing the quality of life of our neighborhood -- which means actively monitoring the activities that are going on in and around us; working closely with County officials (Commissioners, Planning Dept., Parks Dept., Sanitation Dept., Police Dept., and Code Enforcement); keeping our streets as safe and as clean as possible; communicating effectively through our website – [www.NDHRA.org](http://www.NDHRA.org) – where we encourage you to register so you'll receive our email "blasts" of important information; and, most importantly, listening and responding to your needs and concerns. I strongly encourage you to attend the upcoming **Community Meeting and Cook-Out/Pool Party** on July 26th to hear the latest on what's happening in and around our neighborhood, ask questions, voice your concerns, meet your Board members and, more importantly, *meet each other and have a good time*. No less important, please pay your **2009 Membership Dues** so we can have the necessary resources to effectively address the issues that impact us. I also urge you to get involved by supporting one of our many committees. It's the best way for you to do your part to help protect and improve our quality of life, and plan for our neighborhood's future. Please contact me with any questions at [alan.pinsker@comcast.net](mailto:alan.pinsker@comcast.net) or 404.728.9714. I hope to see you on the 26th -- Hawaiian shirts optional! Best wishes for a fun and safe summer. Alan

# 2009 NDHRA Membership Drive is in full swing!

Your NDHRA Board would like to thank those of you loyal members who have already renewed your dues or perhaps even joined NDHRA for the first time this year! Your support is very much appreciated!

July is our annual membership drive and for *still* only **\$25 per household for an entire year**, you are supporting your neighborhood of over 900 homes! Your homeowners association is committed to enhancing the value of your home and to maintaining and improving the quality of life in our neighborhood by:

- Representing your interests in the face of inappropriate high-density developments
- Presenting a meaningful block of voters in meetings with county officials
- Acting as your eyes and ears regarding zoning news and planned development
- Alerting you about crime, lost pets, and other important neighborhood news
- Giving you timely legal and practical tips to protect and enhance the value of your home

Your dues provide NDHRA with the resources it needs to:

- Maintain our website (which will be overhauled this year into a more “user friendly” format since its creation many years ago, including the ability for payments to be securely made on-line);
- Prepare and distribute the *Fern Creek Crier* for special announcements;
- Perform quarterly neighborhood clean-ups and beautification projects;
- Support community sponsored events such as the **Candidates’ Forum** at the Greek Orthodox Church during election years;
- Contribute as a vested stakeholder to studies affecting the future of our neighborhood, such as Alex Garvin & Associates’ *A New Pubic Realm for DeKalb County* study in 2007 of the 688-acre area around the intersection of North Druid Hills Road and Briarcliff Road;
- Afford the necessary legal consultation on an as-needed basis to address real estate development matters;
- Support our monthly “grass roots” efforts to maintain the 34-acre Kittredge Park as a precious amenity for us all to enjoy; and,
- Provide special community social events, such as our **Annual Cook-out and Pool Party** at Emory University’s Clairmont Campus (see reverse side for more details of this year’s event on Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>)

While your support is certainly most appreciated, it is also somewhat disappointing that **less than 10% of our 900 homeowners are paid members**. As you can see, our annual dues are utilized effectively, efficiently and quite frugally for our own benefit, but there is still so much more that your Board could do with additional resources, including the eradication of kudzu, ivy and other invasive plants that are overtaking large portions of our neighborhood. We have even discussed measures for increased police presence in our community, but we cannot do it with our current annual revenues. Other neighborhood associations around us have annual paid memberships in excess of 25-50%. **Our goal for 2009 is to reach a minimum of 20% participation** – which would be outstanding! This is not an unrealistic or unattainable goal, nor are we asking or expecting that much from you, especially during these challenging times in our economy – but please do what you can to join and support NDHRA. It is truly an investment in the quality of our collective lives together and the future of our community. Thank you in advance.

P.S. – Note that this year we have already provided an envelope for your convenience, so all you have to do is fill out the form below, put it in the envelope with your check, seal it, put a stamp on it, and mail it...then smile and feel good for having done something very good today! It’s that easy!

## **North Druid Hills Residents Association Membership and Donation Form**

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

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

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ New Member:  Renewing Member:  Home Delivery of The Crier?

**The following committees are available for your participation – please indicate your interest:**

\_\_\_ Zoning/Land Use \_\_\_ Environmental Enhancement \_\_\_ Newsletter/Communications \_\_\_ Membership

Annual Membership is \$25.00 per household and technically runs from April 1 – March 30 to coincide with our calendar year; however, we are working to match the actual date of your payment for a full year’s cycle until its renewal next year, as well as the ability to securely pay on-line in the future.

Please make your check payable to NDHRA. Payment should be mailed to NDHRA, Inc., P.O.Box 29249, Atlanta, GA 30345 in the envelope provided.

*Please note that NDHRA is incorporated as a not-for-profit 501(c)(4), but membership dues and donations are not tax deductible.*