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general meeting

Tuesday, May 20, 2008
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
First United Methodist Church
419 NE 1st Street
Fellowship Hall

agenda

7:00
Business Meeting
Announcements/Reports

7:30
Discussions for:
Neighborhood projects/issues
Gift bags for new neighbors
T-shirt design competition
Duckpond walking tour

Note: Pizza provided at the general meeting, (donations requested). Agenda may be subject to change.

DNA News is published four times a year, just prior to general meetings. Meeting dates for 2008 are May 20, September 9, and November 25. All neighborhood residents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

A neighborhood of young talent

Cantabile Strings Quartet. New Duckpond resident and Eastside High School junior Elena Powell is one quarter of the Cantabile Strings quartet. Elena and her mother Sidney Wade recently moved in “out of the woods” from Flamingo Hammock. Though they miss it, they also love the Duckpond conveniences, proximity to work and neighbors, and their lovely condo at Regent Park.

Elena is an 11th grade student at Eastside High School who has studied cello with Paul Fleury for the past four years. She has won numerous awards, including Cello Solo, Concerto, and Duet winner for the FFMC State Convention and Ensemble winner for the FSMTA Pre-College Chamber Ensemble Competition in 2007. Elena is principal

cello of the ACYO and Hausmusik orchestra of the GSP. She is also a dancer, performing with *Dance Alive* often over the past few years, most recently in their productions of *Cleopatra* and *Robin Hood*.

The other three members of the quartet are: Lisa Fujita, a 9th grade student at Eastside High School who has been playing the violin since the age of 5; Katherine Wilson, a 11th grade student at Eastside High who has studied violin and viola since the age of 6; and Elise Derrico, a 7th grade student at Westwood Middle School who has been studying the violin since the age of 3.

The *Cantabile Strings* consists of four young musicians who have been playing together since 2002 as a string quartet,

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Quartet members Lisa Fujita, Katherine Wilson, Elise Derrico, and Elena Powell.





The purpose of the Duckpond Neighborhood Association is to facilitate communication and exchange of information on issues relevant to the neighborhood. We encourage neighbors to submit articles of interest to our neighborhood, or topics for discussion at our general meetings. Please contact Randy Wells at 335.8874 or e-mail Wells@ShawDC.com.

A message from our president

Dear Duckpond residents,

Tell us about *your* home! In this issue, neighbor Joel Daunic has enumerated his “top ten” list of neighborhood bests. Topping this list is “These old houses are well built.” Part of the charm of our older homes is the stories that they tell. I am always intrigued to learn about the history of my own home. It appears that in its heyday, it was quite the party house—complete with scrabble parties, hot tubbing, and “grottos” in what we now affectionately call our “jungle”. Visitors inevitably look around and say, “I’ve been to a party here before!” From what I can tell, it was also a botanist’s dream with camellias, citrus trees, palms, live oaks, and an aging greenhouse. The house itself is full of discoveries and mysteries, many of which I am still trying to figure out. In celebration of our architecture and the people who have lived here, I invite you to submit stories and pictures about your home. We will post pictures and stories on our website www.historicduckpond.com. Some of the homes will be featured in future issues of the *DNA News*. Please send me your photos and stories.

Summer Fun Stories: The fall DNA newsletter will feature “Summer Fun” stories by children and youth. Encourage your child or neighbor to write this summer about their favorite activity or trip!

DNA Update email list: Since our newsletter is only printed quarterly, there are often events, announcements, crime watch notices and other useful information that we want to share on a more timely basis. The DNA Update email list, currently with about 250 emails, guarantees no spam, and no sharing of the list for any other use. My goal is to double the number of neighbors on the list. If you would like to be added, please email me at wells@shawdc.com with ADD ME in the subject line.

Crime Watch: The Duckpond is revitalizing our crime watch effort. Please email me at wells@shawdc.com if you would like to attend a police crime watch training session, or would be willing to serve as a crime watch block captain. Please include “Crime Watch” in the subject line.

Sincerely,
Randy Wells
President

Young Talent (continued from front page)

string trio, and various duet combinations under the direction of Sonnhild F. Kitts, Artistic Director of the Gainesville Suzuki Players (GSP), and coaching of David Derrico. Piano accompaniment is provided by Mika Fujita and David Derrico. The *Cantabile Strings* participate in Florida Federation of Music Clubs (FFMC) and Florida State Music Teachers Association (FSMTA) events and have won numerous awards. The *Cantabile Strings* are available for recitals, weddings, and parties. For more information contact 374.8846 or gavotte@msn.com. 🐦

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 Do you know a neighborhood young person involved in an exciting activity or program? Submit your story for a future issue to wells@shawdc.com.

Related Duckpond Trivia
 Elena Powell is the daughter of Sidney Wade and Padgett Powell. Padgett’s great grandfather owned the big yellow Victorian just east of Dr. Thomas’ old house on the Duckpond on the southeast corner of the block, and his grandmother lived just north of Kirby-Smith school for many years.

Duckpond T-shirt Design Competition

Tap into your creative side!

The DNA is planning to order new Duckpond neighborhood t-shirts and we are looking for an exciting new design. Subject matter should somehow be representative of our neighborhood. Think about our area history, or what you see, like, or do in our neighborhood as potential inspiration. Submitted designs will be judged, a winner selected, and shirts will be professional printed. Anyone who receives *DNA News* home delivery is eligible to enter. Individuals may enter up to three designs.

Design specifications: Design area is 12 inches wide by no more than 12 inches deep. Use no more than **three colors** in your design. Artwork will be

printed on white shirts (front only). Submit 300dpi layered files, preferably from Photoshop® (.psd). JPEG files can also be submitted.

Deadline for design submissions: August 1, 2008. *Late submissions can not be considered.*

The contest winner will be highlighted in a future DNA newsletter, will be given two printed shirts, a \$25 gift certificate donated by the *2nd Street Bakery*, and receive the satisfaction of seeing his/her artwork on many chests around town.

For additional information contact **Joanne Auth** at jba4trees@earthlink.net or **Mary Rhodes** at crawley20@hotmail.com. 🐦

Smithsonian.com cites Duckpond neighborhood

Our beloved Duckpond is cited as one of the "lovely old neighborhoods . . . within an easy walk of downtown," as Gainesville is featured among 15 cities nationwide by Smithsonian.com's Where to Live Next: Guide to Cultured Retirement. Visit <http://microsite.smithsonianmag.com/content/where-to-live-next/>

A note from Mockingbird observer, Christine Stracey

The birds are singing again and spring is here, which means there will soon be baby birds! This will be my fourth year studying mockingbirds in the Duckpond and we're finding out all sorts of interesting things (see the website below for results and more info)! This year will bring more of the same (nest searching, nest checking, weighing and measuring babies, and banding adults) and a few new things (feeders and song recordings). Feel free to stop and talk with us if you see us out and about doing our mockingbird research!

www.flmnh.ufl.edu/ordwaylab/index.html

Note: If you have mockingbirds living and/or nesting in your yard, and are willing to give Christine access to observe them, please contact her by email at cstracey@flmnh.ufl.edu. Include "Duckpond Mockingbird Research" in the subject line. Thank you.

Join the Gainesville Harmony Show Chorus

Duckpond Ladies, you will find in this newsletter an invitation to a series of **free singing lessons** with the *Gainesville Harmony Show Chorus*. We are a women's barbershop group associated with *Sweet Adelines International* (with over 600 choruses and 27,000 singers worldwide) and we sing four part harmony most every Thursday evening. We perform all around the area, sometimes as paid entertainers, often as a gift to the community. We give formal concerts and shows, sing at nursing homes, at the Mall, the downtown Christmas celebration, through the halls of Shands, and early in April at the Spring Arts Festival.

I got involved the year my daughter, Cat, then a senior at Eastside, joined the chorus. Sam and I went to all her shows, naturally. And when we went to the Regional Competition in Orlando and I heard all the wonderful music being made by choruses from all over Florida I was hooked. The chorus joke was that

Cat would not be allowed to leave for college without replacing herself. And so, I became the replacement. The fact that I hadn't sung since college, wasn't sure I could still carry a tune, didn't read music, and was totally clueless about barbershop didn't seem to phase anyone.

I took the free singing lessons and joined the chorus. I still don't read music, nor do many of our members, we learn by listening and memorizing, but after three years I'm no longer clueless.

Our members range in age from 30 to 80, but Cat was 17, and we can take girls as young as 14. We don't know what our upper limit might be as our oldest member regularly leads physical warm up exercises and shows no signs of being too old.

If you would like to give barbershop a try, now is a good time. I'd be delighted to answer questions. I can be reached at **378.6837** or joan@jgbg.org. 🐦

—Submitted by Joan Gowan

UPDATE ON ROPER PARK

A community survey a couple of years ago revealed three main priorities for improving Roper Park—more playground equipment, a water fountain and shade. We were fortunate to obtain a new playground in 2006, and this spring a drinking water fountain was installed near the northwest corner. Next to the fountain is a new spigot with a dog bowl for our four-legged residents. A big thank you to the Gainesville Recreation and Parks Department for installing this for us!

The last remaining priority—shade—is of particular importance as we enter the hottest months of the year. Sun exposure and sunburn are the primary causes of skin cancer and childhood exposure is considered particularly harmful. Shade sails are attractive “awnings” that can block more than 90% of the sun’s U.V. rays and they have the added benefit of cooling the playground equipment—a big perk for slide users wearing shorts! Unfortunately, shade sails are also very costly. One company recently quoted us more than \$30,000 to cover a portion of the larger playground unit.

Through the generosity of our neighbors, we have raised \$7,000 in the last couple of years. Over the coming months, we will be seeking additional donations as well as additional quotes for shade sails. If you would help with this project or make a donation, please contact **Ondine Wells** at ondinewells@yahoo.com.

Why we love the our neighborhood

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*We dance around in a ring
and suppose, but the secret sits
in the middle and knows.*

—ROBERT FROST
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My wife and I have lived in the Duckpond almost eight years in the Stotesbury House at 1021 NE Third Street. Those who walk by our 1938 yellow brick English cottage may know our barking terrier-mix doggy-in-the-window. It was sold to us by the ubiquitous Jane Myers, one of many who have battled to make this neighborhood a unique alternative in Gainesville. I also recently moved my office to NE 1st Street, drawn in part by the terrific work the Jay and Michelle Reeves have done with their building on NE 8th Avenue and 1st Street—and eagerly await the easy walk to their small **Fat Tuscan** café, planned for the first floor.

Perhaps inspired a bit by Robert Frost’s connection to our neighborhood (his having among other things stayed at the Thomas Hotel), I thought of throwing out a few thoughts on the “secrets” that we may “suppose” others know about Duckpond, and Gainesville, that make this such a great place to live. Here are our top 10 reasons that helped bring us here and keep us here.

- 1) These old houses are well built.
- 2) She is eclectic.
- 3) You will see many people out and about walking, with dogs or kids or just to walk.
- 4) The University is the number one employer and man is it easy to get to work, right?

- 5) So many residents and visitors remark how they find it so civilized that they can walk downtown for so many options.
- 6) The River that runs through us is slowly reaching its potential.
- 7) We have remarked since day one that we can get most of our shopping done without being Malled. Only yesterday I found there is a glass place within blocks of our house that did a little job in little time that had been sitting around our house for 10 years. And you can walk across the street to the nondescript but mobbed old fashioned burger place to pick up their lunch. And, how about that 2nd Street Bakery?
- 8) We are far from our kids and grand-kids and it is tough for them to come to us. BUT, as we examine the options that are closer we cannot find anything close to the lifestyle here (i.e. it is worth the extra time and expense it takes to get to them and we know the nearby Gainesville Airport is taking off).
- 9) Tell me readers if I am all wet, but I am really looking forward to a change coming to Main Street starting next year, based on my life experience and discussing it with people here, there and everywhere: narrowing the roadway to two travel lanes, one turning lane, and two parking lanes, from Depot Avenue to N. 8th Avenue. Looking at the newly jazzed up 2nd Avenue all the way to the University, there are a bunch of new buildings going up. It has taken years for these constituents to win out vs. the wide street urban sprawlers who must surely be having some gas pains.

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Neighborhood Potluck Picnic

Saturday, May 17th, 11a.m. to 1p.m.
Northeast Park, NE 13th Avenue and NE 5th Terrace

Bring your favorite dish to share and a picnic blanket for a fun-filled afternoon at Northeast Park (playground side).

Music will be provided by a terrific local bluegrass group called *Boilin' Oil*. We'll have volleyball, soccer balls, sand toys, and more. All are welcome!!

For more information, call **335.8874** or e-mail **ondinewells@yahoo.com**. Donations appreciated on the day of the event for the music group.

Check your future DNA News for information regarding our next neighborhood picnic this Fall!



Love of neighborhood (continued from page 4)

As I wander the streets, I remember my days as a Northerner (as a small college AD and coach): every college town I have ever seen has prospered magically by doing the infill thing. These places are destinations. They are upscale and downscale all-in-one. People want the experience. You can park. Traffic jams are not. My experience of a good restaurant is diminished if it is in some mall and you know what I mean, right? Let me name a few of these places

big and small: Princeton, Yale, Harvard, UVA, Denison, Ohio Wesleyan, Middlebury, Vanderbilt, Georgia, Hamilton, Colgate, Washington & Lee, Washington University in St. Louis. I can go on and on. It is implicit in all these places. You know what? The infill that has already happened is cool. People's perceptions just haven't caught up.

10) Amen? 🐦

—Submitted by Joel and Ann Daunic

OPERATION CATNIP

The UF School of Veterinary Medicine has completed a two-year grant project that provided spay and neuter services for feral cats in the 32601 zip code area (including the Duckpond neighborhood). Estimates are that 2000 cats were spayed or neutered over the period of the grant. Congratulations to all who made this endeavor a great success, especially the group of volunteer feral cat caretakers. A special thanks to project coordinator and cat trapper extraordinaire **Ashley Manganero**, for her commitment to this project, her loving relationship with these feral cats, and her tireless support to all. The research from this project will benefit our community and others. Spaying and neutering are basic to population control and quality of life of our dependent creatures.

Note: If you know of stray or feral cats that need spaying/neutering, please contact **Operation Catnip** at **352.380.0940** or email them at **operationcatnip@vetmed.ufl.edu**.

If you encounter an injured animal, an animal in distress, or an abandoned animal, please contact **Alachua County Animal Services** at **352.955.2333** (or GPD for emergencies if after business hours).

If you encounter a non-domestic animal in need of immediate assistance, please contact **Florida Wildlife Care 24-Hour Help Line** at **352.371.4400**. Thank you.

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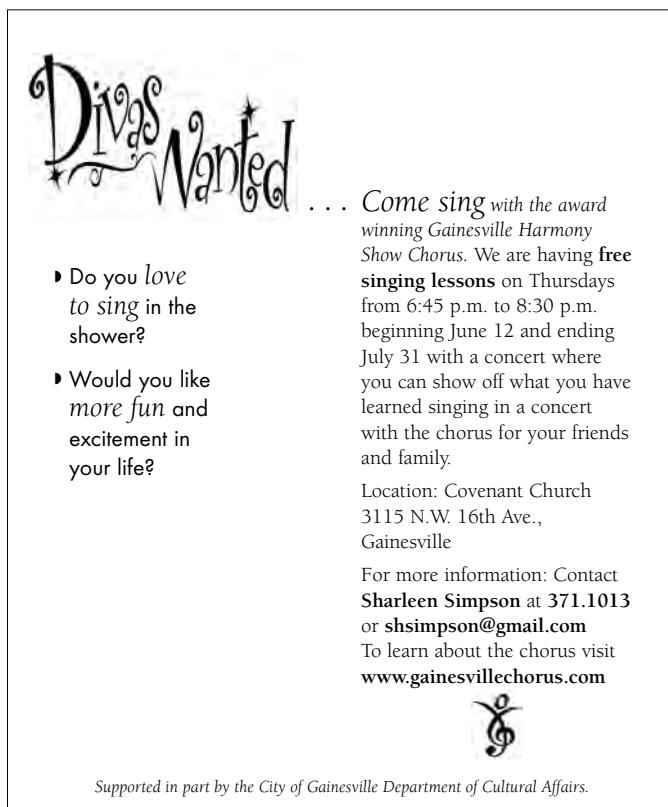
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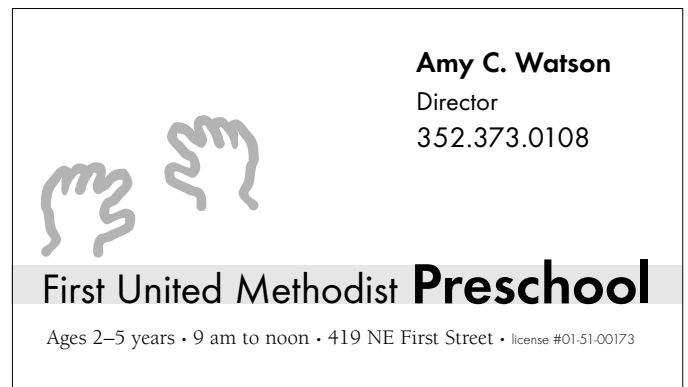
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