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general meeting

Tuesday, August 30, 2011
7:00–8:30 p.m.
First United Methodist Church
419 NE 1st Street
Room: TBA

agenda

GENERAL BUSINESS
Approval of Minutes, May 2011
Treasurer's Report

CRIME REPORT
Gainesville Police Department

GUEST SPEAKER
D. Henrichs, *City of Gainesville*
Historic Preservation Planner
(see article on page 3)

Announcements

Adjourn

Note: Be sure to check HistoricDuckpond.com for changes and updates to the agenda.

DNA News is published four times a year, just prior to general meetings. Meeting dates remaining for 2011 are August 30 and November 8. All neighborhood residents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

A reunion that can facilitate relief

There have been a lot of “lost pet” signs on utility poles in the neighborhood lately. A lost pet is distressing for the owner and dangerous for the pet. Putting up signs works for the people who are in the immediate vicinity of the lost pet if they drive, bike, or walk by the sign. However, pets often wander long distances and are not in the area that you might expect them to be. Therefore, be sure to put out an alert on the DNA email list by sending an email to duckpond@googlegroups.com. You may also want to post a message on the Duckpond Neighborhood Facebook page at www.facebook.com/#!/home.php?sk=group_83624231875. Another Facebook page to post a notice on is the *Gainesville Pet Finder* Facebook page at www.facebook.com/gainesvillepetfinder.

The *Gainesville Sun* and the *Alligator* are also good places to list your missing pet. The ads are also published online. People who do not have Internet access will look in the paper when they find a pet. You can place an ad online in the *Gainesville Sun* at www.gainesvillesun.adperfect.com/ or call 372.4222. Ads can be placed in the *Alligator* by calling 373.FIND, or listing your lost pet online at www2.alligator.org/classifieds/.

It is also important to let Animal Services know you have a missing pet. You can call them at 254.6870 or check www.alachuacounty.us/Depts/PW/animalServices/Pages/LostPets.aspx. You can also check www.petharbor.com/ and

Helpful suggestions for pet owners

- ▶ Always have a collar and ID tag on your pet with your current phone number and address.
- ▶ Have your pet microchipped. Make sure you register the chip and keep your contact information up to date.
- ▶ Never rely on the chip as a sole form of ID; your pet may not be lucky enough to end up at a facility with a scanner that can read it.
- ▶ Keep recent photos and a detailed description of your pet on hand.
- ▶ Consider keeping your pets indoors.

If you lose a pet, or know someone that does, additional recovery information can be obtained at www.missingpetpartnership.org/

on *Craigslist* at www.gainesville.craigslist.org/laf/.

You might consider offering a reward, although that could potentially lead to pets being stolen for rewards. The higher the reward the more likely people will look for your pet. One person I knew offered a reward of \$500 for her cat who jumped out of her car at an interstate rest stop. The cat was found 10 miles away a few months later and returned to the owner. 🐾

—Submitted by Melanie Barr

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 Melanie Barr at 377.4217 or e-mail boardDNA@googlegroups.com.



The next issue of the Duckpond newsletter will be distributed the last weekend of October. Do you have an announcement, story, article, or advertisement that you would like to share? If so, please submit your information to **Mary Rhodes** at **crawley20@hotmail.com** no later than **October 3**. Your submissions are appreciated, and a great way to share information with your neighbors!

A message from our president

Dear Duckpond residents,

It is that exciting time of the year when students and snow birds begin to return to Gainesville, and new people move here for the first time due to the beginning of the Fall semester. Trips around town take longer, but the increase in things that are fun to do makes the additional congestion worth it. Since our newsletter is only published four times a year, we ask that neighborhood residents send us their email address so they may stay informed of news and activities around our area.

We are looking for additional Board members, so if you would like to join us, please send an email or attend our general meeting on August 30th. Our attendance policy is minimal, so please don't feel that you cannot join if you leave every summer, for example. We are also looking for an advertising manager.

The position involves visiting businesses that may be of neighborhood interest and asking if they would like to place an ad. For more information on the advertising manager position, please call or send me an email, or attend the meeting on August 30th. This position might be great experience for a student who is interested in advertising or sales.

This Fall season will be bursting with activities in the Duckpond Neighborhood such as *Making Strides Against Breast Cancer*, the Roper Park Yard Sale, and holiday activities at the *Thomas Center*. We are always looking for volunteers to help with these events, so let us know if you would like to help. Watch your email for more information on Fall activities, news, and events.

Sincerely,

Melanie Barr
President



Nava Ottenberg is an artist, teacher, and business owner in Gainesville.

Are you or do you know an artist (or performing artist) who lives or works in our neighborhood? We would like to highlight Duckpond artists in future issues of DNA News. Contact **Mary Rhodes** at **crawley20@hotmail.com**

Meet neighborhood artist Nava Ottenberg

Duckpond neighbor Nava Ottenberg has taught art and created art in Gainesville for the last 13 years. Nava grew up in Israel and served in the Israeli Army. After moving to California, she attended the University of San Francisco. Nava earned a BFA from the *Art Academy* and the *University of San Francisco*. She came to Gainesville in 1979 with her husband and son. Her business, *Persona Vintage Clothing & Costumes*, opened downtown in 1980.

At *Persona*, you will find an eclectic mix of vintage clothing, jewelry and clothing designed by Nava, and by other local residents. Articles at *Persona* are one of a kind and allow you to create a unique identity.

When talking to Nava, the conversation usually gets directed to her work with children. Nava has a unique way of teaching which includes persistence in tackling problems, observational acuity,

expressive clarity and a reflective capacity to question and judge. Children also gain a sense of responsibility since they must make a one year commitment to attend an art class. Nava says that learning to create art is like learning a new language. She teaches her students to see color, tones, shapes, and form without relying on drawing. Her young students work in multimedia; making puppets, sculpting, and painting. Classes for children are grouped according to age and are small, 3-5 children to a class. Classes are held in her home and run concurrently with the school year.

I recently attended an end of year art exhibit for her young students and was amazed at their talent. Nava also teaches oil painting to adults. The next time you are downtown, stop in at *Persona* and meet our talented neighbor. 🐦

—Submitted by Mary Rhodes

Protecting the integrity of our historic structures

At first blush, the rules and regulations for those wanting to improve their properties may seem dauntingly complex. These feelings are reinforced by the thicker-than-a-telephone-book manual of guidelines issued by the *United States Secretary of the Interior*.

"It's really not that complicated for the average homeowner," said D. Henrichs, Historic Preservation Planner for the *City of Gainesville* during a recent conversation in her *Thomas Center* office. "Our department provides resources to help in the process of obtaining a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) if required."

According to Ms. Henrichs the free "A citizen's guide to Living in a Historic District" is a good starting point and she urges those considering additions or modifications to a residence to go to planning.cityofgainesville.org. Even if you are not anticipating building now, you will find this site worth visiting. In the historic preservation related links section you can learn about lead paint removal, weatherization, the economics of historic preservation and how to research your historic properties, to mention just a few of the links that are available to discover.

The COA is required for exterior alterations on "contributing" structures and, in some cases on "noncontributing structures". How do you find out which category your property is in? Go to the website and its color-coded map of the NE Residential District.

What, in general, are the types of exterior alterations and repairs that require a COA? The not-so-short list includes abrasive cleaning, awnings or canopies, exterior doors/frames, exterior walls/stairs, window frames, fencing, fire escapes, handicapped ramps, porch fixtures, roofs and siding, security grills, screen windows/doors, skylights and painting exterior masonry.

The fee for a COA for a single family residence is \$105; and not only is it advisable to schedule a pre-application con-

ference with Ms. Henrichs but it is required. Commencing construction without following the process can result in an additional \$389.25 fee, a Stop Work Order and the possible demolition of any unauthorized construction.

As Ms. Henrichs points out, "When you buy in a community like *Haile Plantation* or the *Town of Tioga* you will be subject to deed restrictions and rules and standards of a homeowners association. My department serves a similar function for Gainesville's historic districts. Property values are protected with the advantage of no HOA fees."

COAs may require approval by the full *Historic Preservation Board* or, if routine, may be subject to "staff approval" only. The Preservation Board consists of friends and neighbors whom you probably already know. They take their job to preserve the character of the neighborhood seriously.

A COA is generally not required for interior repairs or remodeling but you may need a building permit. A COA, by the way, does not take the place of a building permit. Unless your exterior is masonry you do not need a COA to paint and you are free to choose any color you want.

Ms. Henrichs has been in her current job for eleven years. She has a background in art history, architecture, and archeological administration. Prior to her employment with the *City of Gainesville*, Ms. Henrichs worked as an historic preservation planner and archeological administrator with the *Department of Transportation*, a job so interesting it would make a good story in itself.

"I have found my passion in historic preservation. It's not just a 'job' it's what I am."

Ms. Henrichs may be contacted at her *Thomas Center* office at 334.5022, or by email, henrichsd@cityofgainesville.com.

—Submitted by Mary Rhodes

A CIVIL WAR IN GAINESVILLE?

The *Matheson Museum* is sponsoring a civil war reenactment at Sweetwater Branch Park on Saturday, August 20. The event will begin at 9 a.m. and includes approximately 40 reenactors camping and recreating the battle which occurred here in 1864.

For more information, please contact the *Matheson Museum* at 378.2280.

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NEW CITY ARBORIST

Last year *Mark Siburt* replaced *Meg Neiderhofer*, who was Gainesville's City Arborist for 22 years. If you would like a tree removed, trimmed, or planted on the City's right-of-way, please call Mr. *Silburt* at 334.2171.

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VOLUNTEER, SAVE A LIFE

Gainesville Pet Rescue is looking for people interested in volunteering or being a foster. Please contact *Heather* at gvillepetrescue@aol.com or call 692.4773, extension 12. Thank you.

D. Henrichs
Historic Preservation Planner
City of Gainesville



A BETTER EXISTENCE

The largest cat hoarding case in the U.S. took place recently near High Springs, FL according to the *Humane Society of the United States*. Alachua County Animal Services is overseeing the care of 697 cats and is requesting toys, towels, and newspapers.

Donations can be dropped off at Futon Corner, 1601 N. Main Street (372.0205) during the hours of 10 a.m.–6 p.m. weekdays; Saturdays, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.



EXPAND YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Are you interested in learning more about Gainesville's historic districts? Melanie Barr will be conducting walking tours of the Duckpond Neighborhood, the Southeast Bed and Breakfast district, the Pleasant Street Historic District and the downtown entertainment district on four Saturday mornings starting on September 24th through Santa Fe's Community Education classes. If you have not received a catalog in the mail please check the website at <http://dept.sfcollege.edu/ce/classesspecial.html>



ROPER PARK YARD SALE

The Roper Park Yard Sale will be on November 12th this year. You may set up and sell your own items or donate them to be sold at the sale. If you sell your own items it will cost \$10 if you are a member of the Duckpond Neighborhood Association. If you are not a member it will cost \$15. This is our only fundraiser for Roper Park. We have great plans for the park, but need money to carry them out. There will be more discussion about this at our November 9th meeting.

March Against Breast Cancer on October 22

The Duckpond Neighborhood has been hosting a march against cancer since 1996 and this year is no exception. The *American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer* walk will come through our neighborhood on Saturday morning, October 22nd, at 9:00 a.m. We will form a team as always. If you would like to join our team please go to our website at www.historicduckpond.com, and click on the duck with the pink ribbon. If you are not able to sign up online, please call 377.4217.

If you don't want to walk you can still be a team member. The point of the walk is to raise money to fight breast cancer, so please donate online on the Duckpond Neighborhood team's site, or if you prefer not to use a credit card; you can send a check made out the *American Cancer Society*, c/o Duckpond Neighborhood Association, Post Office Box 233, Gainesville FL 32602.

The walkers and the downtown merchants enjoyed the new route last year and the new route will be repeated again this year. The march will now only go through the part of our neighborhood south of NE 8th Avenue. It will start and end at the Hippodrome and will include NE 1st Street to NE 7th Avenue, circle around the Thomas Center, go up and down the Boulevard and take NE 6th Street from NE 7th Avenue to NE 2nd Avenue. After passing Kirby Smith and walking west on East University Avenue, the final lap takes the walkers down SE 2nd Avenue to SE 2nd Place, which will pass by two lovely bed and breakfasts. It should be a beautiful October day, so feel free to join our team and walk with us. We traditionally are one of the top fundraising teams so please join or donate, and help us keep that status.

Also new this year are two fundraisers for the *American Cancer Society's* breast cancer walk. Lisa Magary, an ARNP at

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SAVE THE DATE:
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Florida Cancer Specialist, will make a 10% donation to the Gainesville *American Cancer Society* for the *Making Strides Against Breast Cancer* walk on the price of every handbag and handbag cover she sells. The purses are very attractive, and the interior can be separated from the cover to match different outfits. (Visit http://my.michebag.com/lisa_magary.) The "Faith, Hope, Love" bag cover is particularly appropriate for our cause. We may host a Miche bag party to support the Gainesville *American Cancer Society* breast cancer walk, so be sure to sign up for the DNA email list so you can be notified about attending the party.

Another fundraiser for the *American Cancer Society's* Gainesville office is the ability to buy pink garbage cans with the pink ribbon logo on them to support the fight against breast cancer. When *Waste Corporation of America* receives a notice from the City's solid waste coordinator that a \$50 donation has been made to the *American Cancer Society* a pink 35 or 64 gallon garbage container will be delivered to your home. More information will be available on this program at the Duckpond Neighborhood meeting on August 30th. Please join us.



—Submitted by Melanie Barr

What to know—before you kick it to the curb

Feel free to cut this article out and put it on your refrigerator, or in a place where you can quickly refer to it so you will know how the recycling bins are to be properly used.

Recycling



The blue bin is to be used for glass and plastic bottles and jars, metal cans, empty aerosol cans, margarine tubs and yogurt containers. All glass and plastic containers must be rinsed out and have no food debris on them. Bleach bottles can be recycled, but plastic containers larger than 2.5 gallons in size are not accepted. Remember to always remove the lids from the bottles and jars.

Window glass, glasses and Pyrex dishes are not accepted for recycling. Plastic bags should be recycled at grocery stores, and packing peanuts and styro-foam trays, egg cartons and plastic food trays are not accepted by *Waste Corporation of America* for recycling.

The orange bin is for paper only. This bin is for cardboard boxes, cereal boxes, shoe boxes, cracker and toothpaste boxes, paper towel and toilet paper tubes as well as all unneeded mail, scrap paper, newspapers, magazines, catalogs, phone books, and brown paper bags

The waste company will not pick up corrugated packing boxes unless they are 3 feet by 3 feet or less. The plastic bag must be removed from the cereal box before you put it in the orange bin too. In addition, pizza boxes can not be included in paper recycling since food contaminates the cardboard.

Yard Trash

Limbs can be no longer than 5 feet long and 6 inches in diameter, and no heavier than 40 pounds. Grass clippings, leaves, and branches should be put in brown paper lawn-and-leaf bags that can be purchased at home improvement stores or Publix.

Bulk Items

You may put out bulk items, such as furniture, children's toys, and recreational equipment, for collection by your garbage can. This includes patio furniture, bicycles, plastic pools, child car seats, vacuum cleaners, luggage, trunks, window blinds and barbecue grills without gas tanks. Swing sets and trampolines must be disassembled and concrete removed. You must call 334.2330 to have large appliances, air conditioners, and computer equipment picked up.



Remodeling Debris

You can dispose of interior remodeling debris that is less than 5 feet in length and less than 40 pounds. Tile and wood scraps can be put in a container that weighs less than 40 pounds. You can not dispose of exterior remodeling debris such as fences, outbuildings, decks, dog houses, concrete, brick, drywall, shingles, paint or pallets.

Items such as gas engines, car parts and tires, pianos, and pool tables can not be disposed in your curbside collection.

If you have any questions on how to recycle other kinds of items and what can be put in your green or black garbage cart, please call 334.2330 or check online at www.gainesvillerecycles.com.

Household Hazardous Waste

Items such as old paint, used oil, oil filters, batteries, aerosol cans, and florescent lamps can be recycled or properly disposed of through the *Alachua County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center* located at 5125 NE 63rd Avenue (two miles north of 39th Avenue, off Waldo Road.). Collection times are Tuesday–Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Saturday from 8:30–11:30 a.m. (closed the first Saturday of every month).

If you have questions about what is considered hazardous waste, please inquire by calling 264.6800.



—Submitted by Melanie Barr

LET'S GO DOWNTOWN!

Don't forget to attend the "Let's Go Downtown" series Friday evenings. Bring a lawn chair or blanket, sit in front of the stage, and enjoy a free concert. For snacks and beverages, the *Lunchbox Cafe* is open.



ASIAN FESTIVAL OCT 22-23

If you haven't attended the Asian festival at the *Thomas Center*, you are missing out on a fun-filled day. This year the *Heart of Florida Asian Festival* takes place October 22 and 23.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS AHEAD

The winter holiday season is approaching. In another month or so, DNA will be asking for volunteers to help with the *Thomas Center* annual holiday celebrations on December 3. We will need

help setting out the luminaries, collecting them the next day, and selling tickets for the wagon rides. Please mark your calendars and help with this annual event!



THANK YOU NEIGHBORS

A big thank you to everyone who helped with the neighborhood picnic in May. Members of the picnic planning committee were Jane Fowler, Edith Kaan, Mary Rhodes, and Gayle Wheeler. Neil Johnson hung a banner and Ray Willette delivered barbecue grills to the park in his truck. Many others helped set up tables and cook the meat. The DNA Board of Directors thanks everyone who attended and shared a dish. Let's do it again next year.

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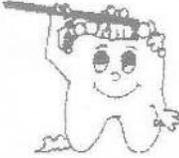
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