

## MARY SCOTT NATURE PRESERVE

Remember being excited when the County Commission approved a contract last summer for the “development” of Mary Scott Nature Preserve although we were concerned about indications that it didn’t exactly reflect the Master Plan that had been developed at the public design charrette (discussion meeting) several years back?

In March 2009 things were changing again. No dollars had actually been appropriated for that contract which significantly exceeded existing MSNP funding. There was further discussion about whether an expensive deceleration lane was legally required. The contract will be re-bid. NBCA is working with Commissioner Rader to ensure that the next contract accurately reflects the Master Plan while fitting within available funding. NBCA has repeatedly expressed a desire to be informed of the expected dollar cost for implementation of the Master Plan, in case we need to create a “Friends of Mary Scott” organization and develop a fundraising plan. Last minute news: **Public meeting on MSNP**, April 28 – tentative.

More info: [parks@northbriarcliff.org](mailto:parks@northbriarcliff.org)

Beth Nathan has been appointed by Commissioner Rader to a DeKalb greenspace oversight committee.

## SHALLOWFORD NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

While we haven’t heard from the Georgia Conservancy about whether our area will be awarded a Blueprints Study, we’re moving forward on another track. TABASCO, the Shallowford Road coalition from both sides of I-85, has met with Commissioner Rader who is supportive of our efforts to be proactive about redevelopment rather than reactive. We are planning a public workshop this spring or early summer, to discuss the good-bad-ugly of Shallowford Road and to share current demographic information.

WHY should you be interested? There are many possible reasons, including maintaining housing values in the area, making local life easier and more pleasant, and having your voice heard in local civic discourse. The county Planning Department believes that the I-85/Shallowford interchange will re-develop as a “Neighborhood Center” in the next 20 years. How do we think it should look and function?

Across I-85, the Dresden East Civic Association (DECA) talked about Assets and Challenges of the area at their January annual meeting. Some of the things their residents like and dislike are listed on page 5. What do residents on this side of I-85 think? Mull it over and come to the public meeting if you can. If you can’t, a survey on the NBCA website ([www.northbriarcliff.org](http://www.northbriarcliff.org)) will allow you to express some of your thoughts.

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### -- Board Meetings --

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesdays, 7:30 pm.  
 Shallowford Presbyterian Church  
 Open to all NBCA members  
 Verify meeting details with president.



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Send Neighborhood Watch items to  
[nwatch@northbriarcliff.org](mailto:nwatch@northbriarcliff.org)

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## NBCA NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

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Recent months have brought an increase in reported crimes. Perhaps it's the economy.

The bottom line: **STAY AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS.** Don't hesitate to dial 911 to report suspicious activity. Write down tag numbers of strange vehicles and call the police. **PRACTICE GOOD COMMON SENSE.** Get to know your neighbors and **LOOK OUT FOR EACH OTHER.** Take a moment to look at your home and vehicles as if you were a criminal wanting to break in ... Is appealing stuff visible? Are there great places to hide while entering? See the "Safety at Home" flyer posted on the Neighborhood Watch section of [www.northbriarcliff.org](http://www.northbriarcliff.org) for ideas on becoming a harder target for crime. Below are some other available crime-fighting resources.

[www.CrimeMapping.com](http://www.CrimeMapping.com): DeKalb police are providing incident information to this free web service that maps crimes in the area and timeframe you select. Log on and sign up. You may be unpleasantly surprised at the activity along Shallowford from 2500 Shallowford (AMLI) to around St. Pius High School.

[www.DeKalbMugs.com](http://www.DeKalbMugs.com): If you sign up for the Community Watch service of this website, you will be emailed information anytime anyone has been admitted to the DeKalb County Jail or Gwinnett County Jail or added to the Georgia Sex Offender Registry from the zipcode that you specify.

VIP (Volunteers in Patrol) Program: This DeKalb Police program involves neighbors in helping police the neighborhood while out and about routinely. Participants communicate directly with police to help facilitate awareness and response to crime. Congratulations to Cindy Janet Mayz who has been accepted to the program and starts training on March 21st. For more information on how you can be part of the VIP program, see <http://www.dekalbpolice.com/vip.html> or call 770.724.7550.

ICP: DeKalb's Interactive Community Policing assigns officers to certain beats to assist residents more closely when responding to crime and/or code issues. The NBCA ICP Officers for the NORTH PRECINCT ONLY (northwest quadrant of Shallowford and Briarcliff (Flair Forest/Briarmoor Manor, etc) are Chris Poythress (404-392-5910) and Officer Sadiq Mujahid (404-392-5857). Center Precinct, which serves the other side of Briarcliff (Evergreen Hills) and the other side of Shallowford (Echo Hills, Sherbrooke Forest), has not responded to NBCA's request for contact info on assigned Center Precinct ICP officers. Feel free to call Center Precinct direct at 770-724-7600 and ask for this info.

NBCA Crime Stats Update: Recent crime has included a major drug bust at a house on Shallowford Road across from the Presbyterian Church, a prostitution arrest on Shallowford on the other side of I-85 (@ Beverly Hills Drive; River Stone Spa), and burglaries in Briarmoor Manor. Items of interest are filtered through [nwatch@northbriarcliff.org](mailto:nwatch@northbriarcliff.org) and emailed to listserv subscribers. To join the listserv and receive Neighborhood Watch Bulletins, visit [www.northbriarcliff.org/Comm/listjoin.htm](http://www.northbriarcliff.org/Comm/listjoin.htm).



**REPORTING INCIDENTS** ... You have a choice. Either ...

1. e-Mail it directly to [nwatch@northbriarcliff.org](mailto:nwatch@northbriarcliff.org) --- OR ---
2. enter information on the NEW neighborhood watch incident form on the NBCA website ([www.northbriarcliff.org](http://www.northbriarcliff.org)) under the Neighborhood Watch Section.

**JUST THE FACTS, MA'AM ....**

**Please use the following format when reporting incidents** to ensure that all the details get communicated.

WHEN: Date & time of the incident (specific or a range).

WHERE: Street & nearest intersection within NBCA area. If this is a forward from another neighborhood's watch, indicate the originating area.

WHAT: (a) The type of incident, e.g. house break-in, auto break-in, suspicious character, gunshots, etc.  
(b) Details about this incident that make it possible for others to recognize that they saw or heard something and/or how better to protect themselves. How was the house entered; what vehicles/tags were seen; descriptions of perps; etc.

WHO: Names of person reporting the incident and officer who responded (in case further info is desired).

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## HOE AND GROW GARDEN CLUB ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE

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**Saturday, April 25 9:00 am – 3:30 pm 2396 Sherbrooke Drive**

**Spring Cleaning** ... Check your attic & basement for things to DONATE to the annual Hoe and Grow Garage Sale, such as housewares, knick-knacks, tools, toys, linens, books, jewelry, small appliances, clothing, sporting/exercise equipment, furniture, plants, etc. Items may be delivered to 2396 Sherbrooke Drive from Friday, April 17 through Friday, April 24. If the residents are not at home, please leave items on driveway. If you need donation pick-up, call Chris Triplett at 404-822-3804.

COME to the Garage Sale on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> ! You will be helping your neighborhood and may find just what you've been looking for! Proceeds are used in our neighborhood to maintain and beautify entrances to the neighborhood, support a homeless shelter and provide mailbox decorations for the holiday season.

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### INTERCHANGE GARDENS @ I-85

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Theft -- Dwarf nandinas have disappeared from the island maintained by St Pius alumni. Replacement plans are in the works. If you saw someone removing healthy plants from the interchange, please report what you saw to either [nwatch@northbriarcliff.org](mailto:nwatch@northbriarcliff.org) or [interchange@northbriarcliff.org](mailto:interchange@northbriarcliff.org).

Regular workdays, for cleanup and/or planting, continue, weather-permitting, on the third Saturday of every month, starting at 8:30 am.

More info:  
[interchange@northbriarcliff.org](mailto:interchange@northbriarcliff.org)

April 18<sup>th</sup> is Great American Cleanup Day ... volunteers nationwide clean up their little part of the world. DeKalb County provides supplies and complimentary T-shirts to registered groups.



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### GARDEN TOURS – AN INVITATION

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The gardeners of North Briarcliff invite you to visit their gardens. Look for this symbol in front of Open Gardens.

Gardeners ... open your garden when it is at its best.

That's right - YOU pick the day. The time is usually 10am to 3pm on a Saturday. It's a great way to meet neighbors and exchange ideas. Respond to [gardens@northbriarcliff.org](mailto:gardens@northbriarcliff.org) (June) with your address, a likely date and a brief description of your garden.

The gardens are only advertised in our community and not to the general public. Look for notices on the NBCA General News email list and NBCA yard signs on the day of the event.

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### SCHOOL NEWS

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Neighbors have recently learned that the County Board of Education (BOE) is planning to relocate services currently being provided at **Heritage Center** and is re-purpose the building as a **Marine Corps Institute (High School)**, eventually serving 650 students. Heritage Center was originally a neighborhood elementary school, serving around 200 students. It is located on Heritage Drive, off Briarcliff a little south of Lakeside High, very close to McDaniel Park. Heritage Drive connects with Meadowvale Drive and Fisher Trail as the roads curve around to parallel I-85 and the north fork of Peachtree Creek.

AJC coverage: <http://www.ajc.com/metro/content/printedition/2009/03/24/marineschool0324.html>

Nearby residents, concerned about the traffic problems of embedding a high school on a two-lane street deep in a neighborhood have created a petition at <http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/HeritageSchool/index.html> for like-minded neighbors to sign. At the time of writing, NBCA had not taken a position on this issue.

BOE meetings/hearings that **may** include discussion of this proposal include:

- Monday, April 13, 2009, 6:00 pm in the J. David Williamson Board Room, located in Building A of the Robert R. Freeman Administrative Center, 3770 North Decatur Road, Decatur, GA 30032
- Tuesday, April 14, 2009, 6:30 pm at Heritage Center, 2225 Heritage Drive
- Thursday, April 16, 2009, 6:30 pm at Elizabeth Andrews High School, 2415 North Druid Hills Rd.

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## ZONING

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- Approval was given for the “Town Center” designation for “The Park Druid Hills” consisting of 68.25 acres located at I-85 and North Druid Hills. Approval was then given for the rezoning and special land use permits required for the assembled property to be developed under the submitted site plan for residential, retail, office and hotel space. [March 12, 2009]
- The application for a “Town Center” land use designation relative to the Williamsburg Apartment property (Toco area) proposed redevelopment was deferred full cycle (60 days). [March 24, 2009]
- Parking fees for the courthouse parking garage located across from the Maloof Building increased from \$2.00 to \$6.00. [March 24, 2009]
- Zoning Code Update - Public Meeting

DeKalb County Planning and Development Department will hold a community input workshop for the DeKalb County Zoning Ordinance Update project. Citizens will be able to learn about the project and to provide input.

Thursday, April 16, 2009; 6:30-8:00 pm  
Maloof Auditorium  
1300 Commerce Drive, Decatur 30030

The project is to create a “user-friendly” zoning ordinance that will implement the policies of the recently adopted Comprehensive Plan, the Comprehensive Transportation Plan and the Livable Center Initiatives. At this 2nd community meeting, the public will hear an overview of zoning, the status of the project, and preliminary recommendations.

DeKalb recently adopted a new Comprehensive Plan which lays out a guide for future development of the County. Zoning is an effective way to implement the Comprehensive Plan. A revised zoning ordinance will support the Comprehensive Plan by putting regulations into place that will make it easier to put plan recommendations into practice. The updated ordinance will also provide design controls and unique land development options for achieving the vision adopted by the county.

More info: Project website is located at [www.co.dekalb.ga.us/planning/zoningCode.html](http://www.co.dekalb.ga.us/planning/zoningCode.html). Comments may also be submitted online. Citizens may join the project mailing list to receive mailings. Arthur F. Duncan [afduncan@co.dekalb.ga.us](mailto:afduncan@co.dekalb.ga.us). Anticipated project completion is September 2009.

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## PDK OVERFLIGHTS – GORA Requests

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As a result of the August 2005 victory in the PDK Open Records lawsuit, any individual can now place a request under the Georgia Open Records Act (GORA) to Mr. Mario Evans, the PDK Airport Noise Abatement Officer, for **full information about any aircraft noise or flight events that may have disturbed you.**

The most effective way to make your GORA request is by e-mail to: [maevans@co.dekalb.ga.us](mailto:maevans@co.dekalb.ga.us).

Here is a sample request:

*Dear Mr. Evans: Under GORA, I am requesting a noise report on a low flying and very loud jet over my home [give exact address] on [give date] at [give time]. In your report to me, please include the aircraft type, the noise generated by the aircraft, its altitude and flight track, and the aircraft's N number. Sincerely, [Your name]*

Answers to GORA requests must be provided within three business days, under the law. After you have received the aircraft's N number--the aircraft equivalent of a car tag--you can identify the actual owner of the aircraft by going to: [http://registry.faa.gov/aircraftinquiry/NNum\\_inquiry.asp](http://registry.faa.gov/aircraftinquiry/NNum_inquiry.asp), typing in the aircraft N number, and hitting “Go.”

Once you have identified the owner of the aircraft that disturbed you, you then can contact the person or company directly to express your concerns. Please also send an electronic copy any such follow-up letters you may write to: Mario Evans (above), Commissioner Jeff Rader: [jrader@co.dekalb.ga.us](mailto:jrader@co.dekalb.ga.us), Commissioner Kathie Gannon: [kgannon@co.dekalb.ga.us](mailto:kgannon@co.dekalb.ga.us), and, for PDK Watch Inc.'s records, to [larry.foster@earthlink.net](mailto:larry.foster@earthlink.net). Contact Larry about any difficulties encountered in the process.

GORA request provides a direct and effective way of documenting incidents and informing PDK Airport and your elected County representatives about PDK aircraft disruptions.

Try making a GORA request the next time you have an airport noise or other disturbance. This should be almost as fast--as well as a lot more reliable and well documented--than simply calling the **PDK Airport noise hotline: 770-936-5442.**

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***The Flair Forest Garden Club thanks all donors for making the new entrance signs possible.***

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## NEIGHBORHOOD ASSETS & CHALLENGES

Preliminary thoughts from the DECA Annual Meeting, January 22, 2009

Do you see the same things or different things? Come to the yet-to-be-scheduled spring public meeting and/or send in your thoughts via the survey on the NBCA website ([www.northbriarcliff.org](http://www.northbriarcliff.org))

### ASSETS:

- Area under high power line can be used for windmills, solar, public walkways, greenspace
- Access/Location. Inside perimeter, convenient to I-85 and I-285
- Sidewalks
- St Pius, Sofia Academy
- North fork Peachtree Creek restricts development
- Plentiful greenspace, incl Mary Scott Nature Preserve
- Proximity of Mercer University
- Close to 2 MARTA stations



### CHALLENGES:

- Area under high power line crosses private property
- No bike lanes
- PDK Airport
- Traffic flow, Dresden @ Chamblee-Tucker
- Lack of feeling of safety to be a pedestrian near cheap hotels and apartments
- Prostitutes & johns
- Aging apartments
- Low community participation
- Being in multiple jurisdictions
- Would like a neighborhood center to have: Walmart, more restaurants, Starbucks, larger grocery selection, drug store, local pub.

### 30345 HOME SALES – POSITIVE NEWS.

Lakeside High School pre-1980 housing resale prices, 2006-2008, increased slightly (0.24%) during the current property value downturns, while post-1980 homes in 30345 increased about 5%. Sales prices averaged about \$375,000 for “first suburb” (pre-1980) units and \$785,600 for post-1980 construction (13.8% of all sales). 2008 foreclosures in 30345 accounted for about 6.8% of sales as compared with a DeKalb/Fulton/Cobb/Gwinnett average of 37.1% of all sales, consistent with a lower foreclosure rate on homes valued between \$300,000 and \$700,000.

Based on “Northlake “ITP” and “OTP” Real Estate Stable Amidst Recession”, Tom Doolittle, 3/5/09, on GoDeKalb.com [http://www.godekalb.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=232:northlake-ity-and-otp-real-estate-stable-amidst-recession&catid=43:dekalb&Itemid=33](http://www.godekalb.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=232:northlake-ity-and-otp-real-estate-stable-amidst-recession&catid=43:dekalb&Itemid=33)

## LIVABLE COMMUNITIES



The following message was directed to neighborhoods close to North Druid Hills Road but this meeting may be a great opportunity to get ideas for the future of our area.

*Recently the Atlanta Regional Commission awarded a Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) planning grant to DeKalb County Commission District 2 to study transportation and development issues in the North Druid Hills Corridor from Buford Highway to Clairmont Road. As you know, this corridor serves some of the region’s most desirable neighborhoods, but also carries heavy commuter traffic, and is the target of many redevelopment proposals. The planning grant (and the project funding that can follow it) is an important resource for exploring development options and alleviating transportation problems. As we prepare for the study to begin, I’d like to invite you an event of interest to us all.*

*On April 16, 2009, from 5:30-8:00 pm Georgia Tech Professor Ellen Dunham Jones and Architect Andres Duany will speak at Holy Trinity Church (515 East Ponce de Leon Avenue) in Decatur. The event is free and open to the public.*

*The future of close-in suburban areas like ours is a topic of intensive research and creative effort in the planning and design community, and our speakers are in the forefront of that effort. Andres Duany, a leader in the New Urbanism movement, recently led design studios for a group of six sites in the region, including one in Toco Hills. Ellen Dunham Jones, Associate Professor and Director of Architecture Research at Georgia Institute of Technology, has just completed the new book Retrofitting Suburbia, which is included in the March 18 TIME Magazine article: “10 Ideas Changing the World”.*

*Our LCI effort will be a locally focused and data-intensive study over the summer and fall, with frequent community meetings and consultant support. To participate effectively, we can become more knowledgeable about the problems that confront us and strategies to address them. This event can help us to achieve that goal. So I hope you will join me in welcoming these notable planners to District 2 at Holy Trinity Church on April 16, 2009 at 5:30PM, for a thought provoking lecture.*

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## PET PEEVES

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NBCA regularly hears from neighbors about problems relating to other neighbors' pets. In any case of problem with a neighbor, try to put yourself in your neighbors' shoes for another perspective.

*By law and/or being neighborly ...*

- Scoop your pet's poop. Be thoughtful in its disposal ... don't leave it in your neighbors' empty trash cans or mixed with yard waste or recycling.
- Pets must be kept within the home and/or a fence, pen or well-ventilated area not less than 100 square feet. Unaccompanied chaining/tethering is illegal.
- Pets must be on a leash when being walked off their owner's property.
- Pets should wear an I.D. tag with owner's contact information, in case they get loose and a neighbor needs to find the owner.
- Pets must have fresh food, water, exercise, sanitation, socialization, vet care, yearly registration/rabies shot.
- Pets cannot be left in hot cars even with windows open and must be safely restrained within open bed vehicles.
- Uninterrupted or lengthy noise (whining, barking, etc) is not permitted.

Take the link from the county animal control website to find animal control ordinances .....

[www.dekalbcountyanimalservices.com/ordinances.htm](http://www.dekalbcountyanimalservices.com/ordinances.htm)

Report animal care complaints to 404-294-2996, Monday-Friday 9-5 or 404-294-2519 outside regular business hours.

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## CODE ENFORCEMENT

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DeKalb County's Code Enforcement Unit provides the resources and procedures for consistent, fair, and accurate administration, and enforcement of Property Maintenance Code, Sign and Zoning Ordinances for communities and businesses in DeKalb County. There are four (4) ways to contact the department to report complaints: (770) 724-7940 phone, (770) 724-7963 fax, e-mail [codeenforce@co.dekalb.ga.us](mailto:codeenforce@co.dekalb.ga.us), and office 1950 West Exchange Pl, Tucker 30084.

After reporting an infraction below are the suggested procedures to follow-up on the complaint.

- When initially reporting infractions, request an officer to provide an update after the inspection.
- Contact the office via telephone, email, fax or mail to request an update after a complaint has been reported.

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## THANKS, NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEERS

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THANKS to all the loyal newsletter mailing volunteers who for years, often on very short notice, folded, inserted, sealed, labeled, carrier-route sorted and delivered to the USPS the NBCA newsletter, totaling close to 1500 each mailing. The NBCA board has now begun employing a mailing service to perform these functions. I greatly appreciate the countless hours of time contributed by each of you. I have really enjoyed the friendships and associations that became a part of this process.

*Betty Phillips, Newsletter Distribution Chair*

NBCA also sends thanks to all newsletter volunteers and a BIG thanks to Betty Phillips for her efforts and time in coordinating the distribution process.

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## SANITATION / CURBSIDE RECYCLING

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The rules for how trash must be prepared for pick-up, applications for curbside recycling service, and holiday pickup schedules are available at <http://www.co.dekalb.ga.us/sanitation/Getting%20Star%20ted/index.htm> or call (404) 294-2900. The cost for optional recycling pickup remains affordable -- a \$15 one-time fee for the Blue Bin plus \$15 whenever you need a supply of Blue Bags (box of 100). Start-up is \$30 (bin + box of bags). No fee other than supplies.

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## BACK to the BACKYARD

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As weather improves, remember mosquito (West Nile virus) precautions & outdoor water usage restrictions.

**Mosquitoes:** Stay indoors when mosquitoes are feeding frequently at dawn and dusk. Wear insect repellent with deet, or wear long-sleeved shirts or pants. Rid your yard of containers that could hold standing water... tires, pails. Change water in birdbaths and fountains. DeKalb residents can report dead birds and request mosquito assessments from (404) 508-7871 or [www.dekalbhealth.net/mosquitoes](http://www.dekalbhealth.net/mosquitoes).

DeKalb is still under **Level 4 Drought water usage restrictions** but the exemptions have recently changed to allow for more use of drip hoses and soaker hoses. These websites give the most detailed information:

- [www.gaepd.org/Documents/water\\_use\\_schedules.html](http://www.gaepd.org/Documents/water_use_schedules.html) [schedules]
- [dekalbwatershed.com/water\\_restrictions2.html](http://dekalbwatershed.com/water_restrictions2.html) [info, exemptions]
- [www.conservewatergeorgia.net/documents/indiv\\_outdoorTips.html](http://www.conservewatergeorgia.net/documents/indiv_outdoorTips.html) [tips on conserving water]

**North Briarcliff Civic Association membership.** Enclosed is my check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ covering 2009 annual dues for my household (\$25) plus a donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

**I can help with** (please circle):

Newsletter or Website Layout/Design

Member recruitment/benefits

Concern: \_\_\_\_\_

**Join NBCA's e-mail lists** at <http://www.northbriarcliff.org/Comm/listjoin.htm>

Currently available lists: Neighborhood Watch, General News

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone: (day) \_\_\_\_\_ (evening) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: NBCA, 2677 Flair Knoll Drive, Atlanta GA 30345

## LOCAL VOTING PATTERNS

Looking at voters who voted in their precincts, the following statistics emerge for the 5 precincts in our area (Briarlake, Hawthorne, Henderson Mill, Heritage, Lakeside). Note that precinct-specific data on early voting is not available; early votes are lumped together countywide as early/absentee voting.

Local voter turnout at the polls on 2008 election days was typically slightly higher than the countywide average.

	Election Day Turnout		Early/Absentee Voting	
	Countywide	Local	Countywide	Local
Presidential Primary	46%	<b>50%</b>	14%	No data
Primary	20%	<b>19%</b>	19%	No data
Primary Runoff	15%	<b>19%</b>	11%	No data
General Election	34%	<b>44%</b>	57%	No data

The low turnouts at the summer primaries could indicate greater interest in national than local politics and/or a response to less competition in the Republican primary races. Looking at major races (votes at the polls only), the area exhibits a healthy mix of party allegiance as well as predictable crossover voting in the U.S. Senate primary race.

	Local Voters		Countywide Voters	
	Democratic	Republican	Democratic	Republican
Presidential Primary	<b>57%</b>	<b>43%</b>	82%	18%
Primary (U.S. Senate race)	<b>82%</b>	<b>16%</b>	84%	13%

In contested races, the eventual winner usually fared well in this area (figures are votes at the polls only).

	Winner	Runner-up
Presidential Primary (Rep)	John McCain 39%	Mitt Romney 38%
Presidential Primary (Dem)	Barack Obama 57%	Hillary Clinton 43%
Primary (Senate Dem)	Jim Martin 58%	Dale Cardwell 18%
Primary (CEO Dem)	Burrell Ellis 74%	Ann Kimbrough 9%
Primary Runoff (Senate Dem)	Jim Martin 92%	Vernon Jones 8%
Primary Runoff (CEO Dem)	Burrell Ellis 85%	Stan Watson 15%
General Election (President)	Barack Obama 52%	John McCain 46%

compiled by Beth Nathan

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*Signed articles in the newsletter do not necessarily reflect the views of the North Briarcliff Civic Association.*

## Community Calendar



<b>1<sup>st</sup> Wednesdays</b>	NBCA Board Meeting, 7:30 pm, Shallowford Presbyterian
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays</b>	Interchange Workday, 8:30 am, Shallowford @ I-85
<b>April 13 (Mon)</b>	Education Board Meeting: 6:00 pm, Board Room, Bldg A, Admin Center, 3770 North Decatur Road, Decatur 30032
<b>April 14 (Tues)</b>	BOE Public Meeting: 6:30 pm, Heritage Center, 2225 Heritage Drive
<b>April 16 (Thur)</b>	BOE Public Meeting: 6:30 pm, Andrews High School, 2415 No. Druid Hills Zoning Code Update Public Meeting: 6:30 pm, Maloof Auditorium, 1300 Commerce Dr, Decatur 30030 Urban Design Lecture, 5:30 pm, Holy Trinity Church, 515 East Ponce de Leon Ave, Decatur
<b>April 18 (Sat)</b>	Keep DeKalb Beautiful "Dump It Right" -- get rid of items that normally require a disposal fee (tires, propane tanks, etc), 9 am – 1 pm, Tax Office, 4380 Memorial Drive, Decatur 30032. Info: 404-371-2654 or <a href="https://dklweb.dekalbga.org/beautiful/pdf/news_2009_DumpitRightFlyer.pdf">https://dklweb.dekalbga.org/beautiful/pdf/news_2009_DumpitRightFlyer.pdf</a>
<b>April 25 (Sat)</b>	Hoe-N-Grow Garage Sale, 9:00 – 3:30, 2396 Sherbrooke Drive Electronics Recycling Day, 9:00 – 1:00, Decatur High School parking lot. More info: <a href="http://www.decaturga.com">www.decaturga.com</a> or 404-377-5571.
<b>April 28 (Tues)</b>	TENTATIVE public meeting to discuss Mary Scott Nature Preserve plans.