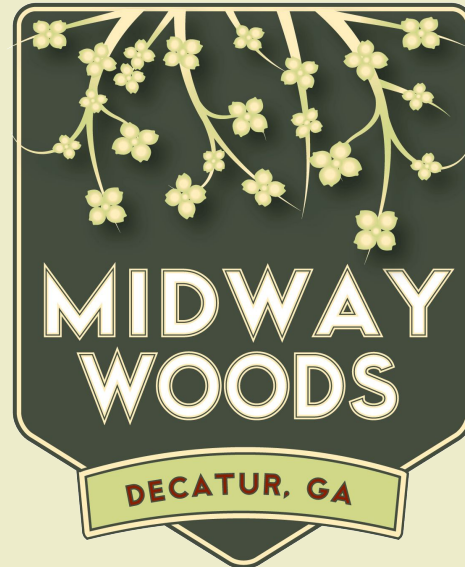

Midway Woods Association

2021 Annual Meeting
October 13, 2021





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Welcome and Board Introduction

2020-2021 Board Members:

Jennifer Beaver – President

Chris DePree – Vice President*

Jody Whitlow – Treasurer

Katie Adcock – Secretary*

Stacie Wilson – Community Safety/Security Patrol Co-Chair/Liaison

Keisa Bruce-Steele – Community Safety/Security Patrol Co-Chair/Liaison

Harley Jebens – Communications Committee Chair

Jen Stewart – Social Committee Chair*

*** Special thanks to these board members whose terms are ending**



Events and accomplishments

We've all had to adjust to the impact of COVID, and the Midway Woods Association did as well, with most of our events over the past 18 months taking place virtually.

Here are a few of the highlights from the past year...

November: Shoal Creek Clean Up

March: Book Club meeting to discuss *Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson

April: Meeting with local environmental organizations to discuss efforts to maintain and restore Dearborn Park and Shoal Creek in Midway Woods

May: Meeting with DeKalb County commissioner for Super District 6, Edward "Ted" Terry

Monthly: Midway Woods electronic newsletter.

July: Book Club meeting to discuss *Blow Your House Down: A Story of Family, Feminism, and Treason* by Gina Frangello

August: Midway Woods Neighborhood Picnic in Dearborn Park

September: Book Club meeting to discuss *My Time Will Come: A Memoir of Crime, Punishment, Hope, and Redemption* by Ian Manual

October: Meeting with Ted Terry and other DeKalb County officials to discuss the Unified Plan.

Ongoing: Weekly security patrol shifts, which began in 2018. New neighborhood signs to advertise important events, etc.

Looking ahead

The new board will:

- Meet to define their goals and initiatives for the coming year
- Continue to plan safe/virtual events
- We will continue to follow the CDC's recommendations and will begin planning more in-person events once it is safe to do so

Neighborhood safety continues to be a top priority, and the board will continue to keep the security patrol active, as long as there is community support for the initiative. Our annual membership drive for our security patrol is now underway.

In 2020 the board had signs made for the neighborhood, to increase our reach to neighbors who are not on social media - these signs advertise important events and initiatives. Please keep an eye out for them throughout the neighborhood.

The board will continue to solicit **feedback** from the community to determine needs and goals for the upcoming year. **Committee leads and volunteers** are needed.

The board will continue with annual membership drives and will welcome new neighbors and encourage them to join throughout the year, to enlist greater involvement from the community.

Neighborhood residents can email midwaycommunications@gmail.com or call 404-507-2891 to contact the association and board.



Volunteers Needed

- MWA Board
 - Board members and volunteers needed
- Community Engagement (Events, Potlucks, Parties)
- Environmental Infrastructure (Cleanups, Parks and Streets)
- Public Safety (Neighborhood Watch, Security Patrol Leaders)
- Communication (Help us in getting the word out)
- Fundraising (Membership drives, Raffles, etc)
- **Neighborhood clean-up coming up on Saturday, October 23rd.** Let us know if you'd like to help!
(Watch email, FaceBook, and Nextdoor for more information.)



Financial Summary

The Midway Woods Association raises funds through optional annual dues (\$20 per person, per year) and through sales of Midway Woods house flags.

Midway Woods flag, they are \$32 and can be purchased via PayPal. Money for flags can be sent through PayPal to treasurer@midwaywoodsassociation.org. Once payment is received, we'll arrange to get your flag to you.

Money raised through membership dues and flag sales goes to support the activities of the Midway Woods Association -- for website and other fees, printing of newsletters and flyers, food and refreshments for in-person events such as August's neighborhood picnic.

If you'd like a full run-down of the association's 2020 financials, email us at treasurer@midwaywoodsassociation.org and we'll get that information to you.



Midway Woods house flag



Community Safety & Security Patrol

2021 Program Highlights

- Continued monthly summary reports for members to have visibility of the patrol logs and incidents.
- Added patrol shifts during the night hours based on crime reports in Midway Woods and surrounding neighborhoods.
- Continued to build solid relationships with our “off duty” patrol officers.
- Encouraged the use of the “vacation forms” to ensure that homes are monitored while members are away.

2022 Membership Drive

- This program is entering into its 4th year and our membership drive is underway. The deadline for 2021-2022 sign ups (new members or renewals) will **end on November 20**. **Without enough members we will not be able to continue with the program.**
- **Volunteers are needed** to help with the program and to recruit more paying members.
- Reminder that we do *not* get routine patrols from the DeKalb county or Decatur police since we are unincorporated, so this program is a way to ensure a police presence at least once a week.
- **[Join the Security Patrol by filling out this form.](#)** Membership in the patrol costs \$160 per household per year.



2020-21 Board member election

The following board members **will return** for their second year of their term:

Keisa Bruce-Steele

Harley Jebens

Stacie Wilson

Jody Whitlow

The following is currently **on the ballot** for a two-year term:

Jennifer Beaver (returning board member)

VACANT POSITIONS - President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary

Special thanks to the following board members for their time and dedication, as their **terms are ending**:

Chris DePree, Katie Adcock, Jen Stewart

We are looking for several additional neighbors to join the board – please ask questions or [email us](#) if you are interested in learning more!



Let us know what you want to see!

What do you want to see in the Woods? Are there issues affecting the neighborhood that the board could help with? Let us know. We are interested in your ideas and feedback! Let us know what you'd like to see. Let us know how you think we're doing. Together, we can make a stronger

Contact the Association and let us know what's on your mind:

Via email: midwaywoodscommunications@gmail.com

Via phone: (404) 507-2891

For updates on what is going on in Midway Woods:

- Visit the association website - <https://www.midwaywoodsassociation.org/>
- Request to be added to our email distribution list. Message us at midwaywoodscommunications@gmail.com and we'll get you added.
- Request to join the neighborhood Facebook Group -- joining the neighborhood's Facebook group -- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/midwaywoodsneighbors>
- We also post updates to [NextDoor](#)



Join the Midway Woods Association!

The Midway Woods Association's annual membership drive continues. If you're already a member, we encourage you to renew! If you're new to the association or neighborhood, you're invited to join! Membership dues also help pay for administrative expenses for websites, newsletters, social events and environmental projects.

[Please complete our registration form to join or renew](#) your Midway Woods Association membership.

Suggested dues are \$20 per person, per year, and can be paid using PayPal or via check.

When making payments via PayPal, send the payment from your bank account and not your credit card to avoid fees and send to: treasurer@midwaywoodsassociation.org

When making payments via check, send to: Midway Woods Association, P.O. Box 1496, Decatur, GA 30031.

Dues are always optional and are not required to join the association; we acknowledge that this year has been a tough one for many of us and dues should not be a barrier for anyone who wishes to join.

If you want to join or renew your membership, simply [fill out the membership form](#).



Thank you!