

DUES

If you have not paid your dues they need to be taken care of immediately. Annual dues are mandatory and are due on May 1st each year. The amount is \$325.00 dollars and can be mailed to BCHOA, PO Box 956382, Duluth, GA 30095. Or drop in mailbox at 4540 Fairway View Court.

TRASH Adopt-A-Road on Hopkins Mill

We will be scheduling volunteers to pick-up Hopkins Mill trash at the Annual Meeting. Please sign up. Those clean streets help protect property values.

Notes on Winter

Winter is on its way. Before the temperature gets to freezing do not forget to turn off your outside faucets. Most homes in this neighborhood have a cutoff inside the home or garage. Two years ago, we had some homes who experienced pipes freezing which did much damage to their homes. Also, if you utilize your fireplace (especially if you burn wood) have your fireplace checked for any debris in the chimney. A dirty chimney can burn down your home. Also, during winter months (those holiday travel months) it is a good idea to leave back yard lights on at night. Or have lights that are motion sensor lights. It's all about security.

Winter holidays: If you are going out of town for the holidays please let our security know. Email your address, the dates, and an emergency contact to Justin.bouchillon@gwinnettcounty.com.

HOA Board Members on the ballot.

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The Berkeley Spotlight

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If you live in The Fairways or The Lake at Berkeley Hills you must read this news.

Annual HOA Meeting

October 17th at 10am. All neighbors should be there!!



How about we have breakfast in the cool morning air of October while we discuss the goings-on within our neighborhood over this past year. We will vote for our new board and sign up volunteers for what is needed to make the neighborhood its best. We will have hot coffee, breakfast sandwiches and a few things sweet. The meeting will take place in the yard of Janelle & Nathan Clodfelter at 4505 Fairway View Court. Please bring a chair if you can. If you are unable to attend please give your proxy to someone you trust. Just fill out the form provided within this newsletter and your trusted proxy will bring it with them to the meeting and will be able to vote for you. If you have anything you want addressed at the meeting or before, please email: lisa_siejkowski@hotmail.com



Maggie

As many of you know we lost our Maggie Deutsch this year to cancer. She served on the board for many many years and was a wonderful friend and neighbor. We will miss her so much. Years ago Maggie planted two Bridal Wreath bushes in front of the white fence on Hopkins Mill. They bloomed beautifully this year and will be there forevermore. So take a special glance at the beautiful white blooms in early summer and think of her.



DO NOT MESS UP A GOOD THING

There is a reason our neighborhood has remained attractive to homeowners over the last 20 years. **Our covenants are enforced** by the all volunteer board. If covenants are violated we have fines that are enforced and any unpaid fines will continue until violation has ended. All unpaid fines result in a lien placed on the home. As well, unpaid dues are addressed via a lien on the violating home.

It would be so much nicer everyone just abided by the required covenants. Every homeowner is legally bound by covenants when the home is purchased. Anyone who violates the covenants needs to remember...Our neighborhood looks good because of those enforced covenants. Please do not mess up a good thing. After all, you too were attracted to this neighborhood. Would you have been attracted to this neighborhood if there were a bunch of cars parked in the street or if none of the yards were mowed? I do not think so.

Architectural Approval

Changes to your home/property require approval from the Architectural Control Committee. Examples include paint, landscaping, or anything that can be viewed by your neighbors. Just imagine a front yard that is nothing but gravel. Believe it or not we had that request from a homeowner. Do you want to live beside a gravel lot? The forms for request are available on the website: www.MyFairLake.com. The directions for processing are available on the forms. Good luck with your improvements! And remember, make your request as early as you can, because all committee members are volunteers and have jobs and lives of their own.

We are printing updated phonebooks

Our new neighborhood phonebook is overdue and is being printed this month. We obtain homeowner information from what you provide to us on the HOA dues form. If you have not paid your dues, or if you did not make necessary changes on your form, or if you believe that we do not have accurate information, please call 770-416-9550 as soon as possible. The phonebooks have saved many neighbors. They serve as an emergency contact guide so that we can let our neighbors know if there is something happening at their home...while they are away or at work

Watch out for your neighbors and they will watch out for you

We have lots of new neighbors who may not know that we have off-duty police officers who patrol our streets. One of the things our officers recommend is that we as neighbors watch out for each other and call 911 if we see anything unusual going on. Also, it is a must to get to know your neighbors and their automobiles. If you know your neighbor and you know they are not at home and some crazy car is in their driveway ---Call 911. If you see someone lurking ---call 911. The police would rather find nothing, than hear someone say "Well I thought something looked unusual but I was afraid to call." Do not be afraid....One time I called 911 on a turtle that sounded like a human walking on the golf course at night. The police found the turtle and said "better safe than sorry." So just call 911... the turtle will forgive you.



HALLOWEEN



-- On a weekday before Halloween those youngsters who are riding the school bus to their home in The Fairways or The Lake will be greeted when they exit the bus, with Halloween goodies. A big thanks to Matthew for putting these goodies together. Note: if your youngster does not ride the bus let us know and we will leave bag at the front door

On Halloween turn your porch light on if you are passing out candy to the goblins, smile at the scary little costumes and remain safe. We will have security patrolling. If you are new to the neighborhood, you should know that we have up to 150 trick-or-treaters.

Streetlights

If you have a streetlight near your home that had gone out please call

Jackson Electric at 770-963-6166. You can also report the streetlight online. Jackson Electric is responsible for maintaining these lights. We all pay for this service in our property taxes. The street lights have a number on them. Unfortunately, some of these numbers have faded and are unreadable. This has been reported to Jackson Electric. Hope to have the numbers replaced soon. Having these numbers makes reporting outages easier.

