



The Berkeley Spotlight

The Lake & The Fairways



The winter is forbidden til December
And exits March the second on the dot.
By order, summer lingers through September
October and November...Here's what we've got.

Autumn Block Party October 20th

Autumn Oranges, Yellows, and Reds will be the backdrop for our upcoming Home Sweet Home Block Party. We are going to fill the autumn air with the smells of Barbequed Ribs, Chicken, and Hotdogs with chili for the kids. We will have Debbie's famous pasta dish for the veggie lovers. What can the neighbors bring??? How about some neighbors bring dessert for our dessert cook off. Great prize for the winner. And if some could bring Baked Beans to round off our wonderful meal.

We will have some great giveaways. Lots of golf stuff for you golfers, (even a pair of golf shoes for the foot that fits the shoe.) Cool polo shirts, and garment bags for neighbors who are in the know. Also, there are some goodies and fun for the kids. (Old fashioned play in the leaves kind of fun.) Please let us know if you are going to be able to attend, how many are in your party and what you are bringing. It helps us prepare.

Date: October 20th Time: 4:00pm to 6:00pm
At 4505 Fairway View Court—Janelle and Nathan's house.



Call Debbie at:
770-729-8997

Let her know
what you are
bringing.



This little, 'gotta love him guy', has a new home. Many people in the neighborhood loved him, fed him, and worried over him. But he is off the streets. Bea has given him her home and he has agreed to share it with her. Bea gave him her bed, and he has agreed to share that too, as long as she gives him a silver teaspoon of pumpkin filling each morning. Lucky is his name, and I suppose he is the perfect little cat for our autumn edition, since he always has pumpkin on the mind. Thanks to all who cared for him, and special thanks to Bruce and Iris for helping with the vet bills. Bea...we all love you for taking him in.

Trash Tweeners

Some of you may not be aware of our Adopt a Road commitment. But the people of The Lake and The Fairways signed up with Gwinnett Clean and Beautiful to keep the road clean. We began by having a large pick-up once per quarter. But that was not sufficient. We had to come up with a way to keep the roads consistently clean. So we decided to have "Tweener" monthly pickups. Definition of Tweener: one who picks up trash on Hopkins Mill in between our quarterly group pickups. Where one or two people volunteer to take care of the road themselves for their designated month. This method worked well last year, so we continued it this year. A number of people have signed up to pick up trash in between our quarterly big pickups.

Bruce and Iris Curry, Liz Knoedler, Sandy Chapman, and Matthew Broyles have already picked up for the months of May, July, and August. The following have signed up for upcoming months: October-Thomas Oh, November- Liane & David Hostler, February- Todd Gregory, March- Don Douglas and May-Garrick Riley. Belle and Richard are filler tweeners. They pick up along the golf course side of Hopkins Mill, as needed. We want to thank these tweeners for helping our neighborhood keep a more consistent good look. Trash on the side of the road gives a horrible first impression of property. We enjoy good first impressions.

Do we have a full moon?

Normally we do not have this problem so it must be a full moon. But it seems that recently many lawn clippings are ending up in the roadway or on sidewalks. Please tell your lawn maintenance crew that they need to get the clippings bagged and discarded.

As well, we have a lot of grass growing in the streets and on curbs. Paying close attention to this when maintaining your yard makes all the difference. When the grass grows into cracks and cement the entire property appears unkempt, and the grass is just creating larger more unsightly cracks in your driveway, curb, and pavement.

One more thing...edging between sidewalks and flower beds against your lawn is a must. Not edging is the visual equivalent to painting just half of your house. The job just is not done.

Dues and Security Assessment

For those who have not paid their annual dues, please get those in. They are now past due in the amount of \$137.50. As well, we are issuing invoices for the security assessment to those who have not already paid. As stated in the last newsletter the vote for security was at 85% yes. We will be readdressing the security option for the year 2009 at the annual meeting in May 2008.

Paragon Update

How about a luxury Hotel? How about a hotel with a sky lounge/restaurant that will provide a view of Stone Mountain? Not kidding. The new site is starting to look really good. I do wish they would hurry up and finish. I was hoping to stroll around and do some window shopping for the Holidays. Just before I had dinner in one of the café's or restaurants, and then had coffee at Starbucks. According to the the photos we have seen, the red light will be at the intersection of Hopkins Mill and Satellite. We will be able to go straight across Satellite into the parking area of the mid-rise hotel.



Rendition of The Paragon on Satellite

KRITTER KARE CORNER

Remember to take a look at Kritter Kare Corner on our Website: www.MyFairLake.com. It has all kinds of helpful information for this area. Here is just a small sample.

It's important to be a responsible pet owner

- Recognize that your pet's welfare is totally dependent on it's owner .
- Always provide fresh food and water
- Proper socialization is important for all pets
- Proper and regular grooming is important
- Regular vet visits are necessary and do more than almost anything else to insure a long and healthy life for your pet.
- Dispose of pet waste in a proper manner
- Adhere to local leash laws .
- Proper identification (tags, microchip, etc.) are a must.
- Provide ample physical and emotional stimulation



Construction Corner

We have our very own fix it remodeling guy...Mike Raymond. He has been working in this neighborhood for many months. We asked him what some of the common problems are with our homes and here are a few things he addressed. We will keep up with what Mike is doing, and report to the neighbors on these issues. You may not experience any of these, but it is inevitable that most of us have these problems at some time or another.



Plumbing problems. Mike has found a few homes that did not have P-traps in the plumbing under the sinks. What in the world is a pea trap? Well first, it is in the building code that all homes have P-traps. Having no P-traps can make your home dangerous for your health. The curve in the pipe prevents dangerous gases from being released into your home. Check the pipes under you sink. If you do not see one of these, call Mike or you favorite plumber. You need to get this fixed.

Also, many homes do not have adequate flashing against their siding. The flashing provides a seal required between the roof and the siding (often over the garage and at chimneys) to prevent water leakage and eventually rotting. Most of our homes are getting to that age of roof replacement. When you have the roof replaced, be sure that your contractor addresses the flashing. If your roof is already leaking, call Mike or your favorite roofer and get this fixed.



Paint is a money saver. Many of the windows, trim work, ect., could have been saved if only the paint/caulking jobs were done right. Make sure that your windows are painted properly. Get on a ladder and check the tops of the windows. Get on your belly if you have to and look at the undersides of each window. Many painters think what you can't see won't hurt them. Make you painter take the time to get it right.

Our Website www.MyFairLake.com

We will be updating construction corner most often on our handy Website: www.MyFairLake.com. And as always keep checking our Website for important information. It is there for your convenience.

The Lake Fountain

We finally found a fountain that will work with our Lake. We had trouble finding a dirty water pump that would work with our water depth. But we will wait to order the pump until February 08. It is so late in the season, we would have only a month to run the pump and we would waste six months of warranty. So look for the new pump in the spring. It will be nice to see the water flow and even better to hear the sound of a splash.



Congratulations Lawn & Garden Winners

The following homeowners won the Best Lawn and Garden this summer. We all love looking at beautiful lawns and brilliant flowers. What would our neighborhood look like if we all worked as hard at making our lawns look like those of the following:

WINNERS: Don & Lois Douglas and Sue, Sybil Miller, Ron and Janet Hicks, Belle Faulkner and Richard Lay, Garrick and Debbie Riley, Randy Allen, Carolyn McNeil, and Matthew Broyles.

Yard like a putting green

So what do you do to make your yard look like a putting green? In the spring, you need to sand your yard. It will be smooth and will be fertilized. JD Kelley Company quoted the approximate price for smoothing each yard in our subdivision as \$900.00 dollars. If we have more than 5 people sign up, we will get a better deal. The price includes creek bed sand spread all over your lawn during the months of February or March, depending on the weather. If you want to have this done you need to plan early. Call now to sign up for this service.
770-416-9550

If you need a great Vet

This vet is the best. A little further away, but the best. They also have a great boarding setup.
Russell Ridge Animal Hospital ask for Dr. Miller 678-407-0700.
Take 316 to 120. Left. Right on Russell Ridge Rd. Office just yards on left.

Letter from the President ★

I moved to the Lake in 1997. Following my usual pattern of not getting “involved” I got to know the names of a couple of my neighbors and spoke to them. Beyond that I kept to myself and went about my business.

Since I worked full-time, weekends were devoted to trying to cram in all the things that I couldn't get done during the week. I was BUSY.

Saturdays were precious and I really didn't want to give up time to attend an annual Homeowners' meeting. It never seemed to be scheduled at a convenient time. Besides, things seemed to get done. The entryways into The Fairways and The Lake always looked nice. The houses seemed well maintained. I felt safe and secure living here and somehow I just assumed “they” would take care of things.

Then a few years back, I begin attending the annual meetings and the annual block party and found myself meeting with some really nice people. I have always hated walking into a crowd of strangers. I linked up with my next door neighbor Beatrice Williams and we went together and I found that I really had a good time. By this time I had begun to notice that a small group of people, usually the same group of people, would be involved in doing most everything that got done. It made me feel a little guilty – so I offered to help out now and again on projects. I joined the quarterly trash pickup on Hopkins Mill Road and offered to distribute the newsletter now and again. I thought I was doing pretty well.

Then I retired. Janelle approached me about offering to serve on the board. Nope. That was beyond the call of duty. Anyone who knows Janelle well, knows that was not the best approach. Like Chinese water torture, she persisted. Then my conscience had to join the drum beat. After all, I was retired. What was my excuse? I compromised by volunteering to be Vice-President. After all, how much could a vice-president have to do?

God has a wicked sense of humor. Dan and Pam Cunningham are moving. Dan is our President – guess where that leaves me? I have learned a few things so far. There is no THEY. It is us, everyone of us or it is no one. Things don't get done by magic. It takes hard, persistent effort. A great place to live doesn't create itself – we have to create it.

I am asking along with the other members of the Board for your help – yes, YOU! What do we want?. I love a saying that my neighbor Bea Williams has when she talks about caring about the place where we live. She calls it being “house proud.” That is what we want – not only to be house proud, but community proud and these subdivisions are our primary community. Care about it. Care about the people who live here with you. O.K. you say, but what can I do – Attend the annual meetings and the block party. I know you don't have time so please try and make time. Pick up that piece of trash. And if you were the one who threw it down – don't do it again.

Become familiar with our website. Refer to it often to keep current on what is going on. Become familiar with the covenants. If you find them trite and annoying at times, remember that their observance is the main contributing factor in keeping your property values high.

All the members of the board welcome your suggestions and input. Your help is invaluable.

By Lynn Hughes
HOA President

She Said YES

We will miss Dan and Pam Cunningham who have moved to be closer to their grandchild. We would like to thank Dan for serving as president for the last year. And we wish both Dan and Pam lots of gogoooo's with the little one.

Debbie Riley has agreed to fill the Vice President position on the Homeowners Association Board. She said "Yes". It is wonderful to have her on the board because she is such a 'go getter', and one of those attention to detail gals. As well, we need to thank Lynn for moving into the President's position. She will be perfect for this. Miss level headed, also attention to detail lady, with her little grey knight watching over her. What is great is the entire board is very active in getting things done. Please feel free to call anyone on the board if you have questions, or ideas that will improve our neighborhood.

Security

Please inform the security police if you will be out of town for the Holidays. Both November and December holidays. Just email them at: thefairwaysatthelake@yahoo.com If you do not have email, contact Janelle at 770-416-9550, she can inform security for you. You will need to provide your name, address and dates of travel. Do not wait until the week before you leave. All of the officers need to be informed of your plans and it takes time to notify all of them.

Pets



If you need a pet sitter you are in luck if you make plans early. We have the neighborhood Kritter Kare group that is able to handle a number of the neighborhood's pets. But it is first come first serve. Those who have utilized the neighborhood service have been wonderfully pleased, first because the care is provided by known neighbors who actually care, and because they live here, they are familiar with the goings on in the neighborhood. If you call in to check on your pet, you will have that warm and cozy feeling that true animal lovers, who live on your street, are cuddling your pet and at the same time, watching your home. Call Lynn to make your plans at 770-840-0679.

Muscovy Ducks And their names are....

Mary and Barry Worthington have named the Muscovy ducks. They are Marilyn, Jack, Tony and Rocky.

For those of us who keep tabs on the ducks --- it is nice to have names for them. There are also some new babe's. Please be very careful with these ducks. It has been reported that some people have abused these ducks. If this continues, we will be reporting those people to the humane society.

Our Halloweeners

We will be greeting the kids again at the bus stop to pass out Halloween goodie bags. If your child does not ride the bus, please call and sign them up for a bag. It will be delivered to the door before Halloween. Call Janelle at:770-416-9550



ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCES

DO NOT TIE YOUR DOGS!!!!

New animal control ordinances for Gwinnett County were passed on Jan. 16, 2007.

The ordinances now include a law which bans dogs from being chained or tethered.

“It shall be unlawful for the owner or possessor of any animal, to restrain or anchor an animal by means of a tether, chain, cable, rope, or cord, unless the tether or other restraint is being held by a competent person.” The ordinance says, “Pets now must be kept in a pen or other building with at least 150 square feet per dog.”



To read the new animal control ordinance in full, go to www.co.gwinnett.ga.us and click on Animal Shelter under Departments, then Ordinances.

Reasons not to chain your dog.

First, more people are learning that continuous tethering is bad for dogs. As pack animals, dogs have been bred for thousands of years to form a strong attachment to a human family. An otherwise friendly and happy dog, when kept continually chained and isolated, often becomes neurotic, unhappy, anxious, and aggressive. In fact, studies show that chained dogs are much more likely to bite than unchained dogs.

In addition, chained dogs may unintentionally hang themselves if they are tethered too close to a fence and attempt to jump it. Chained dogs are also subject to attack by other animals and cruel humans.

Information taken from website of The Humane Society of the United States

Sidewalks are not for cars...It's the law

The police officers have brought to our attention the automobiles blocking sidewalks. Some people are parking multiple cars on their driveways and the back end of the car is protruding over the sidewalk. This is against county code and we can be ticketed for this offense. The sidewalks are county property. Not to mention, it defeats the purpose of sidewalks. Many people take walks through the neighborhood and are having to step into the street to pass these cars. Thank you in advance for addressing this violation.

Sidewalk Repair

We are in the process of contacting Gwinnett County to have our neighborhood sidewalks repaired. Many have cracked, shifted or just sunk. When you take a walk, please be aware of the highs and lows of the sidewalks. Hopefully they will be repaired soon.

Phone Directory

Our directory is complete and is being printed and bound now. It is a long time coming, but it was a long time to create. Please watch for your phone directories, which will be placed in your mailbox. Keep these books. You will have the contact information for all of your neighbors readily available. This could be a life saver in an emergency. It might also help you remember the name of that neighbor you met outside or at one of our block parties.

Need Information on your siding?

Many neighbors are receiving a letter from Ed Hill regarding Hardboard Siding Claims. The heading of the letter reads: Data Processing Services. I spoke with him and he says that if you are receiving letters, chances are you have siding that may need replacement, and there is a class action suit against Abtco and Masonite siding that could provide you with some financial assistance. As well, he says that even if you have Louisiana Pacific you can still get some money by filing a claim against the warranty. To set up a free appointment to get the correct information for your exact siding call: Ed Hill 404-271-8472

Out of things to say....

Believe it or not I can't think of anything else to write in this issue of the Berkeley Spotlight. Someone could help me out here. Remember, if you have anything you want to say, just type it in your computer and email it to trilusion@bellsouth.net. You could be the person who fills up this blank white space. As well, if you would like to put anything on our Website just contact Marc Rhodes.

Water Ban

The State of Georgia has declared a Level 4 Drought response for the northern third of the state, which prohibits most types of residential outdoor water use. Gwinnett County follows the State's regulations. We can not water the lawn, water flowers, wash the car, or fill the pool. If you have specific questions many of them could be answered online at: www.gwinnettcountry.com/departments/ then click on water restrictions.

Front Entry Flowers

The water ban brings up the issue of front entry flowers. We may have to be a little creative this year with the fall flowers. If we cannot water them properly, there is no point in putting them in. But we have a few ideas for the fall. And in the meantime, we will all be doing those rain dances, calling for buckets of the wet stuff.

Tid Bits

Fairway View Lane Notice

Soon we will be trimming the bushes/trees that are growing over the fence on Hopkins Mill. The limbs must be trimmed to prevent damage to the fence. If you have any special requests or concerns regarding the trimming, please contact Janelle Clodfelter at 770-416-9550.

Hummingbirds

They must migrate so it is time to take down the Hummingbird Feeders. If we do not take them down, and it gets just a little cooler, we will have much fewer little fellas next year. You know, these birds have very little meat on their cartilage.



Shogun

Has anyone had the Deep Fried Tuna sushi at Shogun? It is fully cooked and is called the Winter Roll. I am not a sushi nut, this one however, melts in your mouth. Located in the old Target shopping center beside Office Max on Pleasant Hill Road.

Falling or guess we should say, Fallen Leaves

Time to start raking those leaves out of the yard. This is not a fun job, but it is a must. Many people are diligent about get those leaves up. Yet if they have a neighbor who ignores the fallen leaves, their job is futile. This makes for an unhappy neighbor. So take a moment for a little outdoor exercise, and go for the rake. Come spring, you will be happy you tackled the problem early.

Charity

Holidays are so busy but we can't forget those who may need a little help this year. We need food or money for Thanksgiving meals. Below is a list of the foods we are in need of or if you would like to donate money, it really helps in completing the boxes of food or helps in the purchase of Turkeys.



If you can contribute please drop food or checks off at Debbie Riley's: 4544 Creek Ford Drive or if it is more convenient, drop the items or checks off at 4505 Fairway View Court. Make checks payable to BCHOA. Our deadline is November 10th.

Each box will consist of the items listed below:

- 4 cans of **green beans**
- 1 large can of **sweet potatoes**
- 1 5-pound bag of **sugar**
- 4 boxes of **cornbread**
- 2 cans of **cranberry sauce**
- 1 box of **cake mix**
- 1 can of **frosting**
- 2 2-liter bottles of **soda**
- 4 boxes of **macaroni and cheese**
- 2 bottles of **apple juice**
- and one turkey**

For more information please contact Debbie Riley at 404- 371-2188 or 770-729-8997

Contact Information

Here is the Homeowner's Association Board and contacts for 2006-07 committees. Please feel free to contact them. Keep these names on your refrigerator for easy contact.

Homeowner's Association Board.

- President: Lynn Hughes-----Ph: 770-840-0679
- Vice President: Debbie Riley -----Ph: 770-729-8997
- Secretary..... Marc Rhodes-----Ph: 770-582-9544
- Treasurer: Janelle Clodfelter-----Ph: 770-416-9550

Architectural Control

Nathan Clodfelter-----Ph: 770-416-9550

Covenant Control Committee

If you want to report a covenant violation, please contact the person listed below who represents the street in which the violation is occurring. For instance: If someone on Fairway View Court is violating a covenant then you should call Janelle.

- Lake Ford Circle:Matthew Broyles-----Ph: 770-441-1566
- Creek Ford Drive:Garrick Riley-----Ph: 770-729-8997
- Fairway View Lane:Brian Queen----- Ph: 770-840-7822
- Fairway View Court:Janelle Clodfelter ---- Ph: 770-416-9550

Our Big Cleanup ★

Our big cleanup was not so big. We completed a bunch of big stuff, but the turnout was not big at all. Only fifteen people showed up to get the work done..

We picked up trash on Hopkins Mill, painted the long white fence, painted the long brown fence, cleaned out storm drains and trash out of the lake. Once have this big clean up. Once



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fence, cleaned per year we per year. I many people help out



they had something pressing to do, but I am equally sure that some people just stayed home. The fifteen people who showed up had to work extra hard to get everything done. I for one was pooped. But what killed me the most was the lack of participation. Quite frankly, this is what makes me want to QUIT. I hope next year there will be a much larger turnout. If not, we are going to have to raise the dues and pay professionals to do this work.



Anyway, I should be using this write up to thank, thank, and thank again those who showed up. They are as follows: Nathan Clodfelter, who ran around with me to get all of the utensils, paint and such to get the job done. Then spent his weekend painting a fence, knowing he would



be spending the next three weekends putting in our security cameras. Matthew Broyles, rescheduled his work meetings so that he could help out. After working all morning, he showered and went to work. Lucia Shim picked up trash all morning, showered, then went to work. Liane Hostler, worked, showered then had to go to work after clean



up as well. Brian Queen worked, back and worked some more. before we started and picked up picked up a paint brush and painted her arms off on that McGraff sanded and painted the



took the dog to the vet, then came Garrick Riley got up two hours a bunch of the trash. Then he continued to work. Melissa Phillips fence and then went to work. Mike white rail fence all by himself. cleaned out the storm drains with help. Pam Stallings painted her white fence, as it reflected sunlight so badly you could not see anything but white spots. I think Don Douglas



Richard Brimfield absolutely no arms off on that so badly you could not see anything but white spots. I think Don Douglas has painted that fence 15 times, yet he was willing to go one more time. Syble Miller, Maggie Deutsch and Lynn Hughes are always there. They know where the trash is, and probably the people who threw it down. Dan and Pam Cunningham put plastic bags on their feet and waded into the lake to fish out the trash. That is



what you might call NO FEAR. The photos show some of the helpers We were too busy to get pictures of all.