



The 2008 Annual Homeowners Association Meeting

We had a great meeting. There were over 70 people in attendance, and we had our quorum. The major discussions included the passing of our new covenants with 95 yes votes, neighborhood security, trash pickup on Hopkins Mill, financials, etc. These subjects are addressed later in this newsletter. We did have one complaint regarding the newsletters and the Website. There are not enough newsletters and we do not update the Website often enough. We will not be addressing this subject in this newsletter except to say, anyone who wants to take either of these over on a volunteer basis, please let us know. The annual meetings provide the board a great amount of feedback. Almost all of the feedback this year was so positive. And quite frankly the wonderful positive neighbors truly overshadow those few who do nothing but complain. A big thank you to all of the neighbors who attended the meeting or gave a trusted neighbor their proxy. We have to have a quorum for the meeting to count. So thanks again.



We made it through the rain



Warning

There are some contractors going around the neighborhood saying that they have been recommended by the Homeowner's Association or by that girl over there. NO NO NO. Do not believe this. If someone is recommended by multiple homeowner's we will list them on the Website under local services and/or will print their information in a newsletter. The Website is kept in better order and often will have a link to the contractor's Web page. If it is not in writing...BEWARE.

Block Party

We are working on plans for October. We will announce the details as soon as possible. Last year was huge...can we make it even bigger this year?

Trash on Hopkins Mill

For the millionth time... we have adopted Hopkins Mill Road for clean up. This year we have decided to schedule pickups for each month. Each month will be covered by at least two homeowners. This process seems to be the best option for keeping the road consistently clean. The following people have volunteered for the following months, but many doubled up because we did not have enough volunteers to cover. It is not too late to volunteer. If you were not at the HOA meeting and would like to help us out, please call Janelle. She can pair you up with one of the crews listed below. Also, for those who volunteered. I will need to keep up with the amount of trash that is picked up by each of you. I have to report the number of bags and the approximate weight of each bag to Gwinnett Clean and Beautiful. Also, make sure you wear orange or yellow, some gloves, and we have some helpful pickup sticks if you need them.

May: Garrick Riley and Bruce & Iris Curry
June: Matthew Broyles and Dipti Patel
July: Ruth Dunham, Bea Williams and Maggie Deutsch
August: Richard Brimfield and Sybil Miller
September: Mike Pennesi and Lynn Hughes
October: Liane & David Hostler and Ron and Janet Hicks
November: Faye Hall and Chuck & Diane Whelan
December: Liz Knoedler and Janelle Clodfelter
January: Maggie Deutsch and Lois & Don Douglas
February: Garrick Riley, Liane Hostler, and Jennifer Montes
March: Lois & Don Douglas and Todd & Amy Gregory
April: Chuck and Diane Whelan and Janelle Clodfelter

Juan

I have to tell this story because I was so proud and yes surprised by our neighbor Juan. This young fellow who is an upstanding member of our neighborhood, came to my house with his cousin one day. They were both riding their bikes and I thought might be a little restless on a fall afternoon. The trash on Hopkins Mill was bad at the time so I decided to ask them for a favor. I asked, "If your mom lets you ride your bikes on Hopkins Mill, can you take this five dollars and go to the store and buy yourselves a drink and candy bar. As you travel, would you take these bags and fill them up with the trash you see on the side of the road." They agreed and peddled away. They returned a few minutes later with three bags filled with trash, but no drink or candy bar. I asked them if they had already finished their refreshment and they said they did not buy any. I asked why. Juan's response was, "We purchased a pair of gloves for each of us, so that we could pick-up trash." I was so taken aback I almost cried. Then they asked me if they could pet my kitty cats. They just wanted to pet my cats. This fellow is definitely one fellow who is after my own heart. Thank you Juan.

Jennifer

This young lady has volunteered to be our ambassador of environmental clean up. She will be picking up trash on Hopkins Mill and will address with her peers the need to keep our streets clean. Thank you Jennifer.

Paragon Update

The Four Points by Sheraton is going in at the Paragon. This is an upscale hotel and banquet hall. Also confirmed, The Red Carpet Bowling alley, which will be an upscale entertainment with security. The Bowling alley is modeled after the Las Vegas Venetian with murals on the ceilings. Also there is a Japanese restaurant, and a Burger Factory which is supposed to be better than Five Guys burgers. Starbucks has not yet signed their lease. I am told there will not be any liquor stores, pawn shops or title loan stores. They are trying to keep everything upscale. They were hoping for a May opening but have once again missed the date. I guess it opens when it opens.



Rendition of The Paragon on Satellite

We are pushing for a traffic light at the end of Hopkins Mill intersection with Satellite. Call your commissioner and the Dept. of Transportation to let them know about the horrible traffic and the difficulty we have merging onto 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 your little friends. It's important to be a responsible pet owner

- Dogs and cats should be on a leash. Yes Gwinnett County requires that cats stay inside or on a leash. Many cats are hanging around Hopkins Mill Road...This is way too dangerous.
- Always provide fresh food and water
- Keep you pet cool in the summer
- 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. And vaccinations are the law.
- Introduce new pets to your neighbors.



Phonebooks

New silver phone directories were distributed. If you did not receive one, call Janelle at 770-416-9550.

Vote on Security

At the annual meeting we voted to extend security another year. We will vote each year at the annual meeting so be there when you can. Also, an important piece of information: In Gwinnett County burglary has increased about 30% and robbery 47% since 2006. In our neighborhood these crimes have gone down 80%. Homeowners...please note that security in our neighborhood should not create a sense of false security. You still need to lock your doors, turn on you security system, get pins for your windows, make sure you have two inch dead bolt locks, and keep your garage doors closed when you are not watching.

Lake Fountain

The pulley is set up for the lake fountain. Now we need to get the new pump in and hooked up to electricity. Maybe by print of this newsletter, the water will be flying.

Trash Service

Gwinnett County is changing the rules on trash pickup. It is required for all homeowners and will be added to your tax bill each year. The new system will begin in January 2009 and be fully implemented by July 2009 to give companies and customers enough time to make changes. Residents will keep paying their trash haulers directly until they are notified about the selection of the waste hauler for their neighborhood. Some trash companies are offering a discount to those who pay for a full year of trash pick-up up front. I would not take this option, because the county wide trash requirement may overlap and you will lose your money. For more information you can go to www.gwinnettcb.org. This is the Gwinnett Clean and Beautiful Website.

The new system will offer you the following benefits:

- More efficient and cost effective services
 - More recycling opportunities ([35 recyclables](#))
 - Decreased traffic in neighborhoods
 - Less noise and air pollution
 - Less wear and tear on roads
 - Less illegal dumping
 - Improved service delivery
 - Better customer service
 - Large item pickup
 - Yard waste pickup (may be optional service)
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Web site www.MyFairLake.com

When you go to our Website, www.myfairlake.com, and open the newsletter, all of the links we reference in the newsletter are available. You do not have to carry your newsletter with you to the computer. Just open the Website, click on newsletter, select the newsletter you are interested in and click on the link. Convenience is always a good thing.

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 water the lawn and flowers with a hose only on odd/even days for 25 minutes only. No sprinkler systems are allowed. We can water our front entry for ten weeks on odd/even days with our sprinkler. For more information: www.gwinnettcountry.com/departments/ then click on water restrictions.

Rats

These furry critters are attracted to areas with dumped lawn clippings, tall grass and unfortunately bird feeders. So if you do not want rats...

Complaints from Neighbors (The top 5) Parking in the street

What do I have to do to make people understand that parking on the street invites burglars into our neighborhood. If I get burglarized and someone next to me is parked on the street, I am going to be quite upset. Also, the mail lady cannot deliver mail around the vehicle, and people can't see to get out of their own driveway. Please stop parking in the street.



Commercial Vehicles (including autos with signage)

Commercial vehicles must be parked in the garage or left at your place of business. Our covenants require this to help keep the neighborhood looking like a neighborhood, not a business parking lot.

Speeding through the neighborhood

So do you get home one or two seconds earlier when you speed? Slow down, take the time to wave at your neighbor. Go slow enough that they are able to recognize you. Kids, pets and walking neighbors will thank you.

Keeping a nice yard

There is a schedule on the Website that lists everything you need to know to have a gorgeous green yard. No excuses. Make an effort. Or hire someone else to do the job.

Barking Dogs

Neighbors are about to call animal control to make a formal complaint. The barking is getting really loud, frequent, and is going on at horrible times of day. Dogs bark, it is their nature. The occasional bark is not a problem, but recently some homeowner pets are barking a symphony from 6 am until well in the evening. Animal Control will issue a violation notice for this type of occurrence. Please choose a solution: Training, take the dogs inside, use one of the no-bark devices, etc.

Cookbook

We have so many great cooks in this neighborhood. Luckily our neighborhood block parties have provided us a taste of their creations. But once per year is not enough to get your fill of these wonderful dishes. Solution: A cookbook. Diane Whelan has agreed to put a cookbook together for our neighborhood. She will kick it off around the next Block Party. There will be a small charge to homeowners who wish to purchase a book, and you will need to sign up for a copy. More details are to come. To wet your appetite, here is one of the favorites from last year...it was served warm and melted in your mouth. Provided by Barbara Kell

Pumpkin Cake (preheat oven to 425 degrees)

- 1 Lg can pumpkin
- 11/2 cups sugar
- 1 tsp salt
- 2 tsp cloves
- 4 eggs (beaten)
- 1 cup evaporated milk
- 2 tsp cinnamon
- 1 tsp ginger

Mix together and pour into a well greased 13x9 pan. Sprinkle with 1 box of yellow cake mix (no pudding). Drizzle with ½ cup of melted butter. Bake at 425 degrees for 15 min then 350 degrees for 45 min. If cake mix on top starts to burn, cover with foil.

Contact Information

Here is the Homeowner's Association Board and contacts for 2007-08 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: 404-702-9620
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: Mike Pennesi ----- Ph: 770-453-9965
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

Swim Swim Swim ★

West Gwinnett Swimming pool has opened. It is only five minutes from here on Peachtree Industrial Boulevard. They have three pools, two indoor and 1 outside. It is great fun for kids, and great exercise for adults. They even offer water exercise classes at multiple times of day. Check it out. It is very affordable. Go to www.GwinnettCounty.com for more information

July 4th

Celebrate the 20th Anniversary of Gwinnett Glows 1988 - 2008



Gwinnett Glows 2008 is presented by our fabulous media and gold sponsors: 95.5 The Beat, The Gwinnett Daily Post, The Atlanta Coca-Cola Bottling Company, Jordan Jones & Goulding, Moreland Altobelli Associates, Inc. and Party City. Tens of thousands of Gwinnett residents, and even those from outside our fair county, will celebrate Independence Day at Gwinnett Glows in downtown Lawrenceville. Join your friends and neighbors for the *20th Anniversary Celebration* generously sponsored by Gwinnett County and area businesses. The

fun starts at 5:00pm on July 4, 2008. More: www.gwinnettcountry.com

And speaking of July 4th.

Please read the separate flyer for information on the restriction for Fireworks. Please note: Last year some people who utilized fireworks (I am assuming they were the legal fireworks) did not clean up the residue/trash left over. They just left it for neighbors to pick up. That is not something a good neighbor would do.

Just for fun or a little disgust.

Matthew had an idea for the newsletter. To list some of the most interesting or noteworthy items we have picked up on Hopkins Mill during trash duty. Matthews find is G rated but some are rather disgusting, so do not let children read this list.

- Matthew found a Bundt Cake Pan. He wondered, who was driving down the road with this empty pan, and just decided to pitch it out their window? Did the cake fall?
- Lynn found 150 one litter bottles of Bud and Icehouse. Guess they did not want an open bottle in the car, let alone 150 of them.
- Janelle found a Money Order receipt. Torn into little tiny pieces. She promptly pieced the money order back together so you could see the name and address of the owner of this trash. She then turned it over to the police.
- Lois and Don found Women's underwear. I forgot to ask if they had holes all in them.
- Belle and Richard found human poop. No Charmin nor bear was found in the woods.
- Liz found a patio umbrella and chair. Makes me think of Granny Clampett riding on the back of that old truck.
- Maggie found a dirty diaper. Huggies dry, warm, and cozy. Not the visual I've got.