

HIGHLAND RIDGE HIGHLIGHTS

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I hope you are excited to see our neighborhood newsletter once again. It is a wonderful way for us to keep in touch with upcoming events, policies and procedures, new neighbors and general information of all the goings-on among us.

I hope to make this newsletter something worth printing and worth reading, but I'll need your help to do it. I'd like to hear about kids in the neighborhood who have done or are doing something extraordinary. I'd like to know what services our kids offer, i.e. pet sitting, babysitting, lawn care, etc. If you have news-worthy items that you'd like to share with your neighbors – please let me know. Do you have a favorite recipe to share? Perhaps you'd like to start a book club, join the tennis team, play Bunco, have items you'd like to sell, etc. let me know and we'll put it in the newsletter.

Your input will help draw us together as a community. Please consider submitting an article for our next newsletter in November. All articles must be emailed by the 25th of each month to be included in the next month's newsletter.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Lori Hackbart
gratefulhelives@comcast.net

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Look in your mailbox for upcoming information on the annual homeowner's meeting in October.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

We have such a *dynamic* neighborhood and we all enjoy our social events. In order to successfully run all our activities we need more helpers.

Last year our social committee consisted of Teresa Haverly, Tammy Andress and Amy Ernest. Rebecca Kiefer also plays a major role in helping to coordinate our progressive dinners. This year we would like to organize our social committee somewhat differently. We will be dividing the committee:

- Tammy will chair the children's activities,

- Amy Ernest will chair the adult activities.

The following activities have been planned for next year.

Adult Committee

- *2 Progressive Dinners (Fall & Spring)
- *A couple's bunco
- *4th of July Party at the pool
- *2 Women's evening out

Children's Committee

- *Easter Egg Hunt
- *2 Ice cream Socials
- *4th of July Party at the pool
- *Family Movie Nights
- *Halloween Pizza party

We need **you** to volunteer to help organize these programs for the neighborhood. We are looking for several people to serve on each committee.

With many hands working together the time commitment is *minimal*. I look forward to working with you. My phone number is 770-565-0606.

Amy Ernest

PROGRESSIVE DINNER

OCTOBER 20th, 2007

RSVP NOW SPACES ARE LIMITED!



You are invited to the Highland Ridge Progressive Dinner Party to take place on Saturday, Oct. 20th. If you've attended one, you know how much fun we have. If you haven't . . . you gotta come to this one!

Here are your instructions: Call Amy Ernest or Rebecca Kiefer to RSVP. Let us know if you want to be a host home, or if you want to bring a dish. Be prepared to let us know if you want to bring an appetizer, salad, entrée or dessert. The earlier you RSVP, the better your chances are of picking the dish you'd like to bring. Later RSVP's will be required to "fill in the empty spaces" and won't have as much choice.

This Progressive Dinner will have a Mexican theme. We plan on having the main entrée catered so we are requiring \$10.00 per couple to help cover the food expense.

In the past we have had about 40 participants and we hope to have that many again. If you have questions about being a host home please contact us we can fill you in on the details.

This event is a lot of fun but Progressive dinners require **a ton** of advance planning and we need to know exactly how many people will be attending. So please RSVP early.

***** DEADLINE TO RSVP IS**

OCT. 15TH ***

Once the guest list is established, ***all who are attending will receive final instructions*** around the 15th of Oct. (give or take a couple days). Instructions will include the list of host homes, names and addresses, progression order and time to arrive at each home. It will also include information pertinent to each participant, such as: the dish you are to bring, which house it should be delivered to, time your dish needs to be at the host home and how many people your dish should serve.

We're really excited about our progressive dinner and hope you are, too.

Amy Ernest – 770-575-0606
Rebecca Kiefer – 770-509-8929

Friends and Neighbors,

The ALTA Fall season is in full swing, and per usual, Highland Ridge is fielding 4 - count 'em - four highly social, if not competitive squads for the run for the plate. (Those little square postage stamps adorning the tennis court fence). These teams will be occupying the tennis courts on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Thursday and Saturday mornings through October. But there is plenty of other recreational time available by reserving court time at the shadow box near the court entrance. We wish all of our teams well.

Anyone interested in these team activities, contact Rick Franzman at 678-560-8001, as the winter league mixed doubles teams will be forming soon. Also a women's late fall USTA team will be forming even sooner. If interested, let me know and you will be appropriately directed.

At the conclusion of the fall season, the back fence closest to the neighborhood will be replaced and brought to the standard of the front fence which has the windscreen on it. This upgrade will include 'tornado proof' support poles and thicker gauge wire designed not to buckle at the bottom. These additions will permit HR to continue to offer the best two-court tennis facility in Northeast Cobb, adding to the desirability of our neighborhood to prospective home-buyers.

The fence replacement will take about a week, and will occur probably around Christmas break, depending upon the USTA schedule.

The tennis committee, as well as all others would welcome your input and active participation in neighborhood affairs. Plan to attend the upcoming General meeting on October 10 at 7:00 P.M. at the Mountain View Library to have your voice heard.

Thanks, Rick Franzman

Welcome



We had lots of houses on the market this year and that means lots of new neighbors.

Welcome to the neighborhood:

Christine and Aric Kline
4719 Outlook Way
678-560-2464

George and Connie Puwada
4709 Outlook Way
770-565-4099

Neil and Nancy Foster
4504 Outlook Drive
Phone: 770-321-9348

Steven and Felice Lentin
3665 Outlook Court
Phone 770-565-6554

Joan and Alex Muzyka
4520 Outlook Drive
770/485-5026

Stephen & Candace Pounds
4635 Outlook Place
770-833-7188

BOO BASKETS



Fall has arrived, the kids are in school, and the cool temperatures are here. It is time to forget the pool, enjoy the outdoors and gear up for Halloween.

On that note, please be on the lookout for our annual neighborhood BOO Basket exchange. This is a neighborhood event designed to get everyone, even those whose children are grown, into the Halloween spirit.

Sometime during October, there will be a basket left on your doorstep. It is a Halloween gift for your family from one of your neighbors (a secret neighbor)! Each basket will contain a "Boo" ghost for you to hang by your door and a little something to bring you some Halloween cheer.

Please hang Boo as soon as you receive your basket (so you don't receive 2) and, within 48 hours, give a basket to TWO of your neighbors. The baskets do not need to be large or expensive, just a little fun and each should contain a Boo for your neighbors to hang.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

HALLOWEEN PIZZA PARTY



Please join us for our annual Pizza Party at the clubhouse!
October 31st from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.,
(just prior to Trick-Or-Treating.)

Sheryl Stuckey and Harry Norman Realtors have graciously offered to supply the pizza for our kids. Sheryl

- please accept our **thanks** in advance for assuring that our children will at least have a few carbs in their tummies before the gluttony really begins. Anything that keeps them from inhaling just one less piece of candy is a blessing. Thank You!

Anyone wishing to help, please contact Tammy Andress at (770) 977-3080.

Pool Season Comes To an End

I hope everyone had a great time at the pool. I think this year went as smoothly as possible with a few exceptions from Mother Nature. I know it was an inconvenience to everyone when we had to drain the pool and stabilize the chemicals, but that was a necessity for our safety. To ensure that we do not have a problem with glass in the future we are replacing the tables at the pool. The old glass tables are available to purchase if you are interested please contact me.

I want to thank my pool committee, Teresa Haverly, Tammy Andress and Bonnie Lyle for all of their hard work. Each committee member was responsible for different aspects of running the pool. We were so thankful to have Teresa serve on the committee this year. Teresa took the time to teach Tammy and I how to run the pool and we are both so grateful, without her knowledge and guidance it would have been a very difficult season. We will miss Teresa next year as she plans on taking a break from our committee.

Tammy was responsible for swim at your own risk, which many of you took advantage of this year. Tammy and her girls got up every morning faithfully to open the pool early before our lifeguards arrived.

Bonnie was our back up and she was always there when we needed her help.

Please remember this is a volunteer position and these individuals spent a lot of their time working to make sure our neighborhood had an enjoyable pool season. The pool committee is always looking for new members so please keep that in mind for next year.

See you next summer!
Amy Ernest
Pool Coordinator

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Many of you may remember that each year, the students at my school collect supplies to support the Humane Society of Cobb County (HSCC). This is a non-profit, no-kill shelter that is located on Fairground Street, not far from the Cobb Civic Center.

It is totally run on donations and the support of the community. If you have any new or gently used pet supplies, I would be most grateful to add them to the items we will collect and deliver to the HSCC. The items can be for ANY kind of animal- those with fur, feathers or fins. They can include, but are not limited to:

pet food, toys, leashes, cages, hygiene items, bedding as well as items such as baby shampoo, old linens (towels, blankets...) postage stamps, bleach, and other cleaning products.

They also welcome any cash donations. Checks should be made payable to the Humane Society of Cobb County (HSCC).

I would be happy to pick items up from your house or if you will, please drop them by my house at 4757 Outlook Way. I am in contact with them throughout the year so if you have items at times other than during my school's annual supply drive.

For a more thorough listing of items, please link up to the Environmental Committee blog on my school's web site. Go to the Cobb County School's main web page, go to middle schools, then Simpson Middle School, then blogs, then Environmental Committee. You will see a more complete list of supplies listed there.

On behalf of the wonderful creatures we call family, but cannot speak for themselves, thank you.

Joy Chanin, Ed. S.
Guidance Counselor and Environmental Committee
Advisor
Simpson Middle School



FREE-RECYCLING

ALUMINUM CANS, NEWSPAPERS, PHONE BOOKS, INK/TONER CARTRIDGES, CELL PHONES, OFFICE PAPER AND MAGAZINES

The Booster Association for the 1998 and 2002 Grand National Champion LASSITER HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND and award winning concert bands sponsors a year-round, monthly newspaper, office paper, magazine and aluminum can drive. Let the bands turn your trash into cash to help pay for uniforms, music, education, equipment, etc. for their nearly 300 member band and color guard.

Please separate office paper from newspaper and place your items at your curb by 10 a.m. on pick up days. Our dedicated parents and students will pick them up by noon.... RAIN OR SHINE. Our next pickup date is **Saturday, September 15th**. The schedule for the next few months is as follows: **October 20th, November 17th and December 15th**. Watch for signs posted at your neighborhood entrance several days prior to pick up. And please...no tin cans and no plastic or glass bottles. (HELPFUL TIP: Rinse your aluminum cans before storing to avoid attracting bugs!)

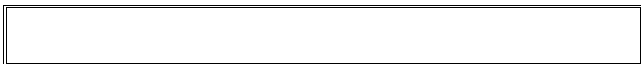
We now also accept your used printer/toner cartridges and cell phones. All types and sizes are welcomed.

The Lassiter High Schools Bands Thank You For Your Support

The Highland Ridge Directory

The handy and helpful Highland Ridge Directory is currently being updated. All changes must be submitted by October 12th to James Kinnard:

james_kinnard@bellsouth.net



Kids in the Neighborhood



Do you find you need help with some subjects? Tutoring is Available!

Subject Areas:

- Math, Science,
- History/Social Studies/
- Literature, French/SAT Prep
- Grade Levels:
- Elementary-Middle-High

Contact:

Michael Hart
3739 Thunder Way NE
770-579-9225

References Available

Newsletter articles need to be e-mailed to
Lori Hackbart at:
gratefulhelives@comcast.net
no later than the 25th of each month.
Thank you for your cooperation.

BABYSITTERS

See hardcopy for contact information



**Pet
Sitters**

See hardcopy newsletters for contact information

Sunshine Committee

The purpose of the Sunshine Committee is to deliver a meal to any family in the neighborhood who has had a birth, death, serious illness or injury, and is in need of sunshine. Each meal requires three to four people to volunteer. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet your neighbors who live in other parts of Highland Ridge and to help them feel community support. If you or someone you know needs sunshine, please give me a call.

Sherin Fahmy.....678/560-1446

Prayer Chain

I hope you will prayerfully consider joining our Highland Ridge e-mail prayer team, which provides much needed (and appreciated) support for our neighbors, friends and families. From lifting up our military troops to providing comfort during times of need - think of the great things we can accomplish when Highland Ridge becomes united in prayer!

If you have a confidential prayer request, would like to join our prayer team, or have any questions, please contact Diana Durie at 770/509-1598 or ddurie@bellsouth.net