

HIGHLAND RIDGE HIGHLIGHTS

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From the President

Hello Highland Ridge,

As many of you know, Kiffer Andress, the elected President of the HOA resigned in January to take a job working abroad and I (as Vice President) was elevated to the position of President by a vote from the Board. I am excited and honored to serve as President of the Highland Ridge Homeowners Association.

Summer is nearly here and the kids are out of school. Please be careful to keep your speed under the posted speed limit and be very aware of children running out of driveways or from behind parked cars. Please do your part to keep our children safe.

A quick word on ACC Guidelines and our Covenants: With our neighborhood growing older, we must all take a hard look at our own homes and correct the things we can, such as weeds, dead trees, dead grass and paint. If you get a letter from the ACC, try not to be offended, but look at the identified problem from your neighbors' point of view. Maybe there is something you can do. Please let's all try to be good neighbors!

Don't forget the necessity of submitting any major change to the exterior of your home to the ACC for review. This includes driveways, major landscaping alterations, removal of trees, changing of your fence, redoing your roof or repainting your home. Of course any construction additions also have to be reviewed as well. This is for the benefit of the entire community and is not a difficult process to undergo to maintain the standards of our community. The ACC Proposal Form as well as the ACC Guidelines and Covenants can be found on our website at www.highlandridgehoa.org.

The pool is now open and we had a great opening weekend. Please remember that we can have no glass in the pool area. If glass were to break and fall into the pool, county ordinances require us to completely drain the pool. With the drought conditions in our area there is no guarantee we would be allowed to refill it.

Residents are invited to signup for the Highland Ridge Homeowners News eLetter. Emails from this from our website will be limited to general announcements from the homeowners board of directors and committees. Items such as new social activities, electronic copies of the newsletter, and general announcements of interest to all residents will be distributed through this distribution list (as well as the

traditional methods currently in place). To signup, visit our website at www.highlandridgehoa.org and click signup on the Welcome page.

I look forward to serving my term as President and feel confident that we will continue to make Highland Ridge as great as it can be!

Regards,
Scott Ferguson

P.S.

As you know, our community is about 12 years old. As such, we are approaching a time when home maintenance is more important than ever. In the past, our community has done an outstanding job of maintaining homes, which is one of the reasons home buyers are attracted to our subdivision. Thank you all for your hard work and diligence!

We'd like to see this high standard continue in the future. To ensure this, we've taken a couple steps we hope will be of assistance to you.

- The ACC (Architectural Control Committee) Guidelines are now posted on the website. Go to www.highlandridgehoa.org and click on "Reference" in the menu across the top of webpage. All our documents are contained there. Simply click on "ACC Guidelines".
- The ACC Proposal Form is also posted on the website. This form is required to be filled out and submitted to the ACC for approval of any exterior changes to your home or landscaping. It can also be accessed by clicking on "Reference", then "ACC Proposal Form".

Part of the ACC's responsibility is to promote the appreciation of our home values via encouraging the high standards of home maintenance we've seen in the past. In the event the ACC becomes aware of needed maintenance on any home, the process requires they notify the homeowner - in writing - of the specifics. In the letter, the maintenance required will be detailed, as well as the time frame allowed for the homeowner to complete it. Please take some time to examine the exterior of your property for some of these trouble areas:

- Paint wear on home and mailbox
- Weeds in lawn and gardens
- Need for refreshed mulch or pine straw
- Timely placement and removal of trash cans from curb

Again, thank you for the stellar job you have done regarding property maintenance. Let's continue to set - and meet - high standards!

Thank You,
Highland Ridge HOA Board

Tennis

The Highland Ridge USTA women's team and two ALTA mixed teams are approaching the mid point of their respective seasons with an eye cast on making the playoffs. Good luck to each of our teams as they battle their opponents and the summer heat!

Ladies, a reminder that Leslie Manning and Suzette Bannister are organizing a new Sunday Women's ALTA team, in the C-2 level range, targeted to begin play this Fall. If you are interested in joining this team, please contact Leslie (captain) at 770-485-2266 for more information.

Pete Snyder of the Harrison Tennis Center will be hosting a children's tennis camp again this summer at the Highland Ridge courts (week of July 7). For more information, please contact Pete at 404-664-3728 (plsnyder@bellsouth.net). In addition, Damon Henderson is hosting a tennis camp for the neighborhood children to whom he gives lessons (date of camp tbd). If you are interested in learning more, contact Damon at 678-558-0595.

Lastly, a few comments concerning non-tennis activities at our courts. You may have noticed that a security motion-detector light has been installed at the tennis pavilion. The light was put in at the request of residents to discourage inappropriate behavior from minors who frequent the pavilion at night. On a related note, there was also a recent daylight incident in which a few teens were observed rolling car tires down the pavilion steps and onto the courts, causing damage to a bench. Finally, a reminder that the pavilion is not to be used for skateboarding, as it damages the wooden steps. We appreciate all residents keeping a watchful eye for inappropriate activities at the courts and throughout the neighborhood.

That's all for this month. May you and your families have a wonderful holiday!!!

Dave Boye

FYI

With our hot weather and continuing watering restrictions that most likely won't go away anytime soon, I've begun capturing my air-conditioner condensation once again.

I cleaned out my system Saturday morning, June 7 at 9 AM, rerouted the outlet hose into my tank and by 7 PM when I checked it I had 5 gallons of very clean water. That's averaging 1/2 gallon of water per hour, and it's hard to imagine how much water I'll capture during our next 3 months of hot weather! And it's water we can use to maintain our tomatoes, blueberries, Swiss chard, arugala, herbs and flowers without worrying about what day or what time it is.

This is not a complicated system, and I'd be more than happy to show it to anyone. If you'd like to see how it's done feel free to call and come see it.

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Kids in the Neighborhood

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