

HIGHLAND RIDGE HIGHLIGHTS

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Important Info from the Board

Neighbors,

Please be aware that a number of **property break-ins** have occurred over the past several weeks in our section of East Cobb. This includes a pair of Highland Ridge homes in the 4500 block of Outlook Drive which were struck in the early morning hours of July 28. Fortunately, these break-ins were limited to automobiles and garages.

Police have advised that a band of thieves have been working area neighborhoods this summer, and are primarily targeting personal electronic devices such as iPods, GPSs, and laptop computers.

In one of the Highland Ridge cases, the thieves entered multiple cars parked in the resident's driveway (some or all may have been unlocked), and stole cash, sunglasses and electronics. This neighbor was awakened at 4am that morning by the sound of their garage door being opened. On this same block, another neighbor's garage door had been opened that morning. It was also learned that at least one home in Highland Grove had their vehicles entered as well, with personal electronics stolen.

We can all take some valuable lessons from these unfortunate incidents. Obviously, we all need to be diligent about watching our neighborhood and reporting any unusual activities to the police. In addition, it would be wise to take a few practical steps at your own residence...to include installing exterior motion detector lights, locking automobiles parked in the driveway, removing valuables and hiding or removing garage door openers from your automobiles, and locking the home entry door inside your garage. While we live in a very safe area, these

simple steps can serve as a strong deterrent to this sort of criminal activity.

Tennis

The Highland Ridge USTA and ALTA teams have just completed their respective summer seasons. Congratulations to the A7 ALTA mixed team for again advancing to the playoffs and best of luck as they work their way toward City Finals in early August.

The fall ALTA seasons will begin play in early September. We will have four teams representing Highland Ridge: two women's teams (Deb George and Leslie Manning, captains), and two men's teams (Kevin George and Martin Corcoran, captains). It appears there will be some friendly competition in the George household for bragging rights! The women's teams play on Thursday and Sunday, respectively, while the men play on Saturdays.

Pete Snyder of the Harrison Tennis Center hosted another successful children's tennis camp at our courts in July, with more than a dozen participants attending the four day camp!

I have begun to gather bids for the resurfacing of our tennis courts, which should occur later this year. It has been several years since the last resurfacing, and long over due. Stay tuned for more details.

Dave Boye

Reminder

Neighbors- please remember to pick up after your pets. We all work very diligently in keeping our yards groomed and in the best shape we can, even battling drought conditions.

Please be a good neighbor and pick up after your pet.

Thank you.

New to the Neighborhood

Joseph and Jennifer Steltzer

Robin and Mike Sewak

Robin and Paul Gibbs

Kids in the Neighborhood

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Pet Sitters

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Welcome!

Newsletter articles need to be e-mailed to

Lori Hackbart at:

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no later than the 25th of each month.

Thank you for your cooperation.