

HIGHLAND RIDGE HIGHLIGHTS

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April 2009

From the President

Welcome to the 2009 Newsletter!

Due to overwhelming request, the board has decided to reinstitute the paper newsletter. We will be continuing to publish the neighborhood newsletter on a monthly schedule with hard copies in each mailbox and an electronic copy on the website (with minors names and contact info removed). A special thanks goes to Lori Hackbart, who has graciously offered to, once again, produce the Highland Ridge Newsletter. If you would like to contribute to the newsletter, please have your information to Lori, no later than the 20th of the month.

Another round of thanks go to James Kinnard, who composed the new Highland Ridge Directory. Hopefully, you have all received your copy and will be able to utilize this handy guide when trying to locate your friends and neighbors.

The HOA has been gearing up for a fabulous 2009. Each of the committees will provide some insight as to what activities and events can be expected in this coming year. You will be able to find updates to these activities from the committee chairperson in the monthly newsletter.

Please check out the Highland Ridge website: www.highlandridgehoa.org. Many thanks go to Scott Manning for its development and maintenance. This website is highly informative and connects you to quite a bit of useful information including: email contacts, committee chairs, local school information, utility services, and a list of neighborhood and community events. On this website, you will also find the Highland Ridge governing documents. This includes by-laws, architectural control guidelines, ACC Proposal Forms, back issues of the Newsletter, and information on replacing mailboxes. Please log on as we would like as much input from our residents as possible including pictures of our functions. Email your pictures to Scott Manning to get posted on our website. You can also sign-up for a copy of the newsletter to be emailed to you by subscribing from the homepage.

We welcome all input from Highland Ridge residents, so if you have any ideas, please contact the specific committee chair, Scott Ferguson or Rick Franzman.

Here's to a great 2009!

Scott Ferguson

President HRHOA

From the Board

We would like to announce that we have created a master distribution list for the Highland Ridge neighborhood built from email addresses provided in the neighborhood directory. We would like to assure everyone that their personal email address within this distribution list will remain private. The distribution list will only be used for Highland Ridge Board approved business, electronic distribution of the Highland Ridge Newsletter and the like. We have control over the use of this list so that you should never receive junk mail or other unapproved messages.

Currently about 80% of our members have provided emails to the directory and have been added to this distribution list. For those who would like to add new or additional email addresses to the list, please send your name and email address to webmaster@highlandridgehoa.org. The address will be added to the list. If you wish to remove an address from the list, you may either go to the website home page (www.highlandridgehoa.org) and click on the unsubscribe button at the bottom, or send the request to remove an address to webmaster@highlandridgehoa.org.

Thank you and we hope this will enhance communication of important news within our community.

The Highland Ridge Board of Directors

From the ACC

Highland Ridge Landscaping

Artistic Landscapes has been contracted to perform regularly scheduled maintenance on common areas. Property Masters may be retained at some point for larger projects. Drought resistant landscaping is still the highest priority. Expect summer color to return to the entrance signs this year—we have 10 weeks after the installation date in which we can water professionally installed landscaping. As for our existing landscaping, rain dances and prayers are welcomed.

Retention Pond Issues

Lowe Engineers of Atlanta has been contracted to help us understand what we need to do in order to stabilize not only our retention wall (pool side), but also the brick wall that faces Mountain Road. This has been an ongoing project and I have received a report that details the scope of work that will cost more than \$21,500. The association is in good

financial shape, and fixing these issues should not negatively impact any homeowner. I have the full report and will e-mail it to anyone who can read, interpret, and give an opinion on how to proceed. Please e-mail me at pool@HighlandRidgeHOA.org for a copy of the report.

Approvals

Please forward all construction projects on the order of room or deck add ons, fences and particularly painting to ACC@HighlandRidgeHOA.com for review and approval. While most such projects are approved and don't require more than a routine review, our covenants require that all such projects are recorded and logged and do meet with stated standards.

Thankyou very much for your cooperation in this matter,
Landscaping Chair: Chris Kiefer

New Parking Policy

Over the years the board of directors has received numerous complaints about the lack of space to drive a vehicle through our neighborhood when there are two vehicles parked on opposite sides of the street adjacent to one another. Not only does this pose a nuisance but much more importantly it posses a very realistic life safety threat to those in our community. The ability of an emergency vehicle such as a fire truck or ambulance to safely travel into the neighborhood would be greatly impaired should there be two vehicles parked as described above.

After considerable amount of debate and discussion, the board would like to implement the following voluntary parking policy in Highland Ridge:

- Parking will not be allowed on the side of the street where there are sidewalks.
- On Thunder Way where we do not have sidewalks, parking will only be allowed on the side of the street with fire hydrants, obeying the local laws for parking distance away from the hydrants.

This is a voluntary policy as a courtesy to our neighbors and an attempt to make our neighborhood safer without cluttering our streets with signs and has no impact on our budget. It will be each resident's obligation to enforce this policy by letting their guests know where it is appropriate to park their vehicles while visiting.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact a board member.

Terry D. Taylor

Pool News

The pool will open on Friday, May 22, 2009 at 4:30 pm

May 22 is the last day of school for Cobb County. An Ice Cream Party will be held on the lawn at 5pm and will be hosted by the Social Committee for all HR children.

The HOA will be spending money to keep the pool running smoothly this year. We will spend \$1,340 to install two drain covers to be compliant with the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act. Every public pool must comply before opening in 2009. Also, we will spend approximately \$5,500 on a new pool cover. We have had money set aside for this for three years.

Additionally, I am looking into spending money on landscaping inside the pool area. When you walk onto the pool deck, you notice pine straw beds on each side. Although it has been suggested that we pour concrete, I have not been able to locate anyone willing to do the work. I am considering planting palm trees. Please offer suggestions to: pool@HighlandRidgeHOA.org.

Rebecca Kiefer

Tennis News

The Spring ALTA seasons have already begun, and Highland Ridge is again represented by four teams: Thursday Ladies (captain Sheryl Stuckey – C4), Sunday Ladies (captain Leslie Manning – C3), and two Saturday Men's teams (captains Rick Franzman – C4 and Kevin George – A6). In addition, several neighbors play in the T2 and KSwiss leagues, which offer flexible scheduling. Stop by and show your support for all the HR teams!

Mark your calendars for the annual Highland Ridge Memorial Day Weekend Tennis Tournament, scheduled for Saturday, May 23. This tourney promises to be even better than last year's event! Stay tuned for more details.

On the facilities front... The Highland Ridge tennis courts were repainted this winter, and new court nets were recently installed. In addition, new fans were hung in the pavilion in anticipation of the warmer days ahead. The next major project is the re-staining of the pavilion, which will occur this spring.

Are you new to the neighborhood, or just have questions about Highland Ridge tennis? Please give me a call at 404-592-0990 or write to tennis@highlandridgehoa.org.

Dave Boye

Our condolences....

The homeowners of Highland Ridge would like to extend our most sincere and deepest sympathies to the Yousif, Dreyer and Rybka families who lost loved ones during the month of February. Moura Yousif, Debra Dreyer and Eric Rybka will be greatly missed by their many friends and neighbors.

May those who mourn their passing find comfort in the happy memories and good times they shared with us. Please keep the Yousif, Dreyer and Rybka families in your thoughts and prayers as they cope during this difficult time.

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Words cannot express the loss we feel at the passing of our father and husband, Eric. He was an extraordinary man, who accomplished more in his lifetime than most would in twice the amount of time. Coming from Poland at 21, with a few dollars in his pocket, he truly lived the American Dream. His accomplishments were many, regrets were few. With an unmatched zest for life, he lived it to the fullest every day. His memory will live on in our hearts and we will forever be saddened by his early departure, but we will keep his dreams alive by continuing to always do the best we can do with whatever life hands us.

The love and support we have received from you, Highland Ridge Neighbors and Friends, has been truly amazing and we feel comforted in knowing you are all there for us. Your tremendous generosity overwhelms us. Please know that we are truly grateful and will always be thankful for such wonderful families and friends.

Julie, CJ and Eva Rybka

Social News



Ice Cream Social

School is out and the pool is opening! It is time to play! So, please join us at the pool, Friday, May 22nd for Highland Ridge's Annual Ice Cream Social. Serving will start promptly at 5:00p.m. on the front lawn. Please bring a topping to share and an appetite for fun.



Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Visit with the Bunny

Date: Sunday, April 12, 2009

Time: 4:00pm

Place: Pool Area

Drop off one dozen plastic filled eggs (per child) at the home of Tammy Andress (3725 Thunder Way) or Kelly Iacobelli (4764 Outlook Way) by noon on April 11.

Label the bag of eggs with your child's name and age.

If you can volunteer to help please call Kelly at 770-579-8375 or Tammy at 770-977-3080

Remember to bring your Easter basket, treats to share and your camera!

PROGRESSIVE DINNER
April 18th
RSVP NOW!

You're all invited to Highland Ridge's Annual Progressive Dinner which will take place on Saturday, April 18th. If you have attended one of these dinners in the past, you *know* how much fun they are. If you haven't, now is your chance.

Please call either Jill Ferguson or Tammy Andress to RSVP. Please let us know if you want to be a host home or if you want to bring a dish (appetizer, salad or dessert). Please RSVP as soon as possible as Progressive Dinners require tons of advance planning. But the deadline to RSVP is **April 13th**. Once the guest list is established, *all who are attending* will receive final instructions.

We're really excited about our Progressive Dinner. It is a great way to usher in Spring and to socialize with your neighbors after a *long* Winter hibernation. We sincerely hope to see you.

Jill Ferguson 678.488.3954
Jillferguson3021@msn.com

Tammy Andress 770.977.3080
tammy@andress.com

Community Services

Feb. 21-July 5 2009 The Southern Museum of Civil War and Locomotive History located in Kennesaw will host William Wardrop Creations: Man's Imagination and Machines. Exhibits will include William Wardrop's hand-crafted, three-dimensional models of trains, planes, rocket ships, and submarines. Wardrop used recycled materials in his workshop to construct many of his models. With that in mind, the exhibit will also feature a children's activity area which will give our young visitors the opportunity to "imagine and create" their own unique models from recyclables and other provided materials.

We're asking your help – a list of items needed is attached. Dick Hillman, Senior Archivist at the museum and resident of Highland Ridge, is serving as a collection point for this project.

Here's your chance to donate recyclable "junk" for a good cause!

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| Aluminum foil | corks |
| small cardboard boxes (from checks, jewelry) | |
| canning lids | cardboard tubes |
| coffee stirrer straws/sticks | corrugated cardboard |
| clean deli containers | drinking straws |
| egg cartons | film containers |
| foil bake ware (pie tins or small baking pans) | |
| heavy-duty paper plates, bowls, cups | |
| oatmeal boxes | plastic bottle caps/lids |
| empty ribbon & thread spools | tissue boxes |
| styrofoam packing materials, plates, cups, bowls | |
| clean/empty plastic soda & water bottles (16 oz. or less) | |

Children will be creating their own unique models without using scissors or glue because the area will be unsupervised. Donations of any of the following items would also be appreciated:

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| Masking tape | pipe cleaners | rubber bands |
| toothpicks | | |

Thank you for your help & support! If you can think of any other materials that would be useful or want to donate your recyclable material, please call or email Dick Hillman, 3660 Outlook Ct NE, dickhillman@comcast.net, (770) 977-2787.

Lassiter High School will be performing "**Oklahoma**" on April 23, 24, and 25th for more information contact Julia Franzman at 678-560-8001.

Schoolhouse Rock Live Jr.!

A lively, educational musical based on the Emmy Award-winning Saturday morning cartoon series. Remember songs like "Conjunction Junction", "I'm Just a Bill" and "Do the Circulation." Great for the whole family! Presented by Curtain Call Youth Players. Friday, April 24, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, April 25th, 7:30 p.m., at The Art Place -- Mountain View, 3330 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. For tickets (\$7 students and \$9 adults) or more information, go to www.ccy.org.

<p align="center">TUTORING</p> <p>English/Language Arts (Grades 7-12)</p> <p align="center">SAT Prep Study Skills Learning Strategies Homework Help</p>	<p align="center">PAT BARRAS</p>  <p><i>B.A., M.A., Ed.S., Gifted-Talented Certified, and Writing Specialist</i> <i>Former English Division Head in 3 high-performing Cobb high schools</i> HIGHLAND POINTE RESIDENT</p> <p>Phone: 678-908-4491 E-mail lpba63@gmail.com</p>
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CALL NOW for more information or for scheduling:
Harry Womack 770-616-6859/Jenifer Womack 770-265-3311
brooksideequestrian@yahoo.com

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at our "paradise on the hill" ~*