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*The Newsletter for Highland
Pointe Residents*

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Why Everyone Should Be an HOA Member

When you moved to Highland Pointe, what were some of the things that attracted you to our community? Was it the landscaped entrances, that were lit so that all can find our neighborhood day and night? Was it the walking trails that travel throughout the neighborhood, offering a safe and enclosed pathway for your family to exercise and get to the different amenities Highland Pointe offers? Was it the fact that there is a Board of Directors that upholds our bylaws, so that the appearance of the neighborhood, and thus the property value of your home does not plummet from neglect? Or maybe the graduation banners, the neighborhood garage sales or anything else that makes Highland Pointe a community, not just a group of homes, made you want to call Highland Pointe "home"?

If you answered yes to any of the above, you should know that these amenities require upkeep, and have a price tag. Your annual dues of just \$155 pays for all of the above. Whether your property dictates you to be a mandatory member, or a voluntary member, don't you think it "fair and equitable" that we all pitch in and take responsibility for keeping our neighborhood a community? If you have paid your dues for 2010-2011, we thank you. If you have not, please consider being a "team player" and send your payment in today!

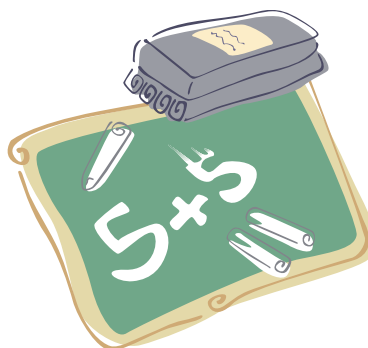
Calendar

August

- 2 Board of Directors Meeting, 6:30pm
- 6 First Day of School - Cobb County
- 7 Dive In Movie 7 pm
- 16 Keep HP Beautiful! Meeting 7:00pm

September

- 5 Labor Day Pool Party
- 6 Labor Day
- 12 Board of Directors Meeting, 6:30pm
- 15 Deadline for Oct/Nov Pipeline
- 20-24 Cobb County Schools Fall Break



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Highland Pointe HOA Task Force

We held the first meeting on June 14, 2010 with 25 neighbors in attendance. The meeting was a very positive exchange of ideas to improve the neighborhood and there was a lot of energy from the people involved.

Some action items and ideas from the meeting:

- Establish marketing committee to increase sense of community.
- Discussed how to contact Cobb County via email to file a county code violation.
- Create team to go door to door with ACC chair to visit problem properties.
- Develop team to drive neighborhood on a monthly basis to identify violations and potential issues.
- Establish HOA TEAM to personally contact all 70 -73 non-permanent HOA members and discuss why they have chosen not to pay the \$ 155.00 HOA dues.
- HOA team to look at requirements to go 100 % mandatory HOA membership
- Review ideas / benefit of using pay pal / credit card payment system
- Start up annual meeting by board for neighborhood required Spring 2011

NEXT STEP – We want to have a meeting of those interested in serving on one of the committees **Monday, August 16th at 7:00 PM** at the club house. If we can get 3-4 people on each committee then there will be less work spread among several people.....please get involved!!

Swim Team News

The Highland Pointe swim team recently finished an exciting season under new head coach Tommy Cellini. The team had 118 swimmers which was considerably more than recent years. There were many new young swimmers who will hopefully keep the team strong in the future. The highlight of the season was a win over Indian Hills, who defeated the Piranhas last year. At the end of the season, Kate and Jack Ferguson, Hannah and Rebekah Andress, Celeste, Sydney, and Liz Turner, and Brian Williams all competed in the Cobb County swim meet. Kate placed first and third in her two events, and Rebekah placed first and fourth. Jack had two top five finishes and Liz finished in the top ten. Congratulations! Thanks to all of the swimmers, parents, volunteers, and coaches for all of their hard work this season. See you next year!



—Kelly Fincher(swim team coordinator)

Playing is the Pointe!

Update

It's not too late to buy your personalized brick! Support the playground improvements and be a part of this community-building project. Donors contributing \$100-\$299 will receive a 4x8 brick personalized with three lines of text. Donors over \$300 will receive an 8x8 brick with six lines of text.

The kids have been enjoying the new play set this summer, and we have more to come in the Fall: more equipment, and placement of the donor bricks!

If you would like to participate, please contact Jenny Rucker at 770 321 2404. Any size donation is greatly appreciated! The deadline for contributing is September 1, 2010.

Please feel free to send your ideas for improvements to: grounds@highlandpointe.org.

Dive In Movie & Back to School Party!

**Saturday, August 7th
Highland Pointe Pool and Recreation Area**

**Music, Swimming & Festivities Begin at 8:00
Movie starts at 9:00**



A family friendly movie will be announced and posted at the main entrance the week before the event .

Popcorn provided by HPRA

Bring your own Beverages (No Glass Containers Please)

HPRA Members Only

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR SUNDAY!!!...

The Highland Pointe Social Committee Presents...



PRE-LABOR DAY
POOL PARTY!!

At Highland Pointe

SUNDAY (NOT Monday!)
SEPTEMBER 5, 2010

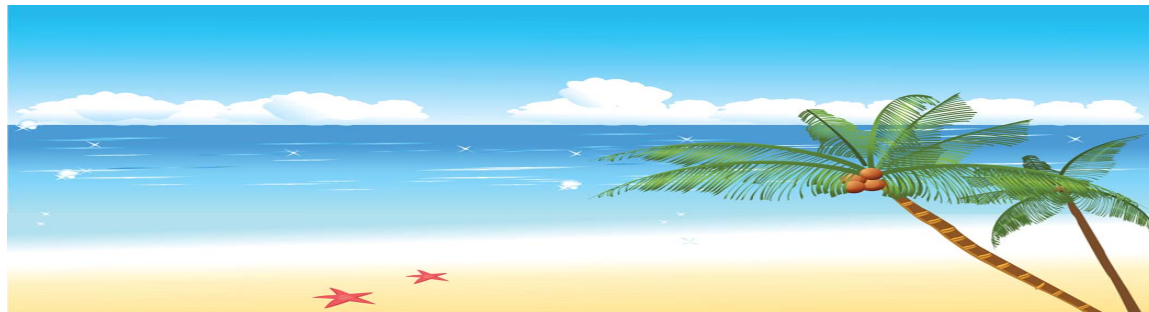
12PM – 4PM

Pool hours for the day are 11am – 9pm

COME JOIN YOUR FRIENDS IN A FAREWELL TO SUMMER...

PLEASE BRING A SIDE TO SHARE!!
BURGERS & DOGS WILL BE SERVED
GRILL OPEN FROM 12 – 2PM

SOFT-DRINKS, WATER, KEG & WINE PROVIDED
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THIS IS A FREE EVENT FOR ALL HPRA MEMBERS



HIGHLAND POINTE ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Schedule of Events:

Pre-Tournament Calcutta Party

Sunday, September 5th, at the Highland Pointe
Pre-Labor Day Pool Party
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm



Scramble Golf Tournament

Monday, September 6th at Bridgemill Golf Course.

The first Tee Time will be at 9:30 am.

Green Fees are \$64.00 plus tax, which you will pay at Bridgemill.

Prizes will be awarded at the Clubhouse immediately following the tournament.
Have your family join us at the pool!

To register, please deliver \$20 to Bob Rothring, 4215 North Mountain Road by **August 28th**. This \$20 covers prize money for the winners, and will hold your spot in the tournament - up to 40 players, then we will start a wait list. Please include your handicap, or average score, and email address with your registration fee.

We will also be accepting donated prizes. We have had many generous donated prizes in the past from gift certificates to golf clubs. Let Bob know as early as possible if you might have something you can donate. If you have any questions, please call Bob's Cell 770-335-8581.

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ALTA SUNDAY/THURSDAY PLAY BEGINS THIS FALL!

Women are now allowed by ALTA to play in both the Sunday and Thursday Leagues during the same season! According to the ALTA website, if you play in both leagues, you will carry a team level for each league based on the success of that team. Your current team rating will factor into your new league team one time, but if your team rating is higher than the team you want to join in the other league, you must get on the original roster to be allowed to play on that team. When other leagues use your women's team rating (i.e. Mixed Doubles), they will use the higher of your Sunday/Thursday ratings.

ALTA Dates to remember...

September 9 – Thursday Women play begins.

September 11 – Men and Junior play begins.

September 12 – Sunday Women play begins.

October 7 – Winter Mixed Doubles registration begins.

October 21 – Deadline for Mixed Doubles Teams.



BACK TO SCHOOL

Annual Highland Pointe Directory Update

It is time to prepare the annual Highland Pointe Directory, which is delivered in January of each year. Please take a moment to review your listing in the current directory. We make every effort to ensure that all information, such as phone numbers, the spelling of names, etc. is printed accurately. If you have listed people on your membership form that do not physically reside at your home, please email the office to remove their names. Note also that if you have not paid your dues by this time, your household will be listed as an unpaid member.

If you have purchased a home in Highland Pointe and your address is still under the name of the previous owner in the directory, please contact the office! You may request that your home phone number not be published; however, the office would appreciate your number for our records. Please email any updates or corrections (if you did not already make corrections on your membership form) aa@highlandpointe.org.

Please submit updates before **September 30, 2010** so the directory can be finalized.

Lassiter Band Recycling Program

The **Lassiter Band Boosters** are continuing their neighborhood recycling program, and would like to have your support. Pick up is on the third Saturday of every month; please have your items curbside by 10:00 am. Signs will be posted at the entrance midweek prior to each month's pick up as a convenient reminder. Items that are currently being accepted are **newspapers, magazines, junk mail, office/classroom paper, phone books, ink cartridges and aluminum cans.**

The Noble, Robbin, Khuri and Singer families will be collecting recyclables in Highland Pointe. If you would like to volunteer, or have any questions regarding the recycling program, please contact Bob or Rena Morgan at morgancubed@bellsouth.net.

Highland Pointe Broadcast Emails

Are you receiving emails from Highland Pointe? If not, your email address is not registered with us. If you would like to be on our email recipient list, go to our website, www.highlandpointe.org and at the bottom of the home page is a link which reads "Click here to receive Highland Pointe Broadcast emails". Just click on that and follow the directions and you will be registered to receive these broadcast emails.



New Residents

If you are a new resident in Highland Pointe or The Grove at Highland Pointe and you have NOT received a new resident information packet, please call the Highland Pointe Office at 770-973-0925.

Please join us in welcoming Sean and Andrea Zare to Highland Pointe! They moved here from a small neighborhood in Marietta, so that their son Zack could be a part of a swim and tennis community. The Zares own their own businesses, Classic Blinds & Shutters, and Classic Draperies & Design, Inc. They love to travel and scuba dive, and Zach loved being a member of the Piranhas Swim Team!



HIGHLAND POINTE RECREATION
ASSOCIATION, INC.

Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, June 7, 2010

Board Members in Attendance: Mr. Jim Newton, President; Mr. Dan Raby, Treasurer; Mr. Steve Laufersweiler, Grounds; Mr. Dave Gunnells, Clubhouse; Mr. Bob Kimball, Pool; Ms. Rhonda Hester, Administrator; Ms. Judy Taylor, Tennis; and Ms. Mary Ciesielski, Administrative Assistant.

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Kimball made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2010 Board Meeting. Mr. Gunnells seconded and the motion passed.

Monthly Budget Update

Mr. Raby presented the income received and the expenses incurred during May, 2010. The report was accepted as information.

Mr. Raby reported on the number of membership payments that have been received thus far down from last year. The Board asked Ms. Ciesielski to report via email the number of mandatory vs voluntary homes in the neighborhood, and which mandatory members have not paid. Ms. Ciesielski will send out reminder letters to those who have not paid by June 30, 2010.

Discussion of Action Items

The following is a synopsis of the items discussed and the actions taken.

-Mr. Kimball reported that a house on Club House Drive has been abandoned. A lien search was performed and the mortgage holding

bank will be informed of the situation. The poor maintenance of the yard will be addressed with the bank in the hopes that it will be taken care of as soon as possible.

-The driveway on Highborne Connector has been repaired, but a large sink hole remains unfixed. Ms. Ciesielski will email Mr. Salmon to address this situation with the residents.

-Mr. Laufersweiler discussed plans to repair the wall and bridge on the path behind the Rec area. He stressed the importance of putting down gravel soon so that further erosion does not eliminate the path.

-Mr. Newton reported that he is not going to use the contractor that he received a quote from to repair the gazebo, as he has not been able to schedule a date for repair with them. Mr. Laufersweiler will gather another bid for the job.

-Mr. Kimball brought to the Board a presentation he received from a Vending company that is looking to install Coke and snack machines in our clubhouse for the pool area. The Board agreed that this would be a good thing as long as HPRA was able to keep some of the income from the sales, as we would incur extra energy costs associated with housing the machines. Mr. Kimball will look into several other vending companies before next summer.

-The Board discussed membership issues that have arisen this spring in regards to being considered "inside" or "outside" of the neighborhood. For grown children: if the person is physically living in the house that belongs to HPRA they are then considered a member and do not pay an additional \$30 to play tennis, and can use the facilities. The Board asked Ms. Ciesielski to clarify this for future membership payments and directory listings.

-Ms. Taylor reported on online court reservation systems. The Board decided since there was not a computer near the courts, it would not be efficient for HPRA needs.

-The Board discussed the stolen clubhouse TV. A police report has been filed, and the TV was replaced by the renter. Security of the Clubhouse and Rec areas was discussed.

Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, July 12, 2010

Board Members in Attendance: Mr. Jim Newton, President; Mr. Dan Raby, Treasurer; Mr. Jason Salmon, ACC; Mr. Bob Kimball, Pool; Mr. Steve Laufersweiler, Grounds; and Ms. Mary Ciesielski, Administrative Assistant.

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 pm.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Newton made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2010 Board Meeting. Mr. Raby seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Monthly Budget Update

Mr. Raby presented the income received and the expenses incurred during June, 2010. The report was accepted as information.

Mr. Raby reported on the number of membership payments thus far. As of July 12, 2010, there are 223 HPRA members and 393 HOA members, compared to last year's numbers of 229 and 433, respectively.

Discussion of Action Items

The following is a synopsis of the items discussed and the actions taken.

-Ms Ciesielski presented a request from an HOA member to rent the clubhouse on September 4, 2010 at the premium cost that was agreed upon by the Board in

2009. After reviewing the nature of the rental and the number of people attending, Mr. Laifersweiler made a motion to approve the rental. Mr. Gunnells seconded the motion and it passed.

-Mr. Salmon discussed RV's being parked for more than the 7 days allowed in the bylaws in two separate driveways. He will discuss the code violation with the residents.

-Mr. Salmon also presented a complaint regarding a home on East Forest Peak that is not being maintained, as well as a trailer parked in the driveway on North Mountain Road. He will contact these neighbors as well.

-The Board discussed the bridge and wall on the path behind the Recreation area. The possibility of using volunteers for part of the job was suggested. Mr. Kimball volunteered to talk to the

property owner on Sandy Plains Road whose fence has created the erosion issues regarding the collapse of the wall.

-The brick wall at the front entrance has been fixed.

-Mr. Kimball reported on the positive feedback he has received on the lifeguards this summer. He is very pleased with Nautix and their willingness to go above and beyond for HP.

-We will need to purchase new lounge chairs for the pool area over the next few years.

-The wrought iron fence around the pool area needs to be painted. Mr. Gunnells will get a quote on this when he gets a quote for some interior work to the clubhouse.

-Mr. Raby obtained a quote for hanging the new tennis gate and welding the lock box to it. He is going to seek a few more bids to see if this quote is competitive.

-The Board would like to remove the bar from the downstairs door of the clubhouse. Ms. Ciesielski will call the locksmith to get this done.

-Mr. Kimball reported on the success of the first Keep HP Beautiful meeting. He is in the process of creating committees and finding chairpeople who will report back to the Board.

-The Board agreed that an annual neighborhood meeting should be held. The date will be announced at a future board meeting.

Having no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Next Board Meeting

Monday, August 2, 2010

6:30 - 8:00 pm, Clubhouse

	Budget FY 10-11	Actual (as of 6/30/10)
HPRA Income	\$98,000.00	\$91,157.00
HPHOA Income	73,215.00	48,661.50
Other Income	<u>1,800.00</u>	<u>248.69</u>
Total Income	\$173,015.00	\$145,067.19
HPRA Expenses	\$97,150.00	\$64,231.38
HPHOA Expenses	66,100.00	14,813.49
Other Expenses	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$163,250.00	\$79,044.87
HPRA/HPHOA Net Income	\$9,765.00	\$66,022.32

The following shows the breakdown of expenses vs. budgets for the period ending 6/30/2010:

	Budget FY 10-11	Actual Expenses (as of 6/30/10)
HPRA Expenses:	\$97,150.00	\$64,231.38
Clubhouse	11,850.00	3,212.21
Tennis	3,500.00	32,200.00
Social	6,500.00	792.31
Pool	31,300.00	17,228.22
Operations	32,300.00	10,697.19
Grounds	11,700.00	101.45

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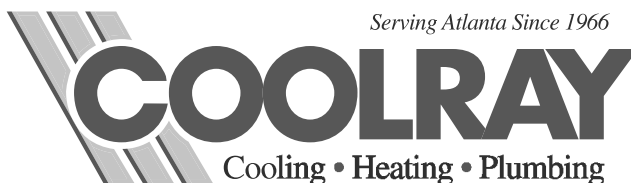
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