



The Newsletter for Highland Pointe Residents



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Membership Renewals Due for 2011 - 2012

It's time to renew your HIghland Pointe Homeowner and Recreation memberships. Your committment of \$155 towards a Homeowners (HPHOA) membership supports the maintenance of the entrances, trails, dams and walkways. The majority of homes in this neighborhood are Mandatory membership lots, meaning the annual HOA dues are not optional. There are still many lots in Highland Pointe in which these dues are Voluntary. If you are a homeowner whose lot is Voluntary, we urge you to consider changing the status of your lot to Permanent, in an effort to secure the future of our community. If you would like to change the status of your lot please call the office at 770-973-0925.

The Highland Pointe facilities are some of the finest in East Cobb. We also offer many social and recreational events throughout the year, as well as holiday celebrations for your whole family. Your membership to the Recreation Association (HPRA) allows our community to grow and be a great place to live and play! If you are a permanent HOA member, your Recreation dues are \$400 for the year. If you are a Voluntary HOA member, your Recreation dues are \$500.

Invoices for the 2011-2012 year will be sent out April 1st. Membership tag/key pick up dates will be April 30th, from 12:00 - 3:00 pm, and May 1st, from 12:00 - 3:00. If you mail your payment in before April 30th, your packet will be ready for you to pick up in the clubhouse during those times. You can also bring your payment to the clubhouse during those times and your packet will be prepared and given to you to take home that day. If you are unable to pick up your packet, arrangements can be made by emailing the office at office@highlandpointe.org.

Calendar

April	
4-8	Spring Break, Cobb County
11	Board of Directors Meeting 6:30
17	Easter Egg Hunt 4:00
21	Swim Team Registration, 4:30
30	Spring Fling 7:00 pm
May	
2	Board of Directors Meeting 6:30
7	Trail Cleanup Day
15	Deadline for June/July Pipeline
25	Ice Cream Social
30	Memorial Day Party



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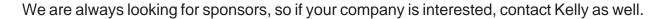
Swim Team News

Hello Neighbors, it's time to start SWIM TEAM!!!

I am very excited about the upcoming season. Our team is for swimmers of all ability levels. The only requirement is to be between 5 and 18 years of age. Please come join our team evein if you can't commit to every meet or practice. Participants don't have to live in Highland Pointe, so tell your friends!

This year we will compete on **Monday** evenings in the Silver Division. Practice begins on 5/16 and runs through the end of June. **Registration will be on Thursday 4/21** from 4:30 - 6:30 pm at the Highland Pointe clubhouse. The cost is \$75 for residents and \$95 for non-residents, with a discount for multiple children.

If you live in Highland Pointe, you must pay your 2011-2012 HPRA dues in order to participate! If you cannot attend, contact **Kelly Fincher** for registration forms and information.



GO PIRANHAS!!!!!!!!!!!!

Kelly Fincher: fincher6@bellsouth.net or (678) 677-1997



Tennis News

Now that the weather is warmer and the Spring ALTA season is under way, some of you may have noticed a new crack here and there on our courts. The representative from Southeastern Tennis Courts (the company that resurfaced the courts last spring) has been out to check these areas with us. These cracks are not previously repaired cracks, but are new ones that are a result of the extremely cold temperatures and high moisture levels we experienced during the winter. However, Southeastern Tennis has agreed to come out and repair these cracks under their guarantee, as well as touch up the few places on the court that were damaged from people trying to remove ice with a shovel in January. Repair will take place in April, once the temperatures are consistently high enough, and the courts will need to be closed for one day.

Dates to Remember:

April 13 – ALTA Mixed Doubles & Sr. Women and Men Roster Deadline

May 5 – USTATHursday Women Roster Deadline

May 7 – USTA Business Women Roster Deadline

June 2 – ALTA Sr. Women Season begins

June 2 – USTA Thursday Women Season begins

June 3 – ALTA Sr. Men Season begins

June 4 - ALTA Mixed Doubles Season begins

June 5 - USTA Business Women Season begins



Annual Highland Pointe EASTER EGG HUNT





SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2011 4:00 pm

Please bring your child/children to the clubhouse field by 3:45 PM so that we can get everyone checked in before 4PM

All Highland Pointe Residents are welcome to participate!

ENTRY "FEE": One dozen (12) plastic eggs filled with age appropriate treats for each child participating.

Note that in the past, it has been warm enough for chocolate to melt.

Please TAPE each egg to avoid losing the contents.

<u>DELIVERY OF EGGS:</u> For each child, place 12 eggs and Entry Form below (cut along dotted line) in one Ziploc bag and drop off at the <u>back porch</u> of <u>4235 North Mountain Rd(corner of N. Slope Ct.)</u>

between Monday, April 11 and Friday April 15

CONTACT: For questions, please contact Kelly at 678-677-1997 or fincher6@bellsouth.net

***Rain Date: Saturday April 23rd, 4pm

Child's Name / Address:

Child's Name / Address:

Age:

Child's Name / Address:

Age:

Child's Name / Address:

Age:

Phone:

Adult Responsible for child during event:

Calling All Graduates!

If you are graduating, or are the proud parent or grandparent of a graduate, and would like to be included in the June/July Pipeline, please email your information to pipeline@highlandpointe.org by **May 15th**. The information needed for publication is:

Name (and family connection to Highland Pointe) School Attended

Degree or Diploma Earned

*For high school graduates - where you plan to attend college (if known)

*For all others - future plans (attend graduate school, employment, etc.)



Graduate Banner



We are beginning to work on the banner congratulating our High School Graduates that will be displayed at the front entrance. If you have a graduating Senior, please email their name to Vicki Gunnells at dvg237@gmail.com, by **May 1st**, to ensure that they will be included on the banner.

Architectural Control Committee Report

Below is an overview of recent action by the Board concerning property conditions in relation to governing community standards and covenants.

Warning Letters were sent to property owners for the following reasons:

- 1. RV parked in the driveway
- 2. Boat parked in the driveway
- 3. Gutters need repair, broken mailbox and general landscape
- 4. General landscape; overgrown weeds and large tree stump





Highland Pointe Spring Fling Saturday April 30th

All Residents Welcome!!

Bring an Appetizer and join us at the Clubhouse

7:00 – 9:00 pm Appetizers and Socializing outside 9:00 – Midnight DJ & Music in the Clubhouse

Beer and Wine Provided



Trail Cleanup Day

Saturday, May 7th 8:30 - 11:30 am

Bring your gas powered trimmers and blowers.
The trail system adds value to our community.
Please consider helping out for a few hours.
Please RSVP to Steve Laufersweiler at
grounds@highlandpointe.org so that refreshments
can be purchased!

Highland Pointe Pool Opens for 2011 Season

The pool will be opening for weekends on May 14th -15th from 11:00am - 9:00pm and May 21st - 22nd, from 11:00am - 9:00pm. The permanent schedule will begin on Wednesday, May 25th with pool hours being 11:00am - 9:00pm. Starting in June, the pool will be open until 10:00 pm on Friday nights. Check the pool calendar for dates and times all summer.

Some Key Rules to Remember

- All persons must display HPRA membership tags
- No smoking within fenced pool area
- Children must be 10 or complete the 4th grade to swim alone. All young or beginner swimmers between 10 and 14 must pass a swim test with the lifeguards prior to swimming alone.
- Non-member residents are not allowed to be guests at the pool or HPRA facilities.
- No glass bottles on pool deck, please bring plastic cups
- For pool parties, please contact the HPRA office. An additional lifeguard is required for any party involving 15 people either swimming or on pool deck.





Welcome Summer!

Highland Pointe's Annual Ice Cream Social!

Wednesday, May 25th 4PM - 5:30PM

At the Tennis Pavilion

Bring a Topping to Share!

HPRA Members Only



HIGHLAND POINTE MEMORIAL DAY PARTY!



Monday, May 30th 11am to 3 pm at the pool



Free to all HPRA Members

Bring a Side Dish to Share

Grill Open from 12pm to 2pm

Burgers, Hot Dogs, Soft Drinks and Beer Provided

Waterslide for the kids!

Don't forget...the locks to Recreation Facilities will change May 2nd.

FYI: Outdoor burning of trash is prohibited by the Highland Pointe Covenants at all times.



HPRA Office Closed for Spring Break

The Highland Pointe office will be closed April 4th - 9th for Spring Break.



HIGHLAND POINTE RECREATION ASSOCIATION, INC.

Board of Directors Meeting Monday, February 7, 2011

Board Members in Attendance: ; Mr. Bob Kimball, President; Mr. Dave Gunnells, Treasurer; Mr. Dan Raby, Clubhouse; Mr. Steve Laufersweiler, Grounds; Mr. Jason Salmon, ACC; Mr. Steve Fincher, Social; Mr. Matt Tock, Pool; and Ms. Mary Ciesielski, Administrative Assistant

Monthly Budget Update

Mr. Gunnells presented income received and expenses incurred during January 2011. The report was accepted as information. Mr. Gunnells also discussed "earmarking" part of our reserves for projects and/or maintenance items that we know will occor in teh future. The Board agreed that while keeping a certain amount in reserves for unexpecteditems is necessary, being more proactive with future expenditures, and planning for such projects would be a good idea.

Discussion of Action Items

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

-Mr. Salmon referred to a list of properties that have recurring violations. He discussed the adherance to the covenants of the different phases of Highland Pointe, noting that Phase 5 (permanent mandatory) lots have the strictest. For phase 5 residents the Board is only required to give 30 days notice, and after that the Board can hire a company to come in and clean up the yard, or tow the unauthorized vehicle at the resident's cost. Mr. Kimball advised Mr. Salmon to forward the list of offenders to Ms.

Ciesielski so that warning letters can be sent out to start the process.

- Mr. Laufersweiler noted that the landscaping behind the lighting in the Grove entrance is overgrown. He will have Lynscapes investigate and prune back whatever is overgrown.
- Mr. Tock will oreder the new pool lounge chairs that were approved at a previous Board Meeting.
- -Mr. Kimball and Mr. Tock met with Nautix to discuss the lifeguard contract for the 2011 season. The number of lifeguards will be reduced this year. "Swim at your own risk" was discussed, but will not be in effect this year. It was suggested that the pool be open for the Fall Cobb County break. Mr. Tock will get the budget for staying open that week from Nautix and a decision will be made then.
- -Mr. Raby noted that a few tennis players put salt on the tennis courts, and "chipped away" ice with shovels during the snow storm in order to play a match. It will be investigated as to whether damage was done to the courts and further action will take place accordingly. Ms. Taylor will send an email out to tennis team captains advising them not to use salt or shovels on the court surface.
- Mr. Raby has changed out the filter, and the intake vent in the basement of the clubhouse. He is optimistic that the lack of air flow has led to the unit overworking and dripping condensation onto the ceiling.
- -Mr. Raby is securing a locksmith for changing out the locks, and producing the new keys for the 2011-12 season.
- -The new pieces of equipment are in the weight room. Mr. Lee Berg had the treadmill moved from the Hester home to the clubhouse at his expense, as he purchased the old treadmill for his home for \$100. Mr. Raby

made a motion to make a \$100 donation to the Friends of Mabry Park from Highland Pointe. Ms Taylor seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

- -Ms. Jenny Rucker sent a proposal for the brick layout for the playground. Mr. Kimball and Mr. Laufersweiler will meet with her, and report back to the Board witha plan.
- -The Board discussed reenergizing Kiddie Kapers.
- -The Spring fling was discussed as a welcoming event for all HP neighbors in the hopes of attracting new membership. Mr. Fincher is work on the plan and will report at the next meeting.
- -The Board created a wish list of potential expenditures for the coming fiscal year. These will be discussed at the next meeting.

Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, March 7, 2011

Board Members in Attendance:
Mr. Bob Kimball, President; Mr.
Dave Gunnells, Treasurer; Mr.
Dan Raby, Clubhouse; Mr.Matt
Tock, Pool;Ms. Judy Taylor, Tennis; Mr. Steve Laufersweiler,
Grounds; Mr. Steve Fincher, Social; and Ms. Mary Ciesielski,
Admin. Assistant.

Guests in Attendance:

Ms. Deb Varljen, Ms. Beth Fulghum, Ms. Kitty Fortanbary, Mr. Spencer Allen, Mr. Gary Schutt and Ms. Lynn Schutt

Guest Presentation

The guests from the Grove were invited to discuss concerns with the grounds of The Grove. The path that is deteriorating is an issue that they would like addressed, as well as the entrance landscaping. Mr. Laufersweiler has a quote to be presented to the Board for a more permanent path to the Recreation area from The Grove. It was pointed out that this path is used by many people living in Highland Pointe as well

as walkers from the area.

The Schutt's from Lynscapes came to discuss the landscaping of our entrances. It was decided that no annuals will be planted at the Wigley Road entrance until the construction is complete. The Board decided to reduce the number of annuals at the other entrances to reduce our costs. The roses will be replaced, and the shrubs prune before the Spring.

Monthly Budget Update

Mr. Gunnells presented the income received and the expensed incurred in February. The report was accepted as information.

Discussion of Action Items

- -Four Warning letters were issued in February to residents.
- -The wish list will be voted upon via email this month. Mr. Kimball will report the results at the next

- will report the results at the April Board meeting.
- -Ms. Taylor is still looking for Tennis committee members
- -Mr. Raby is meeting with Southeastern Tennis regarding new cracks in the courts, as well as replacing the ripped wind screens, and possible getting short wind screens for the front of the courts.
- -Mr. Kimball is gathering quotes for building storage units for the pool and tennis courts.
- -Mr. Fincher announced the Spring Fling will be held the evening of April 30th. All Highland Pointe residents are invited.
- -Mr. Laufersweiler reproted that the pine straw has been ordered and will be spread in early March.
- -Mr. Laufersweiler presented a quote from MultiTrade Construction for an replacement path from teh Grove to the Recreation area. No action was taken at this time.

- The Board approved a daytime clubhouse rental to an HOA member to be held in April.
- It was suggested that the Board issue an email blast to the neighborhood on the months that no Pipeline is issued reminding everyone of upcoming events. This will begin in May 2011. The deadline for information to be incuded in the email is the 15th of the previous month.
- -Mr. Tock reported that the pool schedule has been adjusted to reflect the change to the Cobb County School calendar.

Having no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Next Board Meeting
Monday, April 11, 2011
6:30 - 8:00 pm, Clubhouse

	Budget FY 10-11	Actual (as of 2/28/11)	
HPRA Income	\$98,000.00	\$95,847.00	
HPHOA Income	73,215.00	71,861.00	
Other Income	1,800.00	<u>961.00</u>	
Total Income	\$173,015.00	\$168,669.00	
HPRA Expenses	\$97,150.00	\$106,083.48	
HPHOA Expenses	66,100.00	56,226.56	
Other Expenses	0.00	0.00	
Total Expenses	\$163,250.00	\$162,310.04	
HPRA/HPHOA Net Income	\$9,765.00	\$6,358.96	

The following shows the breakdown of expenses vs. budgets for the period ending 2/28/2011:

	Budget FY 10-11	Actual Expenses (as of 2/28/11)
HPRA Expenses:	\$97,150.00	\$106,083.48
Clubhouse	11,850.00	7,683.06
Tennis	3,500.00	32,910.08
Social	6,500.00	3,497.79
Pool	31,300.00	30,651.36
Operations	32,300.00	27,846.18
Grounds	11,700.00	3,495.01

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Ads must be placed <u>and paid for</u> by the 15th of the month for inclusion in the next month's newsletter. For more information on placing an ad, call the Highland Pointe Office at 770-973-0925. Please send payments to the office address:

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I will mow and trim any Highland Pointe lawn for \$30.00 or less.

Please contact me for any lawn or home project assistance.

zachary@cash-for-college.net 678-773-8818



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.





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