



## The Newsletter for Highland Pointe Residents



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## Let's Keep Highland Pointe Beautiful!

The Board would like to thank the many Highland Pointe residents that do a wonderful job maintaining their properties. Unfortunately there are more and more residents who don't seem to feel the need nor the responsibility to maintain their properties in the fashion that this community deserves. You can imagine the daunting task it has become for Board members to attempt to "fix" this situation. The job of Architectural Control has become a full time job, when it shouldn't be.

It is for this reason that we are creating a task force to get more residents involved in the upkeep of our neighborhood. We will host the first meeting on June 14th, at 7:00 pm at the Clubhouse. We urge everyone who shares the opinion of this article to please come and voice your concerns. We will discuss the various issues, and brainstorm to decide how we as a community can fight to keep Highland Pointe Beautiful. We hope to see you there!

#### June 4-5 Neighborhood Garage Sale Board of Directors Meeting, 6:30pm Home Swim Meet 14 Keep HP Beautiful! Meeting 7:00pm 22 Home Swim Meet July Bike Parade/Pool Party 4 5 **Board of Directors Meeting 6:30** 15 Deadline for Aug/Sept Pipeline 16-17 Neighborhood Garage Sale

Calendar



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# Highland Pointe Pool Opens for 2010 Season



- 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 the ages 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.



For a complete listing of rules and Pool party policies please visit our website, www.highlandpointe.org and click on References.

#### Reminder

If you took advantage of the installment plan to pay your HPRA dues, your second and third checks will be deposited on June 1 and July 1, 2010 respectively.

## How Do I get a Recreation Key?

New Recreation keys and pool tags are available to be picked up at the Highland Pointe office located at 4254 North Mountain Road. Please call or email the office to let us know when you are coming and we will have your packet ready for you.

#### Playing is the Pointe!

If you haven't been to the play area recently, the new play set is installed and ready for play! It makes a wonderful place for the kids to play, and they are excited to have something new!

Additional improvements are on the way! A plan is being created and we would love your input. Please send your ideas and questions to: grounds@highlandpointe.org.

If you know someone who is in the construction business and would like to provide services for our project, please ask them to contact Jenny Rucker.

It's not too late to order a personalized brick to support the upgrades to the Playground Area. We are continuing to accept donations and brick orders throughout the summer, so if you would like to participate, contact Jenny Rucker at 770 321 2404. Any size donation is greatly appreciated!

Each donor 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 bricks will be installed in the Fall.

#### In recognition of our current donors

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# Congratulations to the following High School Graduates



**Stephanie Ackerstein,** Lassiter High School, will be attending the University of Georgia.

Kevin Ankerholz, Lassiter High School, will be attending Vanderbilt University.

Laura Aycock, Lassiter High School, will be attending Georgia College & State University.

Colin Brown, Lassiter High School, will be attending Mercer University.

Josie Brucker, Lassiter High School, will be attending the University of Georgia.

Courtney Ciesielski, Lassiter High School, will be attending the University of Tennessee.

Frank Coutinho, Lassiter High School, will be attending the University of Georgia.

Will Fortanbary, Lassiter High School, will be attending the University of South Carolina.

**Keller Gordon**, St. Francis High School, will be attending Kansas City Art Institute.

**Ellen Grade**, Lassiter High School, will be attending the University of Georgia.

**Madison Hald,** Roswell High School, will be attending the University of Georgia.

Hannah Kallaoun, Lassiter High School, will be attending Fashion Institute of Technology.

John Kimball, Lassiter High School, will be attending the University of Georgia.

**Austin Laufersweiler**, Lassiter High School, will be attending the University of Georgia.

Owen Laufersweiler, Lassiter High School, will be attending Georgia State University.

Michael Mikula, Lassiter High School, will be attending college in the Fall.

**Melanie Moore**, Lassiter High School, will be attending Fordham University.

**Connor O'Neill**, Blessed Trinity High School, will be attending Auburn University.

Rachel Parks, Lassiter High School, will be attending Georgia College & State University.

**Brad Penter**, Lassiter High School, will be attending Auburn University.

Chris Popienko, Fellowship Christian High School, will be attending Valdosta State University.

**Alex Porter**, Lassiter High School, will be attending the University of Alabama.

Elizabeth Rothring, Richmond Hill High School, will be attending Atlantic Armstrong State University.

Annie Soltis, Lassiter High School, will be attending Kennesaw State University.

**Chese Trevino**, Lassiter High School, will be attending the University of Georgia.

## **Congratulations to the following College Graduates:**

**Daniel Baskin** graduated Magna Cum Laude from Valdosta State University with a B.S. in Biology. Daniel will be pursuing a medical degree from teh Medical College of Georgia in the fall. **Kristy Hansen** graduated with a B.A. in Advertising, with a minor in Comparative Literature from the University of Georgia. Kristy will be pursuing her Masters degree in the College of Journalism and Mass Communication at the University of Georgia this fall.

Matt Kallaoun graduated with a B.S. in Biology from the University of Georgia.

**Kasi Palazzone** graduated from the University of Missippi with a degree in Special Education. **Elizabeth Reaves** graduated Magna Cum Laude from Western Carolina University in December, 2009 with a B.S. in Communications with a concentration in Public Relations and a minor in Sports Management.

U.S. Marine Corps Second Lieutenant **Jonathan Rix** graduated with distinction from the United States Naval Academy with a B.S. in Honors Mathematics. 2nd Lt. Rix will be completing an internship at the Pentagon in the Navy's Energy Policy Office, and will be pursuing a career as a Pilot in the U.S. Marines Corps.

# What is better than a Neighborhood Yard Sale?? Two Neighborhood Yard Sales!!

### Mark your Calendars!

The first sale will be held **Friday**, **June 4th** and **Saturday**, **June 5th**, from **8:00 am - 3:00 pm**. If you would like to participate, simply price your items and have them displayed on your driveway, lawn or garage on this date. Signage at the entrances will be provided by Highland Pointe.

You may place directional signs at corners with the approval of your neighbors in respect of their private property. Signs must be removed by 4pm the same day.

Questions: social@highlandpointe.org







The second sale will be held **Friday**, **July 16th from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm**, and **Saturday**, **July17th**, **from 8:00 am - 2:00 pm**. This sale will be advertised on Craig's List, Angie's List and the AJC. Just put your stuff out in your yard or driveway in time for the sale each day. A balloon on your mailbox will help people find you. We will also have signs at the entrances on Sandy Plains Road.

#### Give away what is left!!

The American Kidney Fund (AKF) will come by on Saturday, July 17, to pick up anything you didn't sell that you don't want to put back in your house. **Contact Leann Mikkelson at 770-578-1918 by Friday, July 9** if you would like the AKF to stop by your house. You don't need to have a yard sale to go on the list for the AKF pick up. They wil pick up anything except large furniture items and major appliances. Please have your items near the curb immediately after the sale, clearly marked "AKF", and they will leave you a receipt for your charitable donation.



# JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION!!



BIKE PARADE 10:30am – 11:00am

Please have your child down at the clubhouse parking lot with their decorated bike to join in the parade fun on the morning of the 4th!

Prizes and popsicles provided

POOL PARTY 12:00pm – 4:00pm



Come celebrate our nation's birthday with your friends and neighbors!

When: Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup>

Where: Highland Pointe Pool

Burgers, hot dogs, music, games, lemonade, and kegs will be provided.

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share!



QUESTIONS: social@highlandpointe.org

#### **Report Violations to the County!**

The Community Development Agency has a division that is responsible for enforcing the Cobb County Codes. Many calls that come to the Board regarding neighbors yards, cars etc. fall under this agency's jurisdiction. The Architectural Control Chairperson encourages residents to report complaints to this Agency, because they have the authority to enforce such codes and require compliance within certain time perameters before fines are issued by the county. The website is:

#### http://comdev.cobbcountyga.gov/code.htm

This website also lists common violations found in Residential Neighborhoods, which will help you to determine if someone is violating a Cobb County Code.

#### **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, <a href="www.highlandpointe.org">www.highlandpointe.org</a> 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 Don and Vilma Bass to Highland Pointe! They moved here from Smyrna. Don works for the Dept of Army, and Vilma is a Spanish teacher and tutor for Cobb County Schools. Their twins, Dylan and Nikki both enjoy soccer and swimming and are excited to be part of the Piranhas swim team! The Bass family is excited about living in Highland Pointe and meeting their neighbors!



# HIGHLAND POINTE RECREATION ASSOCIATION, INC.

Board of Directors Meeting Monday, April 12, 2010

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

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

#### Approval of Minutes

Mr. Raby made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2010 Board Meeting. Mr. Salmon seconded and the motion passed.

#### Monthly Budget Update

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

Mr. Raby noted that an accounting entry will be meade to reclassify the funds collected for the playground to a current liability and not an income item for the Recreation association. He also pointed out that we have not received the invoices for the French drain project on the multipurpose field yet, so there will be more grounds expenses that will be recorded before the end of the year. A preliminary budget for 2010-2011 will be prepared using the actual figures from 2009-2010.

#### Discussion of Action Items

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

- -Mr. Newton reported that the gazebo should be repaired this coming week.
- -THe Board discussed recent vandalism to the recreation pool. A resident recently discovered a Highland Pointe youth in the pool area, and made him leave. THe resident notified the parent as well as the Board. Mr. Newton will send the parents a letter highlighting the danger of of their child unattended in the pool area.
- -Mr. Salmon reported on a resident's request to remodel the front exterior of their house, as well as the back deck. The paperwork being in order, Mr. Salmon made a motion to approve the project. Mr. Laufersweiler seconded the motion, and it passed.
- -Mr. Salmon also discussed a complaint that a resident on West Forest Peak may be running a business out of his home. It is also suspected that multiple families are residing in this house. Mr. Salmon visited the house and will contact the County of the code violations.
- -Lynscapes will put new annuals in the entrances this spring.
- -Mr. Newton asked Mr. Laufersweiler to investigate the timing of the entrance lights.
- -The Board discussed the area around the playground, with ideas to add something like a volleyball court.
- -Mr. Raby noted that some boards on the overfill bridge needed to be replaced.
- -Mr. Kimball made a motion to give the swim team \$333 that is needed to complete the payment for the new lane rope holder. Mr. Laufersweiler seconded the motion and it passed.
- -The tennis courts are scheduled to be resurfaced the week of May 10th.

Having no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

#### Board of Directors Meeting Monday, May 3, 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 6:40 pm.

#### Approval of Minutes

Mr. Kimball made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 12, 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 April, 2010, as well as the fiscal year ending April 30, 2010. The report was accepted as information.

Mr. Raby reported that after the resurfacing of the tennis courts, there will be \$85,000 left in reserves. Mr. Raby presented a preliminary budget for the fiscal year 2010-2011.

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

- -The Board discussed the quality of work we are getting for the Clubhouse cleaning. Ms. Ciesielski will contact the company and get the contract with a list of cleaning duties for the Board to review at the next meeting.
- -The door to the weight room was vandalized on Monday, May 3, leaving the door and the lock broken. Ms. Clesielski will call to have the door replaced as soon as possible and will also have the window pane in the clubhouse replaced.

- -Mr. Newton mentioned that the brick wall at the front entrance needs to be repaired.
- -Mr.Raby noted that the insurance policy is up for renewal. He will contact our agent to come out to the property to ensure that our coverage is complete.
- -Mr. Salmon reported on a home on North Mountain Road that has broken windows all along the front of the house. It was discussed that the dog in the home are breaking the windows as people walk by. Mr. Salmon will contact the county to see if there is a code violation regarding the windows. The Board agreed that Cobb County Animal

**HPHOA Expenses:** 

- Control needs to be contacted if the dogs are a menace.
- -The Board discussed the curb appeal of Highland Pointe in comparison to Windsor Oaks, and all agreed that Windsor Oaks is aging more gracefully than Highland Pointe. Mr. Kimball suggested we create a task force of residents who are concerned with the aesthetics of our community, and are willing to donate some time and energy to the cause. Ms. Ciesielski will publicize a June 14th meeting, to be at the cluhbouse at 7:00 pm in the next Pipeline, as well as send out an email.
- -The Board discussed trespassers onteh Phase 1 lake, specifically those coming to fish. The dock is owned and maintained by HPRA, so Non-HPRA members are technically trespassing.
- -Judy Taylor has agreed to fill the vacancy on the Board and will take over the Tennis position. She will start her term in June.

Having no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Next Board Meeting
Monday, June 14, 2010
6:30 - 8:00 pm, Clubhouse

\$58,247.00

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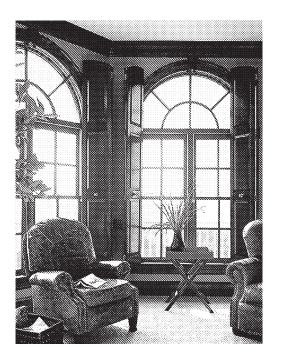
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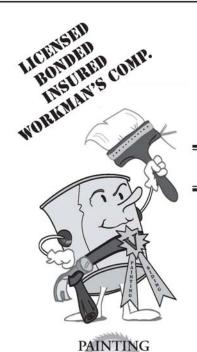
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