



The Newsletter for Highland Pointe Residents



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Welcome to Summer !!!

Pool hours for the months of June and July are 11:00am - 9:00pm every day of the week. The pool will be open until 10:00 pm on the following Saturday nights: June 13th and June 27th.

There will be 2 home swim meets in June that will close the pool at 4:00pm: Monday June 1 and Monday June 15. Come down and cheer on the Piranhas!!

2009-2010 Exercise Room/Tennis keys and pool tags have been mailed if your recreation payment has been received in the office. Please use your keys to access the exercise room and tennis courts and have your pool tags visible when you visit the pool.

Calendar

June

8 Board of Directors Meeting 6:30

20 HP Golf Outing

2 Fathers Day

July

4 4th of July party

6 Board of Directors Meeting 6:30

15 Deadline for Aug/Sept Pipeline



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Highland Pointe Pool Rules



- 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.

Annual Highland Pointe Directory Update

It is once again time to prepare the annual Highland Pointe Directory. Please take a moment to review your listing in the current directory. We make every effort to insure that all information, such as phone numbers, the spelling of names, etc. is printed accurately. 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 You may request that your home phone number not be published; however, the office would appreciate your number for our records. Your updates or corrections can be e-mailed to aa@highlandpointe.org.

Please submit updates before **September 1, 2009** so the directory can be finalized.

HIGHLAND POINTE FATHERS DAY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Schedule of Events

Pre-Tournament Calcutta Party

Friday, June 19th, at the Highland Pointe Clubhouse 7:30 pm BYOB

Golf Tournament

Saturday, June 20th at Cobblestone Golf Course. The first Tee Time will be at 11:30 am. Green Fees are \$49.00 plus tax.

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 June 6. This \$20 covers prize money for the winners, and will hold your spot in the tournament. Please include your handicap, or average score, and email address with your registration fee.





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 Jason and Melanie Salmon to Highland Pointe! They moved here from Rochester, New York. Jason is a buyer for Kimberly Clark, and Melanie is a nurse, but currently is staying home with their children, Skyelar, Braydn and Campbell. The Salmons love being outside, especially hiking and camping.

Congratulations to the following High School Graduates:



Corinne Anderson, Lassiter High School, will be attending St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, Indiana **Billy Allen**, Lassiter High School, will be attending Georgia Tech.

Kevin Barwick, Lassiter High School, will be attending Ole Miss Emily Evans, Lassiter High School, will be attending Kennesaw State University Kevin Link, Lassiter High School, will be attending Princeton University Julia McGowan, Lassiter High School, will be attending University of Georgia Chelsea Metz, Lassiter High School, will be attending Valdosta State University Kim Mitchell, Lassiter High School, will be attending college in the fall Xavier Morgan, Lassiter High School, will be attending Edward Waters College, Jacksonville, Florida

Sarah Ohms, Lassiter High School, will be attending Eastman School of Music **Crystal Rivera**-Jinhong, Lassiter High School, will be attending United States Marine Corps

Christina Robin, Lassiter High School, will be attending University of South Carolina

Whitney Seitz, Blessed Trinity High School, will be attending Auburn University **Lindsay Sweeney**, Lassiter High School, will be attending University of South Carolina

Ebonee Treadwell, Lassiter High School, will be attending University of Georgia **Melanie Wilson**, Fellowship High School, will be attending University of Georgia

Congratulations to the following College Graduates:

Lindsey Barwick, University of South Carolina, B.A. in Early Childhood Education

Brian Swichkow, Champlain College, Burlington, VT, with a Degree in Graphic Design and Digital Media

Amy Johnson, University of Georgia, Doctorate of Pharmacy

Tessa Johnson, University of Georgia, B.S. in Psychology



JULY 4TH 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: Saturday, July 4th

Where: Highland Pointe Pool

Burgers, hot dogs, music, games, lemonade, and kegs will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share!





HIGHLAND POINTE RECREATION ASSOCIATION, INC.

Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, May 4, 2009
Board Members in Attendance: Mr.
Jim Newton, President; Ms. Susan
Paraska, ACC; Mr. Dan Raby,
Treasurer; Mr. Bob Kimball, Pool;
Mr. Steve Laufersweiler, Clubhouse; Ms. Rhonda Hester, Administrator; Mr. Erick Mikkelson,
Grounds; Ms. Diana Conrad, Social; and Ms.Mary Ciesielski, Administrative Assistant.

Guests in Attendance: Ms. Jenny Rucker, Ms. Melanie Heineman, Mr. Matt Tock, Ms. Janice Upson, Mr. Joe Upson, and Ms. Lane Campbell.

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 13, 2009 Board Meeting. Ms. Hester seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Resident Presentation: Ms. Jenny Rucker reported that she met with a representative from Big Toys, the manufactuer of the current playground equipment. She is going to prepare different proposals that outline replacing the playground equipment in phases, and will present these proposals to the Board. Ms. Rucker also reported that she has collected 60 signatures on a neighborhood petition to improve the playground.

Ms. Janice Upson suggested a Town Hall meeting for Highland Pointe residents, in an effort for the community to come together and create sub committees, clubs and to tap the many resources that exist among our residents. The Board agreed to support the idea, and Ms. Upson volunteered to organize such a meeting.

Monthly Budget Update

Mr. Raby presented the income received and the expenses incurred during April, 2009. A brief synopsis follows. The report was accepted as information.

Discussion of Action Items

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

- -A motion was made to begin posting the Pipeline on the website. A discussion was held regarding sensitivity of printing full names of children. It was decided that before the Pipeline is posted, any articles that contain full names of children will be deleted. The motion passed, and the Pipelines will be posted on the website.
- A banner for the graduates is being created, and will be put at the front entrance once it is completed.
- -Ms. Paraska presented an ACC request for residents at 4700 East Forest Peak to add a screened in porch to their home. A motion was made to approve the request, as all the paperwork has been turned in. The motion passed.
- -A discussion was held regarding repeat offenders of ACC covenants. The Board agreed that if continued letters and warnings are ignored Liens will be filed against the property.
- Mr. Mikkelson reported that the bales of pinestraw will be spread as soon as possible.
- -Mr. Mikkelson noted that the breaker box that controls the exaust fan of the pool and the outside lights had been turned off. It is now on and lights are working properly. The entrance lights have been replaced. The elec-

- trician will install lighting under the deck before the swim team meets begin.
- -A discussion was held on the variety in styles/designs of mail-boxes throughout the neighborhood. Ms. Hester will research replacement options for residents, as well as replacing stop signs with similar styles.
- Mr. Newton reported that he has received calls and emails regarding residents not keeping their dogs on leashes. He will write an article for the Pipeline outlining Cobb County's codes for pets.
- The Board discussed the condition of the tennis courts, and the options available to repair/replace the courts. Mr. Newton is collecting quotes on temporary fixes vs a complete rehaul of the surface, and will followup with the Board.
- -Mr. Laufersweiler purchased a new TV and stereo system for the Clubhouse. It will be installed the weekend of May 9, 2009.
- -Mr. Laufersweiler will purchase new mats for the downstairs entranceways before the pool season opens.
- -Ms. Ciesielski will collect quotes for window cleaning at the Clubhouse, and will have the windows cleaned by mid May.
- -Mr. Kimball has ordered new umbrellas for the pool area.
- -Mr. Kimball suggested the installation of a gate at the top of the stairs leading from the pool to the main deck, to keep Clubhouse renteres from going down into the pool area when the pool is closed.
 -Ms. Conrad reported on the new entrance message boards. The board at the Grove entrance will be relocated to the Recreation area due to resident complaints. A restored message board will be placed at the back North Mountain entrance.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

2008-2009 BUDGET UPDATE

	Budget FY 08-09	Actual (as of 4/30/09)
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HPRA Income	\$123,650.00	\$113,200.00
HPHOA Income	64,075.00	70,049.69
Other Income	4,800.00	<u>2,372.49</u>
Total Income	\$192,525.00	\$185,622.18
HPRA Expenses	\$115,114.00	\$117,187.01
HPHOA Expenses	60,314.00	51,377.99
Other Expenses	0.00	1,010.80
Total Expenses	\$175,428.00	\$169,575.58
HPRA/HPHOA Net Income	\$17,097.00	\$16,046.38
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he following shows the break	down of expenses vs. but	dgets for the period ending 4/30/2009:
	Budget FY 08-09	Actual Expenses (as of 4/30/09)
HPRA Expenses:		
HPRA Expenses: Clubhouse	\$115,114.00	\$117,187.01
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Clubhouse Tennis	\$115,114.00 13,475.00	\$117,187.01 29,745.94
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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, 2009 respectively.

Liens to be filed

If you are a permanent member of the homeowners' association, otherwise known as Phase 5, and have not paid your dues yet, time is running out. If your payment of \$144 is not received in the HP office before August 1st, a lien will be placed on your property. If you have any questions, please contact the HP office at (770) 973-0925.

Is your dog on a leash?

As the weather gets warm, more Highland Pointe residents are out with their dogs. Please remember that by Cobb County law, all dogs must be on a leash. For your reference, the Cobb County Codes on animal restraint are as follows:

Restraint of dogs and/or animals shall be maintained as follows:

- a. When upon the premises of the owner, all animals shall be kept indoors or in a primary enclosure as defined by this chapter in such a manner as to contain the animal within the bounds of the owner's premises, or on a leash in the hands of a person that possesses the ability to restrain the animal. Tethering as a means of primary enclosure is not permitted.
- b. When off the premises of the owner, all animals shall at a minimum be maintained on an appropriate chain, leash or tie not exceeding 6 feet in length, and in the hands of a person who possesses the ability to restrain the animal.

A Nuisance animal is any animal that:

- (1) Damages, soils, defiles, eliminates or defecates on private property other than its owner's property or on public property;
- (2) Causes unsanitary or offensive conditions or otherwise endangers public health, welfare or safety;
- (3) Causes a disturbance by barking, howling or other noisemaking for a period of more than 15 minutes;
- (4) Chases vehicles, bicycles, or people;
- (5) Is in estrus and not confined in a manner which can keep it away from intact males of the same species; or
- (6) Causes serious annoyance to a neighboring residence and interferes with the reasonable use and enjoyment of that property

If you own a dog, please be courteous of your neighbors by following the above codes set forth by Cobb County. If you have a complaint regarding an animal in the neighborhood, try to go to the owner first. If that does not work, please do not call a Highland Pointe Board member. Please direct your complaint to:

Cobb County Animal Control

1060 Al Bishop Drive Marietta, Georgia 30008 Phone: (770) 499-4136

Fax: (770) 590-5620

A Realtor Drives thru Highland Pointe.

By Peter Breese

Near the very top of the cardinal rules of real estate sales is the subject of curb appeal. Whatever psychology attends those first few seconds, the first impression upon arriving at a home during a home-buying search is Curb Appeal. It has been measured that this first impression has significantly greater impact than any other factor in the home buying decision. As such, the first impression of a neighborhood is clearly a significant factor as well. Cleanliness, condition and price are major factors, but they come in second or third behind those thoughts first formulated when arriving at a home for sale. During the past few months, a couple of Buyers Agents showing the 16 homes currently for sale remarked that Highland Pointe looked shabby. Shabby? Highland Pointe? No way! But, sadly, yes it does. Late fall and winter always make things look a bit barren and drab, but the comments went beyond and seemed to offer a wake-up call regarding the overall appearance of our terrific community. I invite all who live here to take a drive around the neighborhood and you'll see what they were talking about. Worse yet, 2 realtors reported that their clients didn't even want to see the homes they had selected because of their first impression about Highland Pointe. It was too late to even showcase our terrific facilities.

We have excellent schools, excellent facilities and amenities, wonderful families and neighbors and the terrain gives us a unique look and feel not found in other communities. Most homes in HP reflect the pride and care most owners take in presenting their homes to visitors and their neighbors. However, and especially in this very, very soft real estate market, it is more important than ever that we all pay attention to our homes and yards and neighborhood to help keep values strong and Highland Pointe as desirable as we found it when we decided to move in. A first step that goes without saying is a call to pay your dues and contribute to the well being of the entire neighborhood. Step two, we invite you to submit any suggestions or ideas you have about how we can regain a first-class look, and on that note, I conclude with this slogan I once saw on a landscaper's truck: "Look at your lawn - Other people do". Boy, how true! Happy Spring cleaning.



May 2009 Yard of the Month Winners

Congratulations to the following homes for winning Yard of the Month for May!

4266 North Mountain Road 4540 Forest Peak Circle 4359 Highborne Drive Dave and Linda Aycock Stephen and Stacy Soltis Joe and Betty Harrell



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How Do I get a Recreation Key?

New Recreation keys and pool tags are mailed within a few days after receiving your HPRA payment in the office.

LASSITER DANCE TEAM CLINIC!

The Lassiter Dance Team will be holding a dance clinic for grades k-8. The clinic will be held on August 1, 2009 from 9:00 – Noon in the Lassiter Gym. Come learn dance skills, meet new friends and just have a great time with the Varsity High School Dancers!

For more information, call Josie Brucker, HP resident at 678-522-0230 until June 25, then call Daphne Cable at djcable@bellsouth.net. Visit our website: LHSDANCE.blogspot.com and download a registration form!



Classified Ads

In need of childcare, tutoring, pet sitting, or plant care? Call <u>Josie Brucker</u>, Senior at Lassiter High School. I have extensive experience in all ages of child care, with many references available in the neighborhood.

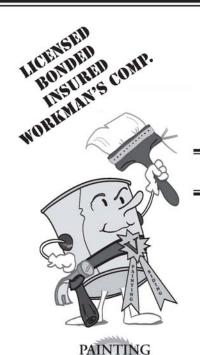
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