

Highland Oaks Newsletter

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Congrats Graduates

Congratulations to all our graduates! Your school year may not have ended exactly like you envisioned but you have bright futures ahead of you! Your neighborhood is super proud of your accomplishments.



- Samir Bahsoon
- Georgia Callan
- Jose Manuel Garcia
- Sarah Grimsley
- Aleksander Harris
- Lyndsay Hill
- Daniel Lopez
- Andrew Pettit
- Emma Rose Pulliam
- Michelle Seeler
- Daniel Sherwood
- Brad Weaver
- Jon Wyatt
- Leslie Wyatt
- Rouhiyeh Zareh

Social Committee

Hey neighbors! Thank you for your participation with our Food Truck events. YUM! We hope you liked them. Now that restaurants are back open we have canceled our 3rd food truck visit. We were hoping to have other events scheduled by now, but the pandemic keeps ruining things.

Stay safe and healthy. We hope to see you soon!

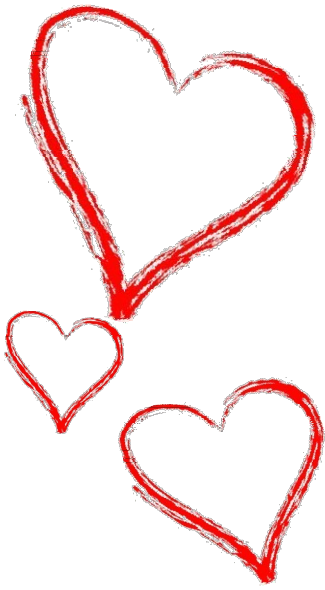
Pool News

Let's give our pool committee a huge round of applause! They worked very hard to ensure the pool opened under challenging circumstances. Many pools in our area chose not to open as they were not able to implement the requirements set by the CDC and governors' office. Please continue to follow the rules so we remain in compliance.

- No Guests! Only permanent residents of your home may enter the pool area.
- Sign-In Required! By entering you agree to the rules and acknowledge Covid-19 may be present.
- No moving furniture! Keep furniture within the areas marked by the yellow tape.
- Keep 6 feet apart! Maintain distance from other residents while in the pool and pool area.
- Do not enter if you have any symptoms of Covid-19.

The pool may close at any time if residents do not comply with the rules. If you encounter a problem or have a suggestion, notify the pool monitor. If necessary, they will contact a pool committee member.





Our Community Has Heart

Amy Rehn collected lunch items for a 4th year to support Must Ministries Summer Lunch program. Unfortunately due to the pandemic, plans changed and Must was unable to support Gwinnett County. Thankfully Amy was able to partner with North Metro Baptist Church to get over 4000 food items in the right hands. She bundled lunches into large bags of 5

which included snacks, drinks, peanut butter, jelly and bread. Along with boxes of food from the church, these bags were handed out every Wednesday in June and July to local families in need. Amy was also able to volunteer onsite to meet these families on 2 separate Wednesdays.

A big thank you to the many Highland Oaks neighbors who had their kids decorate paper

lunch bags and delivered a ton of food by Amazon or drop-offs on her front porch to make this effort a success!



KNOW SOMEONE SHOWING HEART? EMAIL AMYREHN@BELLSOUTH.NET WITH DETAILS SO THEY CAN BE FEATURED AND INSPIRE OTHERS!

ARC Updates

We've had a ton of architectural requests with people at home and working on their to-do lists! Our management company continues to drive through the neighborhood to note areas that need to be addressed. The board decided not levy violation charges during this time of uncertainty, but you will continue to receive reminders.

Mailboxes: If you want to make your mailbox look like new, buy some Rustoleum flat black paint. This is the ARC approved color. If you have damage to your mailbox, need new numbers, or have questions about the mailboxes our community has adopted as its standard, contact Mailbox Replacements at 770-436-6198 or addressesofdistinction.com. We use the Imperial Mailbox System model #610kb. We also use Williamsburg 2" brass numbers.

You can also shine your current numbers with brass cleaner.

Tree Removal/

Landscaping: Remember to complete the ARC form (newly updated for easier use) if you want to remove trees or make landscape changes. Include as much detail as possible including pictures to clearly demonstrate what you are planning. Send this info via email to Amarie.Warren@libertycm.com. The form is located on the Liberty Management website.



New to the Hood

There are a number of new neighbors to our Highland Oaks community. Stop by to introduce yourself and give them a warm welcome!

1568 Macy Lane

1637 Branch Creek Cove

747 Pinder Point Court

1537 Teal Drive

1593 Macy Lane

1697 Branch Creek Cove

1532 Teal Drive

**People will forget what
you said, people will
forget what you did, but
people will never forget
how you
made them feel.
~Maya Angelou**

Cops Community

Back in March our officer liaison changed again, this time back to a familiar face, Officer Ryan Hood.

During my many years as the neighborhood liaison, we have worked with many officers and each one has been awesome.

The COPS program is great and we need to ensure it stays in place which requires our active participation. To stay in the program our community must have 3 meetings

each year. I received an email about a Zoom video meeting for our annual Cops Meeting. Who is interested in attending in this opportunity?

Please email Christine Weaver at christineweaver@bellsouth.net if you are interested. If we get enough interest, we will move forward with setting it up.



Neighborhood Signage

Recently, the HOA Board sent a survey about the sign at the Glen entrance. Residents were asked their preference: "The Glen at Highland Oaks" or "Highland Oaks." Eighty-three percent voted to change the sign to Highland Oaks. No one who voted to keep "The Glen" wording actually lived on the Glen side of the neighborhood. Unfortunately, what we did not take into consideration were the legal aspects of the name change. We are still in the process of researching the steps needed and

costs involved to change the name. Going forward, the solution may be to keep the name the same, but vary the font so that Highland Oaks is prominent and "The Glen at" is less noticeable.

We have contracted a painter to repair and repaint the Highland Oaks entrance sign. After 25 years, this sign is still in repairable condition and the refreshment costs are minimal. The Glen sign needs to be fully replaced. While the Highland Oaks sign "floats" within the stone arch, the

Glen sign sits on the stone and is open at the top causing mold and rot to form. Quotes to build a stone archway (to mimic the other entrance) and to replace the sign are being gathered. The process has proved to be more difficult than expected as many contractors are not available for several months. If you know of a stone mason who could help, please send contact info to Rene Hordines at vtrene@comcast.net.

Landscaping

The contract with our current landscaping company expires in October. We plan to receive proposals from other companies to compare their services and costs. We will form a committee to help with this process and to receive input into landscape improvements going forward. Email to Rene Hordines at vtrene@comcast.net if you are interested in joining this new committee.

Some recent changes in our landscaping include:

- Replaced dead plants near the tennis courts
- Repaired drainage pipe
- Pruned plants near the pool gate
- Added a railroad tie near tennis courts to improve drainage
- Seasonal plants added at Highland Oaks sign
- Plants added along the pool fence
- Trimmed crepe myrtles in pool area

Additional improvements are planned for the Fall season. We hope you enjoy the updates in and around the neighborhood!



Tennis Courts

The tennis committee is working hard to improve our courts. Recent updates include:

- Replaced the old/outdated signage
- Added numbers to courts to help with reservations
- Refurbished the tennis memo box and updated the info
- Repaired a broken net
- Added cording to some of the windscreens due to continued breakage of zip ties

- Replaced the timer for the lights to make it more user friendly
- Fixed an electrical issue at the exit button
- Repaired the door magnet so door will lock upon closing

Future projects include:

- Replacing/repairing parts of the fence that are damaged
- Repairing the tennis lights— possibly replacing them with LED lights.

We love to see so many people playing! If you need help making a reservation or notice a problem, please contact Rene Hordines at vtrene@comcast.net or 404-693-0017.

Please remember to be considerate of other players, close the gate when leaving, and turn off the lights.



Facilities

Facilities projects completed this year include:

- Repaired damaged boards on pool house/pavilion and repainted the entire structure
- Installed bird spikes in pavilion to reduce bird droppings
- Replaced non-working lights in pavilion
- Replaced hot water heater, installed new door, and up-

graded lighting in pump room

- Replaced missing stonework on fireplace
- Replaced locks on pool house bathrooms
- Painted bathrooms, replaced cleaning items, installed towel hooks, added small artwork
- Power washed fence on Ridge Road, pool fence, play structure, and pavilion floor
- Fixed broken water sprinklers

Check out these updates when you are out and about! And please note the pavilion is not available for rental as of yet due to covid-19 restrictions.



Adopt A Road



Join your neighbors and clean up Ridge Road during multiple opportunities this year. High school students can earn community service hours. Neighbors can meet one another and contribute to keeping our community clean.

Note no one under age 12 may participate per the program rules. Supplies are provided for the clean up. Volunteers meet at the pavilion at 8am. Trash

pickup is between Buford Drive and Azalea Road. Reach out to Guido Walther, committee chair, with questions and to review full rules/regulations.

Upcoming Dates

- **August 22nd**
- **November 14th**

Please wear a mask and respect the social distancing guidelines of the CDC and Public Health Dept.