

Highland Oaks Newsletter

SPRING 2020

Pool News



We are pleased to welcome a new pool company, American Pool, Georgia. They will be responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the pool as well as supplying lifeguards. The HOA Board and Pool Committee have planned and worked closely with American Pool to ensure our needs are met and necessary improvements are in place for the 2020 pool season.

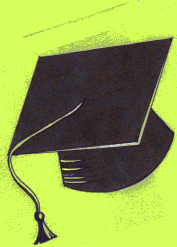
Our projected date to open the pool is May 16th, should the shelter in place be lifted by then. At present, the CDC have indicated that the COVID-19 virus cannot be transmitted through water, and that typical pool sanitation methods will kill the virus. Currently, our pool

company is moving forward with the standard opening. Our pool manager from American Pool stated, "We are prepping pools as we normally would, and will be maintaining them in a ready state for when the shelter in place order is lifted. We are currently still actively recruiting lifeguards, and have worked with the Red Cross to allow for online blended learning courses that allow the lifeguards to perform the classroom component of their training online. For final certification the onsite practical training will still need to occur, and that will need to take place once the current shelter in place has been lifted. The timing of the shelter in place ending will impact how fast we can get guards through the practical training, so

this may create a lag. If indeed the shelter in place creates a lag then pools may open in a 'swim at your own risk' status initially and then move to being guarded shortly thereafter. We are monitoring this closely and will be able to provide another update toward month end."

The Pool Committee and Board of Directors are doing everything possible to improve the quality, safety, cleanliness and efficiency of our pool facility. We are looking for additional volunteers to join the Pool Committee.

Key responsibilities include: the general oversight and welfare of the community pool and associated facilities. If you are interested, please contact Vince Bingham, pool committee chair, at vincebingham@gmail.com.



Graduation

Recognize your graduate! Please send your student's name and school to

Amarie.wWarren@liberty.com by April 21st to have them included on our neighborhood banner. Look for more info soon about a neighborhood parade for these students!

Covid-19 Response

During this economic hardship, the Highland Oaks Homeowners Association will suspend the accrual of interest and penalties for outstanding balances. If you have a delinquent account, please reach out to Liberty Management to set up a payment plan. The association will not add fines. For informational purposes, Violation

Letters will continue to be sent for minor maintenance, lawn care, and unapproved modification issues.

Also, we will not accept party rental reservations for the pavilion until further notice. Use caution and maintain social distancing while using the tennis courts and playground. Wearing masks in these areas is highly encouraged.

Our Community Has Heart



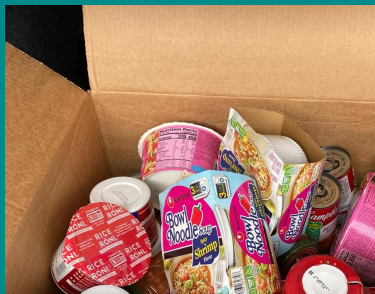
Amy Rehn is in her 4th year supporting Must Ministries Summer Lunch program. MUST provides a nutritious lunch each summer weekday to thousands of children in seven counties including Gwinnett. Since MUST can't do it alone, the generosity of local communities makes it possible.

Amy and her family collect

snack items including juice boxes, fruit cups and chips. Paper lunch bags are decorated by family, friends, students and neighbors. Then the bags are assembled and delivered to North Metro Baptist Church, the north Gwinnett Must Ministries site location. Volunteer drivers drop off the lunches every weekday to key areas where kids would go without lunch otherwise.

Many Highland Oaks neighbors have contributed supplies and time to make this effort a success over the past few years. This year Amy's family is striving to make 1000 lunches. Check out their Amazon Wish List if you want to help:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3KTOC2LOEI8Z2?ref_=share



A big thank you to Gail Miles for collecting food items for the Lawrenceville Co-Op. During this shelter-in-place order, families are struggling to make ends meet. We encourage members of our neighborhood to purchase a couple extra items when grocery shopping and drop them at the co-op. Critical need items include tuna, all kinds of soup, shelf stable milk,

laundry detergent, shampoo, toilet paper, and deodorant.

Visit <https://lawrencevilleco-op.org/donate/> for more information. Drop offs can be made at any of these places:

- 12Stone Lawrenceville Campus
- Lawrenceville Presbyterian
- Saint Lawrence Catholic Church
- First UMC of McKendree

The Pulliam family made use of their found time at home by painting rocks in pretty colors and messages. They then scattered them throughout the neighborhood for others to find. Many have enjoyed these treasures during daily jogs or while walking

their dogs. What a great idea! Thank you for spreading joy. Check out their handy work and feel free to contribute your own to this fun, creative "rock-painting" movement!



A kind gesture
can reach
a wound
that only
compassion
can heal.

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

Cops Community

Did you know we are a COPS community? We have been since 1995/1996. Our neighborhood was actually named a master community one year!

What is COPS? We are assigned a Gwinnett County Liaison Officer who works with us to prevent crime in our community. We have to attend three meetings per year with our officer to stay in the program. Please help keep us in the

program by attending one of the meetings. Dates for upcoming meetings will be announced to the neighborhood as soon as they are scheduled.

If you have questions please email Chris Weaver at christi-neweaver@bellsouth.net.



“Alone, we can do so little; together we can do so much.”

Helen Keller

Committee Membership

Please consider volunteering for one of these committees. Committee chairs are listed should you have questions or wish to volunteer!

Facilities/Pool/Landscaping

Vince Bingham
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Rene Hordines
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Welcome

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Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful

Guido Walther
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COPS

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Newsletter

Amy Rehn
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Social

Position Open^


^Events on hold until further notice

Architectural Items

As you begin working in your yards, you may have larger projects in mind such as cutting trees, installing fences, painting your porch and more. Be sure to review the guidelines available at <http://myhighlandoaks.com/> before you begin.

Top violations include:

- Painting without submitting a form or with colors not approved

- Failure to maintain your lawn including trimming, edging, weeding and mulching
- Failure to maintain your mailbox with flat black paint (red for the flag) and  numbers
- Trash cans, ladders or other objects visible that should not be



ARC has up to 60 days to review and respond to requests for modifications so be sure to submit your requests in advance of scheduled work.

The best rule of thumb is to contact the architectural committee or Liberty Management with questions to avoid issues.

Enjoy getting your yards ready for spring and summer!

HOA Board

Huge thank you to Nicole Bruck and René Hordines who volunteered and were recently appointed to the HOA board, joining Joe Lishok. They are very excited to help our community, but ask for your patience during this transition time.

Going forward, the board hopes to improve communication and transparency. The neighborhood newsletter has been revived and will be disbursed quarterly as a first step. While this first issue has been printed and

placed in your mailbox, please make sure to register your email address with Liberty Community Management at Amarie.warren@libertycm.com to receive future emailed issues.

The board has many improvements already in the works and will hold an open board meeting for all residents in the near future. The date of the next meeting will be listed on the website as soon as possible.



Welcome New Neighbors!

Highland Oaks is excited that you have chosen to live in our neighborhood. Check out some important info:

This community has a homeowners association: fees of \$550/ year are due every February. The HOA is made up of 4 – 5 board members, with 2/3 rotating off every 2 years. We are looking for 2 more members to join! Current members and positions:

Rene Hordines – President
Joe Lishok – Treasurer
Nicole Bruck – Secretary

The HOA Board meets every month and all residents can attend. A ton of information is located on our website at <http://myhighlandoaks.com/>. Our property management company is Liberty Community Management and forms can be found at <https://www.libertycm.com/>.

Our Liberty Management contact is, Amarie Warren. Please contact her for login info and to add your email to their list. She will send pertinent information via email.

When making modifications to the exterior of your property, some key

items require HOA approval. Visit the website for a full list of parameters. .

Our resident-run Facebook page is listed under Highland Oaks Residents. Please note this page is not run by the HOA Board. It is a great place to share ideas, community news, and more. Please note that formal communication regarding the HOA has to be submitted through the management company for proper documentation.



*The way
you greet
someone
determines
how he will
welcome
you!*

Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful

Join your neighbors and clean up Ridge Road during multiple opportunities this year. You can learn more about the Adopt A Road program at

<http://www.gwinnettcba.org/programs/adopt-road/>. No one under age 12 may participate per the program rules. Supplies provided for the clean up. Reach out to

Guido Walther, Committee Chair, with questions and to see full rules/regulations.

Upcoming Dates

- May 9th^
- August 22nd
- November 14th

^Pending Shelter-In-Place Guidance