



May 2022



Adopt A Road: May 14th



Meet us at the pavilion at 8 AM to pick up trash between Buford Drive and Azalea through the Gwinnett County Clean & Beautiful Adopt-a-Road Program.

You get to meet old and new neighbors, have a nice workout, keep Ridge Road looking nice, AND you can proudly say you did something for your neighborhood. If you are in high school, you can earn some community service hours. Please make sure to bring your school's form.

Please note that due to the program guidelines, children under 12 are not permitted to participate for safety reasons. Let Guido know if you can make it, so he has enough supplies. Bags and vests are provided. Be sure to wear sturdy shoes and bring a pair of gloves.

If weather does not permit, we will move the date by one week, please check the e-mail from AMAG and the posting on the Facebook page. We're looking forward to seeing you again and would love to see new faces.

Additional 2022 Dates: Aug 13th and Nov 12th

ARC

Please complete and submit the ARC Modification Request Form via email prior to making any changes to the exterior of your home. You must review the ARC guidelines and/or HOA covenants prior to submission. Denials may be appealed to ARC and the HOA Board. ARC is allowed up to 30 days to approve/deny requests. The status of your request may be viewed on the AMAG portal. Official confirmation letters for approval or denial will be mailed to the address of your request.

COPS



I am working with Officer Joseph to schedule our Annual Meeting for the September or October timeframe at our Pavilion in the evening. We will circulate the date once finalized. These meetings with our liaison officer are mandatory for the neighborhood to stay a COPS community. At these meetings the officer goes over the program as well as crime in the area. We would love to see more residents participate!

Be vigilant, if you see something that just does not look right, don't approach the individuals. Call the police and let them handle it.

If you have questions, contact Christine Weaver at christineweaver@bellsouth.net.

Upcoming Social Calendar



Spring Clean/Dumpster Day: May 21-22
Spring is here and time to clean house! There will be a large dumpster in the pool parking lot for homeowners to bring items to dump. No food, liquids, paints, gas, oil, or similar items are allowed. ONLY Highland Oak Residents are allowed to use the dumpster. Please do not share this info with others outside the neighborhood. RSVP to lesliemshafer@yahoo.com

End of School Party at Pool Pavilion: May 28th 1-3pm
Join us for music at the pool and bingo during the "adult swim" breaks. We will have treats for everyone and play bingo.

Garage Sale and Craft/Trade Fair: June 18th
This event will take place at our pavilion. You must RSVP by May 29th if you want to participate. All kids

and adults are invited to bring crafts or products to sell. You can set up a table to sell anything from homemade crafts to home baked treats and goodies. If you have your own business, you can set up a table and pass out fliers and/or giveaways. This will also be a neighborhood wide garage sale day. We will hand out maps at the Pavilion showing all garage sale locations in the neighborhood. We will advertise outside of the neighborhood to get as many visitors as possible. Please RSVP to lesliemshafer@yahoo.com if you are interested. Event subject to cancellation based on participation interest.

Evening Cook Out at Pavilion: July 4th 6-8 pm

Come hang out with neighbors and family at the Pavilion. We will have a grill set up for hot dogs and burgers. This is a potluck too, so please bring a side or dessert to share. We are not allowed to set off fireworks at the pool area. If anyone is interested in hosting fireworks at their residence, please let us know. RSVP before June 18th to lesliemshafer@yahoo.com if you can come.

More details coming soon on the following events

August - Back to School Party
September - Chili Cook Off
October - Halloween Decoration Contest
November - Charity Food Drive Collection
December - Christmas Decoration Contest
December - Ladies Cookie Exchange

Beautification Projects

The Board will proceed with two community projects:

1. The fence replacement along Ridge Road
2. The previously discussed landscape improvements around the Highland Oaks sign by Branch Tree Way.



The fence along Ridge Road is the original fence installed sometime in the first few years of our subdivision, circa 1994. It has become structurally unsound in some areas, and its appearance has deteriorated. Repairs for missing or damaged boards have

become more frequent. Therefore, we have decided to replace it to improve the appearance of our community. The fence replacement began Wednesday, April 27th and will last for approximately two weeks. For homeowners whose property is bordered by the existing fence, each section will be completed as quickly as possible to minimize the amount of time your property will be without a fence. If you have pets that are usually in your backyard, you will need to temporarily change your routine.

The second project is to improve the landscaping around the Highland Oaks sign. This area had too much shade and no irrigation. The large trees that had grown up around the sign and were shading the area have already been removed. We are in the process of revising and approving the new landscape plan to be sure that new plantings will both provide a barrier from the street to the homeowner and allow for enough light for drought-tolerant plantings.

For any questions, please get in touch with AMAG at admin@associationmgt.com or 678-407-1115.

Pool Opening Details



Summer is quickly approaching! The pool will open on May 13th. Let's make it a safe and fun year for all. Please review the full list of pool rules available on the Highland Oaks website and ensure your children

understand them as well. These rules are in place for the safety and well-being of all residents within our community. We ask all homeowners/tenants to enforce these rules to prevent anyone from being injured or inconvenienced while enjoying the pool area.

Your access card from the previous pool season will be reactivated if your HOA dues have been paid in full and you have no outstanding violations or fines. Homeowners and tenants with outstanding balances will not receive pool access. Please note that it is theft of services if you allow anyone other than the residents in your home or your guests into the pool area. If someone's card does not work, you are not allowed to let them in, as they may not be in good standing.

If your access card is not working or has been misplaced, please contact AMAG at admin@associationmgt.com or 678-407-1115. Residents with unpaid HOA dues or fines will not be granted access to any of the amenity areas.

Pool hours are:

Sunday – Thursday 10:00am – 9:00pm

Friday & Saturday 10:00am – 10:00pm

Mailbox Details



If you have damage to your mailbox, need replacement numbers, or have questions about the mailboxes that our neighborhood has adopted as its standard, please contact Addresses of Distinction at

770-436-6198 or visit

<https://www.addressesofdistinction.com>.

Our Community Has Heart



There are several organizations worthy of your help this summer. Check out the options below and get involved!

Extra Special People (ESP) Lunches of Love

- Provide and serve lunch to kids at this special needs camp
- Sign up here <https://signup.com/go/akSdcJh>
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Must Ministries Summer Lunch Program

- Help provide weekly breakfast and lunch kits to Gwinnett County kids
- Learn more at mustministries.org/summer-lunch

North Metro Baptist Church Summer Lunch

- Handout the Must Ministries Breakfast and Lunch kits at this church each Wednesday in June and July
- Sign up to volunteer at northmetro.net/summerlunch/

Gwinnett County Public Library

- Mentor or perform office tasks
- Visit gwinnettpl.org/volunteer/ to learn more

Jambos

- Provide comfort to kids in foster care
 - Sort, roll, and tag donated pjs onsite in Buford OR host a donation site for new pjs
 - Visit jambosdonates.org/ways-to-help/ to get started
- Scamper against Cancer 5k*
- May 21st at Little Mulberry Park
 - Signup at fundracers.org

If you have organizations your family loves to support, share them with us! Post on our Highland Oaks Facebook page or email amyrehn@bellsouth.net who will share them in our next newsletter. Let's encourage and support all efforts to give back in our local communities!

Tennis and Pickleball



Recently someone threw a heavy object onto court #2 and created a large surface fracture. It is repairable thankfully. Please be diligent in keeping our courts in the great shape.

If you see someone purposefully damaging the property, report the incident to the HOA immediately. The courts are to be used for tennis and pickleball ONLY.

We are seeing more pickleball activity on our courts, which is great! Please note the height of the net for pickleball is 34 inches while tennis is 36. The height can be adjusted by the white strap on the net center. Should you adjust, please remember to return the height to 36 inches when you are finished playing.

The tennis committee is reviewing options for online court reservations for tennis and pickleball. If this is approved, an update will be shared with all residents.

Newsletters



Have you missed a newsletter? No worries! They are available on our website: myhighlandoaks.com. The Highland Oaks newsletter is published quarterly. If you have an item to add, please contact Amy Rehn at

amyrehn@bellsouth.net.