

LOCKRIDGE FOREST CIVIC ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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CALENDER OF EVENTS

Saturday, May 12th

Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive

Please participate in this food drive by the Postal Service by placing canned goods at your mailbox in the morning to be picked up by our mailman during his rounds.

Saturday, May 19th - 6pm

Block Party at Locklear/Vic-Ar

Winter's Chapel (5435 - 5485), Newton Dr., Locklear Way, Locklear Court, Miller Court, Vic-Ar Court, Vic-Ar Road, Viking Court
(To be held in the cul-de-sac on
Vic-Ar Road)

Contact Suzanne Zadarosni for further details or with questions regarding block parties - 770-671-9198 or zadasuza@aol.com

LFCA MEMBERSHIP

To date we have received 249 members for 2007. Thank you for continuing to help make our community a great place to live! Lockridge Forest is a non-profit organization and is run on voluntary membership dues. The dues, although minimal, allow us to continue to have neighborhood Block Parties, the Easter Egg Hunt, Entrance Upkeep, Informative newsletters, and much more. If you are interested in becoming a member (\$35 annually), please contact D'Anne Hilsmier at 770-730-0011 or dannehilsmier@comcast.net. Thank you to those residents who have been generous in providing additional contributions!

Calling For Lockridge Breast Cancer 3-Day Walkers!

The Susan G. Komen for the Cure 3-Day walk is October 12-14. If you have registered to walk and would like to be part of a neighborhood training-walk group, please call Susan Hawkins at 770-804-9551 or hawkinssusan@comcast.net. If you're not walking, and breast cancer has touched your life, you can make a much needed and greatly appreciated donation. Please make your check payable to Breast Cancer 3-Day and mail it to Susan Hawkins, 3063 Sumac Drive, Atl, 30360. Ladies of Lockridge Forest, remember to do monthly breast self-exams! We're walking for YOU!

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Neighborhood Clean Up Weekend Update

Approximately 25 neighbors turned out to help clean the curbs and street edges within the neighborhood on March 10th. Many compliments were received from neighbors on the improvement of the neighborhood and several suggestions that we make this an annual event. We hope to see more neighbors at the next Clean Up Weekend. Thank you to all who volunteered! Many thanks to Liz Baska for donating the dumpster which was filled in 2 days.

Easter Egg Hunt Update

The Easter Egg Hunt and Cake Walk was a great success! We had over 500 eggs and about 40 children participate. Residents donated 15 cakes and lots of cupcakes for the Cake Walk competition. Thanks to Patty and Justin Adair for organizing and running the event in addition to the volunteers who helped donate and hide eggs, cakes and cupcakes. We appreciate all the hard work!

GARDEN CLUB

Thanks to some of our Garden Club members who helped remove the old landscaping at Newton Drive entrance and the installation of the new permanent landscape! When the weather is consistently warm, Garden Club members will be installing the spring/summer annuals at both entrances. If you are interested in joining the Garden Club, please contact Angie McQuaig at icebound@aol.com or 678-462-4001.

Gwinnett Clean and Beautiful Information

Gwinnett County is planning to change the trash services in the county by January 2008. Gwinnett Clean and Beautiful is surveying county residents to see what we would like to have changed. There is a survey online at www.gwinnettcleanandbeautiful.org that we encourage all of our Gwinnett residents to take to have your opinions count. The survey is on the main page of this website - then scroll down to the link.

CLEAN AND BEAUTIFUL COMMITTEE

Even though we have had a cold snap, spring is here and the grass is growing! It is time to get out the mowers and trimmers to keep the neighborhood looking good. Everyone benefits from making your home look good with curb appeal which helps property values.

Homes Available Signs at the Entrances

After several comments from neighbors, the Homes Available sign at the Sumac entrance was replaced with a sign that matches the white lettering like the Homes Available sign at the Newton entrance. Many thanks to Barbara Berman who offered to pay for the replacement of the sign! We are also checking with Dekalb DOT to see when they are going to break ground on the intersection improvements at Winters Chapel and Dunwoody Club Drive before replacing the sign. In the interim, we are working on putting up a temporary Homes Available sign at the Newton entrance which was run over on March 21st.

SOLICITORS

Any solicitor should have a county issued permit visible above the waist. This permit allows them to solicit M-Sat 9am-7pm. However, some religious and nonprofit groups are allowed to solicit without a permit. If you are unsure or feel uncomfortable, call 911 and provide a description, if possible and do not answer the door. The police should follow up with your complaint. Communication with other neighbors is also helpful and can aid in tracking where the solicitor is proceeding. Be vigilant for you and your neighbors sake!

SPEEDERS - Take Note

Once again, as so often mentioned in previous newsletters, we continue to have people speeding through the neighborhood and some people actually running stop signs. We have many children playing outside and people taking walks within the neighborhood which causes a major risk. Keep our neighborhood safe or be at your own risk!

Helpful Sites to Visit to Help Protect Your Family

www.wirelessambalerts.org/index.jsp
www.familywatchdog.us/

Monthly Neighborhood Events

Gentlemen's Friendly Poker night
Contact Bill Frainey at 770-396-8087
if interested in playing.

Bunco for Ladies
Contact Suzanne Zadarosni at 770-671-9198
if interested in playing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome New Neighbors: Matthew Smart - 2893 Sumac Drive and Ryan Mendel - 5220 Arrie Way

Congratulations on New Births:

Hamlin & Christine Callahan - 6778 Lockridge Dr. - Charles, born 3/26/07
Jeff & Amanda Burns - 6798 Lockridge Dr. - John Ross, born 2/13/07

Our deepest condolences go out to the families of Joyce Cole (Sanlee Lane) and Tom Droege (Locklear Court) who both recently passed away.

Please contact Connie Martin at cmartin6817@yahoo.com for your announcement.

COPS PROGRAM

Our required annual COPS meeting with Officer Topor was held March 27th. It was well attended by Block Captains and Area Coordinators and was very informative. Officer Topor reported that there were only 4 burglaries in the last 18 months and at least two of them were the result of an unlocked door or window. **Please do not leave your garage door opener in your car if it is not parked in the garage.** Officer Topor also stressed the importance of using alarm systems wisely - there were an excessive amount of false alarms in our neighborhood in the last 18 months. If you accidentally set off your alarm system, please contact your alarm company to prevent a call being placed to the police. We do not want them wasting time on false alarms.

On April 5th, at the corner of Sumac and Womack Road area, a car window was broken and a purse was taken that had been accidentally left in the back seat in plain view. **It is extremely important to make sure all doors and windows are locked in your home and all vehicles are empty and locked.**

We are still in need of neighborhood Block Captains. Please contact Anne Galbraith at 770-396-4377 if you are interested and to learn more.

To Report Non-Working Street Lights: 1-888-660-5890

CLASSIFIEDS

Tastefully Simple Gourmet Foods - Karen Feinstein (770) 730-9600
Primerica Financial Services - Bill Zadarosni (678) 614-8319
MARS Van Lines, Inc. - Moving and Relocation Serv (678) 547-0773
Domicile Rehabilitation / Fixin' & Sprucin' - G. Jernigan (404) 936-0591
Math tutoring (10yrs exp) - Karen Feinstein (770) 730-9600
A-1 Turn Key Services, Contractors, Bob Bumgardner (678) 449-4620
Leisure Travel Specialist - Marie Jernigan (404) 936-0750
Legal Plans & Identity Theft Program - Nanette Freiman (770) 393-2942
Pet Sitting, Sherry ((770) 698-8145
Babysitter - Dianna (770) 698-8145
JC Designs - Your Source for Window Treatments Joe (404) 429-3057
Drum Lessons - \$20.00/hr Ryan Ross (770) 668-0762
Tax & Accounting Services - Larry Hilsmier, CPA (770) 310-7078
Richard's Renovations, Contractors, Richard Temple (404) 735-0818
Piano and Mandolin Lessons - Angelina Reed, (770) 399-5814
Lowe's Mortgage - Rob Shaver (678) 988-1169 or (678) 727-2729
Mary Kay Cosmetics (25+yrs exp) Elaine Johnson (770) 352-9203
Certified Financial Planner - Richard Davis (770) 677-1303
MomCorps.com - P/T positions - Christine Callahan (404) 459-6935

FOR LFCA MEMBERS ONLY

If you have anything you would like mentioned in the Newsletter, please contact cmartin6817@yahoo.com.