

ASHTON WOOD HOA NEWSLETTER

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 2016

The February Ashton Wood HOA meeting on March 8th, was at the home of David and Kathy Harris. The February's minutes and Treasurer's reports were read and approved. Board members were elected and positions were filled.

Board Members – The election of the 2016 AWHOA Board was held and approved as follows:

President -	David Harris
Vice-President -	Randy Harrison
Treasurer -	Anita Robertson
Secretary -	Gaylene Seibel
Member/Pool/Tennis Chairperson -	John Eck
Member/Grounds/Maintenance Chairperson -	John Deveny
Member/Communications Chairperson -	Reba Burch
Member - Newsletter	Lynn Laycock
Member -	Alfie Meek

The Social Committee Chairperson position is still open if any neighborhood person would like to volunteer.

Next monthly AWHOA meeting: Tuesday, April 12th, @ 7 p.m.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Randy and Gloria Harrison at 2180 Ashton Ridge Dr. Any HOA members are encouraged to attend this meeting to voice any questions, concerns or just to see what is happening in the neighborhood.

The HOA Community Work Day

The community had a good turnout for the work day with participants from age 12 to ..., well let's say much older. Thank you to all that turned out, many hands make the work go faster. The front entrance was pressure washed, cleaned up and pine straw was put out. The entrance walls were also prepped for further repairs later on. In the tennis court area, bushes were trimmed, leaves cleaned up on the courts and two large leaning trees were cut and removed. A cable was also installed around the bottom of the court fence to keep it tight and not have balls going under it. The basketball goal and rim was also repaired and fencing was installed to keep basketballs from going into the creek below the parking lot. All in all, a lot was accomplished in about 3 hours. Again thanks to all that turned out.

2016 Graduate Banner!

The deadline is fast approaching for submitting the names of your High School or College graduate for the entrance banner. It is a free benefit for any 2016 HOA member of Ashton Wood. Please submit the graduates name and school for this year's banner to theboard@ashtonwoodhoa.com by April 1st, 2016.

2016 AWHOA Annual Membership Dues

Last Chance SAVE BIG NOW!!!!

Pay By April 1st vs after

Basic Homeowner dues \$85 vs \$90 **Basic + Swim/Tennis dues \$385 vs \$415**

Attached is the 2016 HOA invoice if you would like to join the HOA and **have not** paid yet. Contact Anita Robertson at anitac21@bellsouth.net, with any questions concerning dues. Drop your payments in the mail or the AWHOA drop-box located at the corner of Ironwood Briar Dr. and Ironwood Hill Ct.

Dates to Remember:

April 1st Last day to get discount on HOA Dues for the year.

April 9th Yard of the Week recognition starts

April 12th HOA meeting 7pm

April 23rd Pool prep workday (volunteers needed)

May 1st Graduate Banner Displayed

May 3rd HOA Monthly meeting

May 7th HOA Sponsored Community Yard Sale

May 15th Pool opens!!!!

May 24th General Primary/ Nonpartisan Election

June 18th Backyard Garden tour from 10am-12pm

○ **TIP of the Month:**

○ If you enjoy visiting and using any of the Georgia State Parks you can reserve and check out a **FREE** Park Pass from the Gwinnett Pubic library. You can use it for a week and it covers the entry fee for any of the state parks in Georgia.

Backyard Garden Tour

We have some beautiful backyards in our neighborhood. If you are interested in participating by showing your backyard gem, please notify the Board by May 15th at theboard@ashtonwoodhoa.com Visitors come out to see the fruits of your neighbor's hard work and enjoy these hidden treasures, June 18th 10am - 12pm. More details to come...

On the Home Front

We are fortunate to live in one of the best neighborhoods in the area. We have large lots, wide streets and Spring is such a great time of year except for the WEEDS! There are lots of landscape companies that will willingly take care of all your yard duties. Get their number from any of the little signs in people's yard, but if you would rather do it yourself, it is rather easy. Here are a few ideas. First off a pre-emergence is a great way to prevent weeds but if you didn't put it out in February, that boat has sailed and won't come around until again October. So now you have to kill those little monsters! In my yard, the worst weed offender is Poa Annuua but I also have Hen Bit, Spurge and Chickweed too. Poa Annuua is the hardest to kill so the garden people at Home Depot recommended Image Herbicide by AMBRANDS. A \$22 bottle that attaches to your garden hose will treat 8,000 sq ft of yard. Make sure to read the directions and don't use it on fescue yards. It will work fine on Bermuda grass that most yards have, as well as Centipede, St Augustine and Zoysia grass. If you are not sure what kind of grass or weeds you have just take a sample to your local nursery or garden center and ask the experts to get the right stuff for your yard. It is actually easier than you think to have a great looking yard!

Local Businesses

If you haven't been in the quaint little shop just past our neighborhood entrance, you should stop in and look around. It is the New 2 You shop but they just changed their name to the Rust and Roses Boutique. They have an eclectic mix of hand crafted wood pieces, antiques, new boutique clothing, jewelry, candles, soaps and outdoor metal planters. Wow, what a mix but it works! The owner, Ricki Lorans, said most of their items are from local craft people and artists. They are open 10:00-5:30 Tuesday - Saturday at 3043 Braselton Hwy, Dacula. 678-636-9625

Local Happenings

Gwinnett County Public Library

Hamilton Mill Branch

Gmail Tips & Tricks Learn Gmail basics, including replying/forwarding messages, cc and bcc functions, adding attachments, and organizing your emails. Tuesday, March 22, 2016 - 11:00am to 12:00pm

Secrets to a Successful Job Application Wednesday, March 30, 2016 - 4:00pm to 5:00pm

Dacula Branch

Library Resources for the Job Search

Come learn about all of the amazing resources the library has to offer to those who are looking for jobs. You'll hear about databases that will help you craft resumes and find job openings. You'll discover books and newspapers that will give you the tools to supercharge your job search. There are even free online courses available to library users to help you learn the ins and outs of job hunting. No registration is required. Monday, March 28, 2016 - 11:00am to 12:00pm

Mill Creek High School Theater

The Music Man **March 18th and 19th 7:00pm**

Written by: Meredith Wilson

General Admission tickets - \$10.00

Mountain View High School Theater

Mary Poppins

Tickets are now on sale for Mary Poppins **May 5-7th**

Ticket prices are as follows:

Adult: Presale \$12

At door \$15

Children under 5: Evening shows \$5

Saturday Matinee (**including Tea with Mary and Bert**)

Adult: Presale \$10

At door \$12

Children under 5: \$6