

ASHTON WOOD HOA NEWSLETTER

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 2016

The April Ashton Wood HOA meeting on April 12th, was at the home of Randy and Gloria Harrison. The March minutes and Treasurer's report were read and approved. The May AWHOA meeting will be Tuesday, May 3, at John and Holly Deveny home, at 2855 Ashton Tree Court. Please know that board meetings are open to all Ashton Wood residents. It is a great way to learn what goes on in the neighborhood and is a perfect way to get involved and bring new ideas to the community.

Dates to Remember:

April 23rd Pool prep workday 9:00 am Meet at the pool (volunteers needed)

May 3rd HOA Monthly meeting (John and Holly Deveny's home, @ 2855 Ashton Tree Court)

May 7th HOA Sponsored Community Yard Sale if participating, please email the Board by May 1st.

May 14th Pool opens for Paid Swim/Tennis Members !!!!

May 24th General Primary/ Nonpartisan Election

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

Congratulations to Ashton Wood's 2016 Graduates!

The Graduation Banner will be displayed at the entrance of Ashton Wood on May 1st and remain for the month of May

1. Carrington Fernandors from Coastal Carolina University
2. Allison Little from Mill Creek High
3. Pam Little from University of Georgia
4. Tori Mitchell from Piedmont College
5. Joshua Tyner from Mill Creek High

Backyard Garden Tour

We are lucky to have such a beautiful neighborhood with wonderful yards. We also have some hidden gems of beautiful backyards as well. If you are interested in showing your gem during our Backyard Garden Tour. Please notify the board at theboard@ashtonwoodhoa.com, of your desire to participate. Signs will be placed throughout the neighborhood to directing your neighbors to the participating yards. A sign will be in each participating yard that will be open for the tour. We already have 4 yards participating. They are working hard. Visitors come out to see the fruits of your neighbor's hard work and enjoy these hidden treasures, June 18th 10am - 12pm.

Congratulations to the Yard of the Week Winners

Week 1: Randy and Gloria Harrison, at 2180 Ashton Ridge Drive

Week 2: Debbie and Sonny Murphy, at 2227 Ironwood Ridge CT.

Local Businesses

This is not a local business but every year I look forward to when Washington Farms opens for **strawberry season**. It is a little bit of a drive, but you have never tasted such fantastic flavor from a grocery store! Grab the kids, take a friend, and spend the morning or evening picking (and eating) strawberries. You will get as hooked as I am. Be sure to call before you go to make sure they have plenty to pick or they will pick some buckets for you ahead of time for a few dollars more!!!

Washington Farms Strawberry Picking

Farm Information

Watkinsville Farm: (706) 769-0627
5671 Hog Mountain Road Bogart, GA 30622

Loganville Farm: (770) 554-8119
270 Willowwind Drive Loganville, GA 30052



Hours: Our hours can change depending on the weather and availability of berries. It's **always best to call** the farm before you drive out to make sure we will be open have plenty of berries to pick. Our regular hours will be Monday - Saturday from 8am to 8pm.

Prices: Pick-Your-Own - \$12 (+tax) per gallon
Pre-Picked - \$14(+tax) per gallon

We provide the picking containers. For \$1, you can keep the picking bucket to take your berries home in and use the next time you come. Otherwise, you may bring something from home to transfer the berries into.

Tip of the Month:

Do you like to browse magazines for recipes, gossip, travel, finance, sports or whatever? Have I got a tip for you! Have you ever heard of Zino or Galileo? Well the Gwinnet Public Library has them and what they are, is a data base of magazines that you can open and read at your leisure at home. They even have back issues. You can read them on line or download them to your electronic device. If you have a library card, go to the Gwinnett County Public Library home page, click on Research, scroll down to magazines and newspapers. Click on that and look for magazine titles that have Zino or Galileo beside them. If a magazine has only Galileo beside it, you need to get a free password from the library. To get that password, Galileo is under the Research tab as well click on that and look for "Get Password". If you have any problems just call or stop by to ask your friendly librarian. It takes a little trial and error to figure out the best way to view the pages but I think you will like it and they have all sorts of titles.

This Meet the Candidate message is from Randy Harrison, one of our Ashton Wood home owners:

Hi Neighbors,

On April 24, you have a special opportunity to meet Keith Van Nus, candidate for Sheriff of Gwinnett County, and his wife Eileen, both long-time residents of Gwinnett County. The primary election is scheduled for May 24th and there are two candidates in this race – the current 20 year incumbent and Keith, a very qualified 25+ year police officer with a great reputation within the law enforcement community. Come voice your concerns and thoughts and hear what Keith sees as the primary areas that need to be addressed to make our County a safer place for our families.

My wife Gloria and I will be hosting a “Meet and Greet” event on Sunday, April 24th, at our home at **2180 Ashton Ridge Drive**. Light refreshments will be served. Just drop by between **3:00 and 4:30 p.m.** to meet this highly qualified gentleman who plans to bring fresh ideas to Gwinnett County.

RSVP by sending an email to the Harrisons at erhghs@bellsouth.net. We look forward to seeing you April 24th.

“NO SOLICITATING” Neighborhood Guideline

On occasion, you may have been approached by someone at your home representing a business wanting to sell you their products or services. Ashton Wood has a NO SOLICITATING policy which prohibits uninvited door to door solicitations. A recent encounter with representatives from a local lawn service company brought to light that there may be some confusion about your rights and those of the company’s representative. Here are some facts as verified by local law enforcement:

- Gwinnett County government does issue a permit to companies which substantiates that they are doing business in Gwinnett County and gives them permission to solicit for customers.
- That permit however, does not override a neighborhood policy regarding solicitation. In our case, we have a sign at the entrance (right side wall as you exit the neighborhood) indicating there is to be NO SOLICITATING in this area.

If you are ever approached by someone who is soliciting for business on behalf of a “for profit” company, the AWHOA Board would suggest that you follow these simple guidelines:

- ❖ Courteously advise the representative that Ashton Wood has a no soliciting policy and ask them to please discontinue their efforts.
- ❖ If they indicate we are permitted by GC to solicit for new business (they may even show you their permit badge), advise them that our policy prohibiting solicitations overrides their permit and ask them to discontinue their efforts.
- ❖ If they persist or want to argue this matter, do not allow the incident to escalate. Simply end the discussion by closing your door.

Keep in mind that our policy is focused on businesses and does not apply to “non-profit” groups like Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, religious group, charities, etc. While some of these groups may be a nuisance, you may want to support others with your resources. Just remember, you always have the option to either close the door and end the discussion or just not answer the door bell.

If we all follow this policy, we may see less of these events and you may eliminate your neighbor having to deal with the issue as well. If you have any concerns or questions about this information, please contact the HOA Board at theboard@ashtonwoodhoa.com.

Local Happenings

Mill Creek High School Community School

2nd Annual Concussion Baseline Day at Mill Creek High School

April 23, 2016 9am-1pm

Open to ages 12 and up. FREE for Everyone!!

To register: Visit <http://www.gwinnettsportsmed.com> and click on CONCUSSION INSTITUTE

Concussions are a serious type of brain injury caused by a jolt, blow or just a simple bump to the head that changes the way the brain normally works. Establishing a baseline profile of how the brain functions pre-injury is imperative in diagnosing and treating concussions. Participants will learn about concussions and baselines, complete the baseline testing and finish with an optional post-test Q&A. For more accurate results, exercise is not recommended three hours prior to the test.

CITY OF BUFORD PRESENTS- BAREFOOT IN THE PARK

WHEN: May 7th - 8th **COST:** Free Admission The City of Buford presents the 12th Annual Barefoot In The Park, **Juried Fine Arts Festival** held over Mother's Day Weekend, May 7-8, 2016 in the Buford Town Park in Buford, GA.

SYLVIA BEARD THEATRE PRESENTS- MOONLIGHT & MAGNOLIAS

WHEN: April 14th - May 1st **WHERE:** **Sylvia Beard Theatre**, Buford GA **COST:** \$20-\$25

Legendary film producer David O. Selznick is five weeks into shooting *Gone With the Wind* when he realizes the script is awful, and that the director doesn't have a clue. He has five days to replace them, and restart the shoot, or the production will shut down. Selznick calls Victor Fleming from the set of *The Wizard to Oz* to direct, and he taps legendary playwright, screenwriter and script doctor Ben Hecht to rewrite the script. There's only one problem: Hecht hasn't read the book. Over the course of five madcap days, the three men, assisted by Selznick's assistant, Miss Poppenghul, frantically craft one of the most beloved screenplays of all time. As Selznick and Fleming act out the book for Hecht, the phone rings off the hook with calls from the likes of Vivien Leigh, Louis B. Mayer and Ed Sullivan. Based on historical events, it is written as farce, but the characters also deal with serious questions about race and the fragile position of Jewish executives in Hollywood.

Rated: PG 13, Adult Content and Language

Gwinnett County Public Library - Hamilton Mill Branch

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Wednesday, April 27, 2016 -

5:30pm to 6:30pm

Event Location: GCPL - [Hamilton Mill Branch](#)