

ASHTON WOOD HOA NEWSLETTER

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 2016

The Ashton Wood HOA meeting on June 7th, was at the home of David and Kathy Harris. The April minutes and Treasurer's report were read and approved. The July AWHO meeting will be Tuesday, July 5th, at John Eck's home, at 2222 Ironwood Ridge 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. We are only as good a community as the ideas and involvement that people bring to it.

Dates to Remember:

June 18th Backyard Garden tour from 8am-12pm Look for the signs and Pink Flamingo's!

July 5th HOA meeting 7PM

Volunteers Needed – “To Do Nothing”

We don't have anything to do right now but we would like to collect a list of people that we could email on shorter notice than a planned work day in the newsletter when community projects pop up. If you are willing to lend a hand sometime, please send a reply to the HOA Board email. Projects are not too involved but more hands make the work go quicker. For instance, last Saturday morning we had a short early morning project to clear out the back side of the tennis courts that had was overgrown with trees and weeds. Now, not that I'm complaining, but at age 65 I was the youngest one there. Power tools are a great equalizer but a few younger backs would be appreciated too. lol

Backyard Garden Tour

June 18th 8am - 12pm.

The time for the Backyard Garden Tour has arrived. Our neighborhood gardeners have been working hard and are ready to share their handiwork. On the day of the tour, there will be street directional signs telling you which streets to turn on. There will also be decorative signs in the front yards of each neighbor that is participating. Look for the [pink flamingos](#). The gardeners are all excited to talk about their yards, share information, and tell their stories. It looks to be a great time for getting to know more of your neighbors and to enjoy the beauty of nature.

The neighbors who are participating are:

Olin & Beverly Batchelor	2332 Ironwood Hill Court
Joe Jankauskas	2322 Ironwood Hill Court
David & Sheirlyn Cox	2895 Ironwood Briar Drive
Bill & Myrna Zimmerman	2150 Ashton Ridge Drive
Louis & Mary Phillips	2858 Ashton Hill Drive
Angie Tatum	2415 Ashton Ridge Drive
Michael & Carol Dobda	2824 Ashton Briar Court

Congratulations to the Yard of the Week Winners

Bobbie Rhymer	2260 Ashton Ridge Dr.	May 15-22
Joann Shelton	2372 Ironwood Hill Ct.	May 22-29
Angie Tatum	2415 Ashton Ridge Dr.	May 30 - Jun 6
Greg & Frances Rolader	2200 Ashton Ridge Dr.	Jun 6-13
Beverly & Olin Batchelor	2332 Ironwood Hill Ct.	Jun 13-20

Thank you

Thank you to all that turned out for the mini work day at the tennis courts early Saturday morning June 11th. Sorry if we woke anyone in the neighborhood up but we wanted to get things done before it got too hot.

Tip of the Month:

Do you enjoy traveling and like nature or history? Well if you, or a member of your family, is 62 or older, you/they can get a lifetime National Park Pass. It is a onetime fee of \$10 and is valid at 6 different federal agencies. The US Forest Service, National Park Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation and US Corps of Engineers (Lake Lanier) all honor the Senior Pass at sites where [Entrance or Standard Amenity Fee\(s\)](#) (Day use fees) are charged.

See <https://store.usgs.gov/pass/senior.html> for additional details. Ps. I got mine at the Visitor center at the Lake Lanier Corps of Engineers Visitor Center off Buford Dam Rd.

Not 62 but active military or dependents can get a [Free Annual Pass for U.S. Military](#).

None of the above, but are planning a trip soon get the Annual Park Pass for \$80. A few years back my kids and I took a 5,000 mi. road trip and visited 22 National parks and historic sites. Trust us, it saved a bunch of money! <https://www.nps.gov/planyourvisit/passes.htm>

Celebrate the 100th Birthday of our National Parks and visit one this year!

Swim Tennis Members

If you are a swim/tennis member, please volunteer to do a week of pool/tennis duty. It is not hard but just little things that need to be done. They are simple things like making sure there is toilet paper in the bathroom, emptying the skimmers and trash cans and closing the umbrellas anyone left up. The sign up sheet is in the hallway at the pool and we need volunteers now or pick a week in the future!

Local Businesses or Places

It is hot! I am not going to get in the debate about greenhouse gases, solar activity or cow flatulence, all I know is, it is hot! **Beat the heat with ice cream!** My favorite business this month is Mayfield Dairy. Head north, up Braselton Highway to the Mayfield Dairy Visitor Center just past Highway 211. The Visitor Center is on the left and they serve all their varieties of ice cream by the cup or cone. They are open M-F 9-5, Sat 9-2, and **Closed Wed and Sunday**. Hours will change seasonally. Tours of their milk processing facility are available too. 888-298-0396 ext. 228 www.mayfelddairy.com If you see me at a board meeting or work day let me know what your favorite flavor is!

Local Happenings

Blueberry & Blackberry Picking time of year!

Farm Information: <http://www.berrywerks.com/maps/GA>

This is a nationwide resource for Berry farms with over 4,000 listing. The link above is for Ga. Farms. I hope some of you got out to any of the local strawberry patches and got some great berries. Now the blackberries and blueberries are starting to come in. They are a little slower to fill a bucket than strawberries but are equally delicious. You can pick a bunch and they are so easy to freeze for later use in cereal, yogurt, smoothies or cobbles. To freeze blueberries, don't wash them, just spread a single layer on a cookie sheet and freeze. When frozen like marbles just put them in a Ziploc bag or vacuum seal them for later use. If you don't have blueberry bushes in your yard, they make great easy to care for shrubs. They require no spraying and minimal trimming unless you don't want them too big. They have good color in the fall and when mature in a couple of years you can pick a pint of berries a day easy. You should have at least two bushes for better pollination, three is better and get different varieties if possible. See Walter Reeves web site for details on planting in the fall. <http://www.walterreeves.com/food-gardening/blueberry/>

Fleeman's U Pick Blueberries Phone: 770.867.3420 or 678.863.1765
716 Harrison Mill Road
Winder, Ga. 30680

Dacula Briar Patch Phone: 770-962-4990 Alt- 678-735-1016
2503 Cammie Wages Road, Dacula, GA 30019.

Washington Farms Watkinsville location only: (706) 769-0627
5671 Hog Mountain Road Bogart, GA 30622

Local Farmers Markets - for fresh fruits and vegetables

Gravel Springs Farmers Market Gravel Springs Rd. Dacula Thursdays 4pm-8pm

Suwanee Farmers Market - Town Center Park Saturdays 8:00 to 12:00 until October 1st
Fresh local produce, cut flowers, plants and fresh baked goods

Auburn Farmers Market Across from City Hall Wednesday 1pm-6pm

Aurora Theatre • 128 East Pike Street • P.O Box 2014 •
Lawrenceville, Georgia • 30046 • 678.226.6222

<http://www.auroratheatre.com/on-stage/seasonal-programming/appco-alumni-series-dani-girl/>

Double feature night two plays for the price of one. See web site for play descriptions. Tickets \$10-\$15

Independence Day Celebration

City of Auburn **July 2nd** Family fun, food, games, music, and activities. **Begins at 5pm and Fireworks begin at dark.**

<http://auburnga.sophicity.com/CityCalendar.aspx?CNID=3672>