

ASHTON WOOD HOA NEWSLETTER

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 2016

Vacation Issue Newsletter

This is the vacation issue of the Neighborhood News because I have been on vacation and this issue is a little late. The next Board meeting will be August 2nd at Robert and Reba Burch's house at 2287 Ironwood Hill Ct.

Dates to Remember:

August 2nd HOA meeting 7PM

Volunteers Needed – “To Do Nothing”

Thank you to the people that offered to be on a volunteer call list to help out on projects that pop up on short notice. We still need people if you would like to be on that list. Just email the Board and ask to be put on the call list for volunteers.

Backyard Garden Tour

A huge THANK YOU to the people that opened up their yards to the community so we could see the results of their vision and hard work. The response was fantastic, thank you to all that participated.

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

Guy & Maureen Meador	2758 Ashton Hill Dr.	6/20-26
* sign was not moved the week of		6/27- 7/3
Matt & Pam James	2844 Ashton Briar Ct	7/4-10
David Eidson	2773 Ashton Hill Dr.	7/11-18
Larry & Beverly Manus	2210 Ashton Ridge Dr.	7/18-25

Thank you

Thank you to all that turned out for the mini work project along Braselton Highway Monday evening June 27th.

Condolences

We wish to extend our condolences to Mike and Martha Schneider in the passing of his mother, Ruth Chew-Schneider.

Welcome

Welcome to new neighbors - Aaron and Oana Perez at 2265 Ashton Ridge Drive.

Tip of the Month:

Since it is summer vacation time if you have school age kids, but also the time that many people travel, I thought my tip would be about travel. I know facebook posts and instangrams are so popular but don't post vacations pics until you get back. You never know who is looking at your posts (via hacked accounts, or public settings on your accounts) to see that you are out of town. Just like (the old fashion) stopping your newspaper so they don't pile up and advertise you are not home, don't advertise (the new way) over the internet that you are gone too!

Swim Tennis Members

If you are a swim/tennis member, please we need a few more volunteers to do a week of pool/tennis duty. We still have a few weeks open where we need help. The sign-up sheet is in the hallway at the pool.

Use Water Wisely

Although summer officially arrived last week, many parts of the state already have been experiencing summer-like temperatures and low soil moisture for some time. With such conditions likely to continue for the foreseeable future, gardeners should take steps to conserve water as much as possible. Following are some tips to help water garden and landscape plants conservatively:

Mulch your plants to conserve water Three to five inches of mulch material, such as pine straw, leaves or pine bark will help plants retain moisture. Fine-textured mulches, such as mini-bark nuggets, will trap moisture in the soil better than coarsely textured materials. Mulches also help to control weeds, which use up valuable soil moisture needed for other plants. Water only those plants that need water. Some plants, like holly and juniper, can survive weeks without extra water once they are established, whereas other plants may need water more often. With this in mind, group plants with similar water needs when you plan your landscape.

Summer Bounty

We are not called the Peach state for nothing. Peaches are in and delicious. If you want to do something with them and need to ripen them all at once, put them in a paper bag with a ripe apple. The apple gives off a gas that will ripen fruit quicker than on their own. If at the end of the season you happen to get some bland, artificially ripened peaches that taste terrible, don't throw them out. Peel them and grill them on a charcoal grill while you are doing burgers or steaks. Heat changes the starches to sugar and they change flavor remarkably and are delicious.

There are many recipes on the internet for peach ice cream and peach cobblers but here is an easy one from Southern Living Magazine for some easy fruit pops.

Peach Pops

2 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups ripe peeled fresh peaches

1 $\frac{1}{2}$ tbsp. sugar

1 $\frac{1}{2}$ tbsp. Honey

Plastic popsicle molds or small Dixie cups

Food safe wooden craft sticks

Process $\frac{1}{2}$ the peaches in a food processor or blender until smooth. Finely chop the other half. Combine and mix all peaches and the other ingredients and pour into the molds and insert sticks and freeze. If you don't have molds, use small Dixie cups instead. If you use the Dixie cups, after frozen simply tear down the cups sides and eat and tear your way to the bottom. Enjoy!

ps: Blueberries are still available at many of the farms listed in last month's newsletter if you hurry but call ahead.

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

Local Happenings

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

[In the Heights](#) Playing July 21st through August 28th.

The duo of Atlanta theatres that brought last season's smash-hit *MEMPHIS* partners once again for the Tony Award and Grammy Award-winning *IN THE HEIGHTS*! Filled with pulsating Caribbean rhythms, vibrant hip-hop and lyrical melodies, this highly-acclaimed musical is a universal story of a Latin community in New York's Washington Heights. A place where the coffee from Usnavi's corner bodega is light and sweet, the windows are always open and the breeze carries the brink of change. Like his community, Usnavi struggles to decide which traditions to keep and which to leave behind, in his search for a place called home.

Wine Down Wednesday

The popular (and FREE) wine tasting in the lobby before ALL Wednesday evening performances from 6:30–8:00pm.

Suwanee Performing Arts 341 Main Street, Suwanee, Georgia 30024

Friday, July 29 and Saturday, July 30, both nights at 7:00

Suwanee Town Center Park. Free to the public. Donations are much appreciated

Broadway in the Park is the Suwanee Performing Arts' signature summer production performed in Town Center Park each July. This annual fundraising event is our largest community event each year. By turning the amphitheatre into a Broadway-style stage with professional lighting, sound, costumes and sets, the community's talented high school, middle school and home schooled students can experience local stardom as they perform for the masses.

Hermes Realty Group

Presents: Movie Under the Stars

Zootopia

In a city of anthropomorphic animals, a rookie bunny cop and a cynical con artist fox must work together to uncover a conspiracy. Rated PG

July 23rd **free** starting at 8:00pm with popcorn, drinks and giveaways. Movie starts at 9:00