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Thanks to Barbara Hayes (good luck in Oregon) and Mike Knox for their contributions this year; let's welcome Don Parker to the Board...

Committees are listed on the Website and on page 2.

NEIGHBORHOOD ANNOUNCEMENTS...

Ladies night out-

Dates are being evaluated for July... watch the website! RSVP to Lisa at (770) 889-3337

The next social activity will be the Gran Forest Neighborhood **4th of July Parade**... this has grown to be a wonderful tradition with adults and children decorating their bikes, wagons and selves for the occasion. Details are on the website Homepage... also, watch for a flyer providing more information as we approach the 4th. We will meet at 9:45am at the corner of Redbud and Longleaf... expect the Fire Truck back this year!!! Contact Don/Cathy Graff at (770) 205-7616.

Need a pool key? Not sure what to do about that burned-out streetlight? Visit the **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)** page on the website. Please look it over and submit additional questions/answers for posting to <u>dongraff@granforest.com</u>.

Only 4 more residences need to sign up with **Patriot Sanitation** to move all Gran Forest customers to a lower price. Please see the FAQ page on the website for more details, or contact a Patriot Representative at (770) 752-9430.

Please welcome our New Neighbors:

1585 Loblolly- Rip and Donna Hooker, also Lucas (7-mth old) 1465 Gran Forest- Eddy Knight and Tina Flippin, also daughter Lindsey Flippin,16 years old

If you have new neighbors or are new to the neighborhood, please contact any Board member, and the Welcoming Committee will ensure a Welcome Basket is delivered!

FOUND at the pool: One earring for a pierced ear. Call with description to claim. Cathy (770) 205-7616.

Improvements

Clubhouse/Decking/Arbor - no more splinters! Bathrooms completed (new vanities, floors painted) White Entry Fences – Painting completed Entry Lighting – New lights on entrance walls Landscaping – Retaining wall by tennis courts Street Sign Replacement – All signage in the neighborhood upgraded to wood posts



Yard of the Month for June goes to the Thurmond Family at 1450 Redbud Way. What a nice, crisp look! Next month could be your chance to win a \$50 Home Depot Gift Certificate.

The Board of Directors have received feedback about the Newsletter, and appreciates Homeowner input. After this issue, advertisements from nonresidents and personal commentaries will no longer be included. 'For Sale' items and/or 'Services' can be posted on our website (see page 2 for details).

My apologies! From what I understand, the "Volunteering" article in the May newsletter upset several residents. I want everyone to know I DID NOT write that article (another Resident wrote it). Again, my apologies...Eileen Knox

'Community Cop' Corner

Reminder: overnight parking in the pool parking lot is not allowed ... signs will be in place soon.

With all of the rain, the weeds are thriving. Please try to keep them in check!

Fencing at Gran Forest Entrances - The project to restore and repaint the fencing is now complete. Please ensure that children refrain from playing or sitting on all fencing, as this can damage the fence.

The next Board meeting will be in July, 7pm at the pool... date TBD... watch the website for updates! ACCESS Management (Jennifer Gordon at 770/777-6890 ext. 128) To make an announcement in the newsletter, email dongraff@granforest.com

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Committees for 2003...

ACC	Sam Wilson (Board Member)	
	Cathy Morse, Pablo Diaz, Jim Cheatham	
Social	open (Board Member)	
	Debbie Fitzgerald	
Welcome	open (Board Member)	
	Michelle Clark, Binnie Jansa, Jeanne Law,	
	Millie Parrish,	
Landscape	Don Parker (Board Member)	
	Herbert Jansa	
Newsletter	Eileen Knox (Board Member)	
	Don Graff (Editor), Bill Bieler, Chris Clark,	
	Suzi Smith, April Yungel	
Pool/Tennis	Joe Perniciaro (Board Member)	

Message from the ACC Committee: The ACC meets on the last Monday of every month. It is your responsibility to request approval for any exterior alterations to your home, fences or lot and to allow enough time for the approval process. Familiarize yourself with the CC&Rs and the Design Standards to avoid the aggravation and cost of removing alterations once they're completed. These documents can be found on the website (www.granforest.com). You may be surprised by what needs approval. Requests are approved on a case-by-case basis considering individual lots and homes. All requests should be submitted in writing to Jennifer Gordon/ Access Management Group at 1100 Northmeadow Pkwy., Suite 114, Roswell GA 30076 or www.jgordon@accessmgt.com. FAX: 770-777-6916

How does the approval process work? A request is submitted to Jennifer who copies it for her permanent records and mails it to the ACC. During the meeting, the ACC reviews pertinent CC&R and design standard documents, views the intended location, discusses the request and makes a decision. Written notification of approval/ disapproval is processed and mailed by Jennifer back to the homeowner.

How do violations occur? Any breech of the CC&R or Design Standards constitutes a violation. This ranges from minor to major items and includes things like weeds in the yard, changing the color of *anything*, cutting down certain

trees, or building additions. Jennifer Gordon observes most violations during monthly drive-throughs. However, some are noticed after a neighbor complains. If a complaint is received, ACC members verify the validity before the notice is sent. Jennifer sends notices that include deadlines by which the violations must be corrected. If the deadline passes and the violation still exists, fines of \$10/day automatically accrue and can become quite hefty. If a deadline cannot be met, immediately notify Jennifer. (A phone call works, but a letter preserves your rights better.)

Believe it or not, no one is out to get you. Volunteers perform this duty, hoping to maintain the appearance that originally attracted us all. If you are interested in joining the ACC, please contact Jennifer Gordon.

Quote of the month:

"Imagination is more important than knowledge" (Albert Einstein)

Have something to sell? Have a service to perform?

Go to the "Classifieds" page on our website. Please email items for sale to: <u>forsale@granforest.com</u>

The "Services" section to our website is for any neighborhood provider of services to advertise. Please email ads to: <u>services@granforest.com</u>

Gran Forest Neighborhood and or Board are not responsible for any conversations or transactions in the "Classifieds" section or "Services" section.