Gran Forest News

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Committees for 2003...

ACC - Sam Wilson (Board Member)

Cathy Morse Pablo Diaz Jim Cheatham

Social / Welcome - Eileen Knox (Board Member)

Binnie Jansa – Welcome Millie Parrish – Welcome Jeanne Law – Welcome Michelle Clark – Welcome Debbie Fitzgerald – Social

Landscape - Mike Knox (Board Member)

Herbert Jansa

Newsletter - Eileen Knox (Board Member)

Pool & Tennis Area - Joe Perniciaro (Board Member) Barbara Hayes (Board Member)

4th of July Parade!!!

The annual 4th of July parade is in danger of going away! There is no one to head it up this year! Not much work involved, and a great many kids will be very disappointed if we do not have it. Please call one of the current board members to volunteer right away. Talk to other parents to help. Let's keep the tradition alive!!

Ladies Night OUT

Artistic Adventures! May 20, 6:30PM. This will be a pot-luck so be sure to call Lisa at 770-889-3337 to be sure it is not all desesserts (also to get a head count ©)

DON'T FORGET - You need to RSVP! Pool Opening / Kick off the Summer

Get ready to splash into the summer by kicking it off with a good of BBQ! Please join us at the pool, May 17th, at 3:00PM. We will start serving food between 3:30PM and 4:00PM. If you have a favorite desert that your friends oddle about, please bring it along! This by no means is required for the BBQ though, we want all to show up!!

\$5.00 a head, kids under 10 eat for free.

RSVP with check (made out to Gran Forrest Swim & Tennis) or Cash to:

Karen Knox, 770-886-5311 - 1415 Sassafras Debbie Fitzgerald, 770-887-6060 -1725 Loblolly Lane

Garage Sale!!

The Garage Sale was a success this year, but may have been a little slow.

For those of you that were "LIVID" that signs were not out, here is a bit of information. Another Gran Forest Resident took on the responsibility of organizing this event, it was not I (Eileen Knox). The Garage Sales was advertised in the newspaper along with every other neighborhood very close to us (5 neighboring neighborhoods doing the same thing, same days, same times)! However, with the good support of a few residents, they did take it upon themselves to put out signs, HUGE THANK YOU!

With that being said I feel Gran Forest did pretty well and we have had several positive responses from many of the home owners! Much thanks to all that participated, apologies for those that felt this did not go well!

Looking at next year, if you feel you would like to organize this event, please let a board member know and we will put your name down as the organizer.

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Please READ This!

You Live Here, and We Need Your Help!

As all can see, the white fences at the entrances have just been refurbished; there has been a new deck put on at the pool; the club house has just had new siding put on due to water and termite damage; there are beautiful new, custom street signs being installed now, and both entrances have all new lighting installed. Fresh pine straw has been put down all around the common grounds, the pool is being readied for the season. The Easter party for the kids went off as a success and the big pool opening party and Bar-B-Que is being planned. How does all of this happen you ask?

Well, it certainly was not the good fairy of Gran Forest or some spirited great hand from above. It was all done by Volunteers! No, not all of the actual physical work, but the ideas and management of the projects. These *Volunteers* are also responsible for the fiscal as well as the physical well being of our beautiful neighborhood. If it weren't for these few, all would probably be in total chaos ... your pool would not open, the grounds would not be maintained, the common properties would be in shambles and your property values would be dropping like a rock. Who do you think oversees the finances, works on the budget, sets projects, does "Yard of the Month" and ACC, and works on the social events? IT IS THE FEW THAT **VOLUNTEER** EVERY YEAR TO SERVE ON OUR ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS and the COMMITTEES! (...and since I have lived here, some 7 years now, it seems to be the same ones year after year, a mere handful of the 187 property owners) Come On! Do your part! Volunteer!

On a personal note, I have heard just about every excuse there is for NOT getting involved... "just too busy", "I give all of my time to the church", "I am doing the soccer thing with my kids", " I travel too much and don't have the time", and the best one of all, "I just don't really want to get involved". My answer to that is, "bunk!" I am sure you care about the biggest investment of your life. I am sure you really want to live in a nice, safe neighborhood. I am sure you want to provide a great place to live for your family and preserve the value of your property. I am sure that with all you have invested in Gran Forest, you would want to have a say in its future. There is one time of the year that this can be done...the annual meeting in November. This is when the elections are held for the board of directors for the next year, and new committees are formed. Volunteer next year! Don't always rely on your neighbor to do it. It is really easy to sit back and complain, but it takes character to act. Let's help keep Gran Forest a great place to live and raise a family.

See you next year on the board or a committee!

Easter Egg Hunt / Spring Fling

We had a great turn out for the Easter Egg Hunt/Spring Fling! Thank you all for coming and making this a great community event! Thank you for the people who organized the Easter Egg Hunt! Glad we had it this year!

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Have something to sell? Have a service to perform?

Well, we are going to put "Classifieds" on our web site.

Please email to:
forsale@granforest.com

We are also going to add a "Services" section to our web site. For services please email to:

services@granforest.com

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

