
Gran Forest News

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Thank you Board Members!

NEIGHBORHOOD ANNOUNCEMENTS...

Our Annual Back to School Pizza Party!

Please come to the pool **this Friday, August 12th from 5:30-7:30pm** and swim to exhaustion! All kids young and old (ie. adults) will enjoy pizza, drinks and something sweet. Call Don Graff with questions or if you would like to help 770.205.7616.

Homeowners meeting

TBA

Halloween and Trick-or-Treat

This year Halloween is on a **Monday, October 31**. That is the night we will be out **Trick-or-Treating**.

Please welcome your New Neighbors:

1480 Redbud Way - Bobby and Mary Bowen and their daughter Shelby (8)

1450 Sassafras Lane - Travis and Robin Vaughn, Reed (8) and twins Ryan & Phoebe (3)

1450 Redbud Way - Jeff and Leanne Albert, Taylor (12), Wesley (11), and Palmer (6)

1340 Cottonwood Trail - Keith and Katie Bodiford, Daniel (3)

We are asking our existing neighbors to notify a committee member or the board when they are aware of a new neighbor... **also, contact Kim Driesse, 770.205.7520 if you would like to participate on the Welcoming Committee.** The Committee ensures a Welcome Basket is delivered!

A reminder of note:

Did you know that the Gran Forest Website has a section for Services and Items for Sale? It's FREE! Plus, I know that the section for babysitters is empty! Get in touch with Don Graff at dongraff@granforest.com to add your name to the list.

'Community Cop' Corner

Summer is almost gone and school has started so that means buses and kids everywhere. Please be patient and careful as you maneuver our county owned streets with your vehicle.

Sewing Project

For all who wish to give away your old jeans or neckties, please call **Lisa Pirrello at 770.889.3337**. She's working on a wonderful project to recycle them.

All About the ACC

The ACC meets on the first Tuesday of each month. It takes at least a week turn-around time for your request to get forwarded from Access Management to the ACC. Plan ahead so there's time to have your plan reviewed. **Changes to the exterior of your house or yard need to be approved.**

Following are a few things that need all homeowner's attention. Weeds and grass growing along the curbs in front of the houses need to be removed. A one-time treatment of herbicide will knock them out for a year or more. Many beds around the mail boxes need to be weeded and re-worked maybe a general makeover should be considered. **Mailbox posts must remain natural wood, brick or stucco to match your home.** They may not be stained or painted. Until an alternative is agreed upon and funds are available to replace the existing posts for the entire neighborhood, we're stuck with the wood posts. They may not be beautiful, but they're semi-uniform. Mailboxes and posts should only be decorated for holidays. **Trash cans must be stored OUT OF SIGHT from the road.**

Remember, most violation letters are issued from a monthly drive-through by Access Management. You may receive a notice about something that has already been corrected or is usually not an issue for you. This could just be due to timing. For instance, if your lawn is usually mowed, the drive-through may have

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occurred on the last day of your vacation. Please, don't take offense.

Neighborhood Watch

We have had some vandalism and mail theft in our neighborhood over the last few months, some of which has been in the paper and on the news. This is a reminder of how to use the neighborhood watch. **To report suspicious activity in the neighborhood, first call 911, then call your block captain.**

List of block captains:

- 1 - Jenni Snow 770-844-1954
Gerry Butler 770-889-7170
- 2 - Tracy Ross 770-205-7976
Jan Weisenborn 770-886-3999
- 3 - Lynn Schoenbrun 404-234-1471
Priscilla Walker 770-887-6199
- 4 - Madonna Crowder 770-844-7907
Lynn MacKenzie 770-887-0237
- 5 - Cathy Graff 770-205-7616
Jim Cheatham 770-844-5751
Beth Blanchard 678-947-6878
- 6 - Carolyn Diaz 770-889-7821
Annette Kolker 770-205-6433
- 7 - Binnie Jansa 770-887-9300
Julie Walters 770-781-9699
- 8 - Kim McKenzie 770-888-4329
Marlene Naudin 770-886-5203
- 9 - Rosanne Perniciaro 770-889-4625
Marge/Bill Bieler 770-889-4487

Thank you to all the block captains for your service and diligence.

Welcoming Committee News!

The Gran Forest Welcome Committee has been blessed with some new volunteers to help deliver welcome baskets. **Thank you all!**

Our new Gran Forest Welcome Committee members are Robin Vaughn, Kim Driesse, Barbara Gomez and Peggy Larson. Our "oldtimers" are Michelle Clark, Millie Parrish, and Binnie Jansa.

The **new** person to call for a basket for newcomers is **Kim Driesse** and her phone number is **(770) 205-7520**. She will see that a welcome basket is delivered to your new neighbors. Thank you Kim!

Plus, a special thank you to Binnie Jansa, even though she is stepping down as the lead person, she will continue her work and dedication to this committee.

Remember we can **always** use more volunteers too, for all our committees and our board.

Editor's Corner

Thank you to Don and Cathy Graff for making the 4th of July Parade, and snacks afterward, such a fun experience for everyone. I know I had a great time and one too many cookies, plus I walked away with several great photos for years of enjoyment. The fire truck was great and the firefighters were wonderful letting the kids try on their heavy equipment.

Also, Deborah Signa, thank you for the popsicles they were cool.

Finally, thank you to everyone who has cleaned up the pool area this summer. I know we all have cleaned it up and or swept it up at some point so thank you to all.

Jim Fitzgerald