Gran Forest News

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Our New Board for 2006!

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Thank you Board Members!

NEIGHBORHOOD ANNOUNCEMENTS...

New Management Company

Make a note: **Property Management of the South** is the new management company for Gran Forest and our contact is **Sherry Shanklin at 770-736-8257.**

Be a part – Volunteer!

Thank you to our Board and Committee members, all are volunteers and we appreciate your commitment to our community. If you would like to join a committee, and we encourage everyone to participate, contact Mike Shapiro at 770-736-8257 or email him at <u>mshapiro@pmots.com</u>. Here is a list of committees that may spark your interest: Tennis Court, Pool, Grounds, ACC, Yard of the Month, Social and Welcome. It's true, no one cares more about our neighborhood than you!

Please welcome your New Neighbors:

1830 Bitternut Lane - Uwe & Judith Mahnfeldt

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 Heartfelt Thank You

Thank you all for your expression of sympathy. The plant you sent was beautiful. During a time like this we realize how much our relatives, friends and neighbors really mean to us. Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered as we will always remember Kerri.

> Thanks again, Pat Boles Cheryl White

The Easter Bunny is coming!... The Easter Bunny is coming!!



Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 15 10:00 at the playground

Mark your calendar for the Annual Gran Forest Easter Egg hunt at the playground. You will fill your eggs and drop them at a neighborhood location near you by Friday, April 14. Then, show up for some fun and prizes! For more information, wait for the flyer, check <u>www.granforest.com</u> or call Cathy Morse (770-205-7616).

Here is a picture from our 2005 Easter Hunt!



Megan Fitzgerald and Meghan Linder listen intently to egg hunting instructions.

Calling all fellow vegetable gardeners!!!



Last year I ended up with enough eggplant to feed an army. I even thought of secretly leaving them in mailboxes, just to get rid of them! This year, I am hoping to organize some fellow gardeners to create a sort of garden co-op. One person might grow eggplant, another squash, another tomatoes, etc. We can trade veggies when it's harvest time. Whether you have room for one potted tomato plant, or a full garden in the back yard, growing your own veggies can be a fun, family activity.

Deborah Signa

Gran Forest First Ever Pumpkin Growing Contest!!!



It may seem early to plan for your Halloween pumpkin, but according the Farmer's Almanac, we are right on schedule. Pumpkins should be planted after the risk of frost has passed, so the time to start planning is now. Pick your seeds, do a little research, and you too can have a giant pumpkin. Categories will include, largest, smallest, strangest shape, and maybe we can even find one that looks like its owner!

Reasons to join the fun:

- See the excitement in your child's eyes when they see that first flower on the vine
- Start a fun, family activity in the neighborhood
- Save money!
- Laugh at your neighbor's tiny pumpkins
- Bragging rights and a fabulous prize

Contest rules and more details will follow.

NOTE: Keep in mind that according to the Gran Forest Design Standards: "Vegetable gardens must be located between the rear of the residence and the

rear lot line, and not visible from the street." If you have any questions, regarding either the **vegetable garden co-op** or **pumpkin growing**

contest, please contact **Deborah Signa at** <u>Signadeb@yahoo.com</u> or 770-205-5812.

'Community Cop' Corner

As we move into spring 2006 let us all remember to watch out for one another. Being diligent with our eyes and ears will help our community remain safe for all.

All about the ACC – Join us!

The ACC is looking for anyone interested in serving on the Architectural Control Committee. Your time commitment would consist of one evening a month to review requests and an occasional site inspection. If you are interested call Sherry Shanklin with Property Management of the South, 770-736-8257

Yard of the Month! - Spring is on its way and so is a winner of this coveted award who receives a \$50 gift certificate at Home Depot!

Our Website - <u>www.granforest.com</u> is the perfect place to **advertise** your, for sale item, email (<u>forsale@granforest.com</u>) or your if you have a service, email (<u>service@granforest.com</u>). **IT'S FREE!!!**

Another photo from 2005 Easter Egg Hunt!



Charlie Fitzgerald gets macho pineapple face art!