

Kirkstone Newsletter



Halloween Safety Tips

- If you would like trick or treaters to come to your home, keep your outside and front room lights on. It is also good to have Halloween decorations on display.
- Consider fire safety when decorating. Do not overload electrical outlets with holiday lighting or special effects, and do not block exit doors.
- Take extra effort to eliminate tripping hazards on your porch and walkway. Check around your property for flower pots, low tree limbs, support wires or garden hoses that may prove hazardous to young children rushing from house to house.
- If you are planning on driving around Halloween night, please remain cautious and drive slowly throughout the community.

Remind Trick-or-Treaters:

- By using a flashlight, they can see and be seen by others.
- Stay in a group, walk slowly and communicate where you are going.
- Only trick-or-treat in well known neighborhoods at homes that have a porch light on.
- Never enter a stranger's home or car for a treat.
- Make sure parents check the candy before eating

Neighborhood Updates

- **Entrance-** We have closed on the vacant lot. Our community purchased the land for \$1,101. We will now quickly begin the process of preparing the land for the new sign.
- **Community Improvements-** We are currently acquiring bids for pool re-surfacing and re-tiling. These are major improvements to our community that will take place over the winter.
- **Architectural Control Committee Reviews-** Some of the more common infractions seen in the fall are overgrown trees/shrubs blocking the sidewalk or overgrown shrubs that needed trimming. This is a good time of year to trim back all shrubs just before the tree/shrub goes dormant.
- **Exterior Changes-** All changes to the exterior of your home should be submitted to the ACC. Forms may be found at <http://kirkstonehoa.com/documents/accontrol.pdf>. Completed forms should be sent to Atlanta Community Services.

Newsletter Information

We welcome your suggestions and recommendations.

If you have a birth, wedding or graduation announcement that you'd like to be printed, please send them in. We are also looking to feature a neighbor of the quarter to share. If you have a recipe or a letter you'd like to write about gardening, home decorating, restaurants, etc.. Please contact Jen and David Warchol at kirkstonenewsletter@gmail.com



The Clocks Fall Back

On Sunday, November 7, 2010 at 2 a.m., Daylight Saving Time ends. Be sure to set your clocks back!

It might also be a good reminder to:

- Change your smoke detector batteries this weekend.
- Change the filter on your furnace.



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Home Improvement Corner

How long has it been since you cleaned out your dryer vent? We have noticed a substantial difference after we clean ours out. We have been doing it probably twice a year. Our clothes dry faster and only on one cycle.

Here is how you clean your dryer vent:

Unplug the dryer (from both gas & electric). If you have a gas dryer, shut off the gas. Pull the dryer out, just to the extension of your vent, (usually about 1 1/2 to 2 feet). Using a screwdriver or nut driver, loosen the 4" clamp (vent clamp) on the back of the dryer. Reach into the hole on the back of the dryer, and pull out any lint and buildup. Reach in as far as you can. A shop or house vacuum cleaner can help reach inside and usually does a good job of removing the lint. Remove the vent on the outside of the house as well (This is where we have found most of our clogs). This one may have caulking around the cover, as well as screws. Use a razor knife to cut away the caulk. Stick the hose of your vacuum as far as it will go in to clean out the residual dryer lint.

**Happy Holidays from your Kirkstone Board
and Atlanta Community Service Members!**



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