

Kirkstone Newsletter

Pool Reminders & Rules

Pool Season is from: May 22, 2010 - Sept. 19, 2010

- Children under the age of 13 must be accompanied by an adult
- The pool must be access by issued keys only. Children are not to climb the fence to let their parents/friends into the pool.
- No smoking or drinking alcoholic beverages are allowed
- Parents of small children please have your children wear plastic pants over their swim diapers
- If you find poop in the pool please call the emergency number posted by the phone, notify all at the pool AND put a note on the pool gate warning everyone.
- Be respectful of the pool and all at the pool
- Please put umbrellas down after you use them. If you see them up and no one else is around, please help out and put them down. We as a community pay for all the pool furniture and need to take care of it.
- The pool closes at 10:00pm.
- Any suspicious or crude activity must be reported to the Gwinnett County Police. Inappropriate activity will not be tolerated at our pool. Please call the non-emergency number to the Gwinnett County Police 770-513-5100 if you are ever concerned about activity in the common areas (as always call 911 for any emergency situation.)

Neighborhood Updates

- **Entrance** - We continue to work with the county to acquire the vacant lot to build our new entrance. We are waiting on the county to go through all of their red tape.
- **General**- There have been several reports of kids trespassing into neighbors yards and leaving trash. We all need to be respectful to our neighbor's property.
- **Street Parking** - Please park your vehicles in your driveway overnight. As stated in our covenant document, **No vehicles of any type whatsoever shall be permitted to park on the streets of the Development on a permanent basis.** If you notice that a car has been parked over night for several nights you can call the Gwinnett County Police 770-513-5100 or file a report online.
- **Street Lights Out** - If you notice a streetlight near your house that is out, you can report it to 770-963-6166 and provide them with the number that is on the post. Jackson EMC will come out pretty quick and replace the bulb!
- **Foreclosure Lawns**- Due to the current state of the economy, our neighborhood has several foreclosure properties. As an association we try to contact the bank who owns the property to let them know that they must maintain the yard. This of course is easier said than done. In efforts to maintain the look of our neighborhood the HOA has had several lawns mowed, but of course this is not an expense that we can continue to incur. We are asking for any willing homeowner to help the HOA maintain any foreclosure properties that may be near you. My husband and I, along with our neighbors, have personally been mowing lawns near us in efforts of maintaining the look of the neighborhood and reducing the costs to the HOA. This is completely voluntary, but a way to assist our neighborhood during this challenging if you so desire.

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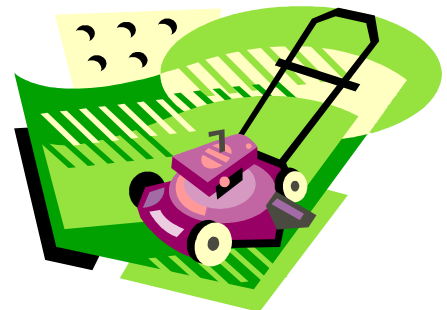
We welcome your suggestions and recommendations. We want to use the newsletter as a way for you to get to know your neighbors. If you have a birth, wedding or graduation announcement that you'd like to be printed, please send them in. We are also looking to feature a neighbor of the quarter to share. 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



Lawn Maintenance

Here are tips to help us all:

- (1) Mow your lawns in a timely manner. This includes the side yards and backyard. Please treat your lawns for weeds
- (2) Please refrain from blowing grass clippings into the street. This causes the storm drains to back up.
- (3) Trim your bushes and keep trash and garbage from cluttering your yards. We want all homeowners to do their part in keeping property values up. If you believe a home is in violation, please let us know.



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Home Improvement Corner

Wouldn't it be nice if weeds looked like flowers? Unfortunately they don't and it's that time of year to get the weed spray out and let the old weeds have it. I use weed and grass killer by roundup, a 2 gallon sprayer and have had great luck with this combination. I also decided to try mulch this year instead of using pine straw. I was really surprised that when you buy it by the truckload it is about the same price as pine straw (I got all of my mulch from Gravel Springs Nursery). It was about \$17 per scoop and 3 scoops filled up a truckload. We ended up getting 3 truckloads with 1.5 cubic yards per load for a total of 4.5 cubic yards. I did a price comparison with bagged mulch. We would have spent \$289 for the same amount bagged, but we only spent \$165, for a savings of \$125! It did leave a good residue of red in the back of my truck, but it was nothing a little soap and scrubbing couldn't get out. Good luck with the weeds this summer and if you have any suggestions for fighting the weeds, please email me your suggestions to kirkstonenewsletter@gmail.com and I will feature your suggestion in my column.

How Well Do You Know Your Neighbors?

We all pass by each other on the way in and out, but have you gotten to know your neighbors?

Benefits of Getting to Know Your Neighbors-

- Life is more enjoyable when you feel like you have friends nearby and cookouts are fun when you don't have to travel too far
- You have someone to get you out of a bind, watch your house while you are away or have a spare key if you get locked out
- You'll feel safer and more aware of your surroundings
- You never know when you'll need a cup of flour