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Jim Spears
Thank You!

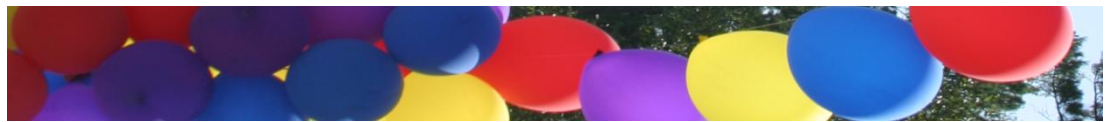
For all the things
that you do to keep
our community
looking beautiful.

President's Corner

Greetings Neighbors!

I hope all is well in your households. Only one change has taken place with the Board during the year; Doug Main has become the new Vice President. The Board has met several times this year to discuss the usual topics; maintenance of the subdivision entry, appearance of occupied and unoccupied homes and paperless distribution of information to home owners. In addition, the block party and yearly Association dinner meeting were discussed. We also see getting neighbors more involved with community activities as an important goal.

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ASHLEY FOREST OKTOBERFEST



*Don your lederhosen
and dirndl and join
us for an afternoon of
fun and festivities in
the Eagles Nest Drive
Cul-de-sac!*

It's that time again...
Ashley Forest
5th Annual Block Party!!!
Saturday, October 8th
2:00 to 6:00

Ashley Forest's Annual Dinner & Meeting:
Mark Your Calendar,
Thursday, **December 8, 2011**

Where: Frank's at The Old Mill,
Mediterranean Grill & Bar

Date: THURSDAY, December 8th
Time: 7:00 p.m.
105 W Hwy 54, Fayetteville, GA



*Enjoy a night out with neighbors at
one of Atlanta's top rated restau-
rants...details on last page.*

Neighbors Who Care



Welcome New Neighbors...

The Ashley Forest Community would like to **welcome** our newest neighbors:

- **William and Whitney Self** of 110 Ashley Forest Drive.
- **Kenneth and Christina Mykytiuk** of 250 Ashley Forest Drive.
- **Joseph Fortuchang** of 350 Falcon Ridge.

Please let us know if there is anything we can do to make your transition to our beautiful neighborhood as easy as possible. **Again welcome!**

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The Board has been unsuccessful in filling the Treasurers position, in the interim Norm De Grange who vacated the position graciously continues to pay the bills and perform some tasks with help from the board. Thank you Norm, we appreciate you! If you possess a desire to be a volunteer in our community, we need your help. The treasurer position must be filled by January 1, 2012 otherwise it will be outsourced at a cost to the association. Please consider this position.

The block party and year end dinner meeting continue to be successful events and I encourage everyone to attend, they are an opportunity for you to meet the people and families in the neighborhood, have some fun and share your concerns and

ideas about how to make your neighborhood a safer and more enjoyable place to live.

Keeping in touch with the Board- The board would love to hear from you! Communications through our website are confidential and not available for public view. www.ashleyforest.us

Dues collection for 2011 – We have collected dues for all except (3) homeowners, (2) foreclosures and (1) bank owned property.

Going Paperless – It is our goal to be a paperless operation, so we need your help, please provide us with your correct e-mail addresses. Please utilize our website as it allows for better communication, reduced costs for printing and postage, not to mention reducing the impact on

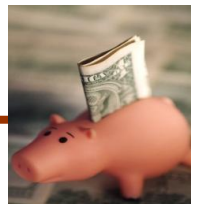
our environment.

Please help! Provide your email address by emailing Cathy Main at cathymain@bellsouth.net.

Many thanks to all the Board members and volunteers that share their time and talent, to serve the needs of the community, and maintain a higher standard of living within our subdivision.

Special thanks to Cathy Main for all her hard work on the Newsletter and block party and Jim Spears for his help **with keeping things in working order at the subdivision entry.**

Rob Fleming
President



Financial Update

Ashley Forest Property Owner's Association is in good financial shape. All property owners have paid their 2011 dues except for six owners. Thanks to all who paid on time; however, it is imperative that all owners fill their obligation to ensure payments are paid timely, and owners can avoid late fee assessments. The association will be assessing late fees on these properties and

liens will be filed.

Major expenses include Natures landscape maintenance, Martin's Landscape for new plants, mulch at the entry island and repair of the sprinkler system, the annual HOA/Resident dinner party, and annual block party.

Please keep us up to date with any new contact information including your email and as always, feel free to contact us re-

garding any questions you have about dues, late fees, or association expenses. Also, we are looking for resident candidates that are interested in filling the position of the Ashley Forest HOA Treasurer. We encourage everyone to visit our website www.ashleyforest.us.

Neighborhood Buzz...

“Meet The Neighbor” ...one of Ashley Forest’s “first families.”

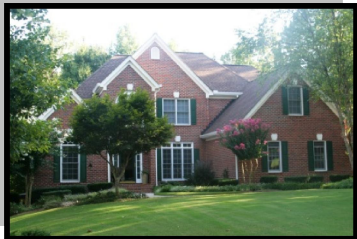
The Spears Family of 175 Ashley Forest Drive



We were the third family to move in this subdivision in 1996. Since all the children were married we decided we needed a “bigger” home. We wanted the grandchildren to have a fun and safe place to come visit. As a house warming gift, the kids gave us a swing set to put in the back yard. They even cleared the trees, cleaned a big area and named it “Nonnie’s Park”. As the grandchildren grew older and had no interest in the park, it was transformed in to a quiet peaceful sitting area and a great nesting place for the birds. Now it belongs to Barney, our Shih



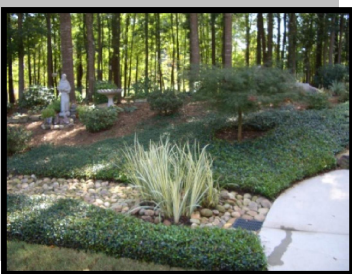
Tzu spoiled dog and Kitty, our adopted lovable cat.



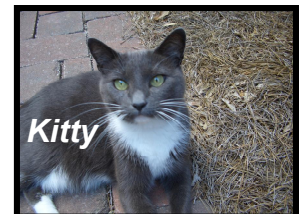
Our children still live “close” by. Jimmy, Lara and Kellan live in Ball Ground. Steve, Melody, Steven, Marcus and Bella live in Woodstock. Kathy and Jerry live in Fayetteville.



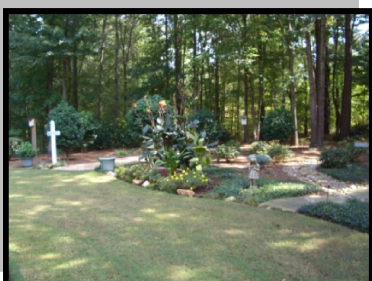
Jim worked for Heidelberg USA which manufactures printing presses as their lead demonstrator. After 28 years of traveling, he decided it was time to retire and enjoy being home. Jim retired three years ago and now enjoys a part time job at the Home Depot in Peachtree City. He loves the outdoors and works in the yard all the time. He and Barney are great pals in the yard. Jim does his thing and Barney lays in the grass and pretends to be the supervisor. Kitty wanders in and out keeping the critters in check.



I was an AVP for Wachovia Bank in the International Dept. handling Letter’s of Credit. When the department moved to Winston Salem NC, I joined UPS Supply Chain Solutions managing their Letter’s of Credit until I retired two years ago. I volunteer at Oak Grove Elementary working in the Media Center.



When I was in school, it was called the “Library”. Can you guess how old we are??? As a matter of fact we are going to Jim’s 50 year reunion from Brown High School in Atlanta the first of October and my 50 year reunion from Northwood High School in Silver Spring, MD the end of October.



I am blessed as my twin sister lives across the street from us. We often wondered how she and Andy convinced us to build a home in this subdivision. Eight years ago Andy suddenly passed away. We are firm believers that “God works in mysterious ways”. Twins have a special bond and ours runs deep.

We love our home and the beauty of our back yard; the trees, the birds, the little critters running through the yard and even the deer that come to visit in the evenings and during the night. It is so peaceful sitting on the porch or under the deck in the evenings. To us, this is the best vacation we could ever wish for.

Neighbors Who Care

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**Ashley Forest
Pride
Begins with Us!**

Annual Ashley Forest Dinner

Come One Come All!



The AFHOA is inviting all residents in good standing to a "Free" dinner as part of our Annual Meeting. Come enjoy an evening out at Frank's @ the Old Mill Mediterranean Grill & Bar <http://www.franksattheoldmill.com> in Fayetteville while discussing annual business.

Who: All Residents in Good Dues Standing, 2 Adults per household, (no children please).

What: Ashley Forest Annual HOA Dinner & Annual Meeting.

Why: Participate and share views/concerns with The Board and to enjoy dinner and conversation with friends & neighbors.

Where: Franks @ The Old Mill Mediterranean Bar & Grill

When: December 8th, Thursday

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Neighborhood Recipe Exchange

Pineapple Cake

From the kitchen of Sue Spears
175 Ashley Forest Drive

INGREDIENTS

1 box Duncan Hines pineapple supreme cake mix.
1 tub (16 oz) cool whip
1 can (20 oz) crushed pineapple in heavy syrup
1 box (5.1 oz) vanilla instant pudding mix

Make cake according to directions and pour into two 8" X 8" pans sprayed with baking spray (Pam) or use a jelly roll pan (11 X 16 X1). Bake according to package directions. Cool completely before frosting. If using the jelly roll (sheet cake) pan, cut in half. Mix frosting in order: Combine cool

whip and crushed pineapple until blended. Sprinkle pudding mix over cool whip and pineapple mixture and fold in completely. It will begin to thicken up. Spread 1/3 on bottom layer. Add top layer and cover sides and top with remaining frosting. Keep refrigerated. The cake can also be frozen for several days. Be sure to freeze until frosting is frozen before covering in stretch wrap.

I double the recipe when making for family get together or for friends and do not cut the sheet cake in half. I also make this for office parties and group celebrations.



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