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19th Hole Quote:

"Golf is the closest game to the game we call life. You get bad breaks from good shots; you get good breaks from bad shots - but you have to play the ball where it lies."
- Bobby Jones

President's Corner

For those that could not attend our yearly Association meeting at the Bacci Restaurant last December, I am happy to say it was the largest attendance in the history of the Association. During the meeting we announced some changes in board members; Rob Fleming replaces outgoing President, Marty Sas and Sarah Blum stepped down as Secretary and replaced by Kathleen Swacina. Many thanks go out to Marty & Sarah for their many years of extraordinary service on the Board. Kathleen Swacina (Secretary), Fred Burton and Elijah Thompson were elected as new members.

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THANK YOU Clovis Jackson!!!

Block Party Committee

Don't forget to thank the block party committee if you happen to see them in the neighborhood. They spent countless hours putting the party together between meeting several weekends to plan the party, shopping for food, making phone calls, distributing flyers, setting up the party to name a few of the tasks to

pull off this fun afternoon. A special thank you goes out to Clovis for overseeing the party planning for four years in a row!!! Clovis, Ashley Forest Neighbors appreciate all of the hard work. Clovis will step down as Block Party Chair; while we will miss his leadership the Board is seeking a volunteer for the 2011 Chair so that the tradition of fun & excellence can continue.

- Clovis Jackson - Chair
- Marlene Tipton
- John Tipton
- Melissa Harrell
- Herman Harrell
- Fred Burton
- Elijah Thompson
- Rob Fleming
- Stephanie Coulibaly
- Darlene Stallworth
- Cathy Main

Mark Your Calendar, Tuesday December 7, 2010 ASHLEY FOREST'S ANNUAL MEETING & DINNER

Where: Frank's at The Old Mill, Mediterranean Grill & Bar
Date: Tuesday, December 7th
Time: 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
105 W Hwy 54, Fayetteville, GA



Don't miss this opportunity to have a voice in your neighborhood's decision making while enjoying award winning cuisine.

Neighbors Who Care

Welcome to our New Neighbors...



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

Carol Martin of 225 Ashley Forest Drive, **Thomas and Genetha Anthony** of 145 Ashley Forest Drive, **Sharon and Brad Mickelson** of 390 Falcon Ridge, **Debbie Nelson** of 175 Gray Fox Point and **Thomas Gentry and Cynthinan Alderman** of 340 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. We welcome you to our community.



Ashley Forest Pride Begins with Us!

Our Most Recent Additions to the Ashley Forest Homeowner's Association Board of Directors

... Elijah Thompson

We would like to introduce you to the most recent members at large to join the AFHOA. We are proud to have Elijah Thompson as one of our newest members. Elijah and his wife, Ishine Thompson moved to Ashley Forest in 2007 from Washington D.C. They have 2 daughters Essence Thompson (13), and Nylah Thompson (6). Elijah's interests include spending quality time with family and friends, playing chess and learning how to golf.



Ishine's interests include reading, baking, arts and crafts, and quality time with family. Essence attends Flat Rock Middle School and her interests include playing piano, step team at Flat Rock Middle School where she acts as Captain, reading and being involved in community activities. Nylah attends Robert J Burch Elementary and her interests include playing tennis, reading Julie B books and playing outside with friends. Their family dog is Snickers. Elijah was very involved in the planning of our fun block party this year. Please be sure to thank Elijah for all of his volunteer efforts on behalf of our neighborhood.

... and Fred Burton

Fred Burton is a graduate of Tuskegee University with a BA in Criminal Justice and is now a self employed business owner. After being employed with Nissan of North America as district manager for several years he ventured out and started his own business in the Beauty supply industry. He also started a lucrative carpet cleaning business "New Life Carpet" for 10 years before moving to Atlanta GA in 2002 from Englewood New Jersey.



In 2003 he was joined by his wife Thelma Burton and has been a resident of the Ashley Forest sub-division for the past 7 years where he now serves as an active Board member of the (Home Owners Association). He is also a member of Literacy Volunteers of America where he believes that the ability to read should be made available to everyone. He also serves as a Deacon within the Ministry of N.S.O.F.

(New Shield of Faith) Worship Center. Mr. Burton is also the father of five children whom all reside in New Jersey. After all the hard work that Fred has endured he has always made time to stay active in various sports from semi-pro football to basketball, bowling and now a fanatic for the game of golf which is where he spends most of his days going from one course to another where he is constantly networking and making new friends. Thank you Fred for your volunteer services!

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Financial Update

~ Norman DeGrange

Ashley Forest Property Owner's Association is in good financial shape. All property owners have paid their 2010 dues except for eight owners. Thanks to all who paid on time.

The association has assessed late fees on these properties and liens will

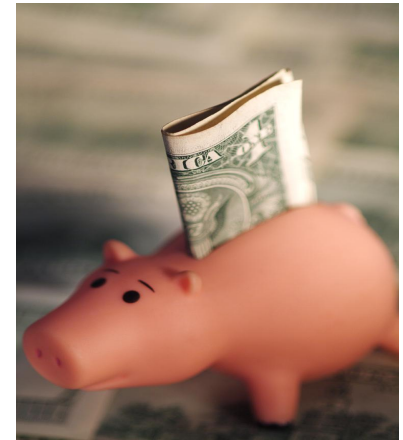
be filed in January.

The association has outstanding liens from prior years totaling \$5,361.86. \$700.00 was collected on last year's debt.

Major expenses included \$900.00 on care of 4 lawns of vacant homes, and \$1500.00 for the block party.

Please keep us up to date with any new contact information including your email and as always, feel free to contact me regarding any questions you have about dues, late fees, or association expenses.

Norman DeGrange
2010 Treasurer
(770) 461-0635
degrange62@msn.com



Thank you Norm

For your service as our Treasurer we are all grateful for your time & leadership.

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Norm De Grange has done a stellar job as our Treasurer, and please join me in extending a personal thank you to Norm for all his hard work. Thank you Norm! Norm has been our Treasurer for many years, but his term as Treasurer will end this year (2010). Hence, in 2011 the Treasury post opens, and we ask that one of you good residents take the opportunity to join the Board as our Treasurer. Please reach out to me or a board member for more information regarding this opportunity. Rounding out the 2010 Board are Doug Main, Clovis Jackson and Jim Bridgeman as "members at large".

There have been two board meetings this year and the topics of discussion are as follows:

Keeping the subdivision looking good in the face of a down

economy and the state of several houses vacant due to foreclosures - We have all agreed that it is very important to keep up maintenance of the neighborhood and to preserve property values by keeping up the appearance of all properties including the vacant ones. We have hired a lawn service to provide minimal services to front yards of vacant homes. In addition, the board will be sending out notices to homeowners not in keeping with the maintenance standards of the subdivision.

Keeping in touch with the Board - We encourage everyone to visit our website www.ashleyforest.us.

Consider using the website to ask a question, contact a board member, review past and current newsletters, or keep up with neighborhood events. You can also send in recipes or volunteer to serve on a committee. Emails of the board members are readily available throughout the site, let us

hear from you.

Dues collection for 2010 - There are some homeowners that have not paid their dues yet this year. Please ensure we have your current email address, and notify us immediately of any change. Written notices have been sent to all members with open balances. Notice of 2011 dues will be going out first of the year.

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 us 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 cathyain@bellsouth.net.

The Board is always looking for volunteers to help out with the many activities here

in the Subdivision. If you are interested in helping out please contact one of the Board members. A small amount of time goes a long way.

Many thanks to all the Board members, Cathy Main for our newsletter and volunteers that help with the Block Party and upkeep of the neighborhood.

~Rob

The AFHOA is seeking volunteers for the following positions for the 2011 term, contact Rob Fleming if you are interested in being more involved in our neighborhood.

- Treasurer (2 year term).
Block Party Committee Chairperson.
Website.



Take a look at the beauty in your Neighborhood over the Seasons,
Let start with the Editor's Choice Award...



Editor's Choice Award...
Pam DeGrange's amarillas

Spring & Summer Splendor



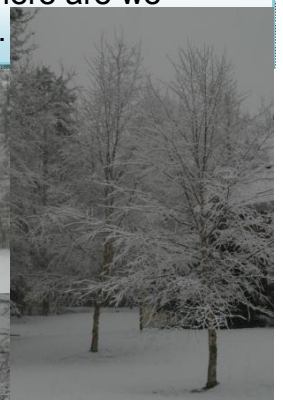
have you seen anything like it
Sarah Bloom's clematis...



Compliments of the
Ashley Forest Green Thumb Club

Spring Beauties...savor the memories.

But remember last winter; is snow in the works again? From the photos where are we Fayetteville or Vermont, you decide and enjoy the winter follies..



Ashley Forest Winter Wonderland...

Neighborhood Buzz...

“Meet The Neighbor”...

The Byerly Family

Our featured family for this issue of the Forest News is the **Byerly Family of 315 Falcon Ridge**. Heidi discovered our uniquely beautiful neighborhood back in 2004 when she listed and sold three homes on Grey Fox Point. She is on the go and works as a realtor with Coldwell Banker Bullard (201 Prime Point, PTC) which explains why I frequently see her traversing in and out of the neighborhood. She knows a good thing when she sees it, so she and her husband were sent packing from their home in Peachtree City where they lived since Joe was hired by Delta in 1990.



You can find Joe tinkering and building computers in his leisure time, so we all know who to call for any late night computer woes. Joe, an MD-88 captain for Delta, is a former Air Force pilot, and for those airplane aficionados out there, he flew the A-10 and F-4 operationally and ended his 14-year career as a test pilot doing weapons testing with the F16 and A-10 at Elgin AFB in Fort Walton, FL; then teaching at the USAF Test Pilot School at Edwards AFB CA.

The Byerlys are now empty nesters, but you will frequently see them enjoying family time with their three grown children and two grandkids, Logan (9) and McKay (8) by their oldest son Brad (31), and his wife Melanie. I can attest that they are very active in their grandkids' activities, as Logan, (9) who has played Tyrone baseball with my son Wil, is frequently in the neighborhood knocking on our door to find a baseball buddy to practice with. Heidi frequently totes Logan to and from the Tyrone fields for practices and to cheer him on at the games.

Their daughter Wendy (28) and her husband Dan along with their two dachshunds lived with them for a while prior to finding a home in Atlanta. Their youngest, Danny (27) also lives in Atlanta. Brad is a UGA graduate and both Wendy and Danny graduated from GA Tech, so to keep harmony they do not hang any flags from either school.



Heidi is an active member of “Sisters on the Fly”, a women’s camping and outdoor activities group. It is a national group and most of the women have their own small vintage trailers and travel frequently throughout the U.S. Heidi often takes the grandkids so she sports a 17 ft. trailer, a bit newer and larger to serve both purposes. Look up “sistersonthefly.com” for more information, Heidi would love to

Sistersonthefly

have you join her as she says it is “so much fun.”

The Byerlys have traveled extensively through many family vacations, but especially love the National parks out west and in the northeast. The grandkids frequently join them these days as you can see in the photos taken at Bryce Canyon and Zion National Park.



Heidi welcomes any assistance with your real estate needs; she can be reached at Heidi@HeidiByerly.com, or 770.318.0915

Neighbors Who Care

Fun At Our 4th Annual Block Party...



A Block Party Recap...

Are you interested in getting to know your neighbors better, having a great time and helping out in the community, all at the same time? Then consider joining us to plan the next Ashley Forest block party which to date has occurred in the fall every year.

Each year that I have been part of the committee I am amazed at what a “team” of neighbors can accomplish. The big picture seems to be quite a task as there are a lot of things to attend to (party rentals, food pricing and purchasing, setting up, etc., to name a few), but every year it all comes together due in part to the “expertise” and willingness to pitch in on the part of the neighbors.

I am a firm believer that we all bring unique gifts to the table, and I see that in action when

each committee member seems to gravitate to what they do best and the “whole” is a great party.

The board is welcoming ideas and suggestions for Ashley Forest’s Fifth annual party. We would love to know your opinion of the block party. What did you enjoy in the past years, and what you would like to see changed for next year’s party? Would you like to see a new venue, new theme, a different time of year? Please let us know.

We welcome your ideas and suggestions as we would like to make the party a time that neighbors come together to get to know each other better and of course to have a great time and have it be something that neighbors look forward to each year.

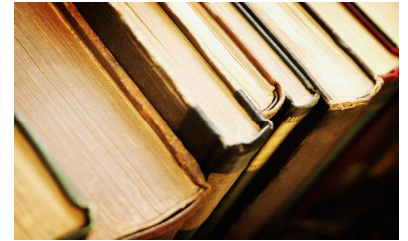
We encourage you to drop a brief note to the AFHOA P.O. box or drop into any of the board mem-

bers’ mailboxes or email a board member (visit www.ashleyforest.us for Board member email addresses and more information).

In addition, if you are interested in being a part of the planning committee or being the chair of the party, please let us know. If you’ve been told that you should be an event planner, this is your opportunity! It is not too early to start the ball rolling.

Lastly, a big thank you goes out to all of the committee members for the success of the most recent party. Thanks to Clovis for four years of keeping us all on track and being our fearless and enthusiastic leader, and I have to say a quick mention to Marlene and John Tipton whose car was on auto-pilot to Costco, and to everyone that pitched in. ***We hope to see you next year!***

Neighbors Who Care



Neighborhood Recipe Exchange

- Cathy Main

Make Ahead Holiday Mashed Potatoes

From the kitchen of Heidi Byerly
315 Falcon Ridge

INGREDIENTS

- 3 lb (about 12) potatoes peeled, cooked and hot
- 1 8 oz. package cream cheese, room temperature
- ¼ C. butter
- ½ C. sour cream
- ½ C. milk
- 2 eggs, slightly beaten
- ¼ C chopped onion
- Dash of pepper

Heidi states that this recipe was put in a church cookbook by her aunt many years ago. She found it when given a copy of the book and given that her aunt had 6 kids, she thought that she probably knew what she was doing. She has made these potatoes for every holiday since and it really is a time-saver on the “day of”. Despite the ingredients, she says they “just taste like mashed potatoes.” She says “there is no onion taste, or her grandkids would not eat them.”

If you would like to share a favorite recipe please email it to Cathy Main at cathymain@bellsouth.net

Instructions:

In a large mixing bowl, beat hot potatoes until all lumps are removed. Add cream cheese in small pieces and butter until cheese and butter are melted and mixed. Stir in sour cream. To milk and eggs, add onions, then add to potatoes with salt and pepper to taste. Beat until light and fluffy. Place in a greased casserole (Heidi uses a 9 x 13). Refrigerate overnight. Bake at 350 degrees 45 minutes or until browned on top.

“I made these potatoes for Thanksgiving. Very yummy, and it was great to have them made the day before” – Cathy Main

Light & Creamy Eggnog Rachael Ray

Serves 8
Prep 10 minutes (plus chilling), Cook 5 minutes
For adults, swap in ¼ cup brandy and 2 tablespoons dark rum for the vanilla extract

INGREDIENTS

- Ice
- 2 cups 2 percent milk
- 4 large eggs plus 2 egg whites
- ¼ pinch honey
- Pinch salt
- ½ cup low-fat vanilla yogurt
- 2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
- Grated nutmeg

- 1) Prepare an ice bath. In a double boiler, whisk together the milk, whole eggs, egg whites, honey, and salt. Heat the mixture, whisking constantly, until it reaches 160 degrees on an instant thermometer, about 5 minutes.
- 2) Transfer the double-boiler bowl to the ice bath and chill, whisking occasionally. Stir in the yogurt and vanilla. Transfer to a punch bowl and garnish with a sprinkling of nutmeg.

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.

Residents in good standing are invited join but are limited to 2 adults per household (no children).

Who: All Residents in Good Dues Standing.
What: Ashley Forest Annual Homeowners Association 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 7,
Time: 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.



Neighbors Who Care

Board Members

- President*
Rob Fleming
- Treasurer*
Norm DeGrange
- Secretary*
Kathleen Swacina
- Members-At-Large*
Jim Bridgeman
Doug Main
Clovis Jackson
Elijah Thompson
Fred Burton
- Newsletter & More*
Cathy Main

Contact Us



Residents may contact a Board member by visiting the web site at:
www.ashleyforest.us

or write to:

Ashley Forest
Home Owners Association
PO Box 143008
Fayetteville, GA 30214

**Ashley Forest
Pride
Begins with Us!**

Come Enjoy A Neighborly Evening

**Annual Meeting and Dinner
Franks @ the Old Mill**

1095 Highway 54, Fayetteville
Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Time: 6:30 to 9:00
R.S.V.P. Mandatory
No Children Please

Limited to 2 Adults per Household
R.S.V.P to Rob Fleming
flexfleetwood@comcast.net

Thanks for the Memories...

"A great time", the 2010 block party was that and more...

On September 18th our neighbors took part in our 4th annual block party and it was reported to be a great success. The weather cooperated and neighbors enjoyed live music by Ashley Forest neighbor Morris Moffit and "The Morris Moffit Band", a fantastic BBQ (thanks to Ashley Forest resident Fred Burton for slaving away over the hot grill all afternoon), and awesome deserts from the desert contest.

The kids were not forgotten as neighbor Stephanie Coulibaly made clay pumpkin and other fall decorations with them, and she and daughter Chloe kindly painted the faces of all the eager kids. Let's not forget the obstacle course and bounce house that kept the kids busy. Don't forget to mark your calendar for next year's party which falls in September every year. Come out and meet your neighbors and show off your community pride.

Neighbors Who Care

