

WEATHERSTONE NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

"Keeping our neighbors informed...in touch...and connected!"

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Greetings Neighbors!

What a crazy time this is! We hope that you all are safe and healthy during this time. COVID-19 has changed our lives in such a way, that we will no longer move about as we have in the past; we will have a new normal. This experience has been a challenge for us all, sheltering-in, schools closed, school graduate activities cancelled—it is a time we most surely won't ever forget.

We've given much thought and consideration about whether we should meet during our scheduled meeting this month and we've decided that we will not meet until August. Considering the serious nature of this virus, we feel this will give a significant amount of time for things to begin to hopefully get better. We recognize that many of our neighbors fall into the high-risk category so, out of concern for them, and for you too we've decided to postpone the meeting. In the meantime, we are trying to celebrate our graduating seniors, and think of other ways that we can connect as a community, while still practicing social distancing.

In closing, let us always remember that we are neighbors! We all want the same things, to live in a place that's safe, secure and beautiful. Let's continue to work together to preserve the quality of life that we all wish to enjoy!

With Warm Regards,

The Weatherstone Executive Board

Nichele Ford
President

Bud Cawley
Treasurer

Pamela Goode
Secretary

Spring Is Here!

Please be reminded that your lawn care includes more than a cutting by a lawn mower. It needs to be fed to eliminate the growth of weeds. If you are seeing dandelions growing, then your lawn needs to be treated.

Is This You??

Are you ***still*** continuing to park on the street overnight? As we have stated before, parking on the street overnight is in violation of our Protective Covenant. We will now look to partner with a towing company for enforcement, in order to remove any cars that remain parked on the street overnight. If you continue to park on the street during this time, please know, your car will be in jeopardy of being towed.

Reminder—We Are A Protective Covenant Community

Please remember that the Protective Covenant Restrictions that were in effect when you moved here, ***are still in effect***. What we ask you to adhere to is not new and it has remained the same for over 25 years. So we ask that you consider doing your part to remain within these guidelines. Here are 5 covenant items at a glance:

- Exterior changes to your home must be approved by the HOA—all brick homes cannot be modified;
- No parking on the street overnight—only in your garage or driveway;
- Trash receptacles must be put out the night before sanitation pick up, and returned to its storage location afterward;
- Window coverings that face the front street of your home must be white;
- Prune back overgrown trees and remove any that are uprooted or dead in the front or back of your property.

You can find this entire document on the website: www.weatherstonecommunity.net, or if you have any questions about what you can or cannot do, feel free to email us at weatherstonecommunity@gmail.com.

Census 2020

The U.S. Census is happening now and is our opportunity to shape the future. April 1st was not a deadline, just a reference date to begin. It is quick and easy, and just takes a few moments to complete. It can be completed online in a safe and secure site and it will keep your answers confidential. If you prefer, you can respond by phone or by mail. Your response matters and will help to fund health clinics, fire departments, schools and even highways. It can even determine the number of seats in Congress for each state.

The Census will not release any information about you. It's only used to produce statistics, so your help matters! Complete your census survey and spread the word to everyone that you know. Go to www.2020census.gov for information, or to complete the survey!

Zone Captains Update!

Welcome to Edward & Nicole Brown (Zone 3) and Patrick Carter (Zone 9), who have both joined our team! Below is the complete listing of the Captains. They are an extension of the HOA Board and work alongside us to maintain our community standards and help to ensure that covenant rules are enforced. We are excited to have them on board!

Zone 1 - Kelvin & Tamara Verrett
Zone 2 - Andy Perry
Zone 3 - Edward & Nicole Brown
Zone 4 - Shirley Hayden-Spann
Zone 5 - Chancer & Vivian Smith
Zone 6 - Debra Gildersleeve
Zone 7 - Martin Snagg
Zone 8 - Tim & Micole Sudduth
Zone 9 - Patrick Carter

UPDATED ELECTION DATES

Early Voting will begin on May 18th and Election Day is scheduled to take place on June 9th. There are several seats that are up for election: County Chairperson, County Commissioner-Post 1, County Clerk, County Sheriff, and others. If you vote early, be sure to go to the location at 1400 Parker Road. On Election Day, head to your polling site.

DON'T FORGET...

It's that time of year again, Membership renewal season. Your dues help to support the work of the Homeowners Association for our subdivision, and for *all* homeowners. Thank you to those who have remained active and to those who have already activated their membership for 2020. As always we appreciate your support. We do understand that this may be a financially challenging time for some. Please know that we are willing to work out an affordable payment plan with you! Just let us know! You can pay by check (mail to: P.O. Box 81304, Conyers, GA 30013) or just head to our website: www.weatherstonecommunity.net and click on the "Membership" tab to make your payment (please note: there is a 2.75% convenience fee).

It's Your Business!

We still wish to create a Community Resource page on our website. We know that there are many of our neighbors who own businesses and/or have used businesses that could be of a great help to us all. If you would like to share a business name and contact information (yours or others) that can be of a resource to our community, please send that information to us, via email at: weatherstonecommunity@gmail.com

We will be accepting information up until June 30th.

Beautiful Lawn of the Month

The Beautiful Yard of the Month will begin on July 1st! As we did last year, we will recognize those homeowners who demonstrate excellent effort in maintaining their lawn during the months of July through September. The committee, headed by Chancer and Vivian Smith, will recognize the first yard on July 1st, 2020 and will acknowledge monthly winners for their landscaping, flowers, neatness, etc.

Each monthly winner will receive:

- * HOA Certificate of Recognition
- * Special recognition on the HOA's website and
- * Have the honor of displaying the official Weatherstone "Beautiful Yard of the Month" - sign in their yard.

More specific information of how to participate, etc. will be placed on the website under the "Getting Involved" tab. If you have any other questions, feel free to email us at: weatherstonecommunity@gmail.com.

MORTGAGE RELIEF 101 DEFERMENT VS FORBEARANCE

Financial challenges due to the coronavirus have many homeowners in search of mortgage relief. Mortgage deferment and mortgage forbearance are two options you may have read about recently. Both allow a borrower to skip monthly payments for a set period, but there can be differences.

Deferment – allows borrowers to repay missed mortgage payments over time or add them to the end of their loan period.

Forbearance – allows borrowers to temporarily stop making payments without risk of foreclosure, but missed payments are typically due in one lump sum.

If you're facing challenges, be sure to contact your lender directly to learn about all the options available to you.

BUYING OR SELLING DURING A PANDEMIC

While it may only be temporary, the COVID-19 pandemic is touching everyone's life in one way or another. If you are in the market to buy or sell your home, this can be a frightening time. With calls for social distancing and many businesses temporarily closing their doors, there is a great deal of uncertainty when it comes to real estate. If you are trying to buy or sell right now, here are some tips to help you make it through!

GO DIGITAL

Instead of opting for an open house, do a guided tour via FaceTime or video marketing.

SANITIZE

If you are still allowing tours of your home or attempting to tour homes, make sure you are taking all sanitary precautions. Offer hand soap for your home tour and ensure you are sanitizing all surfaces a potential buyer may come into contact with, such as door knobs and counter tops. If you are touring a home, make sure you maintain social distancing practices with the agent and avoid touching anything you do not need to.

DOWNSIZE

Instead of having an open house, consider having only scheduled showings for your home or only participating in scheduled viewings if you are looking to buy.

STAY CALM, STAY SAFE

While there are still many options to buy and sell right now, stay calm and trust your agent.



Are brass door knobs self-sanitizing?

Copper-containing metals like brass have antibacterial properties—a selling point for brass doorknobs, sink handles, and other fixtures in hospitals & schools. But, you have to keep them clean. British scientists have found that handling those fixtures can actually disable their germ-killing powers.

According to University of Leicester forensic scientist John Bond, human sweat forms a corrosive layer on the metal surface. That blocks an exchange of charged particles that would otherwise kill harmful bacteria. And the fixtures that are handled the most would be the most affected.

*Keep them clean so that corrosive layers don't build up.



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