

Ashborough Happenings

December 2009

2009 Election and Annual Meeting

The 2009 Annual Meeting of the Ashborough Civic Association was held December 10, 2009. The 2010 Budget was approved (Yes 58 – No 9) and the three candidates for the Ashborough Board, Mike Hobson (62 Votes), Bob Johnson (68 Votes), and Brandon Page (62 Votes) were elected. Welcome aboard, Mike, Bob, and Brandon!

Dear Ashborough Homeowner;

At the Annual Meeting, the Ashborough Women's Club made a significant financial contribution to the ACA. The contribution is to be used to purchase new folding chairs for the Civic Building, benches for the Ashborough Ave Playground and the remainder towards a play structure for the Ashborough Ave playground. The contribution is the result of many successful luminaria projects that numerous Ashborough residents have participated in over the last 20 years. On behalf of the Board, I want to thank the Women's Club for this significant contribution!

After many years of hard work, the Ashborough Women's Club has decided to close their doors. I want to thank everyone who has participated in the Women's Club for their efforts in making Ashborough a better neighborhood in which to live.

I would also like to thank the Election Committee for their hard work getting the election materials in the mail and performing the vote counting. The members of the Election Committee were Tracy Owens, Lori Pangburn, Chuck Peacock, Nicole Samios and our Community Manager Debby Owens. Thank you!

Now that fall is in full swing, the leaves have been coming down and with the increased rainfall we've experienced, the storm drains around the neighborhood need to be kept clean in order to prevent ponding on our neighborhood streets. Take a quick look at the storm drains around your property and take a few minutes to clear any accumulated debris.

Recently, there have been more vehicle break-ins in the neighborhood. One of the vehicles had its window broken out and another vehicle had been left unlocked. Remember to keep your vehicle locked at all times!

As 2009 draws to a close and 2010 is around the corner, the ACA will be beginning the year in really good financial shape. The pool loan has been paid off and with the approved budget, more improvements to the neighborhood can be accomplished. There will be work on the Ashborough Ave Playground, a sand volleyball court set up adjacent to the ballfield, and improvements around the civic building and pool. These will not be possible without everyone paying their assessments (mandatory and voluntary). With taxes and insurance due early in the year, it is essential that assessments are paid in a timely manner.

One of the board's goals for 2010 is to work hard improving our neighborhood and improving our property values. One of the methods to accomplish this is by asking property owners to take care of much needed property and lawn maintenance. One of the ways the Board is looking at this is the creation of an ARB Team who will be chartered with working with residents to handle ARB matters without involving the Board. There are other communities in the area who have been successful using a team approach to handle ARB business and going to the Board only if a consensus cannot be reached.

As always, the Board welcomes your suggestions and input to make our neighborhood a great place to live. Thank you for your time! Ed

Have a wonderful Holiday Season and a Joyous New Year!

Monthly Board Meeting Attendance

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
12	19	22	13	15	22
Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
11	18	9	14	15	15

Covenants and Restrictions Letters sent Year-to-Date

Trash cans/Debris in view	49
Improper Boat/Trailer Parking	20
Yard/Lawn Maintenance Required	16
Parking on grass/street overnight	13
Paint/Maintenance	9
No ARB Approval	8
Misc Items in view	4
Inoperable Vehicle	2
Unauthorized Greenhouse	2
Company Sign in Yard	1
Wood pile in view	1
Animals	1
Excessive time for POD on property	1
Plastic play structure	1
Tree Removal	1
Satellite Dish in view	1

Covenants and Restrictions Fines assessed Year to Date

Yard/Lawn Maintenance Required	1
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Covenants and Restrictions Fines being assessed

Yard/Lawn Maintenance Required	1
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Covenants and Restrictions Issues In-progress

Property Color	7
ARB Request Needed	4
Vehicle Parking	1
Satellite Dish	1

ARB Update

There have been several letters sent to residents in the last few weeks where a response has not been received. If you have received a letter, a response from you is expected. Please respond before additional letters and/or fines are needed.

Hospitality Update

Karene Feltner and Judy Berry will be handling Civic Building rentals beginning January 1, 2010. Thank you to Angela Coggins for temporarily handling this activity!

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Dorchester Road Project

As reported last month, there was interest by Ashborough East to have some design changes made to the Dorchester Road project to lessen the impact of this project on their neighborhood. Representatives from Ashborough met with representatives from Ashborough East to go over these changes and see if the changes would benefit both neighborhoods. One of the changes is to utilize the landscaped intersections concept in the Dorchester County Transportation Master Plan. This change would really brighten the appearance of both neighborhoods and enhance property values. Another change is the elimination of the right turn lanes into Ashborough East. This was discussed with SC DOT and agreed to. As of now, Ashborough will only have a single right turn lane at Nantucket (after the Endicott Street intersection with Dorchester Road is closed). Should the right turn lane at Nantucket be eliminated? The width of the bike lane destined for the Ashborough East side has also been changed from 10 feet to 7 feet.

A response to our petition for a noise barrier the entire length of Ashborough has not been received yet but the Road Tax Authority did indicate at their December meeting a response would be issued soon.

Christmas Luminarias

The response to the Luminarias has been outstanding! This year will truly be spectacular. A summary of this year's sale will be in the January newsletter. Thank you for helping to make Ashborough a neighborhood we can all be proud of!

Neighborhood Fundraiser

We are planning a neighborhood fundraiser for the start of the 2010 year. This is a large endeavor and we are looking for your support and help. If you are interested in helping raise money for our amenities and would like to earn free pictures of your children or grandchildren, give us a shout. Email your interest to Angela at teammcmicking@gmail.com for more information.

Neighborhood Work Days

The Facilities Maintenance Committee is in the process of getting neighborhood work days planned. Some of the projects currently underway are the completion of a sand volley-ball court next to the ballfield, moving the horseshoe pits from behind the baseball field backstop to the area between the sand volley-ball court and the pool and building permanent backboards behind the stakes (to be installed permanently in concrete), pressure wash and seal the picnic tables at the Mayfield Park, and repair/replace the kiosk next to the Ashborough Ave tennis courts.

Golf Carts

There are residents who own golf carts and those golf carts are being used on Ashborough streets. When golf carts are used inappropriately, accidents and injuries can take place. Please make sure all golf carts are used responsibly and that the golf cart is properly registered. See Section 56-3-115 of the SC Code of Laws for more information.

Put those neighborhood boys to work!

Kyle Ball is an enterprising young man who has a lawn and yard maintenance business, A Boy and His Mower, available for use by Ashborough residents at very reasonable rates. Contact Kyle at 609-7942 or smschamp@knology.net for your free estimate.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION; ATTEND AT LEAST ONE MONTHLY ASBOROUGH MONTHLY MEETING

As we look to a new year, your Ashborough Board members are excited about the potential of several new improvements to your neighborhood. Most of these new ideas come from our residents, but we can not tap the interests and talent of others in the community if we do not hear from you. Give yourselves a goal to attend a least one meeting in the first quarter of the year and learn more about what is going on. We would like to hear more from the "silent majority".

2010 Ashborough Directory

The 2010 Ashborough Directory is being planned. If there are changes or updates to your contact information, please contact Debby Owens by email (dres3hoa@bellsouth.net) or phone (563-5005).

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January, 2010 Monthly Meeting

The next monthly board meeting will be held at 7PM on Tuesday, January 12, 2010 at the Civic Building. Come on out and meet your new board members!

Your 2010 Ashborough Board

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