

# Ashborough Happenings

July/ August 2009

## Dear Ashborough Homeowner

By Ed Coggins

As reported last month, there has been a large number of automobile break-ins in the neighborhood. One neighbor installed video cameras on his property in order to obtain evidence if he became a crime victim. That effort paid off when a perpetrator tried to open the vehicle doors in his driveway but was foiled. That perpetrator then walked to the next house, found an unlocked vehicle and made off with an electronic item. This video was turned over to the Dorchester County Sheriff's department to aid in their investigation. Remember to keep your vehicle doors locked anytime your vehicle is parked in your driveway, especially at night.

The alligator in Ashborough Lake is still on the loose. Efforts are still underway to catch and remove it. Please keep an eye out and if the alligator is sighted, give the animal a wide berth.

As reported for the last few months, there remain some properties that need yard maintenance including grass cutting. There are also some properties in need of house maintenance including painting. Article IX, Section 3, paragraph n of our Covenants and Restrictions require us to keep our property in good order and repair. Please take some time and perform the maintenance that your property needs. Fines can be assessed for failure to maintain your property. If exterior work is needed on your property,

remember to get ARB approval prior to conducting the work. If you live along Dorchester Road, take a look at your fence and perform maintenance that is needed. Some neighbors have already performed repairs but many others require attention. For those who do not perform maintenance on your fences, be prepared to get a letter from the Board. If repairs are not made, then fines will be assessed.

As a board, we are getting feedback about parking and vehicle violations. There are neighbors who are parking on their lawns and parking overnight in the street. Both of these are not allowed by our covenants and restrictions. There are also several vehicles that do not appear to be used sitting in driveways or parked on lawns. Those vehicles need to be properly stored in a garage. Thank you in advance for taking care of these situations.

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

### Monthly Board Meeting Attendance

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul
12	19	22	13	15	22	11

### Covenants and Restrictions Letters sent Year-to-Date

Trash cans/Debris in view	13
Yard/Lawn Maintenance Required	8
Improper Boat/Trailer Parking	9
Parking on grass	3
Unauthorized Greenhouse	1
Company Sign in Yard	1
Wood pile in view	1
Animals	1
Excessive time for POD on property	1
Plastic play structure	1

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## Ashborough Landscaping

By: Angela McMicking

The Landscaping chairperson, Michelle Martinson has been hard at work with our Landscaper keeping our entrances and fields looking fresh this summer season. You may have noticed that the grass at the fields seems to grow quite fast during the summer with the increase in rainfall. Our landscapers have a set schedule where they are able to perform their work and the weather can interfere, making it longer between cuttings. Ashborough residents can help in this by being respectful of the landscaping crews and their time when they are working in the common areas. It will only take a few minutes for them to complete their work and move onto the next area. Please refrain from staying in their work space or interrupting them as they complete the job. They are instructed not to continue with the work if someone is using the area and can get hurt by flying debris. Help keep Ashborough looking great by helping the crews do their jobs.



### Ashborough Yard of the Month

July 2009  
Randy and Sharon Newton  
420 Lakeview Drive

August 2009



## Sound Barrier for Dorchester Road

By Ed Coggins

Recently, there has been renewed interest in securing a sound barrier for the entire length of Ashborough. The renewed interest is stemmed around the probable decrease in the property values of our entire neighborhood if a sound barrier does not extend the entire length of Ashborough. If neighborhood property values go down as a result of the perception that Ashborough is a noisy neighborhood, that decrease will have a long lasting impact on the tax base of Dorchester County. Another supporting argument for the sound barrier is that for a long time Ashborough has maintained the right-of-way along Dorchester Road paid for by the annual assessment, not Dorchester County, which has also kept our property values up which has had a further positive impact on the tax base of Dorchester County. We are asking for some acknowledgment of the significant contribution that Ashborough has had on Dorchester County. A petition asking for a sound barrier the entire length of Ashborough will be coming through the neighborhood. Your signature on this petition will be greatly appreciated!

## CRIME WATCH

**Teddy Stalb is happy to report that it has been very quiet in Ashborough. The Dorchester County Sheriff's office was very helpful in solving the rash of car break-ins in the area. She ordered new stop signs for the neighborhood and those have been recently installed.**

## Hospitality Committee

By Kitty Lonergan

Ashborough would like to welcome the new residents to our area, we are glad to have you.

Steven and Emily Autin  
108 Endicott St.

Jeff and Tracy Owens  
404 Mayfield

Brady Caldwell  
102 Greene Lane

Robert L. Arrington  
104 Tabby Lane

### General:

Thank you to Lori Pangburn, Samantha Hanna, Michelle Nesbitt, Jody Wilhelm and Jenny Kamperman for their help with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Picnic and to our chefs Steve Jolly, Mike Hobson, and Tommy Arnold.

## Pool and Tennis

Some of you may have noticed on the website and on signs around the tennis courts that the code has been changed for the protection of the tennis courts. A change was overdue on the tennis facility. If you play tennis and have paid your assessments, you can get the new code by calling the tennis chairperson Brian Owens at 875-2065 or Dorchester Realty at (800) 716-5005 for the new combination.

Last weekend for Pool Attendants will be Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> thru Sept 7<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-7:00.

## Ashborough Resident to Run for Re-election

Friends,

I wanted to take the time to discuss a couple of issues.

One- Most of you have received your reassessment notices and in most cases home assessments have risen to the cap of 15%. I have received a couple of phone calls from some constituents, concerned that their taxes would increase accordingly. In the past, when reassessment occurred taxes did increase and most government entities would take the increase and claim there was no tax increase. You've heard it before, *"We didn't raise taxes. Your property values went up"* As far as I'm concerned, if you paid \$900 this year in property taxes and your tax bill on the same property next year is \$1,000, your taxes increased. I believe the County should continue to keep our taxes low by cutting costs and providing services needed as efficiently and effectively as possible. Taxes should only be increased if the cost of providing the services needed have increased, not because property values have increased. I will again ask for a true "no tax increase" budget next year and work to adjust the mileage rate accordingly.

Two- We have recently decided I would run for a second term on County Council. I say we because this is a job that affects family life and for me it had to be a family decision. I think we have made some improvements in Dorchester County in the last 2 1/2 years, and I think we have the opportunity to make further improvements in the coming years. It would be very disappointing for me personally to lose the gains we've made together in addressing growth management, land use planning and the quality of life issues we have worked on so diligently. We have made economic development and job creation a priority instead of revenue consuming residential development that overcrowded our roads and schools. We are just starting to see the fruits of our labor in addressing issues like water quality, transportation, preservation, conservation and long term planning.

I'm pretty confident that our opposition will fund a candidate to run for this Council seat. I'm letting you know that I am willing to continue to serve, if that is your wish.

Over the next few months I will be putting together a

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team to help in the campaign. Your help is needed and appreciated. You can start by briefly replying to this email, letting me know if I have your support.

I look forward to working together for the rest of this term and possibly for an additional term. I hope to hear from you soon.

Thank you,

Jamie Feltner

County Council-District 7

**Ashborough Volunteers Needed:**

Current positions open:  
Hospitality Chairperson

Civic Building Chairperson

For more information please call:  
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