

Ashborough Happenings

May 2009

Dear Ashborough Homeowner

A letter from the President

Ed Coggins

Hello! As reported in the February newsletter, David Lonergan resigned from the Board. I would like to thank David for his service to Ashborough and wish him the very best! The Board sought out names of potential candidates to fill David's unexpired term and after talking with many, Bob Johnson has been voted by the Board to fill the remainder of David's unexpired term. Welcome aboard, Bob!

This has been a very active spring so far. I've noticed quite a bit of activity with yard maintenance throughout the neighborhood. This is really good to see and will work to improve our property values. There are, however, some properties that need some attention. Article IX, Section 3, paragraph n of our Covenants and Restrictions require us to keep our property in good order and repair including lawn maintenance along with tree and shrub pruning. If you live along Dorchester Road, please take a look at your fence. There are quite a few fence sections and boards that need some maintenance. Some fence sections are literally being shored up by planks. The appearance from Dorchester Road is very important to Ashborough and key to helping maintain our property values. There have also been occurrences of roof replacements and tree removals without having ARB

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Pool Opens for the Summer

The Ashborough Pool has opened for the summer season. A copy of the updated pool rules and the new pool code were sent from Dorchester Realty to all members who have paid their homeowners association dues. The pool is also open to neighboring communities at a rate of \$250 for the season. If you know of anyone wanting to join the pool, they should send a payment to Ashborough Civic Association and mail it to:

Dorchester Real Estate Services
P.O. Box 116
St. George, SC 29477
Attn: Debby Owens

Any pool member can rent the pool for a party. There are now three ways to rent the pool.

- Rent the pool. Cost \$150 plus \$50 returnable deposit if the pool area is left in a clean and satisfactory condition. **(The pool is closed to Ashborough residents and only available Saturday nights from 8pm – 10 pm May – September, excluding Holiday weekends).**
- Rent the picnic shelter. Cost \$25 (the pool is **not** closed to Ashborough residents during a party)
- Rent the civic building. Cost \$60 plus \$50 returnable deposit if the pool and civic building area are left in a clean and satisfactory condition. (the pool is **not** closed to Ashborough residents during a party)

To ensure water safety, if the party is larger than 6 a pool attendant will need to be hired by the party at the cost of \$15 per hour and up to 25 people. The pool attendant fee is in addition to the civic building, pool, or picnic shelter rental fee. **Call Judy Ulmer at 871-5333** to schedule the party or request a list of pool attendants to hire if needed.

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approval which is a violation of our Covenants and Restrictions. The Board is authorized by our Covenants and Restrictions to levy fines for violations and is prepared to do so.

As reported previously, there were over 50 homes that had not paid their annual assessments and that late fees were in effect. As of now, there are properties that still have not paid. Before beginning the unpleasant but necessary task of preparing liens, the Board attempted to make contact via telephone with these property owners and if that was not successful, certified letters have been sent. If no response is received, a lien will be placed against that property in accordance with our Covenants and Restrictions.

As reported in the February newsletter, there are new ideas planned to help bring visibility to issues in the neighborhood. One of the ideas is to publicize the types of Covenants and Restrictions violations being noticed and the number of letters being sent out. This is intended to bring notice of the most frequent types of violations to everyone's attention so these violations will not continue. That information is included later in this newsletter and will be a regular feature going forward. Another idea is the count of monthly attendees at the monthly Board meetings. Our goal is to increase attendance at the monthly meetings. Who knows, perhaps attendees will be eligible for door prizes at future meetings?

The Facilities Maintenance team has sponsored Neighborhood Work Days on March 28 and April 25. A lot of maintenance needs around the Civic Building, Pool and the trails have been taken care of with more maintenance activities planned for the next Neighborhood Work Day scheduled for May 30. Thank you to everyone who has participated in these Neighborhood Work Days! Also, the protective cover has been installed on the pool drain so the pool is now available.

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
12	19	22	13	15

Covenants and Restrictions Letters sent Year-to-Date

Trash cans/Debris in view	9
Yard/Lawn Maintenance Required	3
Parking on grass	1
Unauthorized Greenhouse	1
Company Sign in Yard	1
Wood pile in view	1
Animals	1

Neighborhood Workdays are up and Running

If you have noticed the fresh new face lift on the Civic building or the sign posts looking better than ever. Just look to one of your neighbors to thank. Our neighborhood workdays are up and running thanks to the maintenance committee. The pool bathrooms have been repainted and the picnic shelters and oyster tables have been freshly stained. What a difference just a few hours donated can make in your neighborhood. If you are looking for a way to help, the next workday is scheduled for May 30, 2009. Contact Steve Jolly 843-871-2456 for more information.



YARD OF THE MONTH

May's yard of the month award goes to...

Jimmy & Sharon Smith

106 Tryon Dr

Congratulations and thanks for the hard work.

LANDSCAPING FOR MAY/JUNE

CENTIPEDE DECLINE

“Centipede decline” usually occurs in the spring when parts of the lawn fail to come out of dormancy. They may start to green up and then die in late spring and summer. Several factors cause this to occur.

- High pH , nitrogen or phosphorus
- Nematodes
- Diseases

Here are ways to control this from occurring in the future:

- Maintain a pH between 5.5 and 6.0
- Fertilize properly
- Control Thatch
- Mow properly
- Renovate the lawn
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Centipede grass should be cut to a height of 1-2 inches with a sharp blade. Remember to never take off more than 1/3 of the height of the grass per mowing.

A copy of the updated pool rules and the pool/ civic building schedule is available on the Ashborough.org website.

Enjoy the pool, have a great and safe summer! If there are any questions or concerns always feel free to contact any committee member or the Ashborough Board.

Pool Committee Members are:

Don Mantooh, Chairperson
843. 851. 3584

Jody Brelsford 843. 709. 5891

Judy Ulmer 843. 871. 5333

Kelly Stowe 843. 870. 6699



Pictured above: Freshly painted Pool Doors

4th of July Cook-Out

Saturday, July 4, 2009

6:00 -8:30 PM

We will gather at the ballpark shelter and civic building to enjoy Hamburgers and Hot Dogs.

Also provided, will be: buns, condiments, tea, lemonade, and paper products

Please bring: A dish to share, chairs or blankets for additional seating and cooler. (if you want something other than provided above.)

You may stay after the party to do fireworks, but please *****Remember each family is responsible for the safe execution AND clean-up of their fireworks*****

NEW ASHBOROUGH WEBSITE

WWW.ASHBOROUGH.ORG

The new Ashborough website is up and running. New information from the neighborhood is posted often, so bookmark this site for updates from the neighborhood. If anyone has any information they would like posted to the site send the information to webmaster@ashborough.org for review.

One new feature is the Ashborough Blog where neighbors can swap or sell their used goods. This would be a great place to post for summer jobs for those teens looking for work. You will need to register to use the blog.

Please note that any information deemed harmful that is placed on the website will be removed at the discretion of the ACA.

ASHBOROUGH CIVIC ASSOCIATION
P.O.BOX 50043
SUMMERVILLE, SC 29485-0043

Frugal Moms Look to Computers for Help

www.couponmom.com

With the economy tightening our purse strings frugal moms and dads are using the internet to help ends meet. New websites are making cutting coupons easier and grocery shopping more affordable. The trick to saving more money is to match the coupons with the stores that double coupons, honor competitor coupons and offer buy on get on free on a regular basis. Don't forget to look up your favorite store online for even more savings and special offers. Check out the website www.moneysavingmom.com for many shopping ideas and savings.

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