

Ashborough Happenings

October 2009

2009 Election and Annual Meeting

There has been a date change for the Annual Meeting. The **NEW** date is Thursday, December 10 at 7PM. The materials for the annual meeting will be mailed out in early November in time for the next monthly meeting which is Tuesday, November 9. This will provide time for everyone to review the 2010 proposed budget and come to the November meeting to get their questions answered.

Dear Ashborough Homeowner;

After a period of inactivity, there have been a number of vehicle break-ins reported in the 500 and 600 blocks of Mayfield Street. The vehicles had been left unlocked and the perpetrators took full advantage of this. Remember to lock your vehicles and thwart the attempts of thieves. Another suggestion is to install motion detector outside lights which will help deter thieves. These motion detector lights are easily installed and available at local home improvement stores.

The petition asking for a Noise Barrier the entire length of Ashborough was met with outstanding neighborhood support. Ninety-five percent of Ashborough residents who were contacted signed the petition. **Thank you!**

The alligator in Ashborough Lake has not been seen in several weeks and thus the hunt for the alligator has been cancelled. It is possible the alligator has gone elsewhere or it could be hibernating. Always be diligent around bodies of water and consider taking that one stroke penalty for a lost ball instead of what happened to a golfer on Fripp Island recently.

There have been several ARB requests for tree removal recently. Some of these requests are due to tree disease or aging while others are due to other factors. One concern that the Board is discussing is how to maintain the appearance of Ashborough. One of our trademarks is the fact that we have many mature trees that other newer subdivisions do not. As these mature trees age and eventually might have to come down due to disease or storm damage, where will the replacement trees come from? One idea currently being discussed by the Board is to have a replacement tree planted each time a mature tree is removed. The Board would like to hear your opinion regarding this.

We need to continue work on fence maintenance along Dorchester Road. Several property owners have taken care of their fence maintenance needs but some others have not. Fences that have not been maintained are subject to letters and ultimately fines if needed maintenance is not performed. Let's get those fences maintained for the upcoming Christmas holidays!

While parking has improved somewhat, it continues to be a problem. Parking on lawns, parking overnight in the street and unused vehicles apparently being stored in driveways and backyards is prohibited and policies will be enforced. For those homeowners who have taken care of their parking needs, your cooperation is greatly appreciated. For those residents who have not yet taken care of their parking needs, the Board will be closely monitoring parking so now is the time to get those needs taken care of before fines are assessed.

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

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.

Monthly Board Meeting Attendance

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

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	11
No ARB Approval	8
Paint Maintenance	3
Misc Items in view	3
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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Pool Update

The Ashborough pool will be OPEN during the month of October thanks to Judy Ulmer. Judy has graciously offered to check the pool water chemistry during the days when normal pool maintenance is not scheduled. If anyone wants to volunteer to check the chemicals 3-4 days a week from Nov-April since we only have part time pool service for those months please let me know. If the chemicals are not checked 7 days a week then the pool is not compliant with DHEC regulations. The Pool committee is also considering recommending closing the pool from November to April as a way to save budget funds. Thanks for any interest!

Tonya Mantooth
851-3584

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.

Hospitality Update

If you are interested in the scheduling of the Civic Building, please let me know. Angela Coggins (875-7865) is temporarily handling the rental of the Civic Building.

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Each year the Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts sell numerous varieties of popcorn and cookie to provide funding for their activities. This year is no different. There are numerous neighborhood scouts that are going door-to-door selling. Please be generous and support these neighborhood children in their selling activities.

Sound Barrier for Dorchester Road

The petition signature gathering has been completed. The neighbors who helped gather signatures are: Wes Birt, Ed Coggins, Don Ellis, Tom Haines, Pete Hautem, Steve Jolly, Brian and Linda Owens, Mike and Lori Pangburn, and Jody Wilhelm. Thank you!

The petition has been provided to the Transportation Authority at their last meeting on Oct. 11. Their next meeting is scheduled for Nov. 9 so stay tuned for further updates!

Christmas Luminaries

It is time to order candles and bags for the Christmas Eve Luminaries. Christmas Eve Luminaries have been a beautiful established tradition since 1988. Candles and bags are placed along the edge of your yard about 3 feet apart on Christmas Eve. Street representatives will be distributing order forms for the candles and bags. Return the order form and your check to your representative whose name is on the envelope a.s.a.p. upon receipt. The price is 3 candles and bags for \$1. Please order in sets of 3. This year we are not able to sell the white bags without the candles. Let's light up Ashborough!

Questions? Contact Angela Coggins (875-7865) or Jody Wilhelm (821-2150)

Board of Director nominees

The Board has received three nominations for the upcoming election at the Annual meeting. The biographical information for the candidates is below.

Mike Hobson – 1009 Ariel Court

Mike Hobson and his family, wife Tracey and sons Frank and Sam, have lived in the Summerville area for 7 years, the last four in Ashborough. The kids are on the swim team each summer and the whole family just loves the neighborhood and their neighbors. Mike has 22 years of experience in the hospitality industry, and has been employed as a Brand Performance Consultant with Choice Hotels International the last 6 years, where he is responsible for the operations and success of over 70 hotels throughout South Carolina. Over the years, Mike has been active in the hotel community, serving on the board of directors for hospitality associations and marketing co-ops. With the belief that HOAs should not be political in nature, but an organized effort to maintain and improve the quality of life and value of property for our neighbors, Mike would welcome the opportunity to serve Ashborough on the board.

Bob Johnson - 115 Hampton Drive

Born and raised in Indiana, BS and MS degrees in Engineering from Purdue University.

My wife and I have lived at this location for 28 years.

Raised 2 boys in the neighborhood. Both were members of the swim team.

Many of our close friends are from the neighborhood and they also have lived here a long time.

I recently retired from Bosch where I served as one of the plant directors. My wife is retired from the Dorchester 2 school system.

As a board member, I would hope to bring my years of management experience to support the structure of the board and assist in the various physical maintenance and capital improvement plans needed to keep a high standard for our neighborhood. I also believe the board has the dual role of supplying support to the residents as well as control of our covenants and bylaws. I trust I will be able to maintain this balance.

Brandon Page - 106 Patriot Place

I am originally from Florence, S.C. and graduated from The Citadel with a degree in Business Administration in 1989. Married my wonderful wife Kylie in 1998 and have 3 incredible children (Mary Frances is 9, Emma is 6, and Jack is 2.5). We have lived in Ashborough for about 4 years and are both happy and proud to be part of such a great community. I currently work for UniFirst Uniform Company as an account consultant but have several years experience in water front land sales. We are very active in the community and attend Dorchester Presbyterian Church.

Ashborough has so much to offer families and is one of the most scenic neighborhoods in the Lowcountry. In the past few years I have enjoyed several cook outs and 4th of July celebrations and look forward to working in the community to secure our property values and improving our present amenities. Ashborough has come a long way in a short period of time, and I truly believe that, through community involvement and leadership, it will be place for us all to be proud to call home. Thank you for your time and consideration and I look forward to working for you in our community activities.

Trail Work Day

The Facilities Maintenance Committee will be sponsoring a Trail Work Day on Saturday, November 14. One of the tasks to be performed is the filling in of some low lying areas of the trail. Contact Steve Jolly or Al Saracina for further details.

Facilities Maintenance Committee (Steve Jolly/Al Saracina)

F A T Chili Cook-off



Saturday November 7th from 3:00 to 7:00 PM at the picnic shelter

Friends of Ashborough Trail (FAT) will sponsor a chili cook-off fundraiser on Nov. 7th from 3-7PM at the picnic shelter by the civic building. Dust off those cookbooks and enter your best chili recipe to win fabulous prizes! Please plan to enjoy some chili and raise some money for our community trail. The cost to eat will be \$5 for adults. Kids can eat chili or a hot dog plate for \$2.50. Beverages will be for sale or BYOB. In addition to the good food, enjoy hay rides with the kids and, weather permitting, a bonfire. So, bring your best chili, beverage, and s 'mores kit on November 7 and let's all have some fun! Proceeds will be used to by lumber gravel and nails to raise the trail or bridge wet areas. To enter your chili or donate a dessert please contact Steve Jolly sjolly@coastalmortgage.net.

November Ashborough Garage Sale

It's time for the semi-annual Ashborough Garage Sale! It will be held Saturday, November 7 from 8:00AM until 12:00PM. An ad will be placed in the newspaper and signs posted at the entrances.

Start cleaning out those attics, closets and garages. It's time to de-clutter before the Holidays!

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