

# Ashborough Happenings

January/February 2010

## THANK YOU

The Ashborough Board would like to thank the Women's Club, Martha Proctor and Judy Ulmer for the new Civic Building chairs! The Women's Club provided the funding and the awesome duo of Martha and Judy did the shopping, purchase and delivery of the chairs to the Civic Building. The chairs look great and sit well also (they have pads!).

Dear Ashborough Homeowner;

We're off to a great start in 2010! Approximately half of Ashborough residents have already paid their 2010 assessments with about 25% paying their assessment during December. This is very much appreciated as it helps pay the taxes and insurance which are due at the first of the year. THANK YOU!

As mentioned in the last newsletter, we are also in the planning stages of creating an ARB team to work directly with property owners to handle ARB needs. There are several communities in our area that have put into place small teams to handle ARB matters. Using established guidelines and Community Association Institute Best Practices., the board feels that this is a good idea that will enhance the appeal of Ashborough to new residents of Summerville, particularly with Boeing locating a new factory adjacent to the Charleston Airport.

Now that fall is behind us, the leaves (and gumballs!) have come 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. There have been reports that lawn service companies are disposing of debris using our storm drains. Make sure that lawn debris from your property is not being raked into the storm drains as well.

Recently, there have been more vehicle break-ins in the neighborhood. There was even a perpetrator in the garage of one home one night while the resident was home! Make sure to lock your vehicles, install motion detector lights and close garage doors at night. If you are the victim of a crime, please file a police report and let Teddie Stalb, Ashborough Crime Watch Coordinator, know as well. This is important so we can ensure that criminal activities are tracked and thwarted.

There has also been vandalism at the pool recently. In ensuing discussions with the police, the police suggested installing security cameras and posting closed hours for the ballfield and playground so that the police can investigate activities during closed hours. The board is looking into acquiring a security system that will provide the needed level of surveillance. It is important that the vandalism be contained and stopped before spending funds on improvements.

With the sub-freezing temperatures and near record rainfall, a wall of the barbeque pit at the Pavillion fell down. This is the second time in several years that a wall has needed repairing. The board is looking into replacing the barbeque pit with a different design that will be sturdier and provide additional capability for use.

One of the board's goals for 2010 is to work hard improving our neighborhood and improving our property values. One method to accomplish this is by asking property owners to take care of much needed property and lawn maintenance. There are properties that need painting, repairs and other exterior maintenance done. Take a few minutes to look over your property, make a list of items that need doing and start working the list. You and your neighbors will greatly appreciate it.

The Board will like to hear your concerns so the Board will be hosting meetings (outside the regular monthly board meetings) in order to provide time to hear those concerns. Watch for these Ashborough Town Hall meetings in the newsletter and website.

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

<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>
11	10				
<b>Jul</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sep</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>

**Ashborough Amenities Improvement Projects Committee**

I think we all know the importance of making sure the common facilities and assets of the neighborhood are maintained and updated over time to match the needs and wants of the residents. However, the question often revolves around what to do, how to prioritize and how to budget. To aid in this process, the ACA Board will create a new committee to work on the issues mentioned above.

The scope of the committee will be to reach out within the neighborhood for suggestions, define the details of the suggestions, supply rough costs to fund projects, recommend priorities and assist in the planning and execution of the projects. Board approval will be necessary, but the goal is to have the Improvement Projects Committee take the lead in driving this.

The committee will consist of 4-6 members, ideally representing an appropriate cross section of the community as to age, family size, and longevity in Ashborough. Any prior experience in a similar type of committee will also be factored into the selection criteria. The hope would be to get this committee established as an ongoing group to help in the consistency of the process over time. It is anticipated that this group would meet 2-4 times during the year to do this work.

So, we are looking for volunteers to be considered for the committee. This would be a great time to hear from the "silent majority" who would like to consider service to the neighborhood. Please call or indicated your interest to:

Bob Johnson  
Email: [Indydad@sc.rr.com](mailto:Indydad@sc.rr.com)  
Phone 843-871-5743

Our goal is to have members selected by the end of March, 2010. We appreciate your consideration.

**Hospitality Update**

Karene Feltner and Judy Beery are handling Civic Building rentals. The calendar for Civic Building rentals has been added to the Ashbrough website for the convenience of Ashbrough residents.

Karene Feltner    Judy Beery  
871-8612            871-8176  
email: [hospitality@ashbrough.org](mailto:hospitality@ashbrough.org)

**Dorchester Road Project**

Although the work on this important project hasn't started yet, Ashborough and Ashborough East are looking towards the completion of this project and the landscaping that can greatly enhance both of our neighborhoods property values. A joint landscaping committee has been formed to develop a landscaping plan that will be presented to the appropriate agencies for approval. Ashborough residents Cecil Campbell, Michelle Martinson and Teddie Stalb are the Ashborough members of this joint committee.

When will the construction begin? That is not clear at this point. There are still property acquisitions taking place and design changes at the major intersections that are being worked. As of this point in time, there are no changes to the road design that will decrease the distance from the road to Ashborough.

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 an answer will be provided soon. The speed limit reduction request that was also in our petition has also been submitted.

**Wanted**

**Portable High Pressure Washer**

To assist those helping to keep our Ashborough Facilities clean, we are in need of a portable high pressure spray washer. So, if you have such an item gathering dust in your garage, or just want to be a "good neighbor", consider donating (or loaning) this to the Ashborough Civic Association.

Contact any board member or Steve Jolly if you can help.

**Did you know the Covenants and Restrictions...**

do not allow use of motorized vehicles at any time on the ballfield unless approved by the Board? See page CR-24 in your printed copy or on the Ashborough Website.

**CHRISTMAS EVE LUMINARIA THANK YOU**

The Ashborough Civic Association would like to thank Lina Kratzert, Shirley Collins, Joan Sink, Wanda Moylan, Charles and Helen Fox, Kim Dixon, Linda Williamson, Jennie Simons, Britta Gnam, Cathy McGrew, Jenny Kamperman, Karene Feltner, Kate Hammond, Pat Tolbert, Kathy Williams. Judy Ulmer, Lori Pangburn, Ferne Southern, Barbara Chapman, Teddie Stalb, Kieran Campbell, Michelle Nesbitt, Kim Shmurak and Tracy Owens for their help with the luminaria sales. We would not be able to do the project without you! Approximately 75% of our neighborhood participated in this Ashborough tradition. Angela Coggins/Jody Wilhelm

**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 Neighborhood "Save the Date" Events**

The Hospitality Committee has been hard at work planning events for this year. Here are some of the events:

April-September 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Jam and Cookout at the pool picnic shelter

July 3<sup>rd</sup> Luau at the pool

September 5<sup>th</sup> Neighborhood Block Parties with recognition for the best block party

October 1<sup>st</sup> Oyster Roast/Chili Cook-off Fundraiser

Addition details will be provided in the newsletter and posted on the website as the date for the event gets closer so "Save the Date"!

**Put those neighborhood kids 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](mailto:smschamp@knology.net) for your free estimate.

**Aly's Animal Assistance**

Aly's Animal Assistance is designed to serve the Ashborough residents and their pets. The services offered are boarding, pet walking, basic grooming, and care for your animals when you're not at home or if you need help. Whatever your needs may be, Aly's Animal Assistance is here for you! Contact Aly Phillips at 571-0433 or [the.phillips6@gmail.com](mailto:the.phillips6@gmail.com) for details.

**ARB Update**

If you have received a letter regarding your property, a response from you is expected. Please respond before additional letters and/or fines are needed.

**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](mailto:dres3hoa@bellsouth.net)) or phone (563-5005).

Lisa Jolly  
871-2456

**March, 2010 Monthly Meeting**

The next monthly board meeting will be held at 7PM on Tuesday, March 9, 2010 at the Civic Building.

Your 2010 Ashborough Board

**Neighborhood Work Day**

Once the weather turns a bit warmer and the ground dries up a bit, there will be work on the sand volleyball court and the horse shoe pits. If you are interested in helping with either of these projects, please contact Steve Jolly or Ted Cain.

One item that doesn't require a neighborhood work day is the cleaning of the signs throughout the neighborhood. If you have a sign on your property, can you take a few minutes and clean the sign? A mild mixture of bleach and water is all that is needed to make that sign shine! If you have a street sign on your property, please help keep it clean and tidy. It will make your property and the entire neighborhood look better.

**Ashborough Trail Work Day**

Saturday February 27<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 to Noon

We will complete the rock armoring project at the bottom of the berm on the Orange trail.

- Please bring wheel barrows, sledge hammers and shovels if you have them.
- Gloves and rubber boots are recommended because at high tide we may be working in standing water.
- Coffee and doughnuts will be provided
- Bring the kids and come on out – trail work is fun!

**Ashborough Trails**

There has been damage to the trails caused by the use of motorcycles in conjunction with the large amount of rain we've gotten. The trails have been created and are maintained by volunteers for the walking enjoyment of Ashborough residents. It has been determined by the Ashborough board that the use of motorized vehicles on the trails is not permitted. Signs will be posted at the trail heads in the next few weeks.

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