

Ashborough Happenings

March 2010

THANK YOU

A big "THANK YOU" goes out to an Ashborough resident who wanted to save the ACA the cost of removing a couple of pine trees. Not only did the resident take one of the trees down but also hauled away the debris. The other tree will be removed shortly. This act of generosity is very much appreciated!

Dear Ashborough Homeowner;

We're off to a great start in 2010! All but about 70 residents who are required to pay an assessment have done so. There have been 37 residents who are not required to pay an annual assessment but either paid the full assessment or made a partial payment. This is very much appreciated!! If you have not yet paid your assessment, please make it a priority to get it in as soon as possible. Fines will be assessed for payments that were not received by March 1, 2010.

As reported in the last newsletter, the board will be hosting Town Hall meetings to hear your concerns about Ashborough. The first Town Hall meeting will be held at 7PM on Thursday, March 25. Please bring your concerns and share them with the board and your fellow residents. This is not a regular monthly or annual meeting so board or ACA business will not be conducted but this is intended to be an open forum to hear concerns so that your board can address those concerns where possible.

As mentioned previously, your board is planning the creation of 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 with good results. 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 and other businesses locating in Dorchester County.

I would also like to thank Chris Bedson for his many years of service to Ashborough as ARB chair. After almost 10 years in this capacity, Chris has decided to "retire" from this role. Thank you, Chris, for your many years of service to Ashborough! Until the ARB team is in-place, please send ARB requests to either Bob Johnson or Brandon Page.

The board has been obtaining information on acquiring a security system that will provide the needed level of surveillance at the pool and Ashborough Avenue playground. The board expects to complete this work and select a security system in the next few weeks. It is important that the vandalism in this area be contained and stopped before spending funds on improvements.

As reported last month, the barbeque pit was damaged due to freezing temperatures. The board has looked into replacing the barbeque pit with a different design that will be sturdier and provide some additional features. Work to prep the site for building a new barbeque pit has begun and planned to be completed by May 1st.

With the warm weather, residents are out enjoying Ashborough and walking their dogs. There are some residents who are not cleaning up behind their dog and allowing their animal to use other resident's property. Make sure to carry something to clean up behind your dog and also keep your dog on a leash.

Steve Jolly is forming a Maintenance Committee. If you are interested in helping out, please give Steve a call.

Lastly, the Hospitality Committee has been hard at work planning various neighborhood events and activities. The first event that is coming up is May 1st Friday Jam and Cookout at the Civic Building pavilion. Plan on coming out and meeting your fellow Ashborough residents!

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
11	10	20			
Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec

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
Phone 843-871-5743

We appreciate your consideration.

Volunteers Needed

Steve Jolly and Ted Cain have been constructing a sand pit volleyball court and need volunteers to help move sand from the Ashborough Ave playground. If you are a volleyball player and can provide help, please give Steve Jolly or Ted Cain a call!

Dorchester Road Project

Some initial work has begun with the movement of a waterline near the Ashborough Entrance followed by the Endicott Street entrance.

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 actual construction begin? The latest estimate is June, 2010. There are still property acquisitions taking place and some 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 was submitted to SC DOT. A response has been received that stated the 45 mph speed limit was appropriate for the section adjacent to Ashborough but that significant speeding was noted and communicated to the Dorchester County Sheriff's Department. Getting the speed limit will continue to be a priority.

Ashborough Trail Work Day

The rock armoring project at the bottom of the berm on the Orange trail was completed. Take a look at the Ashborough Website (Click on "Walking Trails" under Amenities) for some fantastic pictures of the volunteers in action. There was even a volunteer from Mt Pleasant who found out about the efforts and decided to contribute his time even though he was not a resident. This act of kindness is really, really appreciated!

Did you know the Covenants and Restrictions...

do not allow parking on the street overnight? See page CR-23 in your printed copy or on the Ashborough Website.

Baskets needed

The Hospitality Committee needs baskets for making "Welcome Baskets" for newcomers to the community. If you have a basket to donate, please contact either Lisa Jolly at 871-2456 or Jody Wilhelm at 821-2150. Thank you.

Street Lights

Is the street light near your property working? If not, contact Robert Coker with SCE&G at 843-851-4952 and give him the number on the light post to have it repaired.

Yard Debris

After the recent snow, someone dumped large piles of tree debris in the Mayfield Park. Disposal of yard debris is the responsibility of residents and using Mayfield Park for disposal of any kind of debris is not allowed. There are piles of used concrete at Mayfield Park that is being used on the trail but no other debris is to be left there.

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:

May-September 1st Friday Jam and Cookout at the pool picnic shelter

July 3rd Luau at the pool

September 5th Neighborhood Block Parties with recognition for the best block party

October 1st 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"!

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).

Lisa Jolly
871-2456

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 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 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.

April 13, 2010 Monthly Meeting

The next monthly board meeting will be held at 7PM on Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at the Civic Building.

Your 2010 Ashborough Board

The AWESOME Ashborough "Alligators"

The 2010 Ashborough Alligators' Swim Season is just around the corner. While you may still have a few more weeks before you have to dig out your bathing suit from the bottom drawer, it's time to start communicating important dates and make sure that all of our swimmers will be returning! Thanks to last year's success at City Meet (8th out of 24 teams), we will be competing again this season in CCAA's highest bracket, the Red League. Last year's team was one of the largest in Ashborough history, with nearly 150 swimmers. In order to make room for everyone in practice lanes and make sure everyone gets a lot of chances to swim in meets, we will likely be unable to accommodate new swimmers in many age groups.

***** Please let us know if you will be joining us in the pool for another year of fun, exercise, improvement, and competition*****

This is a "new suit" year, so we ask that all swimmers come to one of the two registration dates at the Ashborough Civic Building. Email Mike Hobson (mike_hobson@spindlenet.com) now of your intent to return so that we can get an early idea of roster requirements.

Mark your Calendar

Swim Team Registration – Sunday, April 18th, 6pm - 8pm
Monday, April 19th, 6pm - 8pm

Practice Starts – Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Swim Meet Dates (There are 10 dates for 8 swim meets – July 8th and a mid-June date will be rain dates)
June 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29
July 1, 6, 8

Chene Moore Meet – Monday, July 12th (tentative)
City Meet – July 18, 19, 20

See you on deck!

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