Quarterly Newsletter Jan-Mar 2008

# North Kampton News

NORTH HAMPTON HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

#### GOVERNING DOCUMENTS UPDATE

#### IMPORTANT DATES: Yard of the Month **Contest Begins** April (\$25 prize) "Property Values Mav Month" Mailbox 5/3 Painting by HOA **Pool Opens** 5/3 **HOA Annual** 5/13 Meeting 7p - 9p **Final Review** of Governing **TBD Documents** Vote on Governing TBD **Documents**

As you know, our Governing Documents, which consist of our Covenants & Bylaws are being updated to current laws and standards though the HOA's attorney. In addition, we are voting to be submitted to the Georgia Property Owners Association Act (POA Act).

Examples of changes include: removing the restriction from residing in your basement, requiring the bank owned homes to be maintained, enforcement of the covenants, and many more.

Some of the benefits of being a member of the Georgia POA Act are that certain provisions of the covenants have the force of law, homeowners cannot be sued individually for a claim against the Association, puts in place standard requirements for fees and interest, keeps our documents from expiring, and provides additional benefits to the Association through any future amendments to the Act by the Georgia Legislature.

Watch the website and front entrance sign for meeting and voting dates. Once the Board and Attorney have a final draft, we'll have a Final Review Meeting. This is where we will present the documents LINE BY LINE to all homeowners and take your changes back to the Attorney. Then, the final version will be mailed to all homeowners for an all inclusive 'all or nothing' vote.

So, we need you to attend the Final Review Meeting so that

every line can be reviewed—your only opportunity to make changes. Then, when you receive your Governing Documents package, containing a copy of the new Covenants & Bylaws and your voting form - please vote and mail it back.

Without a 2/3rds affirmative vote, all the work and money put forth in making these updates will be wasted.

As an incentive, we are offering a drawing prize of \$100. All votes returned by the deadline stipulated in the package will be put into a pot for the \$100 drawing.

We only want to do this process once so, please return your vote in the postage paid envelope by the deadline!

#### MAY IS "PROPERTY VALUES MONTH"

This May the North Hampton ACC will be sponsoring a "Property Values Month".

During the month of May, we're asking every homeowner to take a critical eye to your home's exterior and find at least one way to improve it. Perhaps you need to paint, weed, patch your sod, install edging, refresh straw / mulch, trim bushes, plant flowers, or just do an overall clean up. Many of these easy fixes can be done at no or low cost.

Remember, the ACC is always available for free consultation on more involved cosmetic and structural projects. Contact Fred for this service.

On May 3rd, the ACC and Board will paint your mailbox post for you! For only \$10.00, we'll put a fresh coat of white paint that we'll supply on your cleaned and prepared mailbox post. If it rains, we'll reschedule to May 17th. To sign up, call Amy by April 28th at 770-755-5911.

The goal of "Property Values Month" is to directly increase your home's value as well as the value of our neighborhood while getting us all outside to meet each other and have fun while we're at it.

By the way, if you're interested in joining the ACC, please contact Fred Martin at 770-653-3683.

# Architectural Control Committee Mission Statement:

We are inspired to direct all efforts towards the sole intention of preserving North Hampton property values.

## 2008 ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING

\* May 13, 2008 7 pm - 9 pm \*

Please join your neighbors and the HOA Board at the Annual Member's Meeting. Nominations for the Board of Directors need to be submitted to Valerie Cohen, Secretary at email: Secretary@NHHOA.org by May 6th, 2008. We'll be voting for the 2008-2009 Board of Directors and addressing any concerns you may have for the next year. Please attend!!

#### WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS!

We warmly welcome the following families to North Hampton:

11 Centerport - Ty & Monique Hudson

62 Centerport - Jay & Sabrina Mills

If you are new to the neighborhood and we haven't officially welcomed you, please contact Kimberly Hackler at 770-421-1401 or COC@NHHOA.org to receive a welcome package!

#### COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE (COC)

We are regretfully announce that we are not hosting an **Easter Egg Hunt** this year, but we do wish you a Happy Easter!

#### 2007 Events were a Hit!

The Kid's Pumpkin Painting was an artful and fun experience for all who attended!

The Christmas Party, visit with Santa, Ornament making, Cookie Exchange and ornament drive for our Community Tree were festively fun and a big hit!

Many thanks to the volunteers and all the families that participated in these events. If you haven't seen the pictures, go to our website in the member's only area and check them out!

There is such a great spirit of connection

in North Hampton! Are you missing out? Then join us in one of our clubs:

### Quarterly Wine and Cheese Social for the Adults

Bring your favorite wine/sparking cider and cheese to share at the clubhouse. We hope to start this club next quarter.

#### **Monthly Craft Club**

This club will give the homeowners an opportunity to gather at the clubhouse to work on scrapbook pages, needlepoint, knitting, or whatever else floats your boat. The intent of this club is to get together, work on individual/group projects, and share your hobby with others. Ultimately, the group will decide how they will participate with each other.

#### **Monthly Book Club**

This club will be started next quarter and will give us the ability to share our joy of literature in a structured environment. Of course, the initial meeting will establish the reading list and structure of the meetings.

#### For More Information

Contact us at COC@NHHOA.org if you're interested in joining any of these clubs or have an interest you'd like to see turn into an event or club. Please also let us know if you'd like to volunteer for the committee or for Helping Hands.

We continuously update the website on neighborhood events and clubs' details, so be sure to check us out online!

#### AMENITIES COMMITTEE

The Amenities Committee is responsible for the common areas which include the pool, clubhouse, tennis courts, playground & landscaping.

For the upcoming Spring & Summer season, the following projects are planned to improve and/or maintain the common area for our residents' enjoyment and property values:

- Pool surface will be blasted down to the original finish and re-coated.
- Hot water heater is leaking & will be replaced with a smaller tank-less unit
   for efficiency & increased storage

space in the mechanical room.

- Soap & tissue dispensers and new motion sensing light switches will be installed in rest rooms.
- Fascia boards and soffits will be repaired on the clubhouse.
- Some of the older pool furniture will be replaced. (8) new chaise chairs,
   (2) umbrellas and 2 umbrella bases.

The Amenities committee and Board ask all residents be mindful of the cost to maintain and improve this area for the use of all North Hampton Homeowners. If you witness vandalism or abusive behav-

ior that may lead to damage of North Hampton property, please ask the individual(s) to stop. We also ask that you safely try to obtain some form of identification (automobile tag #) and report it to the Board. Repairing vandalism diverts money from improvements and can increase HOA dues sooner than necessary.

We are pleased to report that we will be opening the pool on Saturday, May 3rd. As a reminder, the pool gate lock will only let residents enter during pool hours: 10 AM to 9 PM. If you are current on your dues, you will receive the 2008 pool and restroom access code by mail.

#### NORTH HAMPTON FAMILY HIGHLIGHT

In each
Newsletter, we
will "meet" a
neighbor family.
This highlight
will detail the
family's interests,
children and
ages and
anything else
that family
wishes to share.
Please let us know
if you wish to
participate!

The Jackson family completed and moved into their home in April 1995, becoming the very first residents in North Hampton; a subdivision they have enjoyed and become very proud of with what it has to offer: quality, location, scenery, and most of all, wonderful neighbors throughout the subdivision.

Tom is the 2007-2008 Vice president of the HOA, is employed as a contract supervisor with Ansco & Assoicates. He has been with the company 21 years. Melissa is employed with Wal-Mart.

They have one son, Kyle (7yrs) who attends White Elementary School.

Tom is a semi pro kick boxer and a black belt in karate. With several state and national championships, 2004 sliver medalist in Basel Switzerland, 2005 quarter-finalist in Moscow, Russia, representing WKA/IAKSA Team USA in the World Full Contact kick-boxing championships. He also trains in (MMA) mixed martial arts.

Tom's hobbies are fast cars, working in the yard and family time. Melissa likes to walk her German shepherd and husky. She loves to spend time with her family. Kyle's hobby is playing video games.

The family attends Canton Road Church of God.

Their favorite place to eat is WES-MANS.



Melissa, Kyle & Tom Jackson

#### NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM

While the overall "crime rate" in our neighborhood is miniscule, if you're on the email mailing list, you're aware that we've experienced some mischief - there have been instances of gas siphoning and a dog attack, to name a few.

To be pro-active, we've re-established our Neighborhood Watch program with the Bartow County Sheriff's Department. We have also ordered all necessary materials, including a new, updated sign for the front entrance.

Tom Jackson, who has served as the HOA Neighborhood Offense Contact and Vice President, will be heading up this program. Each street will have a Street Captain who will be responsible for helping keep our neighborhood safe and beautiful, and also gets to nominate the Yard of the Month for their street. Let

Tom know if you're interested. Program materials with your Street Captain's contact information will be distributed soon.

Of course, you can also contact Tom at VicePresident@NHHOA.org or at 770-606-0750.

If you'd like to alert all subscribed homeowners immediately, you can join and email our mailing list, nhhoa@nhhoa.org.

# 2007 - 2008 HOA Mission Statement:

To preserve North Hampton Subdivision as a safe, desirable, attractive and friendly neighborhood that thrives in an atmosphere of trust and communication while fostering a positive neighborhood identity with a cohesive and active sense of

#### NEIGHBORHOOD REMINDERS

- www.NHHOA.org is our official website where you can post classified ads, sign up for the mailing list, sign up for access to the Members Only area and get info on upcoming events and the updates on local watering restrictions. Visit often for the latest news!
- Posting on our attractive street sign posts is prohibited. Tape, staples, and nails have destroyed them. We will be repairing the posts this May during the "Property Values Month".
- If you need to notify the neighborhood, please use the email mailing list - it's very effective, immediate, and doesn't litter! If you haven't signed up yet, sign up today at the website!
- Reminder: No pets inside the common areas.

- Please drive safely on our streets! The posted speed limit is 25 mph. Many homeowners are walking and children may be playing in or near the street. Please drive slow and be alert!
- The website will soon offer an online calendar where you can see clubhouse availabilities and reserve it for your event 24/7.
- Board meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 pm at the Clubhouse. Please contact the committee chairs for their next meeting date & time. Come join us!
- Improve your HOA by volunteering! Do you have talents that would benefit the neighborhood? Contact Amy at 770-755-5911, we'd love to have you join us!

Website:

#### WHO TO CONTACT FOR ...

<u>Neighborhood Watch:</u> We hope that you never have a problem while living here. However, should you need police assistance, contact the Bartow County Police at 770-382-5050. (We are in Bartow County jurisdiction, not City of White).

If you have contacted the police regarding an incident occurring in our neighborhood, please also contact Tom Jackson, at 770-606-0750 or VicePresident@NHHOA.org to log it with the HOA Neighborhood Watch.

There may also be situations not needing police assistance, but you would like to file a formal complaint with the HOA. Simply contact Tom Jackson to file it on our Complaint Log and the Board of Directors will handle it appropriately.

Amenities (Pool/Clubhouse/Tennis) Problem: If there is a problem with the amenities themselves (not individuals), please contact Walker Owen at Amenities@NHHOA.org or 770-380-2281 to report it.

Roger Hackler

<u>Clubhouse Reservations:</u> To reserve the clubhouse, contact Jeannie Estomba at 770-606-1469. The 2008 security deposit for clubhouse reservations is \$50.

<u>Community Outreach</u>: Event planning, Helping Hands and more. If you would like to participate in or are in need of these services, contact Kimberly Hackler at 770-421-1401 or COC@NHHOA.org.

<u>Architectural Changes:</u> If you are making a change to your home's exterior, submit your changes for approval first to the ACC at ACC@NHHOA.org or mail to the PO Box address. ACC Forms are available to download at www.NHHOA.org.

<u>Closing Letters:</u> If you're selling your home, please tell your agent the contact for Closing Letters is Roger Hackler. He can be reached at 404-680-4682 or Treasurer@NHHOA.org.

As a courtesy, please restrict your calls to the HOA to the hours of 9 am - 9 pm.

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Future newsletters will be sent via the email mailing list. So, please join the list today. If you don't have access to email, let us know.

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