



Fall 2009  
Newsletter

## Swim season winding down...

It's hard to believe the school year is in full swing and summer will officially be over real soon – where did the summer go? We have had an exciting summer (and a safe one, thankfully) at our neighborhood pool. Our “Back To School” Pizza Party at the pool was a fabulous success again this year....with 30 large pizzas consumed in record time! Hurry up and swim as much as you can – **the last day for swimming will be Sunday, September 27**, then the pool will be closed down for the winter.



## ...Fall Fest on the Horizon

Almost as soon as the pool closes, plans will be well under way for this year's Fall Fest. **This year's Fall Fest is planned for Saturday, October 17 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.** The Association is trying to keep costs down considerably this year, but still be able to host a wonderful event for the children...so the emphasis will be on more activities, more games and lots of prizes. In addition to the always popular moonwalk and giant inflatable slide, plans are also under way for more than 10 games, tractor rides, sack races, snow cones, pumpkin painting...and much more!

## NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR FALL FEST

Val Moore will be organizing the activities and supplies, but in order to be able to host the Fall Fest as planned, Val will need to have a minimum of 25 volunteers sign up to help on the day of the Fall Fest. Please e-mail Val to offer your help during the Fall Fest ([s\\_vmoore@mail.com](mailto:s_vmoore@mail.com)). If you have small children, one parent can easily volunteer while the other parent enjoys activities with the children inside the tennis court enclosure – and even swap off periodically. **Val will need to have at least 25 volunteers committed by October 10 in order to go forward with plans for the Fall Fest.**

\*\*\*FYI: If you have artistic talents or if you know of someone to volunteer as a face painter, please let Val know\*\*\*

One of the favorite activities every year at the Fall Fest is the Cake Walk. Susan Powell will be organizing the cake donations again this year, so if you are willing to provide one or more cakes, cupcakes, etc. for the Cake Walk, please e-mail Susan ([sip01@bellsouth.net](mailto:sip01@bellsouth.net)) or call her (770-945-1849). We want to have as many baked treats as possible so every child has the opportunity to snag some goodies to take home. Even if you can't attend the day of the Fall Fest, please consider contributing a cake or two – the more, the merrier!

Stay tuned to the Association website (<http://hwhoa.org>) and signage at the neighborhood's entrance for updates on the Fall Fest as the scheduled date approaches.

Hopefully, we will have enough folks volunteer early enough to ensure the Fall Fest will go off without a hitch this year.



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In order to keep printing costs down and save trees, the intent of the Association is to eventually eliminate printed newsletters altogether and post the newsletter only on the web. Don't panic - we know some of you may not be totally up-to-speed on the internet quite yet and will need some lead time to have your kids show you the ropes...so printed versions of the newsletter will always be available to anyone upon request.

## **YARD OF THE MONTH**

We've wrapped up the "Yard of the Month" contest for 2009 – and congratulations go out to all our winners this year. The May, June and July winners were included in the last newsletter and are also posted on the Association website (<http://hwhoa.org>)

**FYI: Our Phase Four winners for July were Ray and Becky Thurman (1969 Green Gables Way). Ray only has one wife (that we know of) and her name is "Becky" – for some unexplained reason, HOA records had her listed as "Laura," so she was identified as "Laura" in the July newsletter and on the web. Sorry, Becky – we know it was YOU who helped Ray make that lawn so beautiful . Thanks for all your hard work!**

### **August 2009 "Yard of the Month" winners**

Phase One: Jackie Archer – 3965 Gables Place

Phase Two: Joe and Veneda Thurber – 4037 Gables Court

Phase Three: Julie and David Hemminger – 1580 Huntington Hill Trace

Phase Four: Leisa and Kim Pitts – 3989 Green Gables Trace

### **September 2009 "Yard of the Month" winners**

Phase One: Val and Scott Moore – 3955 Gables Place

Phase Two: Kim and Matt Hanley – 2020 Huntington Hill Trace

Phase Three: John and Donna Covault – 1610 Huntington Hill Trace

Phase Four: Steve and Sherry Carbin – 3997 Ivory Gables Place

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In addition to the Home Depot gift cards provided by the Association, The Huntington West Homeowners Association would also like to extend our sincere thanks to the local merchants who donated the prizes awarded to our "Yard of the Month" recipients this year:

- The Fieldhouse (Manager – Greg)
- Buffalo's Southwest Grill (Manager – Paul)
- Dos Copas (Manager – John)
- Joey Watkins Automotive (Owner – Joey)

Please make a point to patronize these local businesses – and be sure to thank the managers personally for their support of our neighborhood! Of course, the Association also owes a big "Thank You!" to our neighbor Jay Turnbow for convincing his friends in the restaurant business to be so generous once again this year!

### **KUDOS TO HELPFUL VOLUNTEERS**

Many thanks to Covenants Committee members Cindy and Terry Burns for voluntarily spending a recent Sunday afternoon clearing out a very unsightly flower bed in front of a neighboring foreclosure – thanks to the Burns!



## **GWINNETT COUNTY SOLID WASTE PLAN UPDATE**

Although Gwinnett County has still not been able to implement the new solid waste ordinance that was supposed to have been in effect as of January 1, 2009. The update to the Gwinnett County Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) that was approved by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs and adopted by the Board of Commissioners on April 22, 2008 is still currently in effect. As a result, Gwinnett County reports it is still in compliance with the Georgia Solid Waste Management Act (a copy of the SWMP is available for viewing or downloading by on the Gwinnett County website. You can also call with questions: 770-822-7141.

The County lists 10 different residential trash haulers on its website – and 7 of the haulers are approved for our service area (6) in Huntington West. In Gwinnett County, all approved residential garbage companies are required to pick up a number of recyclables weekly along with curbside garbage service:

- Newspapers & inserts
- Plastic soda, water, juice, milk bottles, detergent bottles
- Aluminum cans
- Steel cans
- Glass bottles & jars



**GOOD NEWS!** The Recycling Bank of Gwinnett has now been rebuilt after the fire that destroyed the original center last year. The brand new 29,000 square foot recycling center features two separate areas for drop off - one for residents and another for commercial haulers. The new center is located at [4300 Satellite Blvd in Duluth](#), and open to the public for donations 24/7. There is no cost to drop off any of the 35 types of recyclable items the accepted by the center, including the following: phone books, cardboard boxes, shoe boxes, pizza boxes, magazines, catalogs, junk mail, empty aerosol cans and even paperback books (although you can certainly donate those used books to a library, nursing home or shelter).

**Be sure to teach your family the Three R's to be kind to our planet and to keep our neighborhood looking good: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!**

## **HAPPY TRAILS FOR DAN BLACK**

Many of you know Dan Black as a good friend and neighbor – formerly of Manor Hill Place as well and now living in Hamilton Mill. Dan has put in his 32 years with Publix and just celebrated his retirement on September 11. Dan has been the Manager of the Hamilton Mill Publix since it opened and has been a tremendous friend to our Association, always providing food and other supplies for our pool parties at a “discount” and helping us out in any way possible. Dan has also been a great friend to the local schools and other organizations in our community, so he will be sorely missed. Congratulations to Dan on his retirement – Dan reports he will actually be starting his own car-buying business, so we wish him success with his new venture as well.

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## **COVENANTS UPDATES**

As our lawns go to sleep for the upcoming fall and winter, remember to give your lawn a good haircut for the off-season. Don't forget to keep your lawn edged at the street and clippings swept up. Here's a reminder sent to the Board from a concerned homeowner:

In the next newsletter, will you please remind people to kill the weeds in front of their houses at the curb? When mowing, grass and weed seeds get caught in the cracks and grow. Lots of people should be mowing between the curb and the street right now :-). Also, please remind everyone that they need to pick up their lawn clippings, not just blow them in the street. Several homeowners close to my house just blow their grass across the street and don't pick it up. Thanks!

Street parking is gradually becoming problematic again, so please remember to refrain from parking on the street and make sure your guests are made aware as well. Parking on the street is not only prohibited per the Covenants, but it is extremely dangerous for our children riding bikes, neighbors walking pets, runners and children playing in their own front yards.

## **HEADS UP - COVENANTS COMMITTEE MEETING COMING SOON**

Stay tuned for more information from the Board about the Covenants Committee meeting in the next few weeks. We welcome any new members to sign up to be on the committee so please email the board through the website.

## **ARCHITECTURAL CHANGES**

Here are recent Architectural Change Requests approved by the Board/Architectural Review Committee: Architectural Change Request forms can be downloaded from the HOA website (<http://hwhoa.org>) Please note the form states the Board/Committee may take up to thirty (30) business days to review request plans and specifications.

4058 Avonlea Way – privacy fence, new roof  
4100 Gables Place – privacy fence  
3985 Gables Place – paint house and storage shed to match  
4105 Gables Place – new roof  
4095 Gables Place – paint house  
1714 Gray Gables Way – new roof  
1764 Gray Gables Way – new roof, replace awning over back porch  
1884 Gray Gables Way – new roof  
1894 Gray Gables Way – new roof  
1834 Gray Gables Way – paint house and trim  
1775 Huntington Hill Trace – addition of sun room and deck, siding replacement, paint house  
2035 Huntington Hill Trace – new roof  
1610 Huntington Hill Trace – paint house  
2020 Huntington Hill Trace – new roof  
2095 Huntington Hill Trace – paint house  
2000 Huntington Hill Trace – new garage doors  
1970 Huntington Hill Trace – new roof  
1810 Huntington Hill Trace – detached storage shed to match house  
3993 Ivory Gables Court – decorative stone retaining wall  
4089 Manor Hill Place – new roof

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**DON'T FORGET – Approval is required for architectural changes to your home and/or changes that impact the appearance of your home....such as paint colors, roof shingles, siding, additions, etc.**

## CARE AND CONCERN FOR OUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

After battling back from lung cancer last year, Debbie Foote (formerly resident on Manor Hill Place) has recently undergone surgery for brain cancer. Debbie is a trooper and made it through the surgery in good shape. Debbie and Jim report their spirits are high, but they welcome thoughts and prayers. Cards are welcome, too: 409 Laythan Court, Winder 30680.

## HUNTINGTON WEST GIVES THANKS 2009

Since the tragic events of September 11, 2001 residents of Huntington West have shown deep appreciation for our local firefighters by treating them to a home-cooked dinner each night during the month of November. If you're new to Huntington West, you'll want to sign up early to participate in this very worthwhile neighborhood project. All you need to do is provide a simple dinner for one night in November for our friends at Station 18 - usually 5 to 6 firefighters and paramedics each evening. We have learned over the last eight years that the folks at Station 18 are not at all picky and appreciate anything you want to bring. If you would like to sign up as a "tag team" with one of your neighbors, that's great - the more the merrier! Children are treated to a tour of the fire station, so be sure to take your kids along as well. Station 18 has a full-service kitchen, so you can even deliver your dinner in the a.m. for the firefighters to cook later. Our local Publix has always provided dinner on Thanksgiving Day. If you would like to sign up to help feed our firefighters, please call Susan Powell (770-945-1849) or e-mail Susan ([sip01@bellsouth.net](mailto:sip01@bellsouth.net)) before all the dates in November are taken.



## COMING SOON - HOLIDAY HOUSE 2009

It's never too early to start planning your holiday decorations for this year's "HOLIDAY HOUSE" decorating contest - winners will receive wonderful prizes, including Home Depot gift cards. Get started now and look for more info on the website later in the year!



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