

The Babbling Brook



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Voice of the Stoney Brook Plantation Homeowners Association

Note from the President

I hope everyone is enjoying this fantastic Spring weather. What a terrific mix of sun and showers, along with warm days and cooler nights.

The year thus far has been relatively quiet for the board. As always, there are unexpected fixes needed with the pool, clubhouse, tennis courts and common areas, but nothing too challenging. It's been a blessing!

Even when things are quiet, our grounds maintenance manager, pool and clubhouse manager, and our treasurer are working regularly to carry out their duties. **We all should appreciate how dependable Martha Wilson, Laurie Clarke and Joe Camerata** are in these three positions!

Let one of us know if anything needs the Board's attention!

Mary Plant
President

Thanks! to those who helped take down the front entrance holiday decorations: **Laurie and Tom Clarke, Bob and Becky Christensen, Gene Hall, and Barb Mitchell.** It has been brought to my attention that I left **Mark Jungers** off in a thank you to those who helped put up the decorations. Thank you, Mark!

Tennis Court Lights

We have had issues where the timer is not timing out to turn the tennis court lights off automatically. Please turn the lights off manually before leaving the tennis courts.

Clubhouse Reservation Deposit Now Required

The Board has enacted a new \$50 refundable cleaning fee when reserving the clubhouse. We hope that this will ensure that the clubhouse gets cleaned thoroughly after it is used so that it is ready for the next neighbor to use. Keeping the clubhouse clean also helps maintain its value to the HOA.

Pool News and Opening

Laurie Clarke is working hard to have the pool open by mid-May. Besides the normal cleaning that is done in opening the pool, the bathrooms will be renovated due to the amount of mold that was detected in every layer of the walls. In addition, new pool furniture was bought. Hopefully we'll have our county certificate, the pool furniture and better pool bathrooms by mid-May so that the pool can be opened.

Police House Watch Program

If you are going out of town for any period of time, the police have a house watch program where they will drive past your home or park in front of your house while doing reports. To have them "watch" your house while you are away, go to the police station and complete a form.

Website Changes

The Stoney Brook website may be down for a few weeks as the Board decides whether to extend the contract with Go Daddy, or change to a different host. Thank you for your patience while we make this decision. **And thank you to FD Haynes** for his work on the website and guidance in this decision.

Stoney Brook ACC

My name is Parker Wright and my family and I have been residents of Stoney Brook since 1992. Barbara Turner, Mary Plant (temporarily while we look for a replacement for Joe Chuhran) and I comprise the Architectural Control Committee (ACC), and our mission, like the rest of the Board, is to help maintain the appeal of our neighborhood. We do this by assisting homeowners and builders when additions or other structures are planned, or landscaping changes/improvements visible from public spaces are made. Our guidance comes from the Stoney Brook Design Standards, which are included in our homeowners documents. We also, rarely, call upon Peachtree City Code Enforcement if there is an obvious longstanding code issue.

Before you make any of the above landscaping or structure changes, even up to and including changing paint colors or replacing your mailbox, you must contact the ACC for approval of the design. Did you know that you must also contact the ACC (and Peachtree City) before you remove any living trees above a certain size? How about the Peachtree City Code requiring automobiles to have current tags and be drivable (ie. not being refurbished or housed under covers) if they are parked outside? Also, vehicles must be parked on pavement but can temporarily have two wheels in unimproved areas (natural area).

This past winter, some residents found it necessary to park in the street rather than sled down their fairly steep driveways into their backyards or the lake. When it is icy, try the two-wheel method above. The Board/ACC has no jurisdiction with cars parking on the street and is limited to those directives laid out in our Covenants and Design Standards. Think of us as "strict Constitutionalists." Anyway, if you need a copy of those documents they are available on the Stoney Brook website (http://stoneybrookptc.com/Home_Page.php) for reference. Please call me or any one of the committee members if you have any questions, and thanks for your efforts to keep our neighborhood beautiful!

When Icy, Park At the Clubhouse

It's not often we deal with snow and ice on our roads. When we do, some neighbors need to park in the street in order to be able to get out of the neighborhood. On the other hand, having more cars parked on a slippery, hilly street makes it more challenging for others to exit the neighborhood safely. Another option for those neighbors who have steep driveways is for them to park their car at the clubhouse before the storm hits. This will make exiting the neighborhood easy, and keep our streets safer for others trying to navigate onto Peachtree Parkway.

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