



Lake Lines

News From The Lake Sovereign Neighborhood

Cherokee County's Premier Private Lake Community

Newsletter Date

Jan - Feb 2008



Annual Homeowners Association Meeting

Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at 7:00 pm

Cherokee County Services Center at Bridgemill

(Bridgemill Fire Station)

9550 Bells Ferry Road, Canton, Ga 30114

Join your neighbors for the:

- Presentation of 2008 Budget
- Progress Reports from Committees
- Election of three (3) new Board of Directors
- Special Presentation on Lake Restoration Project
- Status on new Amendment
- Open Question and Answer Session

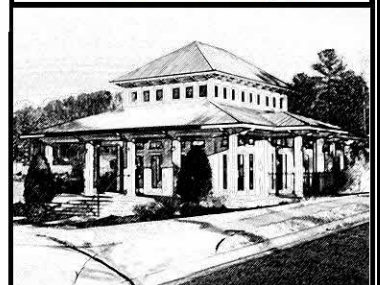
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NEWS FLASH: SIGN UP!!



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If your Board becomes aware of an important issue relative to your health, safety, security, etc., a notice will be sent to residents in a news broadcast format. Only residents who respond will be added to the distribution list, and e-mail addresses will not be shared or distributed. Please send your e-mail address to communications@lakesovereign.net to be added to our News Flash Data Base. Some examples of this service would include an e-mail to residents if the pool needs to be closed for the day, a rabid animal is spotted in the neighborhood or a home in the neighborhood is burglarized.

Sixes Road Community Association Continues Momentum

The Sixes Road Community Association (SRCA) is in year two of its efforts to maintain the roadway beyond the standard landscape maintenance provided by Cherokee County. The Sixes Road website, www.sixesroad.org, is updated regularly and provides an opportunity for Sixes Road residents and business owners to give the SRCA Board input via e-mail.

The Highland Pointe subdivision owners elected to join SRCA this year and the BridgeMill community is in the process of transitioning from the developer to owners.

The SRCA Board believes all eligible Sixes Road homeowner associations will elect to become fee paying members this year.

The Board is currently calling individually on Sixes Road business owners to acquaint them with the benefits of SRCA and its successes to date. The Board expects a significant number of business owners will join SRCA this year.

Take the opportunity to visit the SRCA website to stay updated. The successes achieved to date are milestone events. The Sixes Road corridor is not a planned community and the Board works individually with each business and property owner to build awareness and gain their membership.

“All politics is local”

Tip O’Neill, longtime Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, coined the phrase “All politics is local.” He wasn’t speaking of our homeowner association, but he could have been. There’s nothing more local and, therefore, more accountable than those elected by their neighbors to the governing boards of homeowner associations.

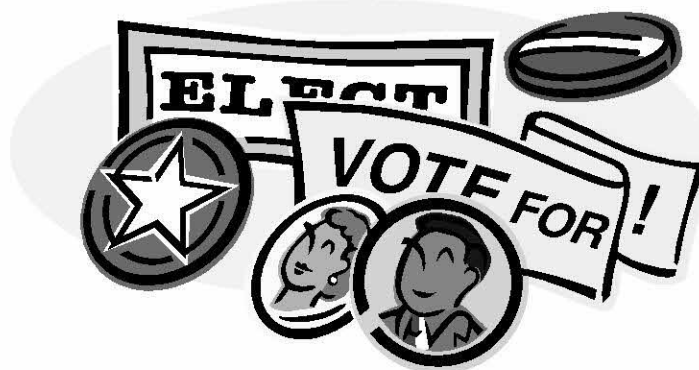
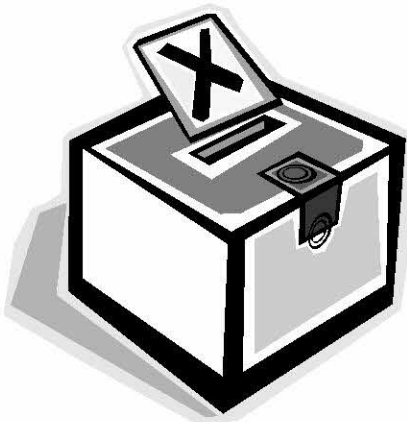
Virtually every association-governed community has a governing board elected by homeowners in that community. It is volunteers – elected by their neighbors – who ultimately are responsible for preserving the community, meeting the expectations of neighbors and protecting property values.

Homeowner associations exist because they offer choices, lifestyles, services, amenities and efficiencies that people value, and the best of them offer a comforting sense of real community. Yet, with all their inherent advantages, associations face complicated issues, none more common than the challenge of balancing the best interests of the community as a whole with the preferences of individual residents. Managing this critical and delicate balance is the essence of association governance.

Your participation in our homeowner association is important. We encourage you to be a part of the process by:

- Returning your consent form on the proposed third amendment to the CC&Rs mailed on January 8, 2008.***

- Attending the annual homeowners meeting at the Bridgemill Community Center on February 26, 2008.***



COMMON GROUNDS REPORT

Dealing With the Drought

We continue to listen to the suggestions made by owners during the last owner survey. One of the suggestions was the planting of wild flowers in some area of the common ground. We will introduce a wild flower mix suitable for the Southeastern part of the country in the spring. We have prepared an area just behind the earthen dam on West Ridge Drive for our first experiment. Previously this has been an area that was weed covered and by end of season, the weeds would reach a four to five foot height. The plan is to apply herbicide to the area as soon as weeds germinate. Once the weed seedlings have been killed, the wild flower mix will be planted for a full season of color. Eighteen different varieties of wild flowers will be planted in this area and we should see color from early summer until frost. This particular area usually contains some moisture during the driest months and we believe pedestrians walking along the top of the dam will enjoy the change in the view from weeds to blooming plants. Thank you for the suggestion.

The Common Grounds Committee continues to be vigilant of all plants during the extreme drought. Fortunately, we have been getting enough moisture to sustain our flowers, but we will give every consideration to the long-range forecast as to whether or not to install summer flowers in our planting beds, if we are not allowed to operate irrigation systems.

Permanent plantings have been installed around the new tennis court parking lots. The landscape plan was designed considering the most drought resistant bushes and perennials for our area. The new plantings will offer color during the warm weather with minimal maintenance requirements. We are hopeful planting the new bushes in our coldest weather will allow them to become established before warm and hot weather arrives.



