



Lake Lines

News From The Lake Sovereign Neighborhood

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Duty Is Calling. Will You Answer?

As another year draws near to a close many thoughts come to mind. One is that we live in a great neighborhood comprised of many wonderful people. As I walk through our community I am always greeted with a nice smile and a friendly wave. It does not take me long to realize the reasons that I moved here.

We have a diverse neighborhood with each of us having our own reasons that we chose to call Lake Sovereign our home. Whatever the reasons, I see us as operating as one cohesive unit with varying opinions. With that being said, I have a call to **action**. We are now accepting nominations for two new board members. Ginger Evans and Don Copeland are now nearing the end of their term. I want to thank them both for the many contributions they gave to make this a better place to live. We also have opportunities to serve on our various committees. Currently, we are looking for someone to chair the social committee. Sue Gross has decided to step down and take a much deserved rest. Sue has done a wonderful job scheduling events that we all have enjoyed. The other committees that could use your help is the architectural review committee; common grounds committee; lake committee; and the recreation committee.

I am challenging you to serve your community. We face many challenges that lie ahead of us. Do you want your voice to be heard? You can sit on the sidelines or you can get involved and get in the game. The choice is yours. The two new board members will be elected during our annual meeting in February 2006 and will serve a two year term. We have board meetings the second Tuesday of each month at the club house. I encourage and welcome all who would like to consider this opportunity to make a difference in our community. If you are interested, please send a short biography via e-mail to Becky Hudson telling us about yourself and why you would like to be considered.

Duty is calling. What will your answer be?

Gary W. Copeland
President - LSHOA

Community Workday Rescheduled

We have decided as a board to move the community workday to the spring of 2006. This way we can spruce up our neighborhood before the pool season opens. Board member Peter Pauline, will be in charge of coordinating this event. I would like to commend Peter on his recent involvement in helping the victims of hurricane Katrina. Peter recently went with a group of men to Mississippi to help those who have been devastated by this natural disaster. We will let you know once a date has been established for the spring.

AquaBytes

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The Creepy-Crawlies in Your Lake



TRUE-LY SCARY: This photo of an aquatic True Bug (a.k.a. Giant Water Bug or Toe Biter) is from the *What's That Bug?* website.

The aquatic environment is the natural home to all sorts of bugs, from Water Striders to Toe Biters to Dolomedes Fishing Spiders. While some are undeniably “creepy” looking, insects and arachnids are actually critical components of the aquatic ecosystem. The presence of bugs of all sorts in and around your water is necessary for the ecosystem to thrive: some are a food source for fish and waterfowl, while others help control pests further down the food chain (Water Striders, for instance, feast on mosquito larvae, thereby cutting down the population of the flying blood-suckers). And while some aquatic bugs can be unpleasant in close encounters (watch out for the Toe Biters, which live up to their name with a painful pinch!) the vast majority are harmless to humans — and truly stunning in their variety, colorations, and functions.

P.S. If you want to identify an insect (aquatic or otherwise) that has crossed your path, or just love the good shudder you can get from an up-close look at an unusual bug, check out the *What's That Bug?* website at www.whatsthatbug.com.

What's All the Carping About?



UGLY, BUT FUNCTIONAL: This young Triploid Grass Carp may grow up to eat several times its body weight in aquatic plant material each day.

Stocking of Triploid Grass Carp is a viable option for control of certain submersed aquatic weeds. Grass carp are native to Asia and were introduced to the U.S. in the 1960s for weed control applications; "triploid" refers to grass carp bred with an extra set of chromosomes to ensure sterility. Fertile grass carp that migrate into streams and rivers can reproduce and potentially disturb native ecosystems. In Georgia, only sterile grass carp obtained from state-licensed dealers may be legally stocked for biological weed control. Triploid grass carp are most effective at controlling submersed aquatic plants; strictly herbivorous, they do not disturb sport fisheries when stocked at the recommended rate of 10 to 25 fish per acre (re-stocking is necessary every four to six years due to the natural useful life cycle of the fish). While not a cure-all, triploid grass carp can be a cost-effective long-term component of an overall management program, and are best used with herbicide treatments in an integrated approach to aquatic plant management. Because triploid grass carp show a feeding preference for some plants over others, it's best to get a professional assessment of your pond conditions and needs before stocking.

Aquascape Environmental is licensed by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources as a triploid grass carp dealer. For further information or to schedule an assessment of your lake, contact our fisheries biologist, Randy Cooper, at 678.445.0077 ext. 205 or randycooper@aquascape.net



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POOL NEWS

We completed another successful pool operating season. Thanks to the many families who volunteered to check on and tidy the pool area for one week during the season. Our Pool Management Company checked the chemical readings once a day as well as accomplished the other pool maintenance work on a twice weekly schedule. Daily readings protect the association since the pool company knows the condition of the pool each day and can make adjustments in the pool chemicals. They also insure a clean pool each day since the company will vacuum etc. if needed during the chemical reading visit. Cherokee County requires daily readings and the paperwork to verify the readings. We plan to continue this practice next season. Your input and support is needed and encouraged. **Please contact Tray Breitbarth or Don Copeland if you have any questions about our Pool.**

Common Grounds Report

As you are probably aware, our neighborhood has ten separate common areas, which require weekly landscape maintenance. It is a large property and each Thursday, our landscape maintenance company devotes the day to mowing and trimming these areas. Landscape maintenance represents the single largest line item in the Association annual budget.

For this reason, as a best management practice, we periodically take bids from qualified landscape maintenance companies to obtain the best quality service for a competitive price. Our current landscape maintenance provider has been included in the qualification review. On October 1 we mailed comprehensive questionnaires to ten landscape maintenance companies. These questionnaires are due back later this month and will be reviewed by our Landscape Maintenance Selection Committee composed of Louis Tooker—Architectural Review Committee Chairman, Julie Murdock—Director, Sharon Dyskow, Joe Cole and John Krueger. We appreciate the efforts of this special committee and the time it involves in reviewing potential landscape maintenance providers.

Once the qualifications and company references have been thoroughly reviewed, qualified companies will be selected from the original ten to submit a pricing proposal. We will be selecting a company to provide contracted services for the next three years beginning February 2006.

Common Ground Committee Volunteers Needed & **WANTED**

The Common Grounds Committee does more than provide oversight of the landscape management company. We need volunteers to oversee and maintain all common grounds lighting—(light bulbs must be changed periodically and we have a considerable number in the neighborhood common grounds), lighting timers must be reset, neighborhood signage needs periodic maintenance and replacement and irrigation clocks must be managed. This committee also oversees and manages the clubhouse physical facility, the bridges, docks, boat ramp, boardwalks and parking lots. We need your help to reassign some of these duties since we are a self-managed Association.

Please contact John Krueger to volunteer. We need some new faces to come forward and better understand the complexity of keeping the physical facilities of the neighborhood managed and maintained.

American Heritage Academy

It has been brought to the attention of the board that we have some abuses as it relates to the gate that is located behind the academy that adjoins Lake Sovereign. This gate is for Lake Sovereign residents only that have children going to the academy. We have parents from other neighborhoods using our club house parking lot to pick up their children. Even though this may seem like a small issue , we as a community are opening ourselves up to potential liability. I would hate to have an unsupervised child who wanders on our property and then have something accidentally happen to them such as falling into the lake.

Please adhere to the policy that the gate is for Lake Sovereign residents only. If you would like to discuss this issue , I welcome you to call me **or send an e-mail** .

LAKE SOVEREIGN CARE FUND

For several years the Canasta and Bunco groups have contributed to a fund that was used to send flowers, cards, or an appropriate gift to our wonderful friends in Lake Sovereign who needed our love and support during difficult times.



Since the Lake Sovereign community has now grown to more than 120 families, it is no longer possible for these groups to maintain the fund alone. We would like to widen the group of contributors to include as many residents as possible. Of course, you do not have to contribute to be remembered. We sign the cards "Your Friends in Lake Sovereign."

If you would like to contribute \$5, please give it to Becky Hudson or Debra Pesta.

GRANDPARENTS OF THE YEAR!

Award

Residents Judye and Jim Derr were selected 2005 Grandparents of the Year by **Sixes Living Magazine**. A letter submitted by their three-year-old granddaughter, Mary Grace, shows the special love and bond Grandparents and Grandchildren share. You can find her letter and a wonderful article in the September issue.

Congratulations to Judye and Jim for being honored!

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

The Lake Sovereign Social Committee needs new members! Several members have served since the committee was organized and would like to turn over the planning to new members. We need ideas and help in planning activities for our community. It is a wonderful opportunity to participate in your community and make new friends. The committee meets two or three times a year.

Please contact Debra Pesta at 770-345-4084 or Becky Hudson at 770-704-7344 for more information.

Lake Sovereign's BUNCO GROUP NUMBER 2



Our Featured Fine Home Community



Featured Lake Sovereign Home

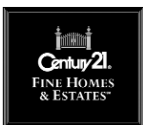
This high-end private and secluded lake community feels a world away, yet is located just off Sixes Road and I-575. Lake Sovereign's uniqueness is its 120 architecturally designed and custom-built homes on a private 43-acre pristine lake. The professionally maintained lake is home to a multitude of God's beautiful creatures, including a mute swan, rare gray herons, Canadian geese, beavers, cormorants, ducks, and over 20,000 bass. This is a truly special community.



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TOUR OF HOMES INCLUDES TWO IN LAKE SOVEREIGN

Two homes in Lake Sovereign will be included in the Holiday Tour of Homes sponsored by the Junior Service League of Woodstock.

The J.R. and Cathy Merendo home and the Dwayne Buggay home were selected to be shown on November 12 and 13 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Each home has unique features that make it distinctive.

Three other homes in Towne Lake are included:

The Tarbush Home in The Fairways

The Bergeron Home in Towne Lake Hills North

The Crumpton Home in Eagle Watch

The homes will be professionally decorated for the holidays by several local designers. The ornaments, wreaths, and other decorations will be for sale. **Tickets will cost \$15 and may be purchased from any league member. Lake Sovereign's member is Susan Brown**

Tickets will go on sale Wednesday, October 19, at the following locations:

Christine's Creations
Beverly's Day Spa
House & Garden Boutique
BP Service Station, Towne Lake Parkway

For more information, see the website: www.jslwoodstock.org

Lake Sovereign's Halloween Party

October 30th
from 2pm til 4pm

Ages 12 + under
cost \$2 per child

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