

The Grapevine



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November 2011 Grapevine "Notes from the President"

It's that time of year again... time to fill Vineyards HOA Board of Directors positions that are expiring the end of 2011. This year we have two Board members with terms expiring; Robert Kagann and me (Jim Burwell). Included in this edition of the Grapevine are bios of the four candidates and a ballot. Please take time to read the bios of the candidates and cast your vote (one vote per Vineyards lot). Place your ballot in the lockbox on the back of the entrance bulletin board cabinet. This year's vote deadline is end of day Friday, November 25. Thanks to Angela Fulbright for chairing the nominating committee.

The Board continues to work on resolving landscaping issues at the entrance and we're optimistic the new contractor will improve the appearance of our now mature plantings. Members of the Garden Committee will be replacing some flowers in the sign areas this month and putting up some holiday decorations.

Again this year, our neighborhood benefited from the hard work of many volunteers. Thanks to Robert for his two term service on the Board. And to Dolores, Carol and Johnny for their dedication. Our committees did a great job taking care of their responsibilities and willing volunteers always came through when a project needed completing. We are fortunate to live in a community where things get done through the efforts of neighbors.

Wishing you the best of Holidays,

Jim

HOA Board Meeting, November 3, 2011

Jim Burwell opened the meeting. Those in attendance were Jim Burwell, Johnny Stone, Robert Kagann, and Dolores Ferron. Minutes were taken by Dolores Ferron.



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Treasurer's Report. As of September 30th the balance in checking was \$19,610.50 and in savings \$10,569.91. A new pool cover was purchased at a cost of \$350.

Committee Reports

- **ACC:** Nothing new to report.
- **Garden and Grounds:** The board had a lengthy discussion about removal of the white fence along Nuckolls road. Previous boards have always had the intention of removing the fence once the landscaping was mature and the fence was in need of repair. It is very difficult to adequately trim the Elaeagnus hedge with a fence in front of it. It is a hedge that provides complete privacy and would be beautiful if it was able to be trimmed properly. It seems that the fence to the left of the entrance is on the Hamilton's property (lot 1). It was decided that a meeting would be set up with the Hamiltons by Jim Burwell and Johnny Stone to discuss removal of the fence and accommodations for maintaining the matching landscaping where the large Elaeagnus hedge is on their property. It has been maintained by the subdivision landscapers in the past and ideally it should continue to be maintained to match the other side of the entrance along Nuckolls Road to keep continuity. The board cannot come to a consensus of what to do until we know what the Hamiltons have in mind about the situation.
- **Neighborhood Watch:** Recently a woman was knocking on doors in the subdivision at 8 o'clock at night asking for money. A homeowner called 911, the police came, and removed her from the subdivision.
- **Pool and Tennis:** The pool has been closed and a new pool cover was placed over the pool.
- **Social:** Nothing new to report
- **Welcome and Sunshine:** Nothing new to report.

Old Business: Jim updated the board about the ongoing litigation. The hearing on our Motion for Summary Judgment scheduled for this morning did not take place due to an injury suffered by the Plaintiff's attorney. A future date for the hearing is not known at this time. The entrance, landscape issues, and fence were discussed as noted above. A



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bike rack was purchased and will be installed in the spring. A section of wooden fence for screening the trash cans will be purchased from Home Depot and installed by Jim and some of the Romeos.

New Business: The next Grapevine which will include a ballot for election of two new board members will be distributed on November 14th. Ballots will be due on the Friday after Thanksgiving. There was discussion about decorating the front entrance for Christmas. Members of the board and garden committee are going to look into seeing what decorations we already have that we can use. If there is a need to purchase a few more things it will be done.

Next board meeting will be Monday November 14th at 6:30 PM

HOA Board Meeting, October 13, 2011

Jim Burwell opened the meeting. Those in attendance were Jim Burwell, Johnny Stone, Robert Kagann, and Dolores Ferron. Minutes were taken by Dolores Ferron.

Treasurer's Report. Waived, Carol Bursby absent.

Committee Reports

- ***ACC:*** The ACC committee has approved a new deck for lot #93.
- ***Garden and Grounds:*** Jim Burwell got a bid for a new fence made of black aluminum. It was reasonable but the board came to a consensus that the existing landscaping if trimmed properly would be enough to give privacy from the road. After the existing fence is removed and observing well-trimmed hedges the board will revisit the idea of complete fencing like the existing one or a shorter span of fencing around either side of the entrance sign. We are going to seek bids on removal of the existing fence.

After observing the very severe cutting (the wrong time of the year) of the hedge along Nuckolls Road to the left of the entrance, Jim Burwell fired "Cut Rite" our current landscapers. We had discussed with them on previous occasions that we were not happy with their bush trimming. Two bids were obtained from two insured landscapers. It was decided by the board to hire "5 Star Landscaping Company". Jim Burwell and Dolores Ferron will meet with them early next week to discuss details of work that needs to be done.



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The Vineyards activities sign was painted black by Jim Burwell and Carlos Zamot.

- **Neighborhood Watch:** No news to report at the meeting concerning the Vineyards but there was a little discussion about the jewelry heist at Milano's Jewelry store at the corner of Nuckolls Rd. and Hwy. 20.
- **Pool and Tennis:** It was decided the pool closing this year was to be on October 10th. As of the date of this board meeting the pool hasn't been closed. Johnny Stone was going to look into why that hasn't happened.
- **Social:** Nothing new to report
- **Welcome and Sunshine:** Nothing new to report.

Old Business: Jim updated the board about the ongoing litigation. The website has been updated.

New Business: Tim Simmons informed the board that within our bylaws it says that the trash cans need to be concealed behind fencing. Jim Burwell and his crew are going to build a wooden fence to the left of the pool entrance in front of the inset area where the trash cans can be stored. It will be painted the same color as the pool house. Jim had also gotten bids on bike racks and the board decided on a model which will cost \$300. It will be installed in front of the fence that is being constructed to hide the trash cans.

It is time to nominate two new board members for next year. Angela Fulbright took over the nominating committee. She obtained four nominees, Jim Burwell, Earl Holloway, Leslie Bruckwicki, and Richard King. The nominees are to have their biographies to Angela by November 11th so that they can be published in a Grapevine which will be distributed on November 14th. The ballots will be due on the Friday after Thanksgiving, November 25th.

Next board meeting will be November 16th.

HOA Board Meeting, September 15, 2011

Jim Burwell opened the meeting. Those in attendance were Jim Burwell, Johnny Stone, Robert Kagann, Carol Bursby and Dolores Ferron. Minutes were taken by Dolores Ferron.

Treasurer's Report. All bills are current; checking account balance is \$23,176.66. There is approximately \$10,500 in savings. To date, all but 1 homeowner, who has paid only half of



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what is owed, have paid their association dues. The board is continuing to pursue an "automatic statutory lien" for the delinquent homeowners' association dues and late fees under the Georgia Property Owners' Association Act.

Committee Reports

- ***ACC:*** The ACC committee has approved a new roof and deck staining for lot 32. The owner of lot 69 has applied to install a privacy fence in his back yard and approval is pending some landscaping for the outside of the fence which will be visible from Napa Valley road.
- ***Garden and Grounds:*** The board met at the front entrance to discuss areas of concern about the landscaping and the fence. The fence has been discussed by previous boards and the consensus was that when the fence deteriorated to a state of repair and painting it would be taken out. There was discussion about having no fence at all or replacing the fence with a wrought iron type of fence that would be low maintenance. Jim Burwell was going to look into types of fences and costs. Another concern is that the current landscaping company is not trimming the bushes properly and is uninsured. They also do a poor job of laying down pine straw. Dolores talked with an insured professional landscaping company and got an estimate. Although the estimate was close, Dolores was going to try to get the new company more in line with the cost of the current company.
- ***Neighborhood Watch:*** No news to report at the meeting. However, on Friday September 16th there was a house break in and some items stolen on Nuckolls road at a house adjacent to the Vineyards behind lots 93 and 94.
- ***Pool and Tennis:*** It was decided the pool closing this year will be on October 10th.
- ***Social:*** Nothing new to report
- ***Welcome and Sunshine:*** Nothing new to report.

Old Business: Jim updated the board about the ongoing litigation. The fee for maintaining the Vineyards Website has been graciously picked up by Georgeia McCann, which she no longer wants to do. The association will begin picking up the cost when it comes due again in March. Information was given to the board about how to maintain the Website and Dolores is going to add the May and August newsletters.



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New Business: The annual Vineyards Community Garage sale dates were set for Friday September 30th and Saturday October 1st. Jim is going to place a reminder sign in the sign cabinet a week before. Carol is going to place an ad in the Forsyth County Paper and get together road signage. Times for the event will be 8 AM to 2 PM both days.

It is time to nominate two new board members for next year. Dorothy Warren will be involved in obtaining nominees. The timeline decided by the board will be to have nominees by November 4th, have biographies of the nominees to Dorothy by November 11th so that they can be published in a Grapevine which will be distributed on November 14th. The ballots will due on the Friday after Thanksgiving, November 25th.

Next board meeting will be October 20th.



From your Welcome & Sunshine Committee:

Please notify Norman Baker (770) 886-0439 or Dennis McAlister (770) 886-6446 when you know of new neighbors moving in, a loss of a family member, or neighbors who have fallen ill, been injured, etc. We are your official spokespersons to welcome new neighbors to the Vineyards and to lift the spirits of those neighbors not feeling well. Thank you for your support.

Get Well cards following surgery were sent to the following:

Jeanette Lipscomb, David Whitaker, Marie Williams, Dorothy Warren

Sympathy cards were sent to the following:

Faye Ainsworth with the death of her brother in August,
Anita Kipping with death of her uncle in August,
Mildred Hansard with the death of her daughter Elizabeth in October,
Joyce Byrd with the death of her husband Richard in November





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From the Editor: Happy Birthday and Anniversary to those of you who are celebrating. If you would like to advertise your business, community events, or articles of interest in *The Grapevine*, please submit your logo and information in a format compatible with Microsoft Word (earlier version, please) to Mary Baker at email listed below. Our aim is to publish every other month.

Mary Baker, 770-886-0439
normanmaryb@bellsouth.net



Men's Weekly Breakfast. Come join in with this group of men who meet weekly on Tuesdays at 8:15 a.m. for breakfast at the **Atlanta Bread Company** to exchange ideas and plan for various events like car, boat, woodworking shows, and the like. Call Mike Warren (770-889-7222) or Larry McKinley (770-888-7681) for more information.

LADIES LADIES LADIES LADIES

Some ladies in our subdivision have expressed interest in forming a monthly Bunco club. It is lots of fun, requires no skill, and is a great way to socialize on a monthly basis. If any of you ladies have interest, please contact Vickie Whitaker at 770-889-5348 or Dorothy Warren at 770-889-7222. We could meet during the day or at night. If you have interest, please let us know your preference as well.

ATTENTION COMMENTS & CITICISMS ATTENTION

List your top 2 or 3 issues you want addressed by the board—short term or long term:
Email to Jim Burwell or tear off and place in lock box at entrance:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Architectural Control Committee
Application Request Form

Homeowner's Names: _____
Lot #: _____ Address: _____
Telephone: (H) _____ (ALT) _____

Please check the improvement you would like to make. Beside each improvement is a list of numbers that corresponds with the required attachments necessary for ACC review. The numbers in BOLD print identify the applicable standards that correspond with the improvement and are located in Chapter 3.00 of this manual. Please be sure to include all required information or the request will be returned causing a delay in the review process.

_____ New Construction (1,2,3,4)	3.01, 3.02	_____ Other (1,2,3,4)	3.10
_____ Deck (1,2,4)	3.03	_____ Satellite Dish/Antennae (1,2,3,4)	3.11
_____ Building Addition or Exterior Modification (1,2,3,4)	3.04	_____ Exterior Detached Structure (1,2,3,4)	3.12
_____ Fence (1,2,4)	3.05	_____ Exterior Lighting (1,2,3,4)	3.13
_____ Parking Pad (1,2,4)	3.06	_____ Retaining Wall (1,2,3,4)	3.14
_____ Walkway/patio (1,2,3,4)	3.07	_____ Hot Tub/Pool (1,2,3,4)	3.15
_____ Play Equipment (1,2,3,4)	3.97	_____ Mailboxes (1,2,3,4)	3.16
_____ Landscaping (1,2)	3.09	_____ Flagpoles (1,2,3,4)	3.17

Information and Attachment Required to Process Application

1. Plot Plan with improvements shown, drawn to scale including all dimensions of proposed improvements and distances to property lines.
2. Materials List (for landscaping requests, include lists of plants to be used with locations shown).
3. Indicate color(s).
4. Provide a picture, scaled drawings or manufacturer's literature indicating overall size, i.e., length, width, and height. (Top view looking down and front/side view looking at improvement.)

Detailed specifications and Description of Request: (Attach additional sheet(s) if necessary)

Materials List: (attach additional sheet(s) if necessary)

2011 ELECTION BALLOT
[Four residents have submitted Bios for the two positions which come available for next year's board. Please select two (2) from the 4 candidates by checking the boxes below and place this form in the lockbox on the back of the entrance bulletin board by Friday, November 25.]

<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Leslie Bruckwicki</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Jim Burwell</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Earl Holloway</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Richard King</u>

BIO's Submitted for Election (page 1 of 2)

<p><u>Leslie Bruckwicki</u> 2970 Chardonnay Lane</p> <p>My husband Mark and I moved to the Vineyards in September of 2009 after he was transferred from Michigan. Prior to Michigan we had lived in Virginia and Texas.</p> <p>I graduated from Southern Methodist University in Dallas with a degree in Business. I worked several years in retail management and currently work part time for a retail projects company.</p> <p>I have one son who currently attends Georgia State University and has a small business in Atlanta. It has been nice having him close to us again.</p> <p>I am still exploring the area but have really enjoyed the many varied activities available here in Georgia: hiking, festivals, orchards.</p>	<p><u>Jim Burwell</u> 2885 Burgundy Drive</p> <p>I am a seventeen year resident of The Vineyards and have served as President of the HOA Board for the past two years. Martha and I have worked on various committees during our time here and she was also President for two years in the late nineties.</p> <p>I appreciate the support of Vineyards residents over the past two years and the good work of the Board, committees and volunteers who step up to assist whenever we have a project, work day, or community event. As our neighborhood ages, new issues and needs surface (as well as some that never seem to go away). I would be pleased to serve another term on our Board.</p>
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<p><u>Earl Holloway</u> 2830 Bordeaux Blvd.</p> <p>To the Residents of the Vineyards: My name is Earl Holloway and my family and I have lived in the Vineyards for 11 years.</p> <p>I enjoy our quiet, peaceful and safe community. I especially enjoy the people in it. I have recently retired with over 40 years in the drywall industry. As a person who does not like to stay idle, I now work for the Forsyth County Transportation System as a school bus driver part time.</p> <p>I have previously served on the ACC and I would be happy to volunteer my time again, if elected, to serve as a board member</p>	<p><u>Richard King</u> (2755 Napa Valley)</p> <p>Claudia and I are new to The Vineyards, having moved here in the fall of 2009 from Amelia Island, Florida after my retirement. We appreciate the warm welcome to the community.</p> <p>Moving back to Cumming is a homecoming of sorts. We were residents of the Atlanta area (Duluth and Cumming) since 1974, prior to a 4 year project management assignment in Florida. We raised our two daughters here and have enjoyed long time relationships with church, business and family friends in the community.</p> <p>I served on Duluth city council for two terms in the '80s and as president of the Lakeside Farms HOA (Cumming) in the '90s. I appreciate the dedication and selflessness of those who have served The Vineyards Neighbor-hood Association and would be pleased to continue this tradition as an elected board member</p>
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