

Huntcliff

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NEWSLETTER

Huntcliff Resident Homeowners' Association

Summertime Fun Is Coming!

*Huntcliff Pool to Open May 16th
With Open House, Tennis Tourney,
and Big Fun for Everyone!!*

Pack the winter clothes away for another year, and start rounding up your bathing suits and flip-flops, because summer is almost here, and it's time once again for opening day at the Huntcliff swimming pool! The HRHA Board has announced that the pool will open on May 16, and we will celebrate with an Open House and Round Robin Tennis Tournament. All Huntcliff residents are welcome to share in the enjoyment of our facilities on this day, whether or not you are a member.

Pack your towels, slather on the sunscreen, and bring the whole family... we'll fire up the grills and be serving up hot dogs, hamburgers and lemonade around midday. The neighborhood C.O.P.S. program will be represented, and they



will offer some cake for dessert. As always, Board members will be there to take your membership payments and issue new key cards.

The recreation area will be bustling with activity, as the Round Robin Tennis Tournament will begin at 9:00 a.m.. This is a very popular, competitive event here in Huntcliff, and is always as fun to watch as it is to play.

The winners from last year's Round Robins were Becky Burger and Steven Reece in May, and Mark Hildebrand and Tammy Knox in August. These talented players have enjoyed their bragging rights, and now challenge other Huntcliff players to dethrone them as they defend their titles.

There will be a nominal entry fee for this tournament, and prizes will be awarded to both the women's and men's winners. We hope to have 3 Round Robins this year.

This is just the first of several activities planned for the pool. We'll have a number of great events this year, and we hope that you'll be a part of it all! *See you all there on May 16th!*



Support your community by joining the facilities this year!

The 2009 Huntcliff Membership Drive is officially underway, and once again, the HRHA Board begins its mission to enroll as many facilities members as they can.

Last year, our membership count was 83 and we were very pleased to have essentially matched the enrollment total from the previous year. Our goal for 2009 is to have 90 or more members.

We understand that the economy has had an effect on almost everyone this year, and with family finances perhaps tighter than usual, we know that recruiting facilities members may well represent our biggest challenge to date. And frankly, we could use a little help from you.

In an effort to meet our goals AND give your budget a boost, your friends on the Board are offering a way for you to save money on this year's dues! We'll give you \$50.00 for every new member* that you get to join the facilities!

Almost everyone knows a family or 2 in the neighborhood (or even outside the neighborhood) that doesn't join the facilities. Just take the time to share with them all the benefits of joining: the swimming, the tennis, the social life and the activities... and all for a price that is still one of the lowest around! If you can convince them to join, just fill out the form that was included in

Pay Your Dues Online!

Don't forget, you can pay your membership dues online, using your credit card. Just visit our website at www.huntcliff.org, and look for the 'Payments' option.

your membership invoices, and it's like money in the bank!

Remember, joining the facilities is always a sound investment in your community. Achieving a steady number of members is the one sure way to help keep our facilities properly maintained and the cost of membership at a reasonable rate.

It's great having a swimming pool and the tennis courts in your neighborhood, but your membership means so much more than just the use of these amenities. It's like having our own Town Square – a central place where friends and neighbors can gather to enjoy each other's company in the fresh air and sunshine, and it provides us with a real sense of community.

Yes, it's truly a wonderful thing to have, so don't take it for granted! Our facilities are an important part of your Huntcliff community experience. Won't you join us?

*A 'New Member' is someone who has never joined the facilities, or has not been a member for the last 2 years.

YOUR 2009 H.R.H.A. BOARD

The Board of Directors for your Huntcliff Resident Homeowners' Association are:

The **Board President** is **Rob LeMaster**.

He can be reached by phone at **678-787-0219**, or by e-mail at rlemaster@charter.net

Vice-President, and in charge of the facilities activities is **Tara Guise**. She can be reached by phone at **770-962-7762**, or by e-mail at tiguys@aol.com

Your **Treasurer** is **Mark Hildebrand**. He can be reached by phone at **678-442-7902**, or by e-mail at mark@markhildebrand.com

Ashley Freyberger is our **Secretary**. She can be reached by phone at **678-377-8794**, or by e-mail at ashley@lilybearcreations.com

Serving as **At Large Members** are:

Nate Burnside: nsburnside@bellsouth.net

Gary Yetter: g-yetter@charter.net

Eric Corbett: emcorbitt1@hotmail.com

The **Facilities Director** position is currently unfilled.

The Board is serving the second of their 2-year terms, and during the course of the year, will be considering nominations to the Board that will serve in 2010/11. If you are interested in serving your community, please contact any current member. Your Board of Directors are grateful for the support given to them by Huntcliff residents. Feel free to contact them with your questions, concerns, ideas or neighborhood issues.

Let us hear from you!

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS:

This newsletter has been on a bit of a hiatus since its December issue, so perhaps it's time to shake off the winter chill, and get back up to speed with a brief summary of news and announcements. Please note that after this printed edition, upcoming full color newsletters will be sent to residents via e-mail only. They are also available for downloading on our website at www.huntcliff.org on the 'Board Info' page. If you have any suggestions for items you would like to appear in the pages of the Huntcliff newsletter, or if you would like us to add your name to our e-mail list, please contact **Rob LeMaster** at rlemaster@charter.net

Neighborhood Yard Sale To Take Place May 23rd

And speaking of spring cleaning, we are sponsoring a neighborhood yard sale with a tentative date of Saturday, May 23. Watch your e-mails for further information!

Community Cleanup Day Scheduled for May 2nd

Yes, along with the fun comes a little work... Our annual Community Cleanup Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 2. We're looking for volunteers to help us spruce up the rec area with a little spring cleaning and maintenance, as we get ready for the summer pool season. We'll meet at the rec area starting at 8:00 a.m.. This is a great way to help out and show pride in your community. Watch your e-mails later in April for further information.

Some of Our Fences Could Use a Little Help

Some portions of the wooden fences running along the outer boundaries of Huntcliff, on both Dean and Tab Roberts Roads, are in pretty bad shape and are in need of repairs. We'd like to remind everyone that upkeep of these fences is the responsibility

of the homeowners on whose property the fence runs, and if they are not repaired, and you are reported, you may be subject to actions taken by the Gwinnett County Quality of Life Unit, up to and including fines. Please help us maintain the appearance of Huntcliff by repairing any damaged portions of fence that run along your property. If you are in need of assistance in any way, please contact Rob LeMaster at rlemaster@charter.net

Huntcliff Facilities Undergo Upgrades and Repairs

To meet the requirements of a new federal law regulating all public swimming facilities, the drain covers in both of our swimming pools were replaced in March by our pool service provider, Professional Pool Services, Inc.. These new regulations are designed to prevent people from getting inadvertently trapped by suction created by drains and water lines. The new drain covers are rounded, and protrude slightly from the bottom surface of the pools. New covers for the equalizer lines were also installed on the sides of the pool.

We are also in the process of repairing/replacing several non-

functioning lights at the tennis courts. This work involves either the replacement of the 1,000 watt bulbs or the ballast units in the light fixtures. There have been some delays in this project due to the weather and a very busy tennis calendar, but we hope to have the work completed soon.

New Landscaping Service Hired by Huntcliff Board

Beginning May 1, our new landscaping service provider will be Lawscapes, owned and operated by Brad Simpson. The HRHA Board had gotten quotes from a number of landscaping companies, and our choice to go with Lawscapes will provide the neighborhood with the same services that we are accustomed to receiving, but at a significant annual savings. Lawscapes also offers landscaping services for the home at competitive prices. For more information, call Brad Simpson at 678-407-2180.

Huntcliff Website Gets a Brand New Look!

www.huntcliff.org has recently been revamped with a new appearance, and offers some new features that we hope you
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will enjoy and find helpful. One of the new features is a Community Calendar that provides dates and details of neighborhood happenings. You can also find minutes of the HRHA Board meetings and you can also download Huntcliff newsletters. There's also an expanded tennis information page with a monthly calendar. The photo gallery section also has some new offerings. And as always, you can pay your HOA and Facilities dues using the website! Be sure to check it out!

Huntcliff C.O.P.S. Program Needs Your Help Now!

For a number of years now, Huntcliff has been involved with the Gwinnett County Police neighborhood watch program called the Community Oriented Police Service, or COPS. This program is designed to raise our awareness of crimes committed in Huntcliff and in our area, and to establish a vital network of communications amongst ourselves to help combat these crimes. By and large, this has been a successful program for us, but we are deeply concerned that the number of Block Captains needed to support this network has decreased dramatically in the last few years. Unfortunately, the amount of crime in our area doesn't show any signs of slowing down, so the need for a COPS program is more important than ever. We CAN fight back, but first, we need to step up. Essentially, we need volunteer Block Captains for every street

in Huntcliff, and for the longer streets, we need more than one. This position, while it is very important, is relatively simple: You serve as someone who helps spread the word through the neighborhood if you notice, or are made aware of, any suspicious activity. You attend only one meeting, and are asked to visit the annual COPS Festival. Our current COPS Liaison is Tammy Knox. She can give you more details about the program. Tammy's e-mail address is wknox10@msn.com

Details of the COPS meeting will be sent out as soon as plans are finalized, and there will be a COPS table set up at the pool opening on May 16th, to further recruit volunteers and update residents' contact information.

Please consider volunteering as a Block Captain. It's a small investment of your time and energy, with a huge payoff that benefits us all. We need YOU.

Rent the Pool Pavilion for Your Private Party

Looking for a place to have that perfect summer party? Consider renting the Huntcliff pool pavilion... your event is guaranteed to be a real splash! Prices are reasonable, and travel time is minimal! More information and a downloadable rental form can be found on our website at www.huntcliff.org

Limited Sponsor Facilities Memberships Available

Facilities Members can add additional maintenance and improvement fees to their facili-

ties membership in increments of \$125, and for each \$125, a Facilities member may sponsor an individual to also utilize the facilities in the following capacities: (1) an adult (age 17 and older) that resides outside Huntcliff, or (2) a child (age 16 and younger) that currently resides inside Huntcliff whose family has not been a facilities member in the previous two years, or (3) a child (age 16 and younger) that resides outside of Huntcliff.

Sponsored children may only be persons that cannot be claimed as a dependent by a Facilities member on his/her federal income tax return. Residency for individuals living both inside and outside of Huntcliff will be determined by the primary mailing address for tax purposes, or for dependents, the primary mailing address of the individual who claims them on their return.

The individual sponsored must be specifically designated by name, age, address for tax purposes, and telephone number.

The individual sponsored will be listed on the access key card and may only attend any facilities or events if they are accompanied by a sponsoring member.

Info Needed on Our 'Mystery' Bicycle

If anyone has any information about a mountain type bicycle left at the pool pavilion several months ago, please contact Rob LeMaster at 678-787-0219 or at rlemaster@charter.net