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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

by Chuck Crider
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Spring has arrived again in Saddle Creek. The flowers are blooming, the birds are singing, and the neighbors are

barbequing. What a great time to enjoy the outdoors and anticipate summer. I love springtime in Atlanta.

The improvements made at Saddle Creek in the last few years are coming alive, too. As I drive to the end of Saddle Creek Lane, I notice the playground is often busy all day long. It is colorful with its new equipment and all ages participating in the fun. This is one improvement which everyone can enjoy. All neighborhoods should have such an attractive playground.

This spring you can save gas and enjoy some fun activities right here in Saddle Creek. We have two clubhouses that can be used for meetings, gatherings, and activities. We opened the renovated west side clubhouse by conducting the April board meeting there. Please check out the newsletter and website for things to do all summer within walking distance of your own home. I find there are a lot of friendly, interesting neighbors whose company you can enjoy. The calendar will help you plan which activities are attractive to you. If last year was the facilities improvement year, this year is the time to enjoy the new facilities. If you have additional ideas for activities, let us know. Keep in mind that well attended activities will encourage us to do more.

One of my pet projects for the Saddle Creek Board will be a long-range plan for the Association's common facilities. This plan, with major improvements and major repairs along with their costs, will provide a baseline for managing the annual budgets of the Association into the future.

I am always happy to hear your ideas and suggestions. Your Board will listen and consider them all.

Chuck

Water Conservation Workshop — Saturday, May 17, 12:00PM, SC West Side Clubhouse

Ed Klaas, a Member of the Urban Agriculture Council, will present a workshop on water conservation landscaping for Saddle Creek Members. Learn how to have a water smart lawn that looks nice and needs little water or care. Please register with Bonnie Handy at secretary@saddle-creek.net or 770.594.3222 to reserve your spot.

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THE LANDSCAPE SCENE

by Viki Breeland
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**Volunteer Day 2008
Saturday, May 10th,**

9:00AM — 12:00PM

For those of you who read the February/March newsletter and remember I was the one who did not think we needed to plan a spring clean-up day, I stand corrected! There is more to keeping our neighborhood looking good than one might think!

Please come out and support your neighborhood at our annual Volunteer Day, Saturday, May 10th. We will meet at the east side (pool) clubhouse at 9:00AM. Our tasks will include, but are not limited to:

- Spreading pine straw at the entrances – just freshen what was spread last fall
- Cleaning the furniture for the pool,

clubhouse and tennis courts

- Pruning
- Picking up trash

Bring your pruners, chain saws, wheel barrows, buckets and scrub brushes.

Refreshments provided!

We would love to see everyone there, even for an hour or two.

Adopt a Saddle Creek Entrance

After the spring clean-up, we have five entrances that need to be adopted. The adoptive family/(s) would pick-up trash discarded by uncaring passersby and check for burned out bulbs at the monuments and the up-lights behind the monuments. Notify the landscape director at (770) 642-8902 or landscape@saddle-creek.net if you are interested.

Because we have so many entrances and we all have our "usual" pattern of leaving and entering the neighborhood, adoption of the entrances would keep us looking our best!

Saddle Creek Bridge Lessons

Here is an unusual activity for Saddle Creek. You may have seen our pink flyer and wondered should I sign up. How are your card game skills? Carol is an experienced instructor who also competes in Bridge tournaments. Although this course is designed for the beginner, more experienced players are welcome too. You might find a new trick. We will host the lessons in the freshly renovated west side clubhouse.

Professional instruction for only \$10 per hour is quite a bargain. There are still some slots available so call now to reserve a seat. Refreshments included.

The course begins Saturday, May 17 and continues for 4 consecutive weeks. 4:00—6:00PM is an ideal time to relax and have some fun. This instruction requires no previous experience. Call 770-998-0570 for more information or to reserve a place at the card table. You can bet I will be there.

Neighborhood Garage Sale

Do you have clothes in the closet that haven't been worn for years? Are there items in storage boxes in the attic or garage that you don't need or want, but you keep them anyway? Do you have books you don't read, pictures that aren't hung, or small appliances and tools you don't use? Well, spring is here, so it's time to do a little cleaning!

You are invited to participate in the 2008 Neighborhood Garage Sale. It will be held Friday and Saturday, May 16-17, from 8:00am-5:00pm. The cost is only \$5 to participate. This covers advertising in several online venues and a printed newspaper, street signage, and balloons on your mailbox the days of the sale. If you would like to participate, please contact Melissa Baillairge via email: hillside20@msn.com or phone: (678) 689-8301. Happy hunting!

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE (advertising and articles): Jun/Jul Issue — June 2

Send copy to the Editor before the deadline. We reserve the right to refuse inappropriate material. No advertiser is granted exclusivity.

ANNUAL DUES SCHEDULE:

Invoices mailed: February 1st

Payment due: March 1st

Late fees (10%) for non-payment: April 1st

Revoking rights and liens: May 1st

2008 YTD (April 15) Expense v. Budget		2008 ACTUAL	2008 BUDGET	\$ Variance to Budget	% Variance to Budget
INCOME	Permanent Members	79,940	88,260	-8,320	91%
	Program Fees	1,030	17,000	-15,970	6%
	Donations	150	2,600	-2,450	6%
	Guest Members	3,375	5,000	-1,625	68%
	Other (Adv/Interest)*	13,159	14,210	-1,051	93%
TOTAL INCOME		97,654	127,070	-29,416	77%
EXPENSE	Landscape	3,378	16,561	-13,183	20%
	Maint & Repairs	7,708	13,000	-5,292	59%
	Membership Drive	0	1,400	-1,400	0%
	Social	0	3,000	-3,000	0%
	Swim Team	100	14,500	-14,400	1%
	Swimming Pool	2,888	15,588	-12,700	19%
	Tennis Courts	614	4,000	-3,386	15%
	Banking (Loan/Other)	7,231	28,990	-21,759	25%
	Funds	0	6,348	-6,348	
	Office Exp / Prof Fees	7,269	12,640	-5,371	58%
	Utilities	2,642	11,382	-8,740	23%
TOTAL EXPENSE		31,831	127,409	-95,578	25%
NET INCOME		65,823	-339		

* Includes carryover funds from previous year

Calendar of Events

MAY

- 5th — SCHOA Board Meeting; 7:00 PM west side club-house
- 10th — Volunteer Day: 9:00 AM—12:00 PM
- 16-17th—Neighborhood Garage Sale: 8:00 AM—5:00 PM
- 17th — Xeriscaping Workshop
- 23rd — End of School Pizza Party: 4:00—6:00 PM
- 29th — Dolphins meet against Providence Oaks at Home
- 31st — Jack Ely Tennis Clinic:
5:30 PM — 7:30PM

JUNE

- 2nd — SCHOA Board Meeting:
7:00 PM west side clubhouse
- 5th — Dolphins meet at Edenville
- 12th — Dolphins meet against Brookfield CC at Home
- 19th — Dolphins meet against Triple Crown at Home
- 26th — Dolphins meet against Wexford at Home

JULY

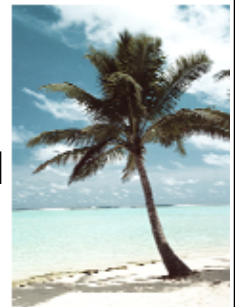
- 4th — July 4th Parade

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STRATEGIC PLANNING

by Bob Jackels
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The west side clubhouse has a new look!

The front porch, sidewalks and rear patio have been pressure washed. The exterior wood for the front and rear porch have been replaced or repaired and the knot holes in the siding are gone. The exterior was painted the same color scheme as the east side clubhouse. The dark interior paneling has been painted, and we have new carpeting.

The west side clubhouse looks great and is there for our members to use. We are now conducting the Board meetings there on the first Monday of each month. So come to a Board meeting, see the new look of the clubhouse and hear about what is going on in Saddle Creek.



Last Day Of School Pizza And Pool Party* May 23rd

Come join your friends and start the summer off right by socializing, eating and swimming.

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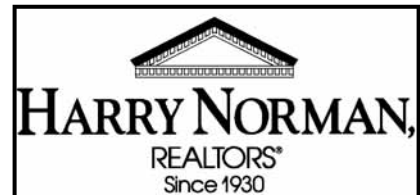


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MEMBER MATTERS

by Diana Thorne
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Membership Directory/Information

Just a reminder, we will not be publishing new directories this year. Going forward, we will be publishing them every other year. Please access your profile on www.saddle-creek.net to update your contact information.

Guest Membership

Saddle Creek offers a Guest Member program to residents outside of Saddle Creek. If you

know of a family that would enjoy our amenities, please let them know. The cost is \$375 a year. The guest membership program has been warmly received and we are excited to see so many past guest members renewing their membership for 2008. THANK YOU!

Volunteers Needed - Membership Drive

We are still looking for volunteers to help with our ongoing membership drive. Please contact membership@saddle-creek.net if you can help.

Reminder — Each household only gets 2 keys for our pool and tennis courts. Any key replacements, whether lost or damaged, is a cost of \$10 per key.

Hembree Road Bridge Replacement Update

The construction start date has not been set yet. The construction company is still coordinating with the GDOT and Utility companies on relocating the utilities before they can set a new date (prior date was November 2007). The construction is scheduled to take 9 months with Hembree Road closed for 6 of those months. We'll update you when we know more.

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FROM THE COURTS

by Ann Defforge
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Saddle Creek tennis is off to a great start! Although our first scheduled Tennis Social was rained out on April 4th, we quickly rescheduled it for April 18th and have had numerous tennis players in the community sign up for a night of fun tennis – good food – and lots of laughs! Look for photos in the next Saddle Creek newsletter!

In organizing the Tennis Social, we worked closely with Bonnie Handy, the Saddle Creek HOA webmaster, to set up the tennis team section of the neighborhood website www.saddle-creek.net. The website will be utilized to post messages for upcoming events and will serve as a conduit for interested attendees to register online! By doing this our goals were to:

1. Make it simple for members to sign up;
2. Encourage members to visit the SC website; and
3. Update member information on the web site

Upcoming Tennis Events

Saturday May 31st - 1:30 to 3:30 PM – Back to the Courts! This event is for anyone and everyone who wants to get back on the courts for the summer! Saddle Creek recommended Tennis Pro, Jack Ely, will conduct a two hour Tennis Clinic that you are sure to enjoy! Sign ups will begin on the Message Board at www.saddle-creek.net after May 1st. SCHOA Tennis will be funding this!! All members are welcome to attend. Email us with any questions at tennis@saddle-creek.net.

Be on the lookout for information about the Saddle Creek Tennis Calcutta to be held later this summer!!

The Tennis Committee (made up of team captains and the Tennis Director) met a few weeks ago and have lots of fun social activities planned over the next few months. We hope to see more and more Saddle Creek

residents on the courts!

The east side courts now have nice new picnic tables that we hope everyone will enjoy when you come by to cheer on your team or enjoy great Saddle Creek tennis. We also have a few new squeegees, trash cans and ball trays at both the east side and west side courts! Our courts are ready for the spring rains and play ahead of us!

Tennis Teams

We still have teams looking for Saddle Creek players!! If you have any interest in being on a Saddle Creek tennis team this summer, please email us. We will do our best to match you with the right team!

Learning Tennis

Have you always wanted to try tennis but don't know where to start? Just know that it's never too late! Perhaps you've played in the past, but are just a little rusty? We suggest a fun 30 or 60 minute lesson with Saddle Creek recommended Tennis Pro Jack Ely. Jack works with beginners to advanced players ages 4 to 94! If you're interested in an individual or group lesson with Jack, give him a call at 770.667.9698.

Jeff Wilson Tennis Academy

Be sure to stop by the west side courts any weekday between 5:30pm and 8:30pm to watch incredible youth tennis at the Jeff Wilson Tennis Academy. These kids are strong advanced youth tennis players. You'll learn a lot just watching as they train with Jeff!

Speaking of youth tennis, the Jeff Wilson Tennis Academy will be offering mini-summer camps at Saddle Creek this summer beginning in June! If you have a budding young Agassi or Sharipova that you would like to see on the courts, please go to:

www.JeffWilsonTennisAcademy.com for dates and complete camp information! Remember, you must be a Saddle Creek HOA Member to take part in the Tennis Mini-Camp!

We'll end this month's article with a great big **CONGRATULATIONS** to the Saddle Creek Senior Mixed AA-3 team. They recently won the City Championships and brought home the "Big Plate" to Saddle Creek. Way to go!!

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The JWTA is a full service tennis academy located in Crabapple and is now expanding to Saddle Creek!

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- Studs:** The Studs are a team comprised of players who have a decent understanding of some key fundamental concepts of tennis. These players have knowledge of proper grips, forehands, backhands, serves and general court position. These keys are refined, corrected, improved and learned through repetition of game based drills and live ball exercises.
- Futures:** Futures are all about learning how to compete in tennis. This team refines their fundamentals and learns the proper strategies necessary for success in USTA tournament play. These players are beginning to understand the commitment that is required for success in the tournament world. This team plays a lot of singles and doubles in practice.
- Challengers:** Challengers are a team that is comprised of players playing USTA events. These players are usually ranked in the state and aspire to play at a higher level. This team works at a high rate of effort and focus as they learn how to compete in their respective game styles. These are truly dedicated players and parents.
- Elite:** The Elite team is currently the highest level of play at the JWTA. These players all have state rankings and most have Southern rankings. These players all aspire for college tennis and are usually exclusive tennis players. These players are working on growing their weapons, practicing their weaknesses and expanding their game styles. These players have a solid grasp of what it takes to compete at their maximum potential.

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Outdoor Watering Updates

Saddle Creek is on the Fulton County Water system so we follow the guidelines set by this agency. Below is an excerpt of important changes. All other watering restrictions are still in place. Visit the Fulton County Water website for more information at www.co.fulton.ga.us or call (404)612-7400.

- Residents can hand-water outdoors only **one day per week**, for a period of only **25 minutes** between midnight and 10 a.m., on an odd-even schedule. Even-numbered addresses may water on Saturday only, and odd-numbered addresses may water on Sunday only. Hand-watering is defined as **one person with one garden hose, using a spray nozzle that automatically shuts off when released**.
- Residents can water newly installed landscaping for a 30-day period, but must obtain a one-time exemption permit from the EPD by applying at www.urbanagcouncil.com. The permit (\$4.95 online) must be posted in plain sight. If you wish to apply for free in person, call 1-800-ASK-UGA1 for an Extension office location.
- Residents and HOAs can fill outdoor swimming pools (as allowed by the state exemption proposal).

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