



**Staghorn Plantation Estates
Homeowners Association**
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YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS NOVEMBER 2021

Welcome to another edition of our neighborhood newsletter. I received lots of positive feedback from our October Newsletter and some ideas of what was important to you. So, with that objective in mind, let's get you caught up on a few things that might interest you.

STAGHORN LAKE SPILLWAY REPAIR DELAYED

We have been very fortunate. Our Staghorn Lake Capital Campaign Committee led by Pam McGee raised enough money from residents to fully pay for repair of the Staghorn Dam spillway. That is really good news. Thanks to all of you who contributed.

As you may know our contractor, Griffin Bros., was scheduled to begin work on spillway repair at the end of November. But because of supply chain issues everything is delayed until January – March 2022 subject to weather conditions. That is according to Carla Fowler who spoke with Bill Griffin.

No worries. As our grounds chair, Carla Fowler, will tell you, these guys know what they are doing. Since 1968, Griffin Bros. Inc. has been providing construction services for various size projects throughout our communities. They work closely with cities and municipalities in Jackson, Banks and Madison counties. Here is one of their many references.

"I am very willing to give a reference for Griffin Brothers Inc. They have always performed at the highest level of expertise. We have called on them to perform all types of jobs for us over the past 18 years. Some of those jobs include running over 300 miles of water lines here in Banks County from

2 inch to 12 inch including valves, PRV vaults, and fire hydrants. They expanded our wastewater spray field at the Racetrack Wastewater Facility increasing the capacity from 60,000 to 270,000 gallons per day." Steve Reece, Banks County Utility Director.

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR NEW NEIGHBORS

I've had the pleasure to get to know some of our new neighbors, many have attended civic functions or just enjoyed walking through our neighborhood meeting people. Let me tell you a little bit about them. EJ Kong and James Drake bought the Buice house at 40 Firethorne Pte. The home has required work to bring it up to their standards. When you meet EJ you'll find a charming lady who always seems to have a smile on her face.

Michael and Tina Helms, 140 Waterford Cove, are new neighbors that love the community. Mike works for Piedmont Athens Hospital as a chaplain. Tina works for the Accounting Office of the State of Georgia. Mike reports that he has a fishing Kayak and loves "playing on the beach with his granddaughters." Mike has authored four books and loves the outdoors. Tina is very knowledgeable about natural oils and uses Young Living products.

Mark and Tona Harrell live at 774 Staghorn Extension. They joined us after living for 23 years in Walton County. They have a daughter and son, and are the proud grandparents of 7 grandchildren. Mark is a long-time employee of AT&T and Tona works with the Department of Driver Services as a Legal Assistant. They really appreciate the warm welcome they received from neighbors Bob and Karen and their two small dogs.

I hope to report on other new neighbors in future issues. But for now, please look for these folks and say hello to them. It's important to make all our neighbors feel a part of the community.

WE ARE IN A FINANCIAL BIND

Staghorn is a community where we all have chosen to make our home. A home in a community where we all must work together to fund the upkeep, not only for esthetics of our community but to enhance the safety of our community.

But here is the situation. We are finding that some of our dearest neighbors have for one reason or another had to delay paying their annual Staghorn dues. I mean it isn't easy to pay all these fees. We haven't collected nearly enough money to keep us afloat in 2021-2022.

When you get a letter or call from us concerning dues, please understand that we simply need money to keep our neighborhood attractive and safe. For those with homes in Phases 6 and 7, remember that although late notices have not gone out, they are assessed on Nov 1. If not paid by December 1, more late charges will be assessed.

Did you know that your dues pay for such things as keeping our street lights on? Just think, if we can't pay to keep our street lights on what sort of a message does that send to thieves. Kind of alarming, isn't it? So, join us in celebrating life at Staghorn by paying your dues.

SAD NEWS AS OUR COMMUNITY MOURNS

We tragically lost one of our Jackson County Sheriff's Office deputies in the line of duty. Deputy Lena Nicole Marshall was shot during a domestic call in West Jackson on Friday, November 5. She died on Monday November 8, 2021. It was a terrible loss and totally senseless.

We sometimes forget how dangerous it is to serve those in our community and maybe don't realize how scary it can be. Dumb things happen. Last

Christmas Day we had our whole family of 12 including four grade school boys over to enjoy Christmas gifts and a turkey dinner. Prior to dinner one of these "little darlings" picked up the telephone for fun and called 911 leaving no message. A short time later I opened the front door to find a well-built, tall man in uniform. The police officer had to leave a domestic abuse incident to come visit our home. He got all the details after talking with me and our grandson. He left admonishing us both and wishing us a Merry Christmas.

I wish I knew those in our Staghorn neighborhood that serve or served in the police force in Jackson County and surrounding communities. I would thank them so much for their service. My wife Susan said she would like to give them each a big hug.

SOME GOOD NEWS

And speaking of celebrating, leave it to Cheryl Martin to hold the best Thanksgiving Party ever. Some of the 52 residents who attended the Thanksgiving party reported that they had a great time. And we have even more activities planned.

Don't forget to sign up for the "Breakfast with Santa". It is scheduled for Saturday December 4, 2021 from 9:00AM to about noon. Santa will be there from 10:15AM to 11:30AM. Can you believe it? Everything is being paid for by your thoughtful neighbors. Yes, even Santa's visit.

Enjoy sausage, pancakes and eggs. There will be a photographer there to take your picture with your kids, grandkids or whatever. RSVP by December 1, 2021 via Facebook or staghornplantation@gmail.com. Let us know the number of adults and kids in attendance. Believe me, you'll have a great time.

That's all for now. Have a Happy Thanksgiving and please Stay Healthy.

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