



Staghorn Plantation Estates
Homeowners Association
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YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS April 2024

Staghorn Work Day – April 20, 2024

Inclement weather caused us to postpone Staghorn Work Day. **Please join us at the Staghorn Recreation Center on April 20, 2024 from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM** to beautify our Staghorn community. Enjoy coffee, water and donuts. You might work a little too.



Please bring tools like electric trimmers, chain saws, rakes, rags, buckets and gloves.

We plan on doing such things as trimming shrubbery around the entrance and lake, trimming the recreation center bushes, opening the bath house, cleaning signs, and repairing or replacing the fences at our parking areas and washing down your mail boxes if we have enough volunteers.

Nicholson Community Cleanup Day

Those Staghorn residents that live within the City of Nicholson may drop off items at Dumpsters that will be located at the Benton Center City Hall parking lot. Dumpsters are available on Saturday April 20, 2022 at 8:00 AM. There are only a few Staghorn residents that this applies to and you must show proof of residency. No tires, paint or batteries.

Jackson County Spring Recycling

But wait! There is another alternative. Jackson County Landfill at 100 Landfill Drive, Jefferson is having a “Spring Recycling Day” on April 20, 2024. They are also open from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. You can drop off cardboard, clean plastic bags (no Ziplocs), aluminum cans and household hazardous waste for free.

Also, drop of 5 gallons of paint free with \$2.00 for each additional gallon. They will even do document shredding for you. There is a limit of two boxes. Extra tires? You can drop of 6 free of charge.

So, once you have dropped off your recyclable items drive into the front gate of the Staghorn Recreation Center on Hwy 335 Brockton Road or enter via Staghorn Trail Extension. Everyone is welcome. Bring the kids.

So, get up early and don't miss out on all these great opportunities to beautify your home and our Staghorn community.

Staghorn Lake Wildlife Refuge

This is the time of year that birds are migrating north and you are likely to see all kinds of things. Looking out our window this week we saw something amazing it was this big bird sitting on a branch eating something. Susan got out the binoculars and discovered it was an Osprey.



The Osprey we saw on Staghorn Lake was eating a small rodent. This Osprey has a fish.

More Osprey are making their nest in North Georgia where once good nesting sites were lacking. Ospreys prefer a high tree near the water with good visibility on all sides of the nest. Corp of Engineer Park Rangers have erected 6 poles around Lake Altoona for Osprey. The birds also have nests at Lake Lanier.

If you look closely while visiting the lake you can also see all sorts of birds from cranes to kingfishers. There is lots of activity.

This week we have had six little Coots with yellow bills and black bodies diving underwater in Staghorn Lake. Coots feeds mostly on underwater grasses such as redhead grass, sago pondweed and wild celery. They will also eat small fish, insects and invertebrates.

Celebrating Vicki Long's Service

Vicki Long is currently serving as the Treasurer of the Staghorn Plantation Estates HOA. Vicki lives at 80 Plantation Crossing with her husband, Keith, and two dogs, Miley and a new puppy. She loves her new born Lab and loves to cradle Maggie May in her arms.

Vicki is the ultimate volunteer having served 12 years with Staghorn as President, Vice President, Treasurer, Grounds Chair and Architectural Chair of the SPEHOA. Before retirement, she worked as a specialist with the Athens Community Council on Aging.



But Vicki is more than just a Staghorn Board Member. In many respects, she is the life blood of our community. She looks out for you everyone in need in our neighborhood. That is just who she is.

Let's all thank our lucky stars that there are people like Vicki in our community.

Craig Gieler – Secretary SPEHOA