



Staghorn Plantation Estates
Homeowners Association
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YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS

August 2024

Staghorn Accomplishments

Thanks to your financial support and volunteering, 2023 – 2024 has been an excellent fiscal year for our community. Let's look at some of the year's highlights.

Fishing Dock Upgrade Completed

In December, our fishing dock was upgraded with new moisture resistant boards by Lighthouse Marine Solutions at a cost of almost \$18,000. The new materials are long lasting and durable. New floats were also added to improve the dock's longevity.



Upgraded Fishing Dock

We also used moisture resistant materials on the swim dock, and it continues to be in excellent condition. That project also was expensive, costing over \$10,000, but well worth the investment in the care and beautification of our lake and recreation area.

Lake Quality High. Fishing Good

Have you been fishing lately? Staghorn Lake fish have grown since last year. Bluegills are 7-8 inches, largemouth bass 1 to 1.5 lbs., grass carp 15 plus inches. The fish are spawning on their own without encouragement.



SPEHOA uses your dues to ensure the safety and quality of Staghorn Lake. We have contracted with **Garrett Pond Resources** to maintain our lake. Currently, Garrett visits the lake monthly, trolling around the lake and visibly inspecting for weeds. This year the stocked grass carps have been controlling the weeds and reducing our use of chemicals.

We also work with the UGA Agricultural and Environmental Services Laboratories, Feed and Environmental Water Lab. They give our lake a rating of less than 10, a sign of good water quality. Feel free to jump in the lake and enjoy a swim, the water temperature is just right.

June 1 Lake Party a Huge Success

Over 90 Staghorn homeowners and their guests attended the June 1, 2024, Staghorn Lake Party. The weather was excellent. It was a great time to be outside.

Everyone enjoyed the entertainment, food and games which included bad mitten, corn hole and pickleball. The children and adults also had a great time riding around in the paddle boats and relaxing at the beach.



Bear and Maisie Jo McRee with Caden Spencer

The Hot Dogs and Hamburgers were delicious, and the side dishes and desserts were amazing thanks to contributions by attendees.

The Bouncy House and Paddleboats were in constant use from 12:00 to 5:00 PM. Everyone was just thrilled that *Dwayne Lacey*, and his daughter *Amelia* shared their incredible music talent with Staghorn residents.

Volunteers Keep Staghorn Strong

Your dues pay for streetlights, maintenance of our monuments and recreational center and cutting the grass along the roadways. Dues also provide for funding of social activities such as Thanksgiving Dinner, Breakfast with Santa, Easter Egg Hunt and Lake Celebration.

Why are your annual dues only \$300? That's because we have volunteers who work to keep Staghorn beautiful.

This year community volunteers worked to improve our neighborhood on Staghorn Workday. They were *Hugo Amaya, Charles and Becky Clement, Carla and Andy Fowler, Susan and Craig Gieler, Mark and Tona Harrell, Bob and Karen Hutchinson, Woody King, Phil McCart, Herschel Mize, Mike Shattuck, Vicki and Sam Sutton, Beth and Kevin Stephens, Kristine and Jamie Swart, Jenn Webb and Dan Zogran*. They got a lot done!

- Washing mailboxes and signs
- Repairing fences and gravel paths
- Cutting back bushes around the lake
- Removing the old Brockton Road sign
- Pruning pathway shrubs and bushes
- Cleaning and reopening the bath house
- Removing unwanted bushes and trees
- Reorganizing and cleaning the kitchen

A Final Word

Your HOA Board of Directors thanks all of you who paid your dues in 2023-2024 and volunteered to serve the community. We can continue to enhance our community when you show you care.

Craig Gieler – Secretary SPEHOA