

The SCORECARD

Jones Creek Owners Association (JCOA)

JAN 2012



NEWS FOR THE JONES CREEK HOMEOWNER



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year to all:

I want to personally thank Heidi Martin and her husband Dean and children for decorating Jones Creek for this year's Christmas decorations. I want to also thank **Susan Salisbury** and her team for her leadership on the Recreation Committee and her organizing 2 of our major events of the year, the JCOA's "Breakfast with Santa" with approximately 150 children and adults enjoying the festivities and the annual New Year's Eve party held at the Clubhouse.

It is that time of the years again, that is our collection of the JCOA's annual dues. This is the most difficult and time consuming task that we undertake each year.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

New for 2012 is the inclusion of the Jones Creek Pool for every member of the association that is in good standing with the JCOA. Good standing means that **dues** are paid in full, no outstanding liens on your property (Note: we have several liens that are filed currently) and no current covenant violations. We have made a nominal increase in the JCOA dues that is partly due to this change, but is also needed to replenish our reserve and support our maintenance budgets. We have not had a rate increase since 2006.

The 2012 dues letters have been sent out and signs posted notifying our residences of this task. Please be diligent and get your annual dues in promptly to enjoy the discount that we offer for early payment. See the **Trudie Gill-Keenly** article in this newsletter for more details.

In addition, it is time for the JCOA's annual meeting which will be held on Monday evening, **February 6th 2012**.

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The JCOA Board is committed to providing world class leadership to all Jones Creek residents. Please do not hesitate to promptly bring any neighborhood issues to our attention.



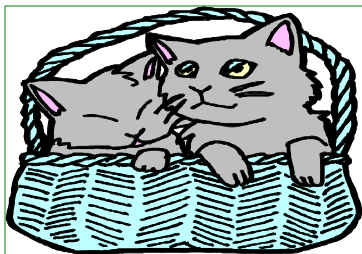
JCOA SITTER DIRECTORY

Babysitters



- Ellie Bissell (18) 863-4475
- Jesslynn Burr (17) 650-8306
- Michelle Henderson (18) 868-1638
- Chelsea Leonard (20) 863-6266
- Brittany Pawlak (17) 860-3106
- Haley Powell (16) 854-9298
- Kaitlin Richards (18) 860-9420
- Janine Stephen (18) 650-2125
- Haleigh Tomlin (15) 863-9986
- Molly Wright (17) 650-3032

Petsitters



- Jesslynn Burr (17) 650-8306
- Shaun Combs (19) 869-0235
- Chelsea Leonard (20) 863-6266
- Michelle Henderson (18)
- Brittany Pawlak (17) 860-3106
- Leigh Porterfield (15) 855-0394
- Rebecca St. Louis (16) 854-0724
- Haleigh Tomlin (15) 863-9986

To update these lists, please contact **Tonya Lawson** at **860-5819**, or e-mail her at lgordonlawson@yahoo.com.



JCOA BOARD OFFICERS

- President** *Kent Gilbreath*
Board oversight, external affairs
- Vice-President** *Jim Pawlak*
Bylaws, covenants, long-range
- Secretary** *Carl Mazzola*
Meeting minutes, Scorecard
- Treasurer** *Trudie Gill-Keenly*
Bills, finances, dues, liens, web

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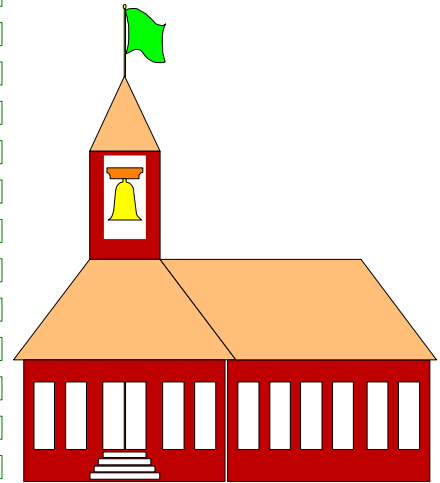


Committee Chairpeople

- Long Range** *Jim Pawlak*
- Landscape** *Earl Williams*
- Pool** *Sandy Terronez*
- Tennis** *Chris Brennan*
- Welcoming** *Sandy Leonard*
- Recreation** *Susan Salisbury*
- Covenants** *Derek Colligan*
- Architectural** *Arch Carter*
- Neighborhood Watch** *John McLeod*
- At Large** *Kim Houston*
- At Large** *Heide Martin*
- Magruder** *Barbara Headrick*
- Willow Lake** *Harry Pund*



CCBOE OVERVIEW



SCHOOL CALENDAR

January 2012

- 2 Student Holiday
- 3 1st Day 2nd Semester
- 6 Report Cards
- 16 MLK Holiday

February 2012

- 2 Progress Reports
- 20 Presidents' Day

March 2012

- 8 End Third Nine Week
- 14 Report Cards
- 15 Early Release

April 2012

- 2-6 Spring Break



ARCH'S CORNER

By Archie Carter, PE

"You can judge a community by watching how they maintain their tennis courts."

Byline-- Georgia State mixed doubles senior 6.0 State Champions practiced here

In Jones Creek we have a very large contingent of avid USTA League players, the world's largest recreational tennis league with 800,000 members, who love the game and are very vocal about the condition of our tennis courts. Last year, the JCOA Board of Directors directed our then tennis chairman, **Susan Salisbury**, to take the lead in improving our 22-year old courts.

A subcommittee was formed with several board members and I was fortunate enough to be on the committee. After evaluating different proposals, we decided on a slip sheet in tennis construction; basically building a second court on top of the existing court. This method compares to removing the existing court and then rebuilding, again.

The pros and cons were: how much does it cost to remove the court versus is there any benefit in saving the old structure? Why send the old court surface to the landfill when we could use it?

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Another consideration is if we lift the court elevation by one half foot, would it improve court drainage, as our electrical control box was in a puddle of water.

Our courts were left in place, raised by a six-inch curb, and then a new court was built on top of the existing courts. We budgeted for the cost of a construction manager. However, in cost cutting, I was named the construction manager reporting to the chair and board of directors. Not being a tree climber, I crawled out on a limb once when it came down to the decision surface roughness. Most all courts have an acrylic coating on the surface with grit added to enhance the texture. We went with "heavy" grit, similar to coarse sand paper. The result is the tennis balls bite into the surface more, the rebound is higher, and players have more time to react to the bounce of the ball. So far the compliments speak about the wisdom of this decision.

About the time the courts were completed, I was asked by one of the Petersburg Racquet Club pros to be the captain of one of the quick start mixed doubles USTA League teams for the summer season. Mixed doubles tennis is a team playing three line or court in a tennis match against another team. Each line has a man and a woman with a tennis rating. The sum of the ratings on each line cannot exceed the playing level; we were a senior 6.0 level,

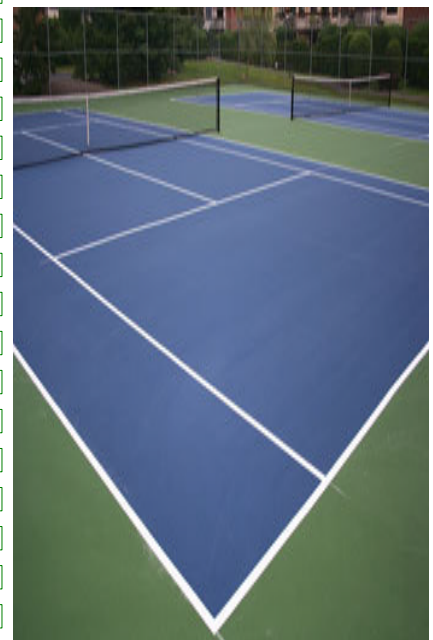
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meaning we were all above 50 and did not have a NTPR rating above 3.5.

It is a long story, but in August our team, called "The Swing Medallions" won the **Georgia State Senior Mixed Doubles Championship**.

Our team sign is proudly mounted on the tennis court fence. Without a doubt, the players on the team won the title. However, by having the Jones Creek tennis courts to practice on made a huge difference.

I hope we have paved the way for more success stories to come from Jones Creek. We definitely have the best courts in the area. The next mixed doubles season starts soon after Masters. I would like to see another team play here. There are many possibilities.



TENNIS COURTS

By Chris Brennan



Chris will report on the tennis courts in the May 2012 Scorecard.



JCOA WELCOMING COMMITTEE

By Sandy Leonard



The JCOA Welcoming Committee welcomes all new JCOA residents. The welcome to the following new residents will be in the May 2012 Scorecard.

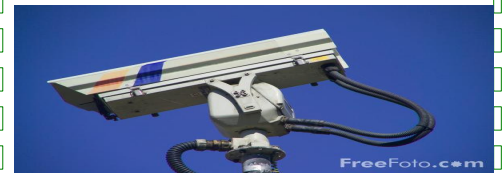
Heide Martin will continue to make the "Welcome Baskets" for those new residents that move in to Jones Creek. If you have a coupon or flyer you wish to have placed in the baskets, please contact me and I will make sure to get your information in the baskets for the welcoming person when she makes her



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JCOA SECURITY

By Kim Houston



This past year we've had several security issues in the neighborhood, and all but one instance was caught on our security cameras. We had one arrest this summer from a break in on Heritage Ridge and the vandals' incarceration was aided by them being caught on camera as the homeowners were able to identify them.

We are currently waiting to hear from the Columbia County Sheriff's Department on an incident that happened at the end of December. The vandals were caught on our video tape which we were able to turn over to the Sherriff Whittle for identification. We will prosecute them as soon as we hear back from the sheriff. An arrest record doesn't look good when job hunting and **JCOA will prosecute.**

The best way to keep our neighborhood safe is to keep your eyes open and call the Sheriff if you see any suspicious activity. It is better to be safe than sorry and make a phone call. The Sheriff is more than willing to patrol your home if you are going to be away for the weekend or months at a time. You only need to call them and they will set up a patrol person to come by on a daily basis to make sure your home is and remains secure.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

By John McLeod



John McLeod is the JCOA Board member that is charge of the Neighborhood Watch program, a citizen's involvement program, where citizens, in cooperation with each other and the Sheriff's Office, work together in the detection, and hopefully the prevention, of crime in their neighborhood.

NEED YOUR HOUSE WATCHED?

Are you planning a trip?

Are you worried about leaving your home unattended?

If you are, register your home with the Columbia County Sheriff's Office House Watch Program. This service, devised and implemented by Sheriff Clay Whittle, calls for a Deputy Sheriff to check your home several times daily while you're away.

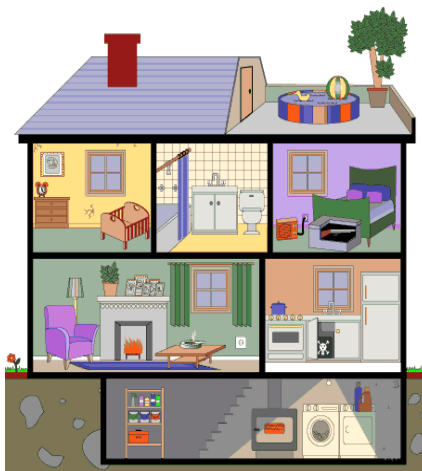
It is so easy to participate. Just call **706.541.2800** and inform the Sheriff's Dispatcher you would like to place your home on the House Watch Program.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Then answer a few simple questions pertaining to your home and that's it -- enjoy your time away with a peace of mind.

Have the following information on hand when you call:

- When you are leaving and when you are returning;
- Your address and phone number;
- Out of town phone number where you can be reached;
- Phone number of a contact person in town;
- Will there be any lights left on in the house?;
- Make, color, and model of vehicles at the residence (include the ones in the garage); and,
- Who will be stopping by to get the mail, feed the pets, yard service, maid service, etc.



CONTACT US WEBPAGE AND ROAD PAVING

By Heide Martin

Contact us webpage: Hi again. The "Contact Us" icon on the JCOA web page seems to be working well. I have received lots of great questions and input from many in the neighborhood, as well as those outside of the neighborhood.

Please remember to fill out **all** spaces on the form so that we may get back in touch with you. **If all contact information is not provided, a response cannot be given.** I hope that many find it as an easy way to access those on the Board with questions, concerns, and to keep us all in the loop of things going on around us.

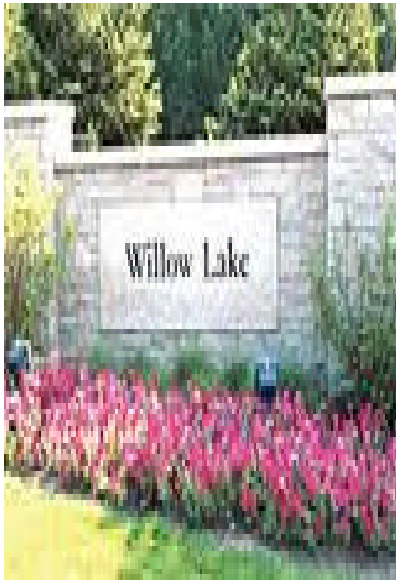
Though we have had no issues in this area, please give us time to address your inquiry. The emails must be read, sent out to the appropriate board chair, they then need time to respond, and then the answer is sent back to you. Thank you in advance as your patience is appreciated.

Jones Creek road paving update:

All roads in Jones Creek have been placed on the "patch list" or the "to be resurfaced" list. If roads are not picked to be resurfaced this year, they will automatically be put back on the list for next year. A road that needs to be repaired is Cloisters Lane, which is a privately owned road, which means the homeowners on this road must repair it themselves.

**WILLOW LAKE II
PROGRESS REPORT**

By Harry Pund



Much progress continues in the development of Willow Lake, Phase II.

Of the 43 original lots in Phase II, the developer has sold 37 of them with 27 houses already erected or under construction.



**UPCOMING EVENTS
AT JONES CREEK**

By Susan Salisbury

The members of the Recreation Committee of the JCOA Board are planning several events for all Jones Creek residents. It is our goal to bring enjoyable events to the residents of Jones Creek throughout the year.

If you would like to have the JCOA Board consider sponsoring a new special event, please contact JCOA President **Kent Gilbreath** or our new Recreation Committee Chairperson, **Susan Salisbury**.

Always feel free to contact **Kent** or **Susan** for additional information on planned events, and to discuss new and/or special events that you may want the Board to explore.

**JCOA EVENT
CALENDAR**

***Annual Meeting
February 6, 2012***

***Easter Egg Hunt
March 18, 2012***

***Pool Opening Party
May 19, 2012***



MOMS IN TOUCH

***Are you concerned
about your child's
welfare in school??***

...then join mothers, grand mothers, and other concerned women who gather for an hour weekly to pray for their children and schools.



All Columbia County public schools and most of its private schools have a group.

Moms In Touch International is mothers, grandmothers, and other concerned women who meet to pray for their children and schools. For the Lakeside HS group contact **Beth Hedden** at (706) 650-9915. For the Augusta Prep group contact **Mimi Frazier** (706) 650-8316. For other local schools and for additional information visit the following page, www.MomsInTouch.org.



Remember, we are Moms On Mission Seeking God's Will for our children and making a difference "one prayer" at a time.

LANDSCAPE REPORT

*By Earl Williams,
Landscaping Chairman*

Earl Williams, the JCOA Board member who manages the massive landscaping needs of our subdivision, which includes both Jones Creek entrances, the four interior islands, and the entrances to Magruder Landing, McKinnis Branch, the Cloisters, Park Chase, and Willow Lake, reports that we have a pine beetle infestation in Jones Creek in lots that are owned by individuals who do not reside in out neighborhood.



The common areas in Jones Creek, which include all of our interior islands, are being well-maintained by Keith Anderson and Jack Blue, our landscaping contractors.



TREASURER'S REPORT

*By Trudie Gill-Keenly,
Treasurer*

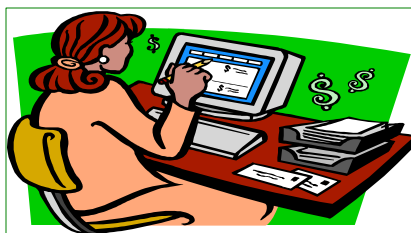
The annual dues letters were mailed on January 6, 2012. The annual fee for 2012 is \$325.00 per lot – if paid by **February 28, 2012**. In an effort to collect these dues in a timely manner, the amount due increases \$100.00 each month the dues are late; please see the JCOA Annual Dues Schedule below.

As you know, pool membership for all residents is now included in your annual homeowner dues. The increase in dues is partly due to this change, but it is also to replenish our reserve and strengthen our maintenance budget. We have not had a rate increase since 2006.

REMEMBER – you will receive only one dues letter. Other payment reminders are 1) this Scorecard; 2) signs placed at both entrances to Jones Creek and 3) Calling Post calls – make sure we have your correct telephone number.

To assure good communication with homeowners concerning neighborhood issues, it is important for us to keep our database current. At the bottom of each dues letter is an "Update Information Sheet". Please fill it out and return it with your payment. Thank you in advance for your cooperation to help us keep you informed.

Please send your payment, along with the updated information sheet, to Jones Creek Owners Association, P. O. Box 1418, Evans, Georgia .GA 30809-1418.



TREASURER'S REPORT



2012 JCOA Annual Dues Schedule

February 28, 2012: Due date for annual dues at \$325.00 per lot

March 1 - March 31, 2012: Amount due is \$425.00 per lot

April 1 - April 30, 2012: Amount due is \$525.00 per lot

May 1 - May 31, 2012: Amount due is \$555.00 per lot:

June 1: The JCOA will file a lien in the amount of \$555.00 plus interest and administrative fees, allowed by the Covenants, against the delinquent owner's property.

January 1, 2013: Property owners still delinquent in 2012 including prior years will incur fines in addition to the liens filed against the property owners for each lot.

If mailed, the postmark date of your payment will be your payment date. Checks returned NSF are considered not paid and a bank charge will be added to the amount due. All homeowners and lot owners who are owner of record as of January 1, 2012 are responsible for paying the annual fee. It is the responsibility of the owner of record to negotiate the pro-rating of the fee with the buyer if the homeowner sells their home or lot during the year.

The 2012 Budget will be available at the annual meeting on **February 6, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Jones Creek Golf Club.

Don't forget to visit our website at www.jcoanews.com.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we do every year we have 7 JCOA board positions that will be up for election. If you are interested in one of these board positions please contact myself or Jim Pawlak.

This year we have had an unusually high amount of Christmas mischief hit Jones Creek. One of these events was captured on our security cameras and that video has been turned over to the Columbia County Sheriff's department for further resolution and prosecution.

There has been some unflattering news recently concerning the Jones Creek Golf Club and the payment of their 2011 property taxes. The owner's of Jones Creek had made arrangement (as they have for the past 3 years) with the Columbia County Tax commissioner's office to pay of the current year's property tax over several months (see Article in Columbia County News-Time,

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For some reason the Columbia County Commissioner's (through a departmental communication error I am told), changed this payoff arrangement and said Jones Creek Golf Club must pay 100% of their property taxes before year's end. The Club in fact responded to this new arrangement and paid all property taxes in full on 12/30/2011.

For some unknown reason, this unflattering news was brought to the local news media for broadcasting without the rest of the story being provided. In a quote provided to me by the owner's of the club, "Given the pending lawsuit with Columbia County that was filed in October, the managing partners of Jones Creek are very disappointed WRDW News Channel 12 and other individuals felt it necessary to highlight such a speculative story without consideration of all the facts pertaining to the situation".

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The lawsuit, in general, is seeking to gain resolution for the silt run off issues that have plagued the golf course's lakes and streams for the past number of years. Despite these issues he Jones Creek Golf Club continues to be stable even in these trying economic times.

The clubhouse is open to all for lunch every day and has "Pasta" night every Tuesday night.

Please feel free to call me or any other board member if you have questions or concerns about Jones Creek.



**Need Help
Renting Your
Home for
Next Year's
Tournament?**



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HELP!**

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POOL REPORT

By Sandy Terronez

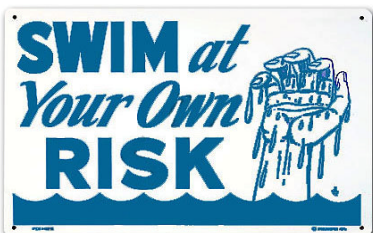
The pool pumping system is undergoing a major renovation that will bring us up to date with the latest energy savings technology.

We are also investigating the merits of going with a saline-based system to replace our traditional chlorine-based water adjustment system.

Look for more details about our "soft" pool opening on our website soon.



This year, we will again take advantage of the "Swim at your own Risk" operations mode so more of our residents can enjoy "off" pool hours. Look for an update on this at our website, jcoanews.com under the pool tab.



NOAH'S NOTES

By Chris Noah

Studies have shown that we have too much junk. We keep "saving for the kids", or that beach house or mountain cabin. Unfortunately, most kids don't want Aunt Martha's bed or that dresser that went down on



the Mississippi River but was fixed up. Do you really need all those mugs and unmatched furniture for that beach house!

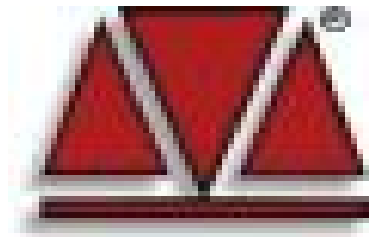
Now is the time to start a mid-winter or early-spring Master's cleaning project and clean up your attic and garage. Your vehicle and neighbors will thank you.



The JCOA Scorecard will be published again in May 2012.

To contribute an article of interest, please e-mail it to Carl Mazzola (carl.mazzola@shawgrp.com), or drop in mailbox at 4014 Hammonds Ferry Road.

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