

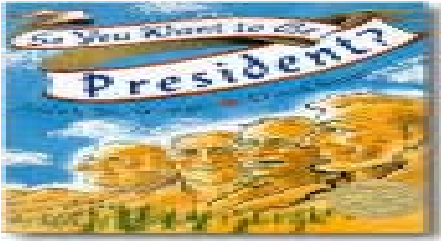
The SCORECARD

Jones Creek Owners Association (JCOA) Newsletter OCT. 2005



NEWS FOR THE JONES CREEK HOMEOWNER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Well, we have finally made it to the Fall season after we had one of the hottest and driest Septembers on record in the Central Savannah River Area. However, tropical storm Tammy took care of the short-lived drought with over 4.5" of rain falling on Jones Creek over a very short period of time. With the cooler temperature arriving in the area we should be turning over our flower beds during the next several weeks if they haven't been done by the time you receive this Scorecard.

We are going to attempt to get a community watch program active for Jones Creek. I have talked with Doug Cameron, the new head pro at Jones Creek, and they are interested in helping us in anyway they can. There will be a community watch meeting held on **November 8, 2005** at the Jones Creek Club House starting @ **7:00 pm**. Please plan to attend this important community meeting.

As I discussed during our last newsletter communication with you, Jim Pawlak, our Vice-President, has led an effort to examine our dues structure for 2006 and the coming years.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

With the dramatic increase in landscaping costs being the major driver and the desire by the JCOA Board to have sufficient funds available to perform improvements (i.e., landscaping, fence repair, debris removal, etc.) to our common areas, the JCOA Board has approved an increase in the annual dues to **\$250 per year**. For more information on this subject, see Jim's article elsewhere in this newsletter. We will once again use a tiered payment schedule, with base dues starting at the new level, to assure that payments are completed in a timely fashion.

If any of our residents are interested in joining the Jones Creek Golf Club, now is the time to do so. The course is in great shape and the dues are the lowest they have been in several years. I encourage you to support your golf course because it inherently increases the value of your property, as the reputation of the course in the area gets better and better. Please call Doug Cameron at 860-4228 if you are interested.

I am pleased to report that we had a lien settlement of \$850 come through for a property on Park Chase Drive, and that the legal avenue of lien filing definitely works. Please feel free to call me or any other board member if you have questions or concerns about Jones Creek. See you around the neighborhood.

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FEBRUARY 2006

REMINDERS

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| Nov 1 | LGA Halloween Scramble |
| Nov 6 | Jones Creek Directory Form |
| Nov 8 | Community Watch Meeting |
| Nov 10 | Progress Reports CCBOE |
| Nov 23 | Thanksgiving Break |
| Dec 16 | Columbia Co. Choral Society |
| Dec 19 | Christmas Break |
| Jan 1 | New Year's Day |
| Jan 2 | School resumes |
| Jan 6 | Report cards |
| Jan 9 | Early release |
| Jan 16 | MLK Holiday |
| Feb 3 | Progress Report |
| Early Feb | Annual Meeting |
| Feb 17 | Winter Break |

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
SITTERS**

Babysitters

- Emily Adair (19) 860-4795
- Celeste Ahlbrandt (15) 868-5132
- Katie Andrews (16) 860-4672
- Allison Beard (20) 869-8012
- Katherine Beul (16) 855-5733
- Ellie Bissell (14) 863-4475
- Maura Bravo (16) 863-8610
- Jesslynn Burr (14) 650-8306
- Kimberly Cotter (17) 863-1484
- Caroline Dainer (18) 855-1149
- Sara Davison (17) 650-9875
- Chelsea Leonard (16) 863-6266
- Maggie May (15) 854-1956
- Beth May (13) 854-1956
- Noah Mazzola (14) 855-5013
- Brittany Pawlak (15) 860-3106
- Lauren Porterfield (16) 855-0394
- Haley Powell (13) 854-9298
- Kaitlin Richards (16) 860-9420
- Daniel Richards (18) 860-9420
- Natalie Sheppard (19) 840-5990
- Tara Skelley (16) 855-1552
- Amy Smith (20) 651-0117
- Janine Stephen (16) 650-2125
- Molly Wright (14) 650-3032



Petsitters

- Celeste Ahlbrandt (15) 868-5132
- Jesslynn Burr (14) 650-8306
- Shaun Combs (17) 869-0235
- Drew Davison (15) 650-9875
- Chelsea Leonard (16) 863-6266
- Noah Mazzola (14) 855-5013
- Brody McMorris (15) 210-3019
- Decker McMorris (13) 210-3019
- Brittany Pawlak (15) 860-3106
- Leigh Porterfield (13) 855-0394
- Rebecca St. Louis (13) 854-0724
- Candace Walters (20) 860-9738

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

JCOA BOARD MEMBERS



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

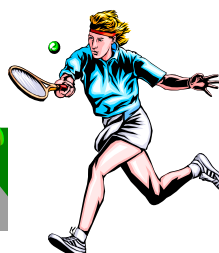


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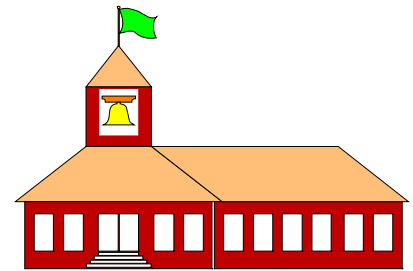
- Long Range Jim Pawlak**
- Landscape Earl Williams**
- Pool Cheryl Davison**
- Tennis Tim Punch**
- Welcoming Heather Burns**
- Recreation Sandy Terronez**
- Covenants Ron Gadapee**
- Architectural Arch Carter**
- At Large Sandy Leonard**
- At Large Harry Pund**
- Magruder Dick Smith**
- Willow Lake Harry Pund**

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CCBOE OVERVIEW



**SCHOOL CALENDAR
(5-MO LOOK AHEAD)**

November 2005

- 10 Progress report
- 23-25 Thanksgiving

December 2005

- 19-30 Winter vacation

January 2006

- 2 Second semester
- 6 Report cards
- 16 MLK holiday

February 2006

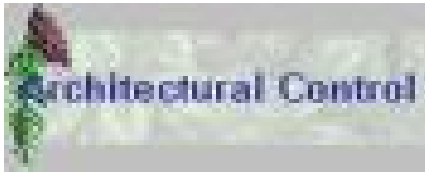
- 3 Progress report
- 9 Early release
- 17-20 Winter break

March 2006

- 17 Report cards



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A Note from the Architectural Control Committee (ACC)

Keep Up Appearances: Gutters and Caulking

Protect your investment this fall with a little maintenance and you may save a few natural gas and electricity expenses.

Recently, I visited a Jones Creek property to approve the installation of a satellite dish. It was sort of amusing because as I approached the house, I noticed that the gutters were full of leaves and pine straw. In fact, there was actually a 14-inch tall pine seedling growing in the gutter and enjoying the view from the second story of the house. It was probably more like a planter than a rain catcher. I know the owner is anticipating a fall full of football games available on the sports menu but neglecting to maintain his property will hit him in the wallet.

Fall brings with it crisp days, and a little maintenance now can save time and aggravation in the months and years to come. Now is the time to check out your exterior to see if your gutters need harvesting. Inspect your roof line to check for gaps in the flashing, loose shingles, caulking failure, and mortar damage. These problems are definitely classified as, "pay me now or pay me more later", type.



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If you have any of these problems you are definitely losing heating and air conditioning dollars.

In Jones Creek we have restrictive covenants requiring each owner to maintain and keep their lot and dwelling in good repair, condition and order, including, mowing and edging of yards. No owner or occupant shall make any exterior change, alteration, or construction, including painting, re-roofing, and landscaping, without first obtaining the written approval of the Jones Creek Owners Association (JCOA) Architectural Control Committee (ACC). Our most frequent violation is the removal of trees. The modification request form may be obtained from the Jones Creek web site or you may contact me at jcoaacc@comcast.net.

WHAT'S A C'RATA?

Even though we just have two tennis courts, 46 adult Jones Creek residents play on tennis teams in local league matches. USTA League Tennis is the world's largest recreational tennis league providing organized, structured team matches for all ability levels.

Approximately 500,000 players compete nationwide, with over 124,000 adult and senior players coming from the USTA Southern Section alone. The program is open to adults and features a local, state



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and sectional championship and culminates in a [national championship](#) in each skill level.

Jones Creek is in a tennis organization area called the Central Savannah River Area Tennis Association, known as CSRATA, (i.e., c'rata). The tennis population is very large, for the organization's purposes, the geographic area is defined to include the counties of Columbia, Burke, Lincoln, McDuffie, and Richmond in Georgia, and the counties of Aiken, Barnwell, and Edgefield in South Carolina. There are three tennis seasons: spring, summer, and fall. The calendar runs from January to December. There are a total of 852 men and women registered CSRATA players in the fall of 2005; a little down from the fall of 2004, with 956 tennis players. Some of the players are counted twice or more because they play on two or more teams, at different NTPR levels, in any given season. The fall season is now half way completed. Registration for the spring 2006 tennis leagues will begin **December 2005**.

The purpose of CSRATA is to promote the development of the sport of tennis as a means of healthful recreation and physical fitness for all residents of the

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area, and to cooperate with the USTA and other associations in the pursuit of these aims.

Guidelines for USTA Team Tennis, allow players to be part of a team, to play tennis for health and fitness benefits, and to learn to play tennis with others of similar skill and interest in a very organized format. Unlike having a golf handicap, tennis players do not carry a number indicating their playing ability, but they are rated on a skill level (i.e., NTRP levels 2.5 - 5.0) on the National Tennis Rating Program, called the Dynamic NTRP. Ratings are calculated weekly by a computer system called TennisLink available on the internet. In Jones Creek we have players with levels 2.5 to 4.0. Last spring we had six Jones Creek ladies in the finals of the 3.5 teams competing for a berth in the state championships. Whether you are a beginner or a more advanced player, this program has a spot for you. There is no better way to have fun, make friends and compete than USTA League Tennis.

If you or you knew someone with a tennis rating of "B or C" and wonder how does the new ratings compute to the traditional terms of beginner, advanced beginner, intermediate, etc., or the frequently used letter a, b, c. aa, bb, aaa, etc.? Well the NTRP was designed to standardize the classification of player ability.

There is so much ambiguity associated with these systems that translation is difficult.

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In various parts of the country for example "A" or "Advanced" is the top level of play, while in other places "AAA" is the best. In general terms, a D player would be a 2.5 and below; a C player would be a 2.6 - 3.5; a B player would be 3.6 - 4.5; and an A player would be 4.6 - 5.5; an open player would be 5.6 and above. Warning, most of the players in Jones Creek were recently advised, without prior notice, about a new local rule change soon be in effect in **January, 2006**. The new rule would limit the number of players on a team to no more than 30% of the players playing at a NTPR rating higher than the team's level.

Example: A team playing at the 3.5 NTPR level with 10 players on the roster must have seven players with a NTPR rating of 3.5 and no more than 3 players with a rating of 3.0 or less. The proposed rule would destroy at least one Jones Creek team and affect residents playing on ten other local teams! The CSRATA board of directors passed the rule, without polling the team captains, who are the blue-color managers of the association. Numerous complaints have been filed asking the board of directors to rescind their decision. It is believed that a ballot will soon be held with the CSRATA membership to ascertain the preference of the majority.

So far, players registering on one or more teams are down over 100 players from last year. Many players feel the CSRATA has lost sight of its mission to promote the development of the sport of tennis as a means of healthful recreation and physical fitness for all residents of the Central Savannah River Area.

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It is a fact that 50% of the players will win or lose in a match and most would rather lose to a better player. CSRATA also shot themselves in the foot by restricting players from teams. The typical registration for a player to join a team is \$25; so if the enrollment drops by 100 that equates to \$2,500 in fees for a season. Most of the money is returned back to the community in the form of court rental fees paid by the association.

This issue is not as important to Jones Creek residents as Martinez and Evans are becoming a city, but I know more people being upset over the new tennis rule than the city concept.

You may contact the local league at www.csratennis.com for additional information.

COLUMBIA COUNTY FACTS

◇ The average person generates one ton of trash per year.

◇ The average family uses 100,000 gallons of water per year for domestic purposes. Lawn watering is extra.

◇ There were 12.3 miles of new roads built for subdivisions in 2004.

◇ The Board of Elections counts 65,926 registered voters.

MOM'S IN TOUCH

Worried about your child's welfare in school??

...then join mothers, grand mothers, and other concerned women who meet one hour weekly in local Mom's In Touch International (MITI) groups to pray for their children and schools.

All area public and most private



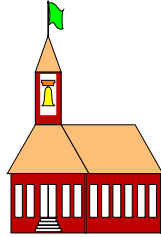
schools have a group. For more information, call **Mimi Frazier at 650-8316** or visit its web site at www.MomsinTouch.org.

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

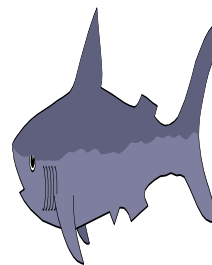
Heather Burns continues to host a women's bible study at her home at **3949 Hammonds Ferry Road on Monday nights from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm.** Starting **January 10, 2006**, and continuing on Mondays, "The Mind of Christ" will be the subject of the study.



Please contact Heather at **863-5920** if you would like to participate. The men's study will be starting up again next summer.

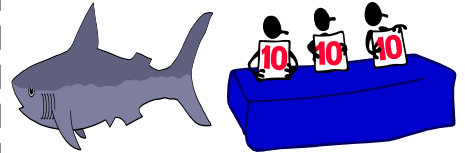


The JCOA Scorecard is issued quarterly (January, April, July, October). Send articles or classified ads (or place in mailbox) to Carl Mazzola, 4163 Hammond's Ferry Road, or e-mail this information to carl.mazzola@shawgrp.com. The cost of advertisements is \$150 per full page, prorated to the size of article.



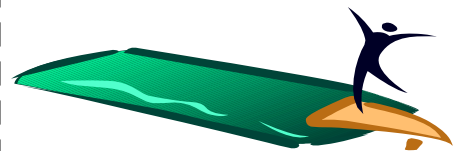
JONES CREEK SWIM TEAM REPORT

The Jones Creek Swim Team Board is beginning its annual fundraising efforts. This mainly consists of publishing the 2006 Annual Jones



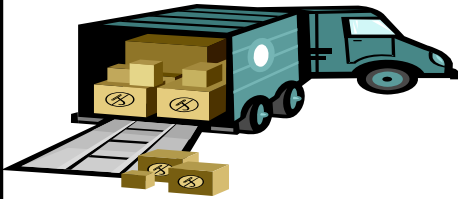
Creek Phone Book Directory to provide the revenues needed for coaches, salaries, equipment, awards, and for our membership in the CSRA swim program.

The Directory provides an excellent forum for local businesses to advertise within the Jones Creek community of approximately 560 families. Moreover, the Directory keeps the business ads in view of each of these Jones Creek families for an entire year.



The ad solicitation campaign begins the **end of October 2005** and will continue until **January 2006**. If you own a local business and haven't previously advertised in the Directory, please consider doing so as it supports our Sharks. This year we are asking the residents to be responsible for making sure their names and phone numbers are correct. Please fill out the enclosed form in the Scorecard by **November 6, 2005** and send it to or drop it off in the mail boxes of **Dianne St. Louis, 711 Michaels Creek** or **Darla Gilbert, 751 Magruder Landing**. Thank you for your help.

JCOA WELCOMING COMMITTEE



The following new families have moved into Jones Creek since the last publication of the Scorecard.

Karen Randall

4203 Blue Heron Lane
447-3734

Matthew Griffin

4219 Blue Heron Lane

Barendra and Geetanjal Talukdar

708 Foster's Court
868-7933

Brian Geyer

4104 Hammond's Ferry Road

Bryan and Lisa Whitney

4189 Hannah's Crossing

Tom and Vicki Boudeau

4191 Hannah's Crossing
447-1424

Jesse and Susan Hawes

4111 Heritage Ridge
863-6886

Gary and Kimberley Rio

4121 Heritage Ridge
854-7702

Joe and Shari Crescenzo

636 McKinnes' Court
650-7308

Scott and Libby McQuiston

822 Park Chase Drive
364-7181

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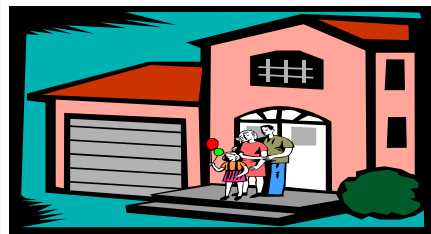
743 Vardon Court

Nick Popescu

708 Whittington Ridge
364-2003

Bob and Sandy McVicker

824 Willow Lake Drive
869-8417



At your first opportunity, or while out walking, why don't you contact them and make them feel welcome to be a part of the Jones Creek community.



PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE



The Playground Committee has been temporarily suspended due to lack of funds available for new projects in the 2005 General Fund budget. However, if anyone is able to contribute their talents, time or personal resources, we could resume planning. Please call **Sandy Leonard** at **863-6266** with any ideas to be considered.

JONES CREEK SWIM TEAM BOARD

The following JCOA residents have volunteered their time and efforts to ensure that the Sharks will have a successful season in 2006. Please give your full support to them.

President	Beverley Skwarek
Secretary	Lisa Ritch
Treasurer	Sheree Wright
CSRA Rep	Marla Nelson
Selections	Pat Rickerman
Concessions	Tom Rogers
Directory	Darla Gilbert
	Dianne St. Louis
Swim Meet	Becky Land
	Dianne St. Louis
Equipment	Joe Staph
Communicat.	Carole Steffes

Swimmers interested in a coaching position should call **Beverly Skwarek** at **863-9187**.

JONES CREEK SWIMMING POOL

The 2005 swimming pool season is now behind us and we can now claim that we had yet another successful year. However, each year at the end of the pool season, the Pool Committee meets to review the past year.

From the member surveys that were completed in July and August, issues that are identified will be reviewed by the Pool Committee, and a list of projects and/or policy changes will be prepared for presentation to the JCOA Board for approval.

If you have any concerns or recommendations, please forward them to **Cheryl Davison** at **cdavison13@comcast.net**.

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TENNIS PRO'S CORNER

By **Xavier Pique**, USPTR Tennis Pro-Jones Creek Racquet Club

JUNIOR PLAYERS

This column is dedicated to the many young tennis players who live at Jones Creek. They range from the superstar tournament players to the very young and inexperienced. This is by no means a complete list, but it is a way of paying tribute to them and encouraging them to keep



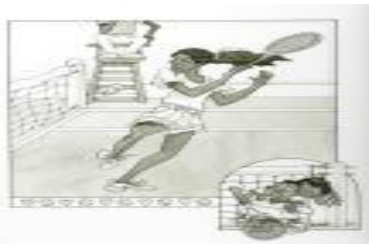
playing this great sport. A note of caution: All children's ages herein are approximate, for they grow up too quickly for me to keep up!!

I'll start with **Alexandra Metz**. She is ten and has been taking tennis lessons for close to three years. Alexandra attends Augusta Prep and plays in the Jones Creek Superstrings team in the 12 and under USTA Junior Tennis League. Alexandra always hits me with the hard questions, like "What are you going to be for Halloween, Mr. Xavier?" I am still working on that one. The entire Metz family plays tennis, including sister **Isabella**, who is 15 years old and plays the piano, sings, does volleyball and basketball at school, and is a charming young lady, to boot. Next is **J.P. Jeffcoat**. J.P., (real name- Jonathan) who is 11, also plays

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for the Superstrings and attends Augusta Prep. JP has taken tennis lessons for close to three years and has advanced nicely during that time. JP also practices Tae Kwon Do. JP never tells me that he is tired, but I can tell anyway when he misses a few balls in a row.

The **Pawl** girls, **Morgan** (16), **Taylor** (11), and **Ashton** (9) have been taking lessons at Jones Creek for close to a year. They come to class together, often with Mom **Lyvonne**, who is also a tennis player. **Morgan** sings, dances and runs track for Lakeside High School (LHS), and also is involved with the



Performing Chorus at LHS. They put on a show this week of song and dance in front of a standing room only crowd. It was superb, and the closing number was of Broadway Show quality. Really. **Taylor** plays for the Lakeside Middle School tennis team, as well as for the Superstrings. **Ashton** is getting pulled along BIG TIME by her older sisters, and has a quiet intensity when she plays, except for early morning tennis classes, when it takes her FOREVER to get into gear. You may travel far but you will not likely see three sisters as close to each other and to their Mom as these girls. And, I almost forgot, they all golf too!!

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My favorites in the much younger set are the **Stoppler** children, **Johannes, Anna and Tillman**. When these three come to tennis class, all rules and discipline break down. **Johannes**, 7, will test anyone's patience, but responds well to time outs and push ups. He has two feet that never touch the ground when he hits a tennis ball, but so do most children his age. He has a superb throwing arm. **Anna**, 5, loves to run and catch. Mom, **Melissa Stoppler** tells me that Anna just runs for the fun of it. She has great balance and loves to look at bugs, caterpillars, butterflies, or whatever lands on the court, other than a ball. **Tillman**, 4, is a real joy. I gave him a racquetball racquet one day and he just started to participate in the older children's class. At first he did not say much but now he is a chatterbox. And his smile, when Tillman smiles, it reminds you of when your own children were small and smiled like that. All the Stoppler children drink more water than anyone I know. Is it any surprise they always have to go to the bathroom in the middle of their lesson? Go figure!

Then we have the tournament players like high-ranked junior player **Will Holloway**. Will is not my student, but is a Jones Creek resident who attends LHS. He is a student at the Petersburg Tennis Academy after school hours, and trains, along with my son **Daniel Pique**, under world-class coach **Craig Jones**. Will also plays in the LHS Tennis team, and Daniel for Greenbrier High School (GHS).

UPCOMING EVENTS AT JONES CREEK

Members of the Recreation Committee of the JCOA Board is planning several events for all Jones Creek residents during 2005-2006. We have established a preliminary list with tentative dates which we would like to share with you.

In addition, other special events (e.g., two other pool parties, newcomers party) are also being planned and will be announced when more information is available.

JCOA EVENT CALENDAR

- ◇ Christmas or New Year's Eve Party
- ◇ Annual Meeting: Early February
- ◇ Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday before Easter
- ◇ Pool Opening Party: Mother's Day 2006

If you would like to have the JCOA Board consider sponsoring a new special event, please contact **Kent Gilbreath**.

In addition, feel free to contact **Sandy Terronez** at **854-8425** or **Heather Burns** at **863-5920**. for more information on already planned events.

LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION (LGA) AT JONES CREEK

All female golfers are invited to be our guest with the Ladies Golf Association (LGA) at Jones Creek each **Tuesday morning at 9:00 a.m.** All levels of play are invited.

On **Tuesday, November 1**, we will host a Halloween Scramble. The format is best ball and each team will include an A, B, C and D player. If you are interested in guest play or membership. The LGA is open to all lady golfers that live in Jones Creek. For more information, call **855-1220**.



LGA has the following officers:

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| President | Anita Patterson |
| Vice President | Kathy Stone |
| Secretary | Becky Halpin |
| Treasurer | Barbara Barth |



"Any way, when I'm going to you 'til they, I think, there's some more waiting at 100-10"

LANDSCAPING REPORT

Earl Williams, who oversees the efforts of our two landscaping contractors, provides the following brief report:

- ◇ All of the remaining vacant lots (seven of them) in the Jones Creek subdivision have been cleaned up.
- ◇ Pansies have been planted on all of the islands to beautify the subdivision;
- ◇ There are plans for replanting of flowers at both the Evans-to-Locks Road and Fury's Ferry Road entrances.

COLUMBIA COUNTY CHORAL SOCIETY

Please come out to hear our holiday concert at **7:30 p.m.** on **Friday, December 16th** at First Baptist Church of Evans at the corner of Washington and Belair Roads.

Hear the holiday favorites and fine choral works to help celebrate the Christmas season. Tickets are available at the door.



For information, contact Executive Director, **Susan Osborn** at **650-2311**.

REVISED JCOA DUES STRUCTURE FOR 2006

The Jones Creek Owners Association (JCOA) Special Committee on Dues Restructuring was formed a few months ago to assess the JCOA fiscal posture and determine the best overall strategy to keep Jones Creek looking like one of the premier communities in the area while also operating in the black. This special committee analyzed cost increases in recent years, evaluated pertinent facts, made some assumptions to help accurately size our budget, and determined options to keep our budget balanced.

The special committee noted that the JCOA operating costs have increased approximately 5 - 9% per year and landscaping and maintenance currently account for approximately 82% of the general fund budget. We do expect a significant increase in this cost for 2008, after our current 3-year landscaping contract expires. JCOA basically operates on a fixed income stream from JCOA dues. Our current dues of \$150 per year have not increased since 2001. For many years prior to 2001, the dues were only \$120 per year.

Although it is never pleasant to announce a cost increase, given our projected budget and costs, we recommended increasing JCOA dues for 2006 by \$100. This will keep us healthy until the 2008 landscaping contract is approved. The JCOA Board must then reevaluate the overall budget for 2008 and adjust as necessary. My thanks to the Committee for its hard work.

GMP/CELL TOWER

By Jeri Whitworth

The Columbia County Growth Management Plan (GMP) Steering Committee has completed its work and the final version has been sent for the final approval process. The last approval will take place in **February 2006**.

The Fury's Ferry-Evans-to-Locks intersection was upgraded from a Tier 3 to a Tier 2, which will allow up to 100 acres of commercial with a square foot development of up to 1.2 million square feet (comparable to Fury's Ferry-Baston intersection). Unfortunately, our future is destined to probably have shopping centers on all four corners. Mixed use is a must. Therefore, it is important that residents ensure that the remaining 38 acres be professional or high-density housing. The only silver lining regarding the Tier 2 designation is that money has been allocated for a nodal architectural overlay to enforce certain standards for what the buildings, design and landscaping looks like.

On another note, Powertel will more than likely get approval for a 150-ft high cell tower behind the Martinez Bible Church property on Fury's Ferry Road. This cell tower will be visible to Jones Creek residents. The FCC regulations are such that it is almost impossible to deny the request. If you are concerned, contact the Board of Commissioners and let it be known just in case there is a recourse for stopping the tower location for being too close to Jones Creek.

COLUMBIA COUNTY FACTS

In 1950, Columbia County's population was 9,525. 54 years later the population has grown to more than 100,000 people. Once a rural neighbor to Augusta, GA, Columbia County has become a bedroom community with serious discussions about incorporating Evans-Martinez into a city.

Rapid growth, which started in the 1980s and is continuing today, is being fueled by several factors:

- ◇ A growing and diversified job market inclusive of public sector (SRS, Fort Gordon), and private sector (Plant Vogtle, medical community) cornerstones.
- ◇ A school system that is superior to those of surrounding communities and better than average in the United States.
- ◇ Affordable land that is plentiful, although the affordable land is rapidly moving towards Appling.
- ◇ Open spaces that lend an air of the countryside; due to intelligent land management practices.
- ◇ A highly skilled work force, where household incomes rank third out of more than 100 counties in Georgia.
- ◇ A conservative county government.

We are indeed fortunate, as well as blessed to live here.

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