

# Lansdowne Neighborhood News

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## IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR

OK fellow Lansdowners, it is that time of year again! Time to be thinking about how you would like to step up to the plate, get involved, take your turn and volunteer for a board or committee member position for 2008. Openings will be placed in the December Neighborhood News.

### HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

Mark your calendars now! Our annual Halloween Party has been set for **Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.** Be watching your mailbox for the official flyer about the scheduled activities and contact information

### WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

A great big welcome goes out to Lansdowne's new residents for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2007. Be sure to update your directory!

**Bruce and Karen Talgo**  
4370 Landover Way

**Greg and Holly Imig**  
**Andrew & Wesley**  
4470 Landover Way

**Brad and Lauren Stafford**  
4575 Landover Way

**Greg and Kim Masters**  
**Claire**  
4539 Heathfield Trace

**Mr. and Mrs. Jaime Reyes**  
730 Amberton Close

### NOT MY DOG.....

To all Lansdowne dog owners,  
Board members are still receiving complaints about incessant extended periods of barking and early morning/late evening barking. Dogs are going to bark. However, there is a limit. If you leave your dog out while you are at work, you are unaware of how much barking it may be doing. Perhaps you could ask your neighbors if your dog barks a lot while you are gone. If it is a problem, then arrangements should be made to rectify the situation. If it is early in the morning/late in the evening or otherwise and you notice your dog has been barking constantly for more than a minute or two, please bring your dog inside. When you live in a neighborhood and own a dog, be aware that barking can be very disturbing to your neighbors.  
Managed Barking = Happy Neighbors

### GOOD NEWS REQUESTS

Do you have good news or a personal achievement that you would like to share? Would you like to give kudos to a child that has received a special award or scholarship? Announce the birth of a new baby? Would you like to read some good news in the next newsletter about those that live your neighborhood? Then we would like to hear from you!  
To submit your kudos/good news information, please contact Kelly VanScoy.

### WHAT STOP SIGN?

PLEASE be sure you are stopping at the stop sign at the corner of **Landover Crossing and Aldenham Way**. You know, the one at the bottom of the hill coming down from Forest Plantation. Many drivers have been seen driving right through it without even slowing down! There are many children that live and play in that area so please OBEY THE LAW and **STOP!**

#### **\*\*\*Reminder\*\*\***

The use of firearms, BB guns and pellet guns, without limitation, are prohibited in the community.

### COVENANT CORNER

#### **\*\*\*Reminder\*\*\***

No parking at the clubhouse except for pool use, tennis practices/matches and community events. No personal parking permitted.

Lansdowne has been able to rest on the laurels of being a newer neighborhood whose landscaping and home maintenance needs haven't required a lot of attention... but those days are coming to a close. As our neighborhood and homes age and our trees and shrubs become overgrown, they will require more care and maintenance. This has been evidenced in the increase in ARC issues handled and complaints received. It is also worth mentioning that apathy breeds apathy. If a home's appearance starts to decline, it can have a trickle down effect to others nearby. However, this is the time when we really need to ramp up our commitment to increasing the home values in our neighborhood by keeping our homes and yards in great shape (your neighbors will appreciate it!). When each and every one of us moved into Lansdowne, we did so knowing it was a covenant community and we agreed to abide by and uphold the rules and community standards. With this in mind, the Architectural Control and Covenant Committee will be stepping up their efforts and sending out notices to homes that require attention. If you have any questions about your responsibilities on maintaining your home and lot, a copy of the Lansdowne **Covenants, By-Laws, Architectural Guidelines and Amendments are available on the website.**

## MOORE ROAD LIGHTING UPDATE

Per Brent Hodges of the Gwinnett County DOT... Gwinnett County is currently undergoing a study to determine ways to improve overall street lighting throughout the county. Back in the spring of this year, the county decided to have consultants from around the country bid on a project of looking at our street lighting program and come up with ways to improve it so more areas of the county could be lit. The contract was awarded to Ayres Associates / SCS engineers out of Tampa, FL. The consultants were here in August for a week to meet with county staff and obtain necessary information. Among the things they are doing is coming up with roadway lighting criteria and a system to determine the most "in need" areas, as well as studying ways to fund the program. They are currently on schedule to have their final report done in January of 2008....

Because of the popularity and large amount of usage of the sidewalk/walking trail system along Moore Road, we are hoping that a lot of weight will be given to the section of road from Rivermoore Park up to Settles Bridge Road. However, it wouldn't hurt to let your voice be heard. Gwinnett County has a website where you can enter in your own service request online.

Added lighting would greatly improve the safety along Moore Road!

### IN A HURRY?

Late for work or class? Is your mind wandering, or are you in a hurry to get home after a long day at work or rushing to get the kids to their sports activities? Sad to say, we are still getting complaints about speeding in our neighborhood. There are too many children that live here and need a safe place to play to tolerate speeding. Even if you drive the speed limit (25 MPH), does that mean it's really OK to go that fast? Better yet, **try to keep your speed under 25 MPH**. You will earn the respect and gratitude of every parent because you will be demonstrating that you care!

For everyone's safety ...

### PLEASE SLOW DOWN

Parents of **student drivers**, remind them of this important safety issue.

**Pedestrians** – remember to move to the side of the road and walk single file when cars are passing.

Will Lansdowne become the next **speed hump** neighborhood? It's up to you!

### RECENT VANDALISM

Once again, the playground area has been spray painted. The police were contacted and a report was filed.

If you have any information concerning this activity, please contact the Suwanee Police Department, reference incident number **200700018695**.

If you see any loitering or suspicious activity, call the police. They are more than happy to do a drive by to investigate.

**770-945-8995**

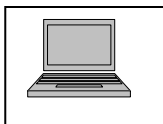
### WIRELESS SERVICE COURTSIDE

Now that the pool season is coming to a close, remember we still have wireless Internet service at the tennis pavilion. If your kids have practice but you still need to work, just take your laptop along! Sometimes work and play does mix!

For information about how to log on to the wireless network, login to our website and visit the "Homeowners" section.

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Check it out!



### A JOB WELL DONE

We would like to express our gratitude to our fellow residents that have volunteered their time (and backs) on the following improvement projects.

**Chuck Souheaver** for repairing the tennis score board, and installing new motion sensor lights on the clubhouse. And a special nod to his hired projects; constructing the new bulletin board and installing the siding along the bottom half of the tennis pavilion.

**Jon Evans** and **John Buchanan** for installing the new bulletin board.

**John Buchanan** for researching and getting a new refrigerator for the clubhouse, purchasing the motion sensor lights and taking care of getting the clubhouse air conditioner repaired.

**Kelly Coakley** for arranging to keep the pool open past the originally scheduled closing date.

**Bob Klaff** for installing the new carpet edging in the clubhouse.

### LANSDOWNE "TO DO" LIST

What is up and coming for Lansdowne's improvement projects? On the drawing table are the repair of the fence around the tennis courts, painting the tennis pavilion, investigation into repair/replacement of the neighborhood fencing along Moore Road, and landscaping improvements.

### POOL SEASON 2007

A great big thank you goes out to **Kelly Coakley** for volunteering her time to manage all the things necessary for a successful pool season. We hope you noticed the several improvements she arranged i.e. new trash cans, new push button lock, new wire mesh on the gate etc.

If you have any suggestions for items you would like to see for next season, please contact Kelly. She will add them to the "wish list" and will see what is in the budget for next year.