

# Cambridge Home Owners Association Newsletter

September 2005

## **Home Owner's Reminder:**

Most residents have sent in their 2005 dues. Thank You! There are still some that need to mail in your payment of **\$100** for this year and some of you from prior year. Please mail payments as soon as possible to: Nordahl 3683 Wheeler Road Augusta GA 30909 Attn: Donna

## **CRIME WATCH**

**DURING MID-AUGUST SOMEONE SET THE BUSHES ON FIRE @ the CAMBRIDGE SIGN.** If you have a crime to report **Alvin Johnson (796-8722)** has a form to fill out. This form will help us track crime rate as well as keeping the resident aware of such activities!

## **Answering Your Questions**

### **The Budget Questions**

#### **Q. Where's the money going?**

**A.** A copy of the budget was passed out on Jan. 20, 2005 @ the annual meeting. It will also be available on the website soon. The C&R states that the main purpose of the assessment (dues) is for the maintenance and improvement of the Common Areas. There are also utilities, legal fees, postage & printing costs, insurance and taxes. We promise to be good stewards of the money. We will keep you informed of our actions and progress. We are a non-profit organization. We volunteered for this job to help protect our investment and yours!

## **FYI**

### **Garbage Pickup**

Mon. & Thurs.	Trash
Wednesday	Bulk trash
Thursday	Recycling
Thursday	Yard waste

Service is provided by Inland Service Corp. route 10-A. If missed pick-up call 790-4117. Cans must be out by 7 a.m. and be removed by 6 p.m. the same day. On Holidays collection will be made the **following pick-up day**. Please remove doors from appliances before placing at curb for pickup

### **Q. Why is Lawn Service so expensive?**

**A.** First, an understanding of what all is involved. It's just not the front entrance! The area being serviced by Almost Heaven Lawn Care also includes the islands and easements found in our community. Year round services include: mowing, edging, trim bushes & trees, clean-up, aeration, seeding, fertilizing, weed control, seasonal replacement of flowers, replacement of pine straw and leaf removal. Our estimated (2005 budget) cost of \$135 per week covers the above mentioned.

**Any ideas how we can get the most for your money?**

## **KID HIT ON THAMES PLACE**

Did this get your attention? Well, this could be a headline in the future if the residents and guests do not **SLOW DOWN**. We all have places to go and we all want to get back home as quickly as possible. But the few seconds gained by traveling faster than 20mph are not worth it. Traveling in our neighborhood to your home (average distance ½ miles) :

**½ mile @ 20mph will take 1.5 minutes**

**½ mile @ 30mph will take 1 minute**

**ARE 30 SECONDS WORTH IT?**

**Speed limit** within our neighborhood is **25 MPH at all times** in the subdivision. Steps are being taken to add additional speed limit signs in the neighborhood. We are also working with the Richmond County Sheriffs to have **patrols, radar and ticketing**. It is every driver's responsibility to make sure that they are at or under 25 mph. An accident can happen *too fast*. Don't spend the rest of your life regretting that you "didn't see 'em". Let's make our neighborhood safe for all of us – especially our children.

## Cambridge Web Site

The internet has now made it possible for you to easily & conveniently be informed & involved in our neighborhood. Cambridge now has its own free, interactive Web Site where we can display our newsletter, notices, meeting schedules, and neighbor-hood issues, as well as direct links to our local schools, community police officers & local government officials.

The site is located at:

[www.neighborhoodlink.com/hephzibah/cambridgehoa/](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/hephzibah/cambridgehoa/)

type the above address in your web browser and register. In addition to the features mentioned above our Web site has an easy-to-use discussion area called "TALK ABOUT IT" that enables all of us to exchange ideas, concerns and questions about neighborhood issues. Our Website also has a community calendar that lists upcoming meetings & events; a Meet Your Neighbor section that allows us to create (or hotlink) our personal Web pages; & an Add-A-Page features that makes it easy for anyone to prepare & post Web pages devoted to any topic of interest. Visit our Website to learn more & become actively involved by posting announcements & events.

Currently, NAME OUR NEWSLETTER poll is in the "Talk about it" please cast your votes! Also, download your Pet Registry form to register your pet!

### Community Calendar

**Parents, looking for a place your kids can PLAY & LEARN?**

The New Diamond Lakes Community Center off Windsor Spring Rd. is now open. The center features:

286 acre park	2 playgrounds
horseshoe pits	yth. baseball fields
yth. softball fields	sand volleyball courts
adtl. fields	basketball courts
racquetball courts	exercise classes
exercise equipment	Regional Library
in/outdoor walking tracks	
picnic area with tables & grills	
stocked fishing ponds	

Call : 771-2980 for more information.

**Annual Homeowners Meeting TBA  
in December 2005.**

## MISSING RESIDENTS

CHA quarterly meeting was held on August 25. Only 42 residents out of 170 homes attended! That is a mere 24%. Yes, indeed a new record was set. Unfortunately, it is not one to be proud of. We are exploring several ideas now to encourage better homeowner participation in the neighborhood. It is extremely difficult for us to conduct business when we fail to reach a quorum year after year. We will be soliciting proxy materials in the future in hopes that we can meet the requirements to conduct business. Continued lack of participation could result in turning the Homeowners Association over to a management company which means higher association dues for everyone. The Board of Trustees is a **volunteer board** and we are also your neighbors. We receive a lot of abuse during the year for decisions we make. The discouraging part is that we are forced to make decisions with no input from the homeowners because of lack of participation. We encourage you to participate in the neighborhood and please feel free to share your constructive criticism with us!

## CLASSIFIEDS

**Volunteers** needed to assist in putting together a neighborhood directory & pet registry. **Michelle Tucker - 790-6029**

**Nu Way Health & Wealth**—the most amazing health discovery! **Tonja Deans - 706-294-9100**

**Home Interiors Design** – **Rose Hopkins 790-1717**

**Mary Kay** - **Patricia Zachary 798-9555**

**Pressure Washing Service** - **A.B. George 796-2031**

**Cakes** for a special event - **Virgina Gaddist 560-1419**

## Cambridge Announcements

**Carolyn Johnson** on Warrick Pl. received two Associates degrees from Augusta Tech on July 21, 2005. Degrees consist of Administrative Office Technology and Business Studies.

**Ahmad Saleem, EMC(SW/AW)** on Warrick Pl. retired from the United States Navy on July 15, 2005. Chief Saleem is a native of Augusta. He enlisted in Columbia, SC. His career spanned 25 years.

*From all your fellow neighbors Congratulations*

