



GATES MILL HOME OWNER ASSOCIATION

Spring 2017 Newsletter

COVENANTS/ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW: with Spring in full bloom, it is time (or past time) to do spring cleanup. For all residents that means applying weed control to lawns to avert a weed infestation in the neighborhood, cleaning up mailboxes, edging lawns and curbs, cleaning street gutters, and trimming bushes. And, please store your trash cans out of sight, as required. Dead and dying trees, especially pines, are a problem. If you have either, please get them removed so pine beetles do not spread. **NOTE:** if you are doing any remodeling or repairs to the outside of your house, or are painting it, you must submit an architectural review form, which can be done at www.gatesmill.org.

LAWNCARE COMPANIES: if you utilize a lawn care company, please instruct workers to NOT blow clippings and debris into the street. They should also clean cutters of clippings. If you do the lawn care yourself, please do the same.

DUES/ASSESSMENTS: 2017 resident dues were payable by March 1. If you have not paid your current dues AND any fine that may have been imposed in the past, please pay those quickly.

GEORGIA ASSESSMENT RECOVERY: the Board, as part of its fiduciary responsibility, will again be utilizing the services of Georgia Assessment Recovery. Any amount that is due and outstanding on your account on May 1 will be turned over to GAR. A \$96.00 charge, which goes to GAR, will be added to your unpaid balance.

TRAFFIC: speeding and running stop signs continue to be problems. It is pretty amazing, since we all live here. Please do not speed, and please stop at stop signs. This is especially important because school will be out for the summer soon, and there will be more foot traffic on our streets. And for those of you who walk, please walk FACING traffic.

ON STREET OVERNIGHT PARKING & INOPERABLE VEHICLES: our published standards are clear that overnight on street parking is prohibited. If there are members of your household who routinely do this, please instruct them to park in your driveway. Additionally, parking of inoperable or unregistered vehicles in the neighborhood is prohibited.

GRADUATION BANNER: graduations are a mere 5 weeks away, and a banner honoring Gates Mill graduates is in the works. If you have a graduate, please contact Juanita Wade, 770.237.9574 jewade8707@yahoo.com, or Kristine Davis, 404.451.5567. govols88@bellsouth.net. The cost of the banner will be divided among the participating families, and cost last year was under \$10.00. Please respond to either Kristine or Juanita NO LATER THAN April 28 so you can be sure to have your graduate included.

WELCOME: have you recently moved into Gates Mill, or have you met a neighbor who has recently moved in? Please contact Judith Tope so she can get a welcome packet to them, biskierjt@gmail.com, 678.377.1119

CLUBHOUSE, SWIM, TENNIS, & PLAYGROUND PAVILIONS: as you have probably noticed, repairs and painting of these structures is underway. We expect work to be completed by April 28. Additionally, the pool apron and walkways will be pressure washed.

PROPERTY RENOVATION ON GATES MILL DRIVE. You have surely noticed that there is renovation work being done at 322 Gates Mill Drive, across the street from the clubhouse. This house has been vacant for years following a fire and subsequent foreclosure. The current owner says they will have the house ready to sell in April. We all look forward to it being occupied again!

CLUBHOUSE CLEANING: we are still in need of a person to do a weekly cleaning of the clubhouse restrooms and foyer, empty trash, generally spruce up around pool, check clubhouse. This isn't hard work but it needs to be done. Cleaning schedule is weekly during pool season, twice monthly remainder of year. The person would also be responsible for purchasing supplies (trash can liners, soap, cleaners, etc.) for which they would be reimbursed. Payment is \$25.00 per week, paid monthly by check. If interested, please contact John Patterson, John.Patterson@gatesmill.org, 404.915.5335.

POOL KEY PICK UP VOLUNTEERS: we still need several volunteers to help with pool key distribution. It's not hard, and you get to meet neighbors. Dates are listed below. Please contact Lindsay at Lindsay.Roth@gatesmill.org, 843.834.4126.

POOL the Gates Mill pool will be opening on May 13, and here is some important information:

1. in order to receive a new key, your GMHOA account must be paid in full no later than 7 days before the date that you wish to pick up.
2. you must present a photo ID, be an adult in the residence, and complete a pool key form
3. you must bring your old key to be swapped. If you have lost your key, there is a \$50.00 key replacement charge
4. there will be four pool key pick up dates:
Tuesday, May 2, 5:30 – 7:00PM; Saturday, May 6, 9:30 – 11:00AM; Tuesday, May 9, 6:00 – 8:00PM, Saturday, May 13, 9:30 – 11:00AM

If you do not pick up your pool key on one of these four dates, you will be charged \$10.00 to get the key at a later, as yet unspecified date. We are sorry to have to institute this, but the 30 people last year who did not pick up on time, several of whom showed up at our pool chair's house, even before 8 in the morning or after 9 at night, have made this necessary.