

SADDLE CREEK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION MARCH/APRIL 2016

*This is a special expanded edition
of the normal monthly bulletin*

ANNUAL SCHOA MEETING

Thank you to all who attended the Annual SCHOA meeting last month. This was one of the largest turnouts we've had in recent years! It was wonderful to see many new-to-the-neighborhood faces and quite a few long time members. Our neighborhood continues to increase in desirability as a place to live and, as a Board, we are dedicated to improving this neighborhood we all call home.

You may view minutes from that meeting here: [2016 Annual Meeting 2/28](#)

A very heartfelt thank you to outgoing President, Dave Wallace. Dave has acted as SCHOA President in two different terms. He stepped up when no one else was willing and dedicated many, many hours to overseeing the board members as important discussion and decisions were taking place on how to best serve the residents of SC. Thank you Dave for your years of dedication and work And thank you to Sue, Dave's wife, for sharing him with us!

Equally important was the contribution of many years from Lance Ledbetter who served as President, Vice President, and now Civic Lead. Having the consistency of his knowledge and historical perspectives have been invaluable. Lance continues to act as Civic Lead and is very interested in having a co-lead. If you are interested in how government actions are affecting our neighborhood and would like to be more involved, please contact Lance at civic@saddle-creek.net. Donna, and their three boys have also been so kind to share Lance's time!

As Dave and Lance stepped down from their board positions, this required the election of two new board members and also two more positions were up for vote due to terms expiring. Those two Board positions were voted on at the Annual meeting by all SCHOA members present and then the Board members selected the Executive & Member-At-Large positions.

Your new SCHOA Board (email bod@saddle-creek.net) is:

Bill L'Estrange, President; president@saddle-creek.net

David Rindt, Vice President; vicepresident@saddle-creek.net

Sanjay Mundkur; Treasurer; treasurer@saddle-creek.net

Bob Jackels, Secretary; secretary@saddle-creek.net

Nicole Schwartz; Member-At-Large; nicole@saddle-creek.net

John Morris; Member-At-Large; john@saddle-creek.net

Emily Adams; Member-At-Large; emily@saddle-creek.net

The Board is excited and pleased to announce that at the last monthly Board meeting, a motion was passed to increase the number of voting Board members to 9. Based on the expressed interest of many SCHOA members and the amount of work and increased duties we are anticipating in the near future, two more voting Board members have been chosen. Please note that this goes back to the original and intended structure of our Board.

Additional Board members are:

Pamela Ellis, Membership; membership@saddle-creek.net

Brad Scholl; Assistant Treasurer; asst-treasurer@saddle-creek.net

The Bright, Bright Future of Saddle Creek

The past three years, our Association has seen many changes. As we see an increase in our home values, evidenced by the quick turn over of homes sales and numerous renovations and beautiful updates going on all over SC, we have also faced the very aging condition of our common areas & structures.

Saddle Creek came together and bravely passed three resolutions.

It took quite a while to gather all votes from all members. It is important that everyone's voice was heard. A very special thank you to Pamela Ellis, Membership, who knocked on many doors seeking to include every member in these votes.

Here is a recap of the resolutions set before SCHOA Members:

- An increase in **Annual Dues** (referred to in our bylaws as an Annual Assessment) to \$650 passed beginning in 2015.
- A **Transfer Fee** on SCHOA Member homes sold; resolution passed; A fee of 1.5 times the annual dues is assessed at the time of closing. Filed with the County Court and beginning with homes sold after December 10, 2015.
- A ONE TIME **Assessment** of \$650 resolution passed by two-thirds of all members as of February 29, 2016. These funds are SPECIFICALLY directed to very much needed repairs and improvements of the pool and west side tennis courts only. Special Assessment invoices are due July 1, 2016. If you wish to pay in installments then the account must be fully paid by December 31, 2016 to avoid late fees. [Questions?](#)

And so, this is a lot of information. Right? And all these resolutions have a big impact on us and our pocketbooks. Right? Yes it is and yes they do! As we face the bright future of your Saddle Creek remember your voice counts. Your talents are needed. So speak up in a constructive manner. Volunteer time or skill. Ask questions. Be informed. Attend neighborhood events. Most of all, know that our homes are one of the most important aspects affecting quality of life. Let's strive together to keep Saddle Creek a place of distinction and desire.

A more detailed description of the resolutions may be viewed at our website under the documents tab; or click the link here: [Financials](#). You will need your login for the SCHOA website – [Access Instructions](#).

Read on for more happening in our neighborhood...

Bill L'Estrange, President
president@saddle-creek.net

VOLUNTEER CLEAN UP DAY

Mark your calendars! This year we are trying something different. Volunteer Day will be on a Sunday afternoon instead of a Saturday morning.

**Sunday, May 1st from 2pm - 5pm
(rain date May 15).**

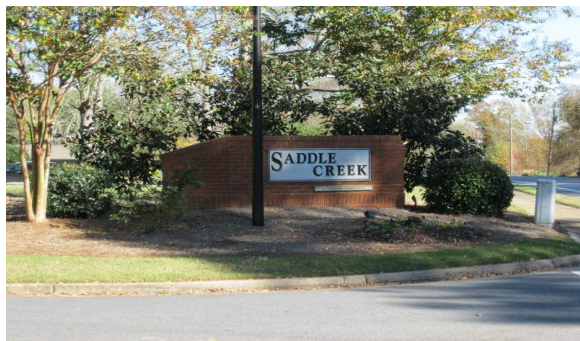
Here are activities planned so far:

- * Clean up trash, brush, limbs, etc.
- * Re-stain the east side tennis bleachers
- * Install landscape timbers around west side clubhouse beds

If you have any questions or suggestions please let me know. More details to follow in the April bulletin.

The Hembree Shrub

As mentioned at the Member meeting, by popular request, the Hembree Shrub has been removed. For those who may not use the Hembree Road exit (soon to be most of us) this was a shrub that partially obscured the view of Hembree Road from Harness Trail.



Before



After

We also removed two dead pine trees at the Hembree Road entrance.

John Morris, Landscape Lead
landscape@saddle-creek.net

ANNUAL EGG HUNT: A HOPPIN' SUCCESS

A beautiful, sunny day and the enticement of colorful, hidden eggs drew a large crowd of children & their families for the Annual Egg Hunt held on March 20th at the west side clubhouse grounds. A special visit from the Easter Bunny and the loving touch of the moms & dads who put together this fun event made for a memorable time for our youngest SC members.



SADDLE CREEK FLEA MARKET & YARD SALE

SATURDAY APRIL 16

8am – 1pm.

West-side Club House

It's Spring Cleaning time!! As you clean out your drawers, closets, garage, & attic, you can also get ready for the annual **Saddle Creek Neighborhood Flea Market & Yard Sale**.

If you are not participating in selling, please plan to come by the Clubhouse or drive the neighborhood to see what treasures you can find!

We will support two types of sales:

- Yard Sale (your house): If you have BIG items or so much stuff that it would take multiple trips to set up at the West-side Clubhouse you will likely need to hold the sale in your own yard/garage. You need enough stuff out that you will want to make people stop and get out of their cars to look. Each participating home will be marked with balloons.
- Flea Market (West-side Clubhouse): If you don't have enough for a yard sale, you likely will benefit from joining us in the flea market. If you participate in the flea market you will bring your stuff, sell your stuff, and take away your stuff. Please provide your own table/chairs. We believe this will be a great and fun opportunity to attract large numbers of buyers. We plan to set up inside the courts and save the parking lot for parking!

ADVERTISING:

- We are asking all participants to donate \$5 towards the incidental costs (signs/balloons/fliers/refreshments at the Clubhouse) to make this a great event.
- We will advertise with strategically placed signs & balloons on yard sale homes. And will also advertise on websites and the local papers.
- We have already obtained sign permits that cover everyone participating that day. You do not need to get your own permits. We will have plenty of signs out for entrances for both the East and West and will have plenty of the same balloons for shoppers to find homes participating in the sale.

If you are interested in participating and have not yet contacted us, please let us know and more detailed information will be sent your way.

Please contact Summer Bolte at scbolte@gmail.com for more info.

SADDLE CREEK ADULT SOCIAL

~~Cinco~~ **Siete** de **Mayo** – May 7, 6:00 p.m. at the West Clubhouse

Bring an appetizer to share and some your own favorite adult beverage. We will have some games. Wear themed attire, but only if you wish. Well, wear some attire, please!

RSVP to social@saddle-creek.net

GRADUATION BANNER

Each May we are proud to recognize all high school, college, and higher level graduates from the Saddle Creek neighborhood. Please let us know by Saturday April 22nd if you have a student or know of a Saddle Creek neighbor who will be graduating this year so that we can include him/her on our graduation banner which is posted at our entrances in May! Email social@saddle-creek.net no later than April 22nd.



HOUZE RD/HEMBRE RD ROUNDABOUT UPDATE

City of Roswell Transportation has informed SCHOA to anticipate lane closures and rerouting to begin within the next few weeks. We all experienced traffic cutting through our neighborhood in the past during road construction. Please share if you witness this or any other traffic issues and we will request assistance from the City.

Lance Ledbetter, Civic Lead
civic@saddle-creek.net

DUES REMINDER

Annual SCHOA dues should have been paid no later than March 15th to avoid a late fee.

Date mailed to members:	February 8, 2016
Payment Due Date on Invoice:	March 15, 2016
Late Fees Assessed:	April 15, 2016

Annual Dues of \$650.00 are payable in full (one installment). All accounts with unpaid balances will be charged the larger of \$65.00 or 10% of the account balance on April 15. Other charges that can apply are related to the legal cost of placing liens and collection fees.

Unpaid members as of April 4th: **43**

Please contact your Treasurer, Sanjay Mundkur, if you have any questions.

treasurer@saddle-creek.net

FROM THE COURTS

SAY HELLO TO Saddle Creek “**TEAMLESS TENNIS**”! As a member of Saddle Creek’s HOA – you have access to great tennis courts! If you have an interest in social, “for fun” tennis matches, beginner lessons, social tennis events and organized family/children tennis activities without the commitment of being on a team or having to join USTA and/or ALTA, then Saddle Creek *Teamless Tennis* is for YOU!

Our purpose is simple:

- 1) Increase interest and use of the Saddle Creek tennis facilities among member neighbors - outside of organized neighborhood teams
- 2) Promote the health/fitness/fun aspects of tennis for SCHOA members
- 3) Create social tennis activities for Saddle Creek member families, adults and children

Be on the lookout for more *Teamless Tennis* news in the near future. We will be sending out event notices soon!

Questions on Teamless Tennis: teamlesstennis@saddle-creek.net

USTA/ALTA and League Tennis

Spring tennis is in full swing. This Spring, Saddle Creek is supporting a Tuesday ALTA 55+ womens team, 2 Thursday ALTA women's teams, 2 Saturday Men's ALTA teams and 3 Sunday Women's ALTA teams. In addition, many members are also playing T2 and Ultimate tennis. It is nice to see so many tennis players out on the courts.

Please remember to sign up your courts on our website. This is especially important for team league players who have sanctioned matches. If you do not sign up courts and another member does, then they will have priority. Make sure to double check your home matches. Also, remember that rain out matches being made up take precedence over scheduled practice times. We have purchased two additional tables for the viewing area giving us a total of four. We will purchasing new umbrellas, but will wait to get matching ones with the pool. Hopefully, we will be able to have them installed before the hot summer sun hits us.

Seeping and cracked courts are becoming an increasing hindrance to using

the east side courts. We are in of process of consulting with Ground Water Engineers to obtain bids to diagnose and fix these issues. Stay tuned for updates.

Teams & Players: Please remember to clean up after your matches! This includes emptying the court side trash bins. No food/drink, opened or unopened, should be left at the clubhouse, especially in the refrigerator after your matches. If you are dropping something off early for a match, please leave a note on the item or risk it being thrown or given away. No one wants your opened Gatorade, leftover salsa or half a bag of chips. Yes, there is a cleaning crew who comes in weekly but they do not discard food/drink nor clean out on the courts. **BE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR TEAMS!**

Looking forward to seeing you on the courts!

Questions on USTA/ALTA or League tennis: tennis@saddle-creek.net

SWIM TEAM NEWS

The 2016 Saddle Creek Swim Team is already diving in head first for a fun and successful summer season. The Saddle Creek Swim Team is open to children ages 5-18 years (age by June 1 of current swim season) capable of swimming the length of the pool *with very little assistance*.

Top 10 reasons why you should swim with the Dolphins

- 1.) Summer league is a great introduction to the sport of swimming.
- 2.) Your child will become a confident swimmer, proficient at all strokes.
- 3.) A great chance to get your child involved in a team sport.
- 4.) Your child will meet new friends and most importantly have fun!
- 5.) YOU will meet new friends and have fun!
- 6.) Volunteering at swim meets is fun!
- 7.) Free donuts on Friday!
- 8.) Thursday night swim meets are a great unofficial start to the weekend.
- 9.) Adds some structure to a sometimes too" lazy summer."
- 10.) **We have GREAT food at our concession stand.**

Registration is OPEN! You can register online by going to www.SaddleCreekDolphins.com and clicking the registration link. Remember you must also register with the ASA as well (www.atlantaswimming.com). If you have any questions about registration, please contact Nicole Schwartz (swimteam@saddle-creek.net).

Swim Team Sponsorships:

The Saddle Creek Swim Team is always looking for sponsors. Please contact Jaime Kohler (swimteam@saddle-creek.net) if you are interested in supporting the Dolphins or if you know someone/business that might.

Practices:

During school days, May 16th to May 26th. Monday through Thursday.

No Practice Thursday, May 26th. (Last day of school)

6 and under: 4:30 - 5:00 PM

7 & 8: 5:00 - 5:30 PM

9 & 10: 5:30 - 6:00 PM

11 and up: 6:00 - 6:30 PM

Regular season, May 31 - June 28, Monday through Friday mornings;

No Practice Monday, May 30th Memorial Day

6 year olds and under: 8:30 - 9:00 AM

7 & 8 year old: 9:00 - 9:45 AM

9 & 10 year olds: 9:45 - 10:30 AM

11 year olds and up: 10:30 - 11:15 AM

Meets:

Thursday, June 2

Thursday, June 9

Thursday, June 16

Thursday, June 23

Tuesday, June 28

ASA Divisional -Thursday, June 30

ASA Championships - Saturday, July 2

Get your goggles and towels ready for another fun season!

Saddle Creek Swim Team Committee

The Saddle Creek Bulletin is a monthly publication dedicated to keeping the members of SCHOA informed on the news of our community. Look for it around the middle of every month. If you have comments, suggestions or questions contact communication@saddle-creek.net