

***SADDLE CREEK
HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
BULLETIN: SEPTEMBER 2015***

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

***MUSIC ON THE GREEN
Saturday, September 26, 2015
6:30PM -10PM***

Please join us at the east side Clubhouse (pool side) this Saturday for *Music on the Green!* Bring your blankets and chairs along with snacks or dinner and have fun socializing with your neighbors while listening to Saddle Creek's very own band *40hz* !



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SCHOA will provide popcorn, lemonade and ice cream.

HALLOWEEN SATURDAY OCTOBER 31

Promises to be a fun one this year since it falls on a weekend night. Remember...outside house lights on are a warm welcome to the trick-or-treaters. Let's show our youngsters a great turn out from Saddle Creek!

CHILI COOK-OFF & KID'S COSTUME GALA

Saturday November 7, 2015

Enter your chili creation to see if you can win the coveted title of Saddle Creek Chili Master! SCHOA will provide the bread, crackers & soft drink beverages. And, while the adults show off their culinary prowess, the kids will have one last chance to show off their Halloween costumes and meet some new friends.



More details to follow in the October bulletin

For more information on these events, contact
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FROM THE COURTS



With the cooler temperatures it is the perfect time to be out on the courts!

ALTA has started their Fall season and registrations are open for both USTA and ALTA Winter leagues. If you are interested in finding a team here at Saddle Creek please feel free to contact Paula Hope, SCHOA Tennis Lead, who can help connect you with the right team.

If you are currently on a another roster, there is an ALTA procedure to follow to be removed from that team and added to another. According to the ALTA rule, it is the responsibility of the individual player to contact their old captains and ask to be removed from the roster. It is best to do this in an email, so that if the captain does not comply, then you may contact ALTA directly. Also, if you are on a team and have not played, you can remove yourself from the team by writing ALTA within 30 days after the current season is over.

For any questions about joining a team or repairs needed or issues with the courts, please contact Paula Hope at tennis@saddle-creek.net
770-827-6353 cell

MEMBERSHIP

A Saddle Creek *Welcome* to these new SCHOA members and neighbors:

[Tiffani and Andrew Knouse](#) have been residents of the east side of Roswell for 6 years and are now the new homeowners of [935 Saddle Ridge Court](#). They have a sweet son Caleb who celebrated his first birthday this August and the family dogs are Jag, who is a German Shepard and Dixie, who is a Lab mix. Tiffani has been a hairdresser in Roswell for the past 9 years and is also a Jazzercise instructor. Andrew graduated Georgia Tech and is an industrial engineer with Norfolk Southern. They are looking forward to meeting more families in Saddle Creek and taking part in some of the activities.

[Don and Ann Ahnberg](#) have relocated back to Georgia after living in Houston, Texas for the last 15 years and are the new owners of [650 Rounsaville Road](#). They were formally residents of Cobb County. Anne is a recently retired music teacher and Don recently retired from a large software company. They have 3 grown children, and 2 grandchildren living in the Atlanta area. They are currently preparing for their

middle daughter's wedding in the next few weeks and are glad to be back in Atlanta to celebrate. They are looking forward to their retired life and making new friends in Saddle Creek and joining in on some of the activities.

[Angelina and Edmund Amoye](#) and their Bull Mastiff, named Ardbeg, are the new owners of [120 Canter Court](#). Most recently they have lived in New Jersey and Virginia and then moved to Georgia for a better quality of life. They moved to the Perimeter area and decided they would like to live further north and ended up here in Saddle Creek. Angelina is a student and Edmund is in sales. They are looking forward to getting to know their new neighbors in Saddle Creek.

[Wes Goins and Tammy Carbone](#) are the new owners of [245 Saddle Horn Circle](#). They have 4 children. Addie, 20, is a student at the University of South Carolina. Jack, 16, is a Junior at Mount Vernon Presbyterian. Twin brothers Aiden and Bryan, 8, are 3rd graders at Atlanta Academy. Additionally, they have Romy, a 125 lb Newfoundland and Rose, a grey & white cat. They are looking forward to getting involved in Saddle Creek activities and getting to know their neighbors.

[Stephen & Paula Perez](#), the new owners of [620 Hembree Rd](#), have moved from Lakeland, Florida to be closer to their children and grandchildren. Stephen is in the juice business and Paula is retired after running a doctor's office for many years. They are looking forward to meeting their neighbors and making new friends participating in the neighborhood activities.

Let's all reach out and give our new neighbors a warm Saddle Creek welcome!!

[And More Neighbor News....](#)

Baby blessings to....

Jennifer and Raja Reddy of 285 Saddle Horn Circle would like to announce the birth of Juliette Harper Reddy born 8/5/15 at 5:10am. 8lbs 8oz and 21 inches longJ Jennifer and Raja purchased their Saddle Creek home in June of last year. Let's give a warm welcome to Juliette, one of our newest Saddle Creek residents and hopefully future Dolphin!

Congratulations to Katherine & Ryan...

Ryan Petrina and Katherine (Nelson) Petrina recently moved into 765 Rounsaville Rd and got married September 5, 2015! They wed right here in Roswell and look forward to making new memories and enjoying many more happy times here in Saddle Creek!



And Congratulations to Matt and Stephanie!!

Matt Gainey and Stephanie Barthmaier, new homeowners at 145 Harness Trail, were married September 12th here in Roswell. They are looking forward to many happy years as Saddle Creek homeowners!



Saddle Creek Real Estate Update

At the time of this newsletter, we currently have three homes for sale, three more under pending contract and twenty-three sold so far this year. One of the sold homes was a private sale. The homes sold for an average price of \$369,116. Six homes sold in the \$400,000 range, fifteen homes sold in the \$300,000 range and two in the \$200,000 range. Of the homes sold, six were non-member homes, 6 more were non-member homes that were converted to full member, and eleven were existing full member homes. Also converted this year was a home sold in 2014. As of this date last year there were 22 homes that had sold with an average sales price of \$326,848. Nine were in the \$200,000 range, eight were in the \$300,000 range, and five were in the \$400,000 range. Sales in Saddle Creek are remaining consistent!! Saddle Creek is such a great place to live!!

I have attached a Fall Maintenance checklist on the following page to prepare for the colder months. That's all for membership this month. If you have any non-member neighbors thinking about joining, please reach out to me. See you at the Fall Chili Cook-off!

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Fall Maintenance Checklist

Gutters and Downspouts

- ❑ Clean gutters and downspouts frequently throughout fall to prevent build up of leaves and other debris. Neglected gutters can lead to wood rot problems and pest infestations, not to mention ruined gutters.
- ❑ Be sure water is not coming down behind gutters and that all support brackets are securely in place.
- ❑ Ensure that water drains properly and doesn't pool. Pooling can cause damage to foundations, driveways, and walkways.

Windows and Doors

- ❑ Change summer screens to cool weather storm windows and doors.
- ❑ Inspect and repair any loose or damaged window or door frames.
- ❑ Install weather stripping or caulking around windows and doors to prevent drafts and to lower heating bills.

Heating Systems

- ❑ Replace the filter in your furnace.
- ❑ Consider having a heating professional check your heating system to ensure optimal performance and discover minor problems before they turn into costly major repairs.
- ❑ Clean your ducts to better your heating system's efficiency as well as to reduce household dust and to provide relief to those with respiratory problems.

Plumbing

- ❑ To prevent pipes freezing and bursting, ensure that the

pipes are well insulated.

- ❑ Know how to locate and turn off the water shut-off valve in case pipes do freeze.

Chimney and Fireplace

- ❑ Call a professional in to inspect and clean your chimney. Fireplaces that are regularly used during the season should have an annual cleaning to prevent dangerous chimney fires.

- ❑ Test your fireplace flue for a tight seal when closed.

Attic ventilation

- ❑ Be sure attic insulation doesn't cover vents in the eaves to prevent winter ice dams on the roof.

- ❑ Be sure ridge vents and vents at eaves are free of plants and debris.

- ❑ Check bird and rodent screens for attic vents to prevent any unwanted guests.

Landscape and Yardwork

- ❑ Although grass appears to stop growing in the fall, the roots are actually growing deeper to prepare for winter.

Now is the best time to fertilize and reseed your lawn.

- ❑ Prune your trees and shrubs after the leaves turn to encourage healthy growth.

- ❑ Trim any tree limbs that are dangerously close to power lines or the roof of your house. Heavy snow and ice can cause damage in the winter.

FROM LANDSCAPING

Trees by the Pool and Playground

It has been a while since I have mentioned the Leyland Cypress trees by the pool. We had a couple of dead trees removed and were considering taking out the other ten or twelve south of the ones that were removed. Those trees are in worse shape than the ones north of the gap and will have to go sooner or later. The sooner we remove the old trees and replant, the sooner we can restore a screen between the pool and Houze road.

However, now that we have experienced just how much road noise we get through the gap we are reconsidering. No matter what we plant to replace the Leylands it will be years before an effective screen is restored. Fortunately there is a line of elaeagnus between Houze Road and the Leylands. We plan to let it grow without trimming to create as much of a barrier as possible before the Leylands have to be removed. I have put yellow tape down the line of shrubs to be left untrimmed. They look scraggly after one season, but hopefully they will start to fill in.



In other tree news, the top of one of the sycamores by the east side playground is dead. We plan to have it removed. The one to be removed is on the south end of the line of four trees.



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 secretary@saddle-creek.net