

Olde Ivy Vine



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Neighborhood

Sydnee Jack
President

Have you noticed the oversized John Wieland sign in front of the Clubhouse is gone? Thanks, Heather, you were successful in getting JWH&N to remove this large sign! You will notice there are still several smaller signs on our property. We continue to negotiate with JWH&N to remove all of their signs; however, this isn't as easy as you might think. JWH&N considers it their right to keep signs on our property as long as they own units. There are still two Manor units for sale....anyone want to invest in some rental property?

After careful consideration and deliberation, the BOD has decided to implement procedures of compliance with the Fire Marshal's guidelines for parking in Olde Ivy at Vinings. As many of you may recall, this has been an ongoing issue, generated by the fire department not being able to navigate our streets in emergency situations because of cars parked in areas that are not by "code" wide enough to accommodate parking. The red striping and fire lane signs currently posted represent only a portion of the roads that actually require the same restrictions. Because repeated entreaties to "police" your own parking habits have failed, the BOD will implement the necessary painting and signage in all appropriate areas. You may review the map on page four to see the changes. Remember, if you park in a fire lane zone, you are subject to towing without notification.

Townhomes

Sydnee Jack
President

Parking illegally is still an issue in the TH areas. Guest parking is provided between two white lines, or designated by colored bricks in some areas. If your guests are not parked in one of those areas, they are parked illegally. If you are not parked in your garage or on the apron

immediately outside your garage, you are violating the Covenants by parking on the street.

The lower end of Ivygate Circle and English Ivy Court are particular areas of abuse of the parking policy. Please review your parking habits and change them to meet neighborhood compliance.

Condos

Valerie Jacob
President

I hope you all are enjoying your summer and enjoying the facilities and events available to all of us here in Olde Ivy.

I would like to remind everyone of the matters most frequently brought to the Covenants Committee for redress:

1. Replacement of trash cans into garages Friday evenings after trash pick.
2. Failure to observe the parking criteria for the neighborhood; if you have any doubt as to what that criteria is, please review your Declaration or the Design Guidelines which may be viewed on the Website.
3. Persons, other than Olde Ivy residents, using the neighborhood as a "cut through". We continue to address this problem. We are currently in the process of taking this problem to the management of the apartment complexes adjacent to our community, whose cooperation we have received in the past.
4. Cigarette butts and other debris left in the common areas.

Let's all do our part. It only takes moments to pick up after ourselves and observe the policies that are in place which help to make this the community the one in which we chose to live.

Manors

Doug Underwood
President

This summer has been a rather busy one around the Manors. Several projects have been undertaken and are either in process or completed.

- Recoating of driveways and outdoor parking areas - special thanks to Dan Gonsalves and Tony Palumbo for organizing this project
- Tamper proof thermostat covers installed in common areas
- Minor interior painting touchups scheduled for building common areas
- Exterior painting of building 4805 - completed
- Exterior painting of building 4810 - just commencing
- Exterior painting of building 4855 - scheduled for October

- Repair of nonfunctional garage exhaust fans - special thanks to Evan Gibson
- 2008 budgeting process - commencing in September

A few reminders:

- The wording of our neighborhood documents makes no allowances for "pods" in the parking lot. While we understand that they can be a necessary thing during moving, please minimize the amount of time they spend on the premises.
- In order to minimize damage, please move major items through parking garage in lieu of the front door. Much of the damage we have to repair in these areas is due to moves. This information will also be passed to the closing attorneys via our neighborhood manager. You can contact Jerry Crow to schedule the gate to be open during your move.
- Email addresses for the neighborhood boards, committees and manager are listed on the Olde Ivy website. If you have an issue, please use email as a first means of communication. This will allow the issue to be passed to the appropriate parties for action or discussion as necessary. Board members are all volunteers and many of us have day gigs to attend to. While communicating whatever grievance via telephone may make you feel better, in all likelihood it will delay a solution in addition to interrupting someone's personal life. See updated Contact List attached.
- Anyone not happy with the above may wish to consider running for an open board seat in November

Morris Franklin

Neighbor making a difference

I don't know how many of you know Morris. But you should. Morris is a Strategic Alliances Manager at Coca-Cola working with their marketing partners in the Atlanta area on things such as business relationship coordination, joint marketing programs, event activation, and contract maintenance / negotiations. That is, until January 16th of this year when his U.S. Army Reserve unit was mobilized to Iraq.

Morris moved to Olde Ivy in October, 2005. His unit is 4955-102. Currently, a co-worker is holding down the fort here while Morris is doing the same in Iraq.

After departing Atlanta on January 16th, he underwent various kinds of military training at Ft. Bragg, NC (including survival training, which sounds ominous) until mid-March when his unit pushed off for Kuwait. After a couple of weeks there it was on to Baghdad.

Morris is a Sergeant in the U.S Army Reserves, and his home unit is the 360th Civil Affairs Brigade (Airborne) which is located in Columbia, SC. In Iraq, he is a member of the Baghdad Provincial Reconstruction Team. According to Google, "Provincial Reconstruction Teams (PRTs) are small

civilian-military units that assist provincial and local governments in Iraq to govern effectively and deliver essential services." No small task. These are the people trying to reassemble the pieces that we take for granted. Things like food distribution, electricity, water etc... It's a daunting task. But Morris and his buddies are giving it all they've got in the most trying of circumstances. Things like the bureaucracy (in both Washington and Baghdad), inter-agency conflicts, lack of money, and so on are unique challenges. Without Morris' strong faith in both God and country, it would just about be impossible.

Even if you don't know Morris, you can still send him an email and thank him for his service to our country. His email address is morrisfranklin@yahoo.com. You can read his updates on our web site under "Documents" and then Morris Franklin.

Covenant's Committee

Covenants Committee

Over the last few months the Covenants Committee has devoted much time to the topic of parking, particularly with respect to Townhomes. To refresh residents on our parking rules, relevant portions the Townhome Covenants (Section 8 – Parking) are summarized below. The complete text is available on the neighborhood's website.

- All vehicles are to be parked in the garage of each unit, unless the occupants of the unit have more vehicles than garage spaces.
- Vehicles may be parked in the driveway of a unit if all the unit's garage spaces are occupied. Such parking is permitted so long as it does not create an impediment to traffic flow and is not a nuisance to neighbors.
- Vehicles not in garages or on driveways must be parked in designated spaces – those marked with stripes. Parking outside a striped area, whether marked by a red curb/no parking sign or not, is illegal.
- Stored/disabled vehicles (those not moved for 14 days, without a tag or incapable of being moved) must be parked in garages only.

Landscape Committee

Leigh Potter
Chair

Earlier this summer as we all know was very dry across Atlanta. This has forced a sense of urgency to resolve all irrigation and sprinkler issues across Olde Ivy. After a great deal of work fixing water leaks and repairing broken components, we feel that most issues have been resolved. This has been quite a challenge. Unfortunately several plants have died in the process. Due to the summer heat no more plants can be replaced until this fall. This will be a very busy fall to catching up on replacing plants and trees.

The rest of this summer will be spent concentrating on remaining irrigation, pruning, and drainage issues. This

includes getting started on cleaning up the Walking Trail area.

Please send any comments to landscape@oldeivg.org

Social Committee

Liz Sudderth
Chair

No report.

Communications Committee

Jerry Crow
Chair

The Olde Ivy Vine has gone digital. After considerable effort, we now have everyone's email address, except for the five who don't have a PC. These addresses will be used only for communications within the neighborhood. And the addresses will not be shared with your neighbors. This is accomplished by using the BCC function when sending the Newsletter, party flyers and other pertinent notices. Thanks to all for sharing your addresses with me.

Now that the Newsletter can be distributed electronically, we can economically incorporate color. Color under the Kinko method would have cost us over \$1,000. Electronically, \$0.

Clubhouse Committee

Sydnee Jack

Thanks to Dan Gonsalves for refinishing the teak benches by the Pool. If you saw him working diligently on this project, perhaps you offered your help. If so, thank you, too!

Thanks to Jay Hutchinson for resetting all the nail heads on the pool deck. Stubbing your toe on one of these would not be pleasant.

Thanks to Jack and Renate Zuber for keeping a watchful eye on the condition of the pool and pool deck. We appreciate your extra attention!

Also, thanks to those of you picking up after yourself when leaving the pool area. It keeps the pool presentable for residents and their guests.

If you haven't found time to visit the pool this season, come on in; the water's fine! The gate code is 51423.

Water Billing

Jerry Crow

We recently received our first water bill from our new rebiller, Alliance Data Systems. Having to skip a billing cycle was not in the plan but neither were the hurdles in separating from Ista. It has been troublesome but we are getting there. It will probably take a couple of more cycles to get all the bugs ironed out. Thanks to all for your patience.

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Sales Report

There have been two sales and 14 resale's so far this year. Seven of the resale's have happened since June 6. There are currently 34 units for sale and 3 are under contract.

Special Thanks

Special thanks to Jay Hutchinson for making the fallen tree behind 4955 disappear. This probably saved us a couple of hundred dollars, maybe more. Repairs to the fence are underway.

Also to Gene Peterson. Gene walks his Scotty, Simon, a couple of times a day. To paraphrase an expression that is frequently in the news these day, Gene is doing the job many Olde Ivy residents won't do. Not only is he picking up after his dog, he's picking up leftovers from other residents dogs. It's a dirty job and thanks for doing it.

And Tony Palumbo. Tony, with help from Dan Gonsalves, has been like a roving shortstop. They have been proactive in finding and fixing things around the Manors, like replacing bulbs, setting thermostats to proper levels, programming timers for lights so they are actually effective and a number of other things. Tony has also been very active in fixing numerous leaks in the irrigation system. This saves us money on repairs and continuing cost of water. And did I mention minor plumbing repairs at the Clubhouse? Thanks Tony. You are a real asset to the community.

Neighborhood Financial Results

Jerry Crow
Treasurer

Second quarter results continued to be very good. Year to date Net Operating Income was \$20,493.00. After the transfers to Reserves, we have Net Income of \$11,211.00. This would appear that we are not following our philosophy of making the Neighborhood a Service Center and not a Profit Center. However we will be incurring some major expenditure in the 3rd quarter that will bring number more in line with that philosophy. We currently have \$23,696 in Reserves to pay for this and repair the Nature trail on approximately the same time frame. Cash balance is currently \$65,841.

