



THE MORNINGSIDE CHAT

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Spring Newsletter

SPRING CLEAN 2015!...

Spring is finally here! You can tell by all the rain!!! But once we dry out it will be time for all of us to get things in shape for the summer. As we did last year, the Board of Directors will not write up basic lawn maintenance and home maintenance items until June 1st to give everyone an opportunity to do their Spring Cleaning.

After June 1st, these are some of the special emphasis items that we will be looking for in our monthly drive through inspections:

- Mail Box painted and in good repair
- Pressure Washing of Siding and Roof
- Lawn Maintenance - Edging, Weeds, etc.
- Mulch and Pine Straw properly maintained
- Shutters painted and in good repair with no missing shutters.
- No Outdoor Storage of recreational equipment, toys, lawn equipment, etc.
- Trash Cans and Recycling Bins should not be visible from the street.

This year the weeds have been terrible. Many of us have had problems this year getting them under control. Proper edging and weed control goes a long way towards keeping our neighborhood looking great. We thank you for your continuing efforts to address all of these issues during our Spring Clean 2015 and throughout the year!

SOCIAL COMMITTEE AND HOA MEETING...

Yes, we have a new Social Committee! Nelson Bingel and David Morrison will Co-Chair the committee and Laura Harbin and Katie Zawislak will be members. This represents a good cross section

of our community and we are looking forward to a lot of fun in 2015.

As you know, the Social Committee budget will be a topic of discussion at our upcoming Annual HOA Meeting on May 16th at the Pool at 10:00am. So please plan to attend to voice your opinion on Social Committee activities and to vote on the Social Committee budget.

In the meantime, if you have any suggestions for our Social Committee, feel free to email them at social@morningside-senoia.com.

NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE...

The City of Senoia's Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, April 25th. You can print out a Yard Sale Permit from our website and turn it in at City Hall. On Saturday, you can get a list of all the yard sales in the city by dropping by the Senoia Area Historical Society at 6 Couch Street. They are also accepting donations for their yard sale and are providing coffee and donuts while they last. Have fun shopping!

COVENANT CORNER...

The BOD is tasked with enforcing the covenants. However, in some cases, we receive complaints that do not fall under our jurisdiction to correct. Two such items are Outdoor Burning of Yard Debris and Loose Dogs.

According to Senoia Ordinance, Section 34-1, It shall be unlawful for any person to build a fire in the open air on any street or any public alley and it shall be unlawful for any person to build a fire in the open air on any private lot within the city when the fire

is for the purpose of burning leaves, weeds, grass or trash without a burning permit.

The reason for this is because yard debris can put off a very strong smoky smell and can become a nuisance to your neighbors. If you have an outdoor burn pit, please do not burn any yard debris in it without the proper burn permits. If you do have a burn permit, please do not let your burning become a nuisance to your neighbors.

Questions or concerns about this ordinance may be directed to the Code Enforcement Officer, Bob Werner at: Ph. 770-599-3679 or Email bwerner@senoia.com

If you don't have a burn permit, yard debris is picked up at the curb on Mondays. Please follow the rules for this service.

Article II Sections 10-26 thru 10-33 of the City of Senoia Ordinances deal with dogs running at large, barking, etc. While most instances of this can be handled in a neighborly way, habitual offenders are subject to fines and penalties as described in the ordinances.

In the past, a few of our residents have had a dog get loose and we, as neighbors, either posted something on our Facebook Page or found out who the dog belonged to and returned it to their owner. However, if dogs are consistently allowed to roam the neighborhood, this is a case that should be brought to the attention of the Senoia Police or Animal Control.

So, if you own a dog, please be neighborly and ensure that your dog is kept in accordance with Senoia Ordinances. Thank you!

NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY...

A reminder that it is Spring and kids are outdoors again. Please watch your speed in the neighborhood, the Speed Limit is 25 MPH. Parents, ask your kids to be very careful on our roads and sidewalks. Kids on bikes must be aware of cars if they are riding on the roads and of people walking/running on the sidewalks. Safety and a

little common courtesy goes a long way towards a happy neighborhood!

SWIMMING POOL...

Our pool opens on May16th.

1. Please remember that no glass bottles or containers are permitted in the pool area. If broken glass gets in the pool, we will have to drain and replace 50,000 gallons of water.
2. Please remind your children not to remove or stick their hands into the skimmer covers. Many bugs including black widow spiders like to make a nest in the covers. The pool team uses special tools to remove the covers to clean the skimmers.
3. A new alarm system using motion detectors has been installed at the pool. It is set to protect our pool area after normal pool hours. Crown Security will call the Senoia Police Department if the alarm is tripped. Violators will be arrested for trespassing.
4. Please close umbrellas and move chairs back to their original positions before you leave the pool area.
5. For your safety, diving into, and running around the pool area is not permitted.
6. Remember there is No Smoking permitted in the pool area.

The Morningside Pool Team has been working hard to make this a great pool season, so take time to enjoy this wonderful amenity.

Don Caputo
Pool Manager

NEW MEMBER FOCUS...

We have had several new HOA Members/Residents move into the neighborhood recently. If you are new to the neighborhood, please drop us a line and let us know a good time to come meet you. The BOD always tries to meet every new neighbor in person. You can contact us at bod@morningside-senoia.com and we will make arrangements to come down for a visit and get you up to speed on everything Morningside.

Also, if you would like to introduce yourself to the neighborhood, drop us a line and we will save a spot for you like we have for Pamela Rineer.

Pamela recently moved to Morningside and says that she is excited to be a part of our neighborhood. She and her family live at 124 Brittany Lane and she wanted you all to know that she teaches piano lessons. If you would like to contact her for more information, you can call her at: 678-463-8359.

GARDEN CLASS AT THE POOL...

Later this Spring/Summer, Linda Hagler, our Landscape Chairperson (Amongst other duties) will be organizing several Gardening Classes - "Color in Garden Design" - to be held at the Morningside Pool. The classes will be given by Bonnie Umberger and are hosted by Coweta County Extension Volunteers. There is no cost to attend the classes.

The first class will be held Wednesday, May 20, 2015, at 10:00am, at the Morningside Pool.

Look for more information via email or on our Announcements Page at www.morningside-senoia.com or on our Facebook Page.

OCTOBER ELECTIONS...

All five of the Board of Directors (BOD) terms are up on December 31, 2015.

In the past, we have done paper ballot elections or Director Candidates ran unopposed, and therefore an election was not necessary.

If an election is necessary this year, we intend to hold a Special Meeting of the HOA for the purpose of electing the Board of Directors. This Special Meeting will be held in October at a date, time, and place to be determined. If there are multiple candidates, this will give each candidate a chance to tell the membership what their vision for the neighborhood over the next term will be. Terms of Directors are two years.

There are five positions available, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and the City Liaison. Out of the five positions, three are considered officers while two are considered members at large. The officers will be the top three vote getters. The new Board of Directors will determine who fills which role according to the Bylaws of the HOA.

If you are interested in serving on the BOD, you may submit your name in writing to a BOD member or by email at bod@morningside-senoia.com

All interested candidates must submit your name before September 1, 2015 to be eligible for the election.

Hope you all have a great Spring!

We will "Chat" again in July! ☺