

# Chattahoochee Chatter

The Chattahoochee Hills Homeowners Association Newsletter

(CHHA)

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Have a Super  
2012!!

## **SAFETY CONCERNS:**

We have noticed some children climbing on the walls in the common areas around the townhomes. While it is something most of us would have done as a child, it is not a safe activity. Please let your children know this is not acceptable.

Thank you!

## **Many Reasons for Thanks!**

We have so much to be thankful for, it would seem appropriate to consider a few:

1. That we live in a free country. It certainly isn't perfect, but many people wish they had the freedoms that we do.
2. We live in a safe community. (It is even safer for our children now that there are far fewer cars parking on Sidney Lanier Boulevard. Thanks to all who are cooperating with this policy!)
3. We have wonderful neighbors. Take some time to meet them, you'll probably like them ☺
4. The residents of Chattahoochee Hills take pride in their properties and communities. The lawns and landscaping are typically well-kept, which makes things look better and helps with property values for everyone. Let's make it the most beautiful community we can!
5. Most people take responsibility for their animals. (For those few who are not cleaning up after their animals in other people's yards or the common areas, please join the rest who do. Remember, your dog's doodie is your duty ☺)
6. And a special thanks to Dondra Murphy who served as the board President of the Chattahoochee Hills Homeowners Association for several years but has resigned from the board. She worked hard to protect the home values of Chattahoochee Hills. This can be a difficult and demanding position, but we appreciate her efforts and wish her the best in her future endeavors!
7. We are happy to have Pat Baca and Sherry Davis join the board this year!

## **Pleasant Hill Construction Update**

As you may have noticed, utility work has begun on the project that will widen Pleasant Hill from Buford Highway to McClure Bridge. *This will eliminate any left turns into or out of Chattahoochee Hills. We will need to use Raven Way and Park Bluff for any left turns.*

## **New item of note for 2012 for Townhome owners**

**For those of you who would like to communicate shrub trimming preferences to the landscapers, we will have ribbons available to mark your shrubs.**

Red ribbons – **Please do not touch**

Yellow ribbons – **Please trim back a few inches**

Blue ribbons – **Please trim way back**

**For information on trash pickup and disposal –**

<http://www.duluthga.net/departments/public-works/garbage/>

## Landscaping reminders and suggestions

### There are two ways to dispose of leaves and yard debris

- 1) Mulch the leaves and grass clippings thoroughly with a mulching mower. It will then settle in to the grass or can be used as natural mulch around your shrubs and trees.
- 2) Put the leaves and debris in brown paper bags and take them to the dump on Chattahoochee Drive. *(If you do not have a dump card, you can get one **free** by calling the City of Duluth at 770-476-2454.)*

### There are three ways that should not be used to dispose of yard debris

- 1) Wind power – just letting them blow onto your neighbor’s yard- not good for relationships with those who are diligent in caring for their property
- 2) Water power – putting down the storm drains – this is not only illegal, it becomes expensive for the city and others as it tends to clog storm sewers, etc.
- 3) The community detention ponds – the association has to pay to have that cleaned back up

### Association Responsibilities

- 1) 13 acres in total
- 2) Common areas –weekly mowing and edging of grass, trimming of shrubs and tree branches less than 12 feet high. Periodically replacing plants as the budget allows and the board decides.
- 3) Townhome areas – weekly mowing and edging of grass, trimming of shrubs – this is unfortunately not everyone’s personal landscaper that could give great detailed attention to every plant and shrub. And, during the fall when leaves are coming down all day every day, they will accumulate in between trips. However, if you have concerns, feel free to bring them up to the property management company (see below). Trees on your property will be your responsibility.
- 4) Cluster homes – no services are provided by the association.

### Cluster Home yard care suggestions:

In late February or early March:

- 1) Mow the dead grass low
- 2) Aerate the lawn
- 3) Apply lime if needed
- 4) Apply a pre-emergence weed preventer, such as Vigoro Ultra Turf Pre-emergence Crabgrass and Weed Control or Scotts Halts Crabgrass Preventer

If you have a problem or question contact:

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## Cost Saving Request

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Thank you! The CHHOA Board

P.S. If we have your email, you will receive a \$25 discount on your next use of the clubhouse 😊

