

Crawford Oaks Community Newsletter June 2018

How We Can Create A Strong Community

A hive of bees is a perfect example of a community working together in harmony and for the common good of all its members. After all, a bee living alone can barely survive, let alone prosper. But in a hive made up of hundreds of other bees, each taking responsibility for the various jobs necessary for the survival of the community, the lone bee not only survives, it contributes mightily to the success of the hive. The secret of the bee's success in living together in a close-knit community is that each bee not only understands the interrelationships that exist between it and the rest of the members of its community, but is willing to accept some of the responsibility for the hive's prosperity by expanding their role in the community whenever necessary.

As homeowners, we too can choose to recognize the interrelationships that exist between ourselves and our neighbors and how those interrelationships have a direct impact on our quality of life. We can also choose to take some of the responsibility upon ourselves to contribute to improving those relationships and in the process improve our community. In order for our community association to continue to protect, preserve and enhance our community assets and our property values, each member of our community has to acknowledge their role in our community and, at times, be willing to expand their role to take on some added responsibility. For example: We all must obey our governing documents.

By obeying community rules and regulations, we contribute to our community and accept the role of a rule abiding member. Let's all work at recognizing what roles we can choose to accept in our community and, like the bee, work together at making our community the best place to live that it can be!

Thank you for choosing our community to live and raise your family!

Vandalism

Someone attempted to gain access to the lockbox located at the pool gate and in doing so has damaged the lockbox to the point that it must be replaced.

If you see people doing damage to our property, please report it to the police and the HOA Board. The Board can't see everything that happens but with 341 homes in our community, there are lots of eyes that may catch people intentionally doing damage to our property. We would much rather spend our HOA funds on things that help improve our community and do things for our residents versus spending money to repair or replace things that are damaged intentionally.

Neighbors helping Neighbors

Wolf Painting, services include painting, pressure washing, sheetrock repairs and some carpentry work.
w7elai@aol.com or 770-846-3336
Tom Wolf

JDT MULTI SERVICES

Our goal is to help take some weight off your day to day needs. We offer multiple services and fair prices. We are a small family owned business who thrives to exceed our customers' expectations. Services include pressure washing, deck repairs, yard services, home cleaning and moving packing services.

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Roger Roesler – Keller Williams Realtor

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Having a yard / garage sale?

If so and before you put out signs, you must register the signs with the City of Oakwood. Otherwise, they will likely be removed.

Tennis and Basketball Courts

The tennis courts have been pressure washed to remove patches of dirt and silt, so the dark areas that were on the courts are now gone. We are also evaluating options to repair the cracks and resurface the courts.

The backboards and goals for the basketball court should be installed by the middle of June.



PLEASE OBEY THE SPEED LIMIT.....ITS THE LAW

Street parking is not allowed. If your drive way is blocked, please call the City of Oakwood Police.

**POOL**

The pool is now open.

The State of Georgia Department of Public Health requires that townhome / condominium communities post and adhere to specific rules that apply to the pool and pool area.

The updated rules are posted inside the pool area.

The local Environmental Health Department is the enforcement agency and any violations of the rules may result in fines, or even closing of the pool.

Residents and their accompanied guests are expected to adhere to the posted rules for the benefit of the entire community !!!

Need a Pool Access Card?

If you need a pool card, please mail your payment of \$40 to

Crawford Oaks HOA c/o CMA

1465 Northside Drive Suite 128

Atlanta, GA 30318



HOA Communication

Communication is important. Did you know we have a website at crawfordoaks.com?

Find us on Facebook (link is on the website)

We also use email as a means of communication. We'd like to ensure that we have current emails for everyone.

Please send an email to bill@crawfordoaks.com with your name, street address and email addresses that you'd like added to the distribution list.

We will use all of these tools to provide communication to the community.



In order to have your mailbox, post or numbers replaced to maintain a unified look within the community, please contact:

Jerry Smith at 404-312-5562.

Numbers must remain unified throughout the community and can be obtained at Georgia Mountain Graphics. The contact there is Beth.

Georgia Mountain Graphics

3477 Atlanta Hwy
Flowery Branch, GA 30542
(770) 287-1715

ACC APPROVED SHINGLES

The HOA receives a lot of requests for shingle replacement. In an effort to ensure that we maintain a consistent look throughout the community, the HOA will approve the following:

- Standard 3 tab shingles
- Architectural shingles

Either shingle will be considered for approval as long as the color is Weathered Wood, or similar, and consistent with other homes. ALL work must be approved IN ADVANCE by submitting an ACC Request form.

ARCHITECTURAL REQUESTS

When submitting requests, please include as much detail as possible. This includes colors, pictures and measurements of things like fence size, location on lot and distance between from your property line. The more detail that you provide helps to expedite the review process.

Work should not begin without prior approval. Failure to get prior approval may result in fines or having to stop the work or even removal.

PETS

We don't encourage anyone to approach a strange or unknown dog and suggest that you call Hall County Animal Control. There is a county leash law (see below) that Animal Control has the legal authority to enforce.

Everyone is reminded to clean up after their pet using the doggie bags located at the doggie stations throughout the neighborhood.

As stated in the county ordinance: 4.10.200. - Duty of owner to keep animals under control.

It is unlawful for the owner of any domesticated animal or agricultural animal, or anyone having a domesticated animal or agricultural animal in his possession or control, to permit such domesticated animal or agricultural animal to be at large and not under restraint unless said animal is livestock and is maintained in accordance with § 4.10.230 of this chapter.



- Please make plans to pressure wash the siding of your home to remove any mold, dirt or mildew, also if your shutters or doors are discolored or faded in any way, please make plans to paint the approved color. This helps demonstrate a neat appearance and improves curb appeal.
- Now is a good time to freshen pine straw or mulch and plantings in flower beds
- Please remove oil stains from your driveway
- Landscapers will be in the community weekly on Mondays and Tuesdays during the spring and summer months
- Pet waste stations are located throughout the community – PLEASE USE the baggies provided to clean up after, and dispose of your pets waste. Cleaning up after your pets is courteous so that others aren't exposed to stepping in the waste. Animal waste can create a health hazard to others, so please do your part.
- Recycle bins may be placed at the curb after 4pm on Monday for Tuesday pickup. Bins are to be removed from the curb by the end of the day on Tuesday.
- Trash cans may be placed at the curb after 4pm on Tuesday for Wednesday pickup. Cans are to be removed from the curb by the end of the day on Wednesday. Trash cans should be stored out of public view, except on trash day.
- Residents are asked not to park on the streets. The number of cars at any given residence should not exceed the number of parking spaces on their own parking pad. If you have guests and do not have room for them to park at your residence, please notify the HOA to obtain permission for them to park in the parking area next to the pool. Email Roger at roger@crawfordoaks.com. Cars parked on the street create a safety hazard. Please do not block another person's access to their driveway/property. If this occurs, the police may be notified, cars may be towed, and residents may be fined.
- Pets must be on a leash when outside your home or fenced yard. Both the City and County have leash ordinances.

Please take note of a few of the more notable reminders below.

- **All trash cans are to be stored out of public view at all times other than trash days. Storing trash cans on the side of your home is not out of public view.**
- Several homes have siding that are in need of being pressure washed
- Weeds in the new construction yards: The landscaper has treated these and will continue to do so. Many are still seeing new weeds due to no pre-emergent added to the new sod yet. It will be done in the dormant season this year and homeowners will see an improvement next year as a result.
- Homeowners are responsible for cleaning out all flower and tree beds ridding them of overgrown grass and weeds regularly to avoid letters. Also, please apply fresh pine straw or mulch to help weeds not take over and for a neater appearance.
- If your balance is 2 months or over, delinquent, your account will be sent to the collection agency. Please keep your accounts paid in full each month. Due the 1st late by the 10th to avoid late fees.



Lawn Maintenance Days

Lawn service days are Monday and Tuesday.

Spring is here

Spring is the time of year when everyone is out in their gardens! The warmer weather draws us all outside, but sometimes we are not sure exactly what to do and when to do it. Below is a reference list from our landscaper:

June

- Monitor turf and shrub disease and insects, maintain an active spray program
- Fertilize and prune Azaleas
- Deadhead annuals and perennials as needed
- Apply pre and post emergent herbicides as necessary
- Monitor and treat Japanese beetles

Limb it Up!

One thing all this rain has caused is for tree branches to hang low due to the weight of the water. This serves as a reminder to remove low hanging branches on your trees. If you have tree branches hanging on your car or if you have to duck under branches when you walk through your yard it is time to do some "limbing up." It is safe to remove 25% of the foliage during the growing season and not harm the tree. A good rule of thumb to provide a balanced tree is one third trunk and two thirds branches, this gives the tree a nice balanced look. If you limb higher than one third of the tree height you will start to get a "mushroom look."

Another reason for limbing up to provide sunlight to turf and plants that are suffering from too much shade. Removing lower limbs will allow more sunlight to the affected area.

From the HOA Board.....

The landscapers are in our community each week during the growing seasons to mow, edge (rotating between the front and back every other week) and blow. Weed control will be performed at the appropriate time of the year.

If you have a complaint, please contact our Property Manager, Memrie Creswell and do not take a confrontational approach with the landscaping crew. The landscaping crew is working hard to provide a service and deserve to be treated with respect by everyone. If you have questions about the lawn maintenance, please direct those to Memrie and not the maintenance crew. They have a lot of work to do and need all the time possible to complete the work.

Pet Feces in yards

The lawn maintenance crews WILL NOT service yards that are found to have feces in them. It is each homeowner's responsibility to clean up after their pets, whether in their own yard or when out walking.

Doggie stations are scattered throughout the neighborhood when walking your dogs.....please use them and clean up after your pet.



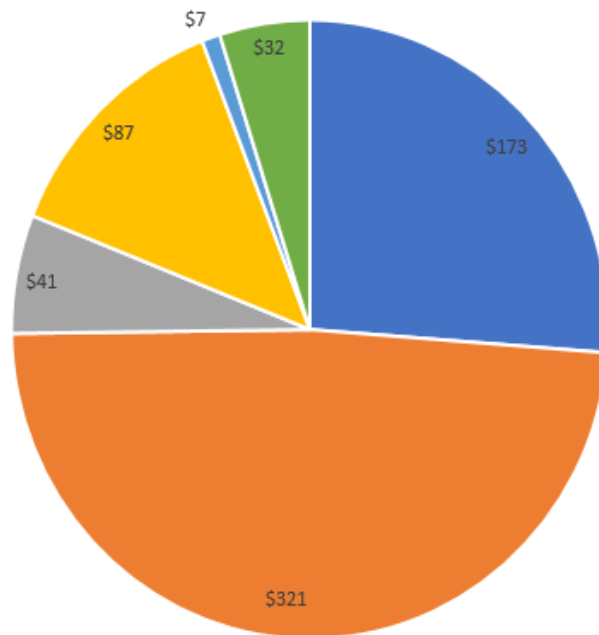
Our HOA is financially sound. As of May 31st.....

- Total Assets = \$258,259.32
- Operating Account = \$93,200.16
- Reserve Account = \$165,059.16

HOA monthly fees are due for receipt by the first day of the month. If you find yourself in a situation where you are unable to pay your HOA dues, or are behind on your dues, a payment plan may be considered. To discuss a payment plan, please contact Memrie Creswell at CMA.

Each homeowners annual dues total \$660. Below is a graphical display of how your dues are used to budget for our expenses.

Recreation expenses are those related to the amenities. Safety expenses are those related to the security system. Utility expenses are those related to the electricity, water/sewer and phone for the common areas and amenities.



Administrative	\$173	26%
Grounds & Landscaping	\$321	49%
Recreation	\$41	6%
Repairs & Maintenance	\$87	13%
Safety Equipment	\$7	1%
Utilities	\$32	5%

■ Administrative ■ Grounds & Landscaping ■ Recreation ■ Repairs & Maintenance ■ Safety Equipment ■ Utilities



Have you checked out the Crawford Oaks website?

www.crawfordoaks.com

HALL COUNTY EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM

With the Citizen's Alert System, Hall County will be able to alert residents about severe weather, fires, floods, toxic environmental issues and in-process violent crimes.

Messages can be sent to individuals using a variety of contact mechanisms:

Cell phone / Email / Fax / Landline telephone / Pager / Text messaging

This ensures that residents and Hall County staff receive life-saving emergency information and important public service announcements in minutes.

For more information and to sign up, go to

<http://hallcounty.org/271/Emergency-Alert-System>

YOUR CMA ACCOUNT

If you need access to your online account to make your HOA dues payment or to access information about the community such as getting an ACC form for exterior modification or for other community related information, please send an email to customerservice@cmacommunities.com.

You can also email our property manager, Memrie Creswell.



Have an idea or suggestion? Please email any one of the HOA Board members or our property manager, Memrie Creswell

Wonder what's happening in the City of Oakwood?

City of Oakwood

www.cityof oakwood.net

City of Oakwood Municipal Code of Ordinances

https://library.municode.com/ga/oakwood/codes/code_of_ordinances

City of Oakwood Planning Commission Meetings are held the 3rd Monday of each month at 7pm.

City of Oakwood City Council Meetings are held the second Monday of each month at 7pm.



HOA Property Manager

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- **Pool Committee:** Ann Levasseur, Ted Best
- **Welcome Committee:** Betty Debar, Elaine Wolf



Please remember that we do have Architectural Control (ACC) guidelines that must be adhered to and any work must be pre-approved. This is in the best interest of the community to maintain a consistent and standardized look.

Please review the information that can be found on the Crawford Oaks website or from Memrie at CMA.

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS who help with our Welcome Committee, Pool and other activities and tasks.