



Lost Plantation Homeowners Association Newsletter

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P.O. Box 2266, Rincon, GA 31326

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Greetings from Your



Vice-President and Treasurer

Holiday Greetings to all!

For those of you who were unable to join us for the Annual Homeowners Association Meeting held in November, the proposed budget was approved by a large majority. During the Board presentation, many of the concerns about budgetary line items were discussed and explained in detail. The three hot topic items of concern were the landscaping, the pool, and security of the neighborhood. These items will be at top priority of the 2010 HOA Board. If you were unable to attend and would like a copy of the budget document that was distributed at the meeting, please email your request to lostplantationhoa@gmail.com.

We are excited about welcoming our new board members for the upcoming year. We are anticipating many new and exciting changes for 2010! If you are interested in joining a HOA Committee and serving your community, don't hesitate to get involved; it's never too late! Sign up by sending an email to the association email address listed above. Be sure to include your name, house address, and phone number. Extra hands are always needed.

As a reminder to homeowners, if you have concerns that you feel need to be addressed you are encouraged to attend the monthly HOA Board meeting or express your concerns by emailing the association. The board meetings are open to the community. As the board is an all volunteer group, the meeting dates are set monthly. If you would like to be notified of the date, and time of the meeting, please email the HOA address listed above. The meeting information will be emailed to you.

Here's to hoping this Holiday Season brings you and your family Peace and Joy. From my

family to yours, we wish you all a very safe and Happy New Year! Thank you, Jessica Rowan



ARC and Covenants

With the cooler temperatures, it is time for some home maintenance. Mold tends to form on vinyl siding when the sun does not dry the dew and moisture for a long period. This is unsightly and must be removed. A solution of one pint bleach per gallon of water, wiped on the siding, will remove the mold.

Homeowners are responsible for mowing and maintaining their lawn out to the street, although part of that property is City utility easement. If the HOA has to maintain City easement property annual HOA dues will increase.

Leaves and pine straw should to be cleaned from the lawn. By the way, the trash truck will not pickup bags or trash left stacked by the curb. The City of Rincon will pick up bags and lawn debris for an additional charge. The City charges \$15 for (12) lawn trash bags, and \$15 for (2) 4x4x4 bundles. Call the City at 826-5745 to arrange for pick up.

The covenants require homeowners to **submit a request for any exterior improvements to your lot, prior to starting the improvement.** This includes cutting trees. Replacing the tree, because it was cut illegally, could be very expensive for the homeowner. The Architectural Review form is located at www.lostplantation.com.

Please remember that trailers, of any kind, are not allowed to be parked in Lost Plantation. This includes boat trailers, RVs, camping trailers, utility trailers etc. Violations will be towed. Also, please use your driveway or garage to park your vehicles. Street parking should be limited to short periods of time. Streets must be kept passable for emergency vehicles.

Please, do not block sidewalks with vehicles parked on the street; it makes the sideway unusable for walkers. Please do not park vehicles on your lawn.

Following the Covenants will ensure that our community remains a beautiful place to live and that our property values are preserved.

Thank-you, Don Walker



Treasurer's Report



The cash balance on hand as of October 31, 2009 is \$49,532.61. The outstanding account balance due as of November 23, 2009 is \$8,123.18. This balance includes dues, late fees and interest in the amount of approximately \$1,225 that may be uncollectible due to foreclosure and bankruptcy.

Yard of the Month 2009



The Yard of the Month Committee would like to thank all of you for making our choices so hard this past year. Every month we had a number of beautiful yards to choose from.

December Yard of the Month judging is based on your Holiday light and yard display. Judging takes place **December 14th**, so get out the ladder and put up those lights! We look forward to seeing all the wonderful and creative decorations on the yards in the neighborhood.

We will begin the Yard of the Month in 2010 April 1st!

September – 404 Walthour Drive

October – 400 Roberts Way

November – 416 Walthour Drive

If you would like to nominate someone's yard for consideration or help with the judging please contact the Yard of the Month committee at

lostplantationhoa@gmail.com.



Helpful Hints to Save \$

Interested in saving money? Look for money saving coupons on the Internet. A few sites that are free to use and don't require a tool bar download are:

www.befrugal.com www.shopathome.com

www.coupons.com www.cereal.com

Don Walker, originally from Patterson, GA, moved to the neighborhood in October 2005. He has served on the ARC committee since 2006, and has been on the Board since 2007. Don is a retired US Army helicopter pilot, and decorated combat veteran. He has a B.S. in Business Management from Hawaii Pacific University and is currently a Gulfstream pilot and instructor for Flight Safety International.

Jessica Rowan, relocated here from Muskogee, OK, moved to the neighborhood in June 2008. She became active on the Board in 2009. Jessica is active in the Rincon community. She is a former pre-school teach and now a stay-at-home Mom for three boys, ages 12, 5 and 3.

Mark Hansen, originally from Pittsburg, PA (Go Steelers!), moved to the Savannah area 5 years ago, and to the neighborhood in August 2009. In 2000, he married a southern gal, has a son 8, and a daughter 3. He is a professional pilot, flying since the age of 14. Mark currently works for Chatham County Mosquito Control.

Julie Dickey, originally from Calhoun, GA, moved to the neighborhood in August 2008. Julie has a Masters of Accounting from Birmingham-South College. She formally worked in accounting for Regions Bank, and now is a stay-at-home Mom for two children, and one on the way.

Larry Gibson has lived in the neighborhood for the past ten years. He has been in outside sales for most of his career, working primarily in industry selling instrumentation and controls. Larry is retiring in December, but currently enjoys working part-time at the Traditions Golf Course in Bluffton, SC.

Eric Orr moved to the neighborhood in May 2007.

Time to Say Thank-you

Jeff Hames has served on the Board for three years and as its President since 2008. You would often see him tending to the pool, or fixing something around the neighborhood. He has been an active part of the community for the last several years.

Many stores and companies offer discounts from the Internet that are not offered anywhere else. Check out <https://www.pillsbury.com> and www.bettycrocker.com for recipes and more grocery discount coupons. Start surfing and save \$!

Meet the 2010 Board



Jeff is stepping down from serving this year. We want to say thank-you for his commitment, and hard work for this community.

Linda Bloedel has previously served on the Board, social committee, and currently heads the yard of the month committee. Linda and her family are being transferred to South Carolina. We want to say thank-you for her years of commitment to the neighborhood.

Sue Dyroff has served as the Secretary of the Board this year. Sue has been an active part of the neighborhood, and previously headed the yard of the month committee. Sue has decided not to serve next year. We want to thank her for her contribution.



The Classifieds

Join the **MOMS Club** Today! Contact Linda 912-257-5551 for details.

Baby and Pet Sitting – Responsible 16 year old, reasonable rates, call Morgan @ 826-3577.



Mothers of Pre-Schoolers - Meet the second Tuesday of the month, 9am-11:30am, at Rincon First Baptist Church, for information call Jessica @ 826-4847.

Your junk is another's treasure.

Lost Plantation Homeowners can place a free ad in our neighborhood newsletter. Find ads for neighborhood businesses, items for sale, yard sales, services like babysitting, pet sitting, etc. Each ad up to 20 words is FREE. Excess words cost \$.50/word. Business card size ad is \$25.00. Email your ad to lostplantationhoa@gmail.com. Be sure to include your contact information in your email. *Next newsletter is scheduled to be mailed March 1, 2010, get your ad submitted early.*

To receive your newsletter by email or to make suggestions to the newsletter please email lostplantationhoa@gmail.com. Include you name and address in your email.



The Recipe Corner

By Sue Dyroff

Best Ever Potato Soup

You'll be surprised at the taste of this rich, cheesy concoction - it's not a typical potato soup.

6 bacon strips, diced
3 cups cubed peeled potatoes
1 can (14-1/2 ounces) chicken broth
1 small carrot, grated
1/2 cup chopped onion
1 tablespoon dried parsley flakes
1/2 teaspoon *each* celery seed, salt and pepper
3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
3 cups milk
8 ounces process cheese (Velveeta), cubed
2 green onions, thinly sliced, optional

In a large saucepan, cook bacon until crisp; drain. Add the potatoes, broth, carrot, onion, parsley, celery seed, salt and pepper. Cover and simmer until potatoes are tender, about 15 minutes. Combine flour and milk until smooth; add to soup. Bring to a boil; boil and stir for 2 minutes. Add cheese; stir until cheese is melted and the soup is heated through. Garnish with green onions if desired. Yield: 8 servings (2 quarts). Total Prep Time: 30 min.



Coconut Hot Chocolate

A different take on hot chocolate.

3 cups fat-free milk; 1 14-oz. can unsweetened coconut milk; 1/2 of a 14-oz. can sweetened condensed milk (2/3-cup); 2 Tbsp. unsweetened cocoa powder; 1/2 tsp. vanilla; Sweetened whipped cream (optional); 1/4 cup chocolate shavings (optional)

1. In medium saucepan combine fat-free milk, coconut milk, and sweetened condensed milk. Bring to a simmer over medium-low heat, stirring occasionally. Whisk in cocoa powder until well-combined.

2. Remove from heat; stir in vanilla. Serve in mugs topped with whipped cream and chocolate shavings. Makes 5 (1-cup) servings.

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