



The SCORECARD

Jones Creek Owners Association (JCOA)

January 2016

NEWS FOR THE JONES CREEK HOMEOWNERS

President's Message (Kent Gilbreath)

Happy New Year to all JCOA residents! JCOA had a great holiday season with the annual Breakfast with Santa and New Year's Eve party events; both of which were coordinated by our recreation chair **Regena Williamson**. She did a wonderful job, so be sure to thank her when you see her around Jones Creek. Thank you to **Paul Dainer** who coordinated the excellent looking holiday decorations.

There has been a lot of rain at Jones Creek during the past 3 months. Unfortunately, a lot of yards are showing signs of spring growth with winter weeds and greenery popping up; while we are still battling the remaining falling leaves as well. Once our yards dry out, we need to be diligent by taking care of our lawns with proper mowing, our leaves and pine needles by timely raking, and properly disposing of our yard waste.

The JCOA Board has established its 2016 projects; one of which is already underway. The pool finally had suffered enough wear and tear and water leakage to warrant a complete re-plastering, tile and coping replacement. The last time we did this was in 2000 when we first took custody of the pool from the bank. This is a great expense which the Board has worked diligently on to spread the cost over a 2-year (i.e., 2015-2016) period. Burdened with such a large undertaking, JCOA will be limited on what other large projects it can accomplish in 2016. Repaving the Hammonds Ferry walking trail has been discussed, but that project has been delayed. However, the worst locations will be repaired with cost-effective asphalt patches. The Board worked with Columbia County Roads and Bridges department to accomplish a major improvement at the Fury's Ferry Road exit by completing a drainage project and repaving which should eliminate icing during freezing weather.

On an important security note, a number of car break-ins have occurred around JCOA. Everyone should be diligent about locking your cars at night. The Columbia County, "Lock it or Lose it" slogan is very appropriate! As always, there are seven (7) Board positions up for election during the Annual Meeting, so if you are interested in running, let me know prior to that meeting.

Please feel free to call me, or any other board member, if you have any questions or concerns about Jones Creek. See you around the neighborhood.

30th Annual JCOA Meeting

The 30th JCOA Annual Meeting will be held on **Monday, February 8, 2016 @ 7:00 pm** at the Jones Creek Clubhouse. All residents are encouraged to attend and learn about what has transpired since the last annual meeting and of the Board's plans for 2016 and beyond. Light refreshments will be served.

Treasurer's Report (Trudie Gill-Keenly)

Annual dues letters were mailed out January 11, 2016. The fee remains at \$325 per lot/home, if paid by February 29, 2016. In an effort to collect dues in a timely manner, the fee increases each month. To be fair to homeowners who pay their dues on time, there will be **no exceptions on the late fees**.

2016 JCOA Annual Dues Schedule

Up until February 29, 2016: Amount due is \$325 per lot.

March 1 - March 31, 2016: Amount due is \$425 per lot.

April 1 - April 30, 2016: Amount due is \$525 per lot.

May 1 - May 31, 2016: Amount due is \$555 per lot. 31-day waiting period before a lien is filed.

June 1, 2016: A lien is filed in the amount of \$555 plus interest and administrative fees per lot and will not be lifted until all dues and fees are paid.

January 1, 2017: Property owners still delinquent for 2016 and prior years will incur fines in addition to liens filed against that property for each lot.

You will receive only one letter. Please make sure you are receiving our Calling Post calls so we can keep you informed as to the receipt of your dues payment.

We are currently working on an addendum to the 2015-2016 Directory. If any of your information has changed or you wish to be added to the babysitter/pet sitter/yard helper list, please go to our website at www.jcoanews.com and click on "**Contact Us**" then "**Update Owner Information**" and fill out the form. Keeping our database current ensures timely communication with respect to neighborhood issues.

Please send your dues payment to: JCOA, PO Box 1418, Evans, Georgia 30809-1418.

The postmark date of your payment is your payment date. Checks returned NSF are considered not paid and a bank charge will be added to the amount due. All homeowners and lot owners, who are owners of record as of **January 1, 2016**, are responsible for paying annual dues. It is the responsibility of the owner of record to negotiate the pro-rating of dues with the buyer, if the homeowner sells their home or lot during 2016.

Welcoming (Susan Salisbury)

We welcome **18** new neighbors into our neighborhood.

James & Shirley Holmes
744 Magruder Landing

Larry & Sharon Beaver
536 McKinnis Line

Michael & Chelen Strickland
719 Magruder Court

William & Catriona Yeudall
730 Michaels Creek

Sunil & Manisha Mathur
741 Michaels Creek

Michael & Carla Bailey
900 Willow Lake

Nathan & Brittany Miller
814 Shackelford Place

Wally & Beverly Taylor
516 McKinnis Park

Bruce & Janet Wood
803 Shackelford Place

Jones Creek Ladies Bunco is held at the clubhouse on **3rd Thursday of the month**. Please come and join us!! Contact susansalisbury@comcast.net for more details.

Swimming Pool (Kim Houston)

We are quite hopeful that all tasks will be completed in the off-season so that in **late-April or early-May, 2016**, the pool will be like new and look fantastic. This summer we had many non-residents join, which says a lot about Jones Creek. I hope to make it even better next summer!

Contact Us (Paul Dainer)

The "Contact Us" icon is available for all homeowners to post reasonable questions that the Board will answer. For non-emergency circumstances outside of JCOA Board purview, dial **3-1-1** for Columbia County assistance.

Our website covers all aspects of our neighborhood organization, including dues, covenants, pool, tennis courts, events, grounds, and architectural control.

Landscaping (Earl Williams)

Unfortunately, an island on Jones Creek Drive was damaged by an unidentified person who decided to drive a vehicle into the island, ruining a flower bed. This will result in a cost to the association. If anyone observed this, please contact the Board.

Please do not turn on your sprinklers at this time of year as the winter temperatures occasionally go below freezing and dangerous street icing can occur from the runoff.

Masters beautification is being planned for **late-winter**.

Security and Neighborhood Watch (John McLeod)

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office warns that solicitors often enter neighborhoods offering cheap work or low-priced merchandise for sale. If you notice anyone soliciting our neighborhood, please call the Columbia County Sheriff's Office dispatch at **(706) 541-2800**. You may choose to remain "anonymous" when reporting the solicitors. Remember, if it sounds too good to be true, then it probably is not true!

Tennis (Yolanda Leahy)

New tennis nets have been installed and the courts are looking great. Contact me at **(706) 627-5567** for the court security code. I can also help anyone get plugged into CSRA tennis leagues or answer questions about junior tennis.

Upcoming Events (Regena Williamson)

The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on **March 26, 2016**. Further information and a Calling Post will be provided as it gets closer.

The pool opening party is scheduled for **May 7, 2016 from 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm**. The Board will provide hotdogs, burgers and beverages. Please bring a salad or dessert. We hope to see all of you at each of our annual events.



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11am-2pm/5pm-close

Monday - Saturday

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Covenants (Derek Colligan)

Here is an excerpt of one of the covenants that we should remember as we roll into the short winter season:

ARTICLE VIII GENERAL RESTRICTIONS - 7. No parking of trucks, trailers, boats and mobile homes shall be permitted on the streets, or other portions of the Property except during construction, and, thereafter, except for the delivery and pickup or remodeling and repair of building on the Property. Campers, motorcycles, motorbikes, motor homes, travel trailers, panel or pickup trucks, boats and boat trailers not over 25 feet in length may be kept on property if parked in a closed garage at all times. Special exception to this restriction may be granted Owner provided prior written permission from the adjoining Owners and the Architectural Control Committee is obtained.