



# The SCORECARD

Jones Creek Owners Association (JCOA)

May 2015

## NEWS FOR THE JONES CREEK HOMEOWNERS

### President's Message (Kent Gilbreath)

#### Homeowner Property Maintenance Initiative

Summer time is here as the Masters has come and gone. The warmer weather has finally arrived in our area; which brings up the subject of proper yard and property maintenance. Most of our residents are doing a great job in keeping up their yards and property in general, but there are always a few that occasionally lag behind. The JCOA Board will be trying a new method of getting homeowners attention when their properties have fallen into poor shape and need some attention by using a fluorescent flyer (i.e., orange, yellow, blue). This flyer will be attached to the homeowner's mailbox/post/scroll to notify the owner of some pending issue that needs attention. This includes yard maintenance, bush trimming, visible house repair issues, boat, trailer, roll-off relocation, and the like. If you see that you have been flagged with a fluorescent flyer, please pay attention and resolve the identified issue.

#### New Evans-to-Lock (ETL) Exit Traffic Reconfiguration

As many of you have noticed, the Columbia County Roads and Bridges (CCR&B) Department has reconfigured the ETL exit to better facilitate traffic flow at that intersection. This has been an agenda item for the JCOA Board for the better part of two years to address multiple homeowner complaints about traffic congestion and delays and unsightly grass issues. The primary cause of these issues was by our drivers lining up single file to exit onto ETL road whether they were turning left or right, which would lead to delays. This made some impatient drivers choose to use the grass area to the right of that exit as their own personal roadway, leading to this area looking like an unsightly truck mud bogging contest. A small fence was installed in that area to discourage that practice.

The JCOA Board continued to work with CCR&B over an extended time to resolve this situation and ultimately a new configuration was implemented which made the right hand turn a yield,

restriping the exit area to facilitate cars separating into right and left hand turn lanes, and moving the existing stop sign to make the left hand turn the only stop situation. The Board has noted much improvement since this implementation, but as with all traffic intersections, it is not a perfect solution. A few complaints about the unattractive appearance of the new exit have been raised. The Board recently discussed this and registered a unanimous vote of confidence that these new changes were an overall improvement and had achieved what we desired. Our goal is to meet the needs of all of our 581 families but we realize that unanimity is rarely achievable with all actions.

You may have noticed that the grass at that exit has now returned to a healthy look. We have looked into making the stop sign more attractive, but have discovered that it belongs to the CCR&B Department, residing on County property (i.e., the road) and it also has to meet Georgia Department of Transportation (DOT) standards. Thus, we do not have authority to install a more decorative pole for that sign. It also needs to be emphasized that these improvements did not cost the association any of its funds, with the exception of the new wooden fence, as your real estate taxes were at work. We are now addressing possible decorative improvements to the wooden fence look and investigating the placement of a traffic signal at this intersection through CCR&B and Georgia DOT. I trust this addresses all questions about why and how this change was made. As we always state at our annual meetings, any resident has the right to apply for a Board position to become part of the decision-making process.

Please feel free to contact me or any other Board member if you have any concerns about Jones Creek. See you at the pool.

### Treasurer's Report (Trudie Gill-Keenly)

**Homeowner Dues** –15 home owners/lot owners elected to pay their dues at a higher rate after the **February 28, 2015** due date, while 4 home owners/lot owners are still outstanding as of this writing. They are **Ken Burrows** (4205 Blue Heron Lane), **Brenda Johnson** (4148 Hammonds Ferry), **Bear Shelton** (878 Willow

Lake), and **Henry Kim** (648 McKinnes' Court). Should they elect to remain delinquent by **June 1, 2015** liens will be filed on their properties, as shown in the following dues schedule.

### **Remaining 2015 JCOA Annual Dues Schedule**

**Through May 31, 2015:** Amount due is \$555 per lot. 31-day waiting period before a lien is filed.

**June 1, 2015:** 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, 2016:** Property owners still delinquent for 2015 and prior years, will incur fines in addition to liens filed against that property for each lot.

**Directory Update** - The new 2015-2016 Directory will be ready for delivery soon, so be on the lookout for them. They will be placed on your mailbox post.

**Update Owner Information** – It's important that the Board has your current information on file to enable us to keep you informed. Please visit our website at [www.jcoanews.com](http://www.jcoanews.com) and update your information.

**Calling Post** – This is one of our primary means of real-time communication to all JCOA homeowners. We currently do not have telephone numbers for 10 homeowners. If you are not receiving our Calling Post messages, please visit our website at [www.jcoanews.com](http://www.jcoanews.com) and update your information.

### **Contact Us (Paul Dainer)**

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

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

### **Swimming Pool (Kim Houston)**

With excitement, our pool was opened on **May 1, 2015** and we had a wonderful pool opening party on **May 9, 2015**. Prior to these events, we entered into a contract with Pete Alewine Pool & Spa for pool upkeep. Tyler Huggins is the new pool manager, who has done an excellent job so far in getting the season up and going, interviewing and hiring life guards, scheduling, and stocking the concessions. The Board is delighted with the quality and integrity of the life guards that have been hired.

Over the winter, the old lifeguard stand was removed and two ladders were replaced when our concrete contractor poured several sections of damaged areas of the pool deck. A few weeks later, some drainage issues were successfully addressed and a concrete slab was poured by the outside shower along with embossing the slab with our swim team logo. The pool house was recently painted the same color as the clubhouse. We have a new ping pong table for residents and non-resident members to use between dips in the pool that was generously donated.

We hope all JCOA residents are able to come by and enjoy all of the positive pool improvements.

### **Welcoming (Susan Salisbury)**

We welcome the following 20 new families who have moved into JCOA since **January 2015**.

**Don Helgesen & Tonya Bate**  
736 Jones Creek

**Manish and Renee Jain**  
4135 Hammonds Ferry

**Regena Williamson**  
4121 Heritage Ridge

**Linda Tucker**  
756 Bradberry Creek

**Chancelor Fuller**  
517 McKinnes' Park

**Kathryn Hillman**  
816 Park Chase Drive

**Derrick & Laquanda Myers**  
701 Magruder Landing

**Sean & Rachel Taylor**  
737 Magruder Court

**Matthew & Rachelle Hitchler**  
822 Willow Lake

**Jordan & Meagan Collier**  
855 Willow Lake

**Mark & Djabriz Hessenthaler**  
746 Jones Creek

**David and Donna Bowles**  
4137 Hammonds Ferry

**Richard Kienzle**  
716 Magruder Court

**Michael & Amy Jost**  
615 McKinnes' Branch

**Henry & Peggy Kim**  
648 McKinnes' Court

**Richard Carson**  
827 Park Chase Drive

**Jeff Barnes & Tonya Rowland**  
4175 Pellary Place

**Larry and Sharon Beaver**  
744 Magruder Landing

**Jennifer Cheng**  
849 Willow Lake

**William & Julie Ann Parker**  
868 Willow Lake

**Susan Salisbury** is starting a Women's Bunco. If interested, please contact her; [SusanSalisbury@comcast.net](mailto:SusanSalisbury@comcast.net). The annual Newcomers Dinner will be held sometime in the fall of 2015.

### **Tennis Courts (Yolanda Leahy)**

The tennis courts are in wonderful shape and we hope that all of our residents are enjoying the various competitions they are involved with. Please remember that non-residents can only use the courts with the sponsorship of an eligible resident. This particular rule is consistently enforced.

### **Security and Neighborhood Watch (John McLeod)**

If you see any suspicious activity around or near your home, contact the Columbia County Sheriff's Department or **John McLeod**, who is in charge of our Neighborhood Watch. In addition, remember our "Lock it or Leave it" program. Lock your cars if they are outside and keep your garage doors closed.

### **Upcoming Events**

The next JCOA community event will be the pool closing party, in **late-summer**. This date may change, therefore, please watch neighborhood signs for reminders.

Calling post reminders will also be sent out soon before any event. We hope to see all of you at all our annual events.