

NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES

Ask not what your community can do for you, but what you can do for your community

We have some positions opening up on the Board of Directors. One of these positions oversees the Budget and the other oversees the Architecture Committee. The Board of Directors meets once a month planning and discussing important issues affecting the community. The Architecture Committee is responsible for approving changes to landscapes and yard changes. The Budget position works closely with Hawthorne to oversee budget preparations and accounting matters. If you have experience in one of these areas or are just interested in HELPING your community, please contact one of the HOA Board Members. We need YOU!!!!

Yard of the Month

May - Michael & Pam Howze - 10279 Kendan Knoll Drive
June - Al & Audrey Woods - 10130 Loganberry Trail
July - Toni Herbert - 10195 Claybrooke Drive
August - Steve & Donna Turbyfill - 10225 Claybrooke
September - Nancy Hamff - 1719 Sanridge Wind Lane



Al Woods Yard of the month – June

Hats off to all the winners of ClayBrooke's first season of yard awards. We are truly a neighborhood of over achievers. Picking only five winners was like judging a Miss America contest because we could only pick a few beauties out of so many contestants. So, it is only fitting to allow some of the recipients of this year's awards to share their secrets for creating and maintaining such beautiful yards.

The Turbyfills, August's winners, say that they like to grow what they know how to care for. Their verbena and lantana looked fabulous this year, so we know that they are following their winning advice. They also warned that much weeding would be necessary to keep things pristine. Their final words of wisdom were about pruning. Donna and Steve both agree that one should not be shy about it...be aggressive!

Nancy Hamff, September's winner gave us the secret recipe for her luscious grass. It is her CATS!! She has three of them and they add just that right touch to her flowers as well. However, she was kind enough to help us that don't have animals with something that you can buy at Lowe's. She recommends Lesco brand fertilizer for her grass and Preen with weed guard for flowers. Nancy is famous in the neighborhood for her Irises in the spring and the rest of her yard belongs in a gardening show. For all of us who know Nancy, know her success in gardening lies in her singing. We all would grow and bloom beautifully too, if she sang to all of us. For Nancy is a wonderful singer as well as a gardener.

-Submitted by Lisa Hawkins



Toni Herbert Yard of the month – July

Message from our Board Members:

October Homeowners Meeting – Richard Hornung

Our Annual Homeowners meeting will be held this October 20th at 7:00pm. It will be held in the Old Chapel at Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church located at 1600 Mallard Creek Road. Here is an agenda from our President Richard Hornung.

Claybrooke Homeowner's Association Annual Meeting

**Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church
October 20, 2005 7:00 pm**

Agenda

1. Covenant Revisions
2. Architecture Committee
3. Budget
4. Social Committee
5. Community Fellowship
6. Christmas Party
7. Election of new board members
8. Wesley Jessup – Community Coordinator CMPD
9. Questions and Answers

Thank you for your attendance.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Fall Festival

This years fall festival will be held here in our neighborhood on Saturday, November 6th from 4-7pm. Some of the activities we are planning for adults and kids include a hayride, marshmallow roast, scavenger hunt, tug-of-war, and pumpkin painting. We hope you will consider coming and enjoying the fun. For questions, suggestions or to volunteer to help with the festival, please call Lisa Hawkins at 704-547-7472.

ALSO, the Social Committee is looking for an entertainer to be part of the fun (i.e., magician, clown, musician or other...). If you have a hidden talent please contact Elizabeth Syska with any ideas or offers of talent!

The CLAYBROOKE CHRISTMAS Celebration at the SPEEDWAY CLUB!!!!

That's right-- you and yours can join the fun. Please plan to celebrate the holidays with all your neighbors at the Speedway Club on December 14th! The event will begin at 7:00 with a cash bar and appetizers, which will be followed by a wonderful sit down dinner. Your block captains will present you with a formal invitation, which will be delivered to your home in November. At that time, you will have the opportunity to choose what you will be eating for dinner and get the rest of the details on the evening. We will be requiring a paid RSVP by November 30 in order to attend. Let's make this a night to remember and a time for us all to come together and celebrate a wonderful 2005!

Claybrooke Holiday Helpers

It's time to begin thinking about the holiday season and opening our hearts to those of us who are in need of help during the holiday seasons. This year we are going to continue helping the family that we help each year and will be collecting items for their Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. In addition to this, we will also have an "angel tree" and will be collecting items for girls and boys for Christmas. Watch your mailbox for more information.

Coffee Anyone?

Come to Starbucks every second Sunday afternoon at 2:00 for a coffee break. It's a chance to grab a cup of Joe and chat with your neighbors during the not-so-warm months. Meet you there November 13 and December 11th!

Bunko

The Bunko group has had some recent changes in players and is now looking for at least one new permanent player who can commit to this once a month. Additionally, we are always looking for people to substitute who can participate once in

awhile. If you are interested, please contact Renee McCoy at 704-549-8747 to see how you can get involved in one of most fun activities around!

Scrapbooking?

An informal Scrapbooking/Craft group meets once a month. Come get caught up on your scrapbooks, photo albums, or some other hobby of yours. It's a great place to chat while catching up on those big projects that you never seem to have time to finish. Marianne Seyler coordinates this and can be reached at 704-503-3125.

Basketball anyone?

Join the guys in the cul-de-sac of Loganberry Trail on Sunday afternoons. Call Andrew Shepard for details 704-717-8151.

Claybrooke Cyclers

Anyone interested in community cycling early Saturday morning through the Mallard Creek Greenway with a stop at Starbucks, please contact Tom Pope at (704) 549-4904 or tom-pope@carolina.rr.com.

Do you participate in other activities that you would like to share with us?

Contact Lori Smith at 704-717-0315 we will announce it here.

CLAYBROOKE FAMILY NEWS

Congratulations to:

- Elizabeth Syska - she turned 40 this month!
- Xavier and Lindsey Harrison on the birth of their son, Olivier, on May 19, 2005
- Katrin Kunz who graduated from Vance HS in June and is currently attending UNCC

Welcome:

- Jason, Sherri, and April Little, who moved in 1727 Sanridge Wind in May.
- Keiko and Paul Vaickus moved to 1659 Sanridge Wind Lane in May.
- The Na Family at 10241 ClayBrooke Drive moved here in June.
- The Donaldsons moved into 1679 Sanridge Wind Lane in September.

Please contact Lori Smith about any family news you may have (like milestone birthdays/anniversaries, new babies or just new to our neighborhood). We would love to get to know you all better.

HELP NEEDED!

- Some neighbors would like to see a swap column. If you have an item you would like to sell or you would like to buy... list it here in the newsletter for your neighbors to have 1st dibs on. Just contact Lori Smith with details and photos at lorismith@carolina.rr.com. We could even post the items on our website if we had enough interest.
- We are trying to build a Committee for the "Green Space" proposal next to the pool. If you have an interest in serving on this committee, please contact Kim Betz.
- A Covenants Committee was created to try to address some "vague language" in our Covenants. Any questions or concerns please contact Marek Syska.
- New Directories were updated and handed out at the HOA meeting. Thanks to the Lancashire's for all their hard work. Please contact them if you need to update your info or need an updated copy. 704-503-1911
- We are collecting email addresses to communicate neighborhood events. If yours is not in the directory, please share it with us so that we may send you updates about our social events and such. Please send to Marek Syska at msyska@carolina.rr.com
- Please remember to get all changes to yards approved by the Architecture Committee and to hide your trashcans. When in doubt check our covenants, they are listed on the website!!!!
- If you would like to purchase space on our newsletter to advertise for a business purpose please contact Lori Smith.
- We have updated our website please visit us. You can check out photos and other great stuff!!!

Featured Photo!



August Luau at the pool!

CONTACT INFORMATION

Neighborhood Board Members:

Richard Hornung (704) 717-3400
Marek Syska (704) 510-9235
Lisa Hawkins (704) 547-7472
Tom Pope (currently, but position is opening up)

Open Position

Pool Committee Contact:

Marek Syska (704) 510-9235
Malay Patel (704) 549-0886

Landscaping Committee Contact:

Lisa Hawkins (704) 547-7472

Social Committee Contacts:

Kim Betz (704) 510-3645
Karen Hambright (704) 547-0294
Lisa Hawkins (704) 547-7472
Peggy Pope (704) 549-4904
Lori Smith (704) 717-0315
Elizabeth Syska (704) 510-9235

Newsletter Committee Contact:

Lori Smith (704) 717-0315

Architecture Committee Contact:

Tony Seyler (currently) (704) 503-3125
This position is opening up!

Email us:

claybrookepres@bellsouth.net

Visit us on the Web:

<http://www.claybrookehoa.org>

Please note that all board members and committee members welcome input from the community at any time.