



Chadds Ridge Chatter

Spring, 2007

Letter From the President

Happy Spring to everyone!

As you can see by the calendar below, things are starting to gear up for a busy warm season in our neighborhood. Here are some Top News items for us all:

- * Pool construction begins the week of March 19th and will commence for about 3 weeks. To refresh everyone's memories, all concrete around the pool and exterior of the pool house (not the new gazebo area) is being torn out. The ground will be filled and leveled, then the concrete replaced. A 'coping' will be created around the edge of the pool which will be stamped to look like red brick. The pool will be re-plastered, painted and re-tiled. A new black rail ornamental fence will then be installed.
- * Repair of the retaining wall at the rear of the parking lot will begin in March. The wooden rails will be removed and a decorative brick wall will be built to level out the hill by the fence, more shrubs added. The playground area will also be improved, by bordering in the play sets and filling them with dirt to level the areas out and soft material as a ground cover.
- * Dues invoices have been mailed to all homeowners. Thanks to the many homeowners who have paid early and to those who started payment arrangements last fall and are almost paid up. Please pay the full amount by April 30th to avoid late penalties. Please contact the board with any questions.
- * Lifeguard hours this season are noon - 5pm 7 days a week. Removing 1 hour/day saved us \$4000!

Thanks again to all who have kept these projects moving and for their dedication to our neighborhood.

CRHOA President, *Mary Anne Kristan*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 17	St. Patrick's Day
March 24	Spring Clean Up 9 AM at pool & Easter Egg Hunt 12 PM
April 2	Spring Break—Cobb County Students
April 12	Monthly Homeowners Meeting—7:30pm at pool
April 30	Membership dues due
May 10	Monthly Homeowners Meeting—7:30pm at pool
May 19	Annual Homeowners Meeting 10 AM at pool Pool Opens at noon
May 26	End of the School Year Pool Party



Notes from January meeting

Dues for 2007 will be invoiced at the end of January. The amount for 2007 is \$700 and is due by the date of April 30th after which a late fee will be assessed. Those homeowners who have been making payment, we thank you.

Tennis—Those who would like to play on a team, please contact Amy Rethman (770-592-9636) or Peggy Stein (678-494-6902). Also, there will be a sign up sheet at the courts this week, please leave contact information. We are starting at the lowest level possible, so please do not hesitate if your racquet is rusty or never been used. If we do not hear from enough people in the subdivision, we will have to post positions for those outside of the subdivision in order to have enough for a team.

Pool—the construction will begin around mid March (the weather has to be a certain temperature) and it will be a 3-4 week process. Also, a consensus was taken and it is known that we are paying for a lifeguard to just sit around without anyone swimming. So, guard hours will be from 12-5. This leaves that time open for those who would like a private party and can hire the guard for those times.

REMEMBER to respect our new courts and clean up after yourselves. The lights have been left on with no one present and trash is being left along the fence. If the green trash cans are full, please dump them into the big blue ones near the amenities entrance then hang them back on the fence.

New packet for 2007 with rules, etc. is being make up. For those who are interested in helping and/or have suggestions please contact one of the board members or Peggy Stein.

Nominations—the President, Treasurer and Director positions are expiring May 2007. Any nominations need to be made as soon as possible.

REMINDER—as per the covenants, we may not use our homes as a business.

ANNUAL MEETING

In this newsletter edition, we have inserted the 2008 budget and proxy for your review and vote. If you are unable to attend the CRHOA Annual Meeting at 10 am at the pool on 5-19-07, please mail in your proxy in advance in order for your vote to count.

This year, several board positions are expiring, including President, Treasurer and Director. If you would like to nominate yourself or others for any of these positions, please use the WRITE-IN portion of the proxy to give us the nominees name and contact information.

The current expiring members in these positions are eligible for your vote as well.

Block Captains Needed



Both Farm Valley Drive and Walt Lane are in need of Block Captains. If you would like to learn more about volunteering your time, please call Carrie Reynolds @ 678-445-3879

Newsletter Submissions Needed

If you are trying to form a playgroup, have middle schoolers meet up one night a week for a basketball game, or you have a small write up of something you think others might find interesting, please submit them to your Chadds Ridge Newsletter. Your newsletter has been sporadic because there have been very few to no submissions. If you have an idea for a quarterly column, email Lindsay Stewart at lstewart@dynasonic.com.

Nicholson Elementary has a Foundation!!!

The Nicholson Foundation was started in April 2006 and is a unique opportunity for the community to come together to make Nicholson the best it can be. It is a non-profit organization with its 501 (c)(3) tax-exempt status. The mission of The Nicholson Foundation is to provide funding for projects above and beyond that of the Cobb County Board of Education and the PTA and to enhance the educational experience for all students at Nicholson Elementary.

Currently, the goals of The Nicholson Foundation are to hire a Spanish teacher as part of an Educational Enrichment Program and to purchase a new, up-to-date computer lab. As of December 2006, enough funds had been raised to begin the Spanish Program and they are currently interviewing teachers. With your support the sky is the limit for Nicholson students.

But even if you do not have a student at Nicholson Elementary, you benefit from the Foundation. Your home value is tied to the strength of the local school system. If you make a donation, your contribution is tax deductible. And face it, we all benefit when the next generation is well educated. If you want to make a donation or learn more, please visit www.thenicholsonfoundation.org.

Thank you,

The Students of Nicholson Elementary

Recipes from the Ridge

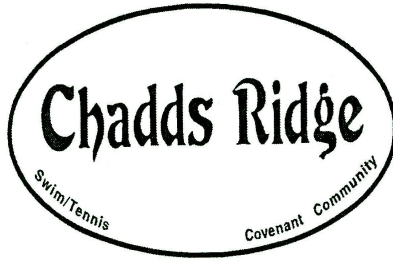
Hungarian Mushroom Soup



- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 2 cups chopped onions
- 1 pound fresh mushrooms, sliced
- 2 teaspoons dried dill weed
- 1 tablespoon paprika
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- 2 cups chicken broth
- 2 cups milk
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Ground black pepper to taste
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
- 1/2 cup sour cream

Directions

1. Melt the butter in a large pot over medium heat. Sauté the onions in the butter for 5 minutes. Add the mushrooms and sauté for 5 more minutes. Stir in the dill, paprika, soy sauce and broth. Reduce heat to low, cover, and simmer for 15 minutes.
2. In a separate small bowl, whisk the milk and flour together. Pour this into the soup and stir well to blend. Cover and simmer for 15 more minutes, stirring occasionally.
3. Finally, stir in the salt, ground black pepper, lemon juice, parsley and sour cream. Mix together and allow to heat through over low heat, about 3 to 5 minutes. Do not boil. Serve immediately and enjoy!



We're on the web!
www.chaddsridge.net

Pool number:
770-592-0107
General number:
770-592-2889



Chadds Ridge is subject to covenants, conditions, restrictions and easements. Contact a board member for a copy of the declaration.

Block Captains

These individuals volunteer their time to help our Association make Chadds Ridge a unique place to live. If you would like to learn more about volunteering your time, please call Mary Anne Kristan @ (770) 591-4191.

Farm Valley – Vacant Position—temporary Donna Blackshaw (770) 928-7677

Helga Court – Laura Kudlak (770) 517-4518

Helga Drive – Amy Rethman (770) 592-9636

Helga Way (4806-4823) - Stephanie Williams (770) 928-1925

Helga Way (4824-4870) - Shelly Ryan (770) 591-3684

Helga Way (4845-4870) - Christine Smith (770) 592-9290

Jamie Way (701-725) - Mary Mangum (770) 924-6469

Jamie Way & CT. (726-750) - Donna Blackshaw (770) 591-7180

Walt Lane – Vacant Position—temporary Lindsay Stewart (770) 517-7609

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