



WINTER EDITION

**NEWS**

The Board met Saturday February 12, 2005 and discussed some exciting ideas for our neighborhood. The Community Enrichment Committee has been very busy coming up with ideas to bring the community together and meet your neighbors in a fun way.

**Thanks**

Many individuals in our community are generous and giving of themselves. We all want to thank those who have given their time and efforts to help make this a better place for all of us to live. Thanks to the board and committee members, to those of you who participate in the events and activities of this neighborhood, those who are reaching out to the community by being on the Forrest Hills Elementary School Community Coalition Committee. Due to your efforts our community is thriving.

**March Social**

It's time to have a gathering in the neighborhood to get to know your neighbors. Come to Craig Lombardi's house - 2790 Ashwood Place (right by Katie Kerr) and bring your glass of favorite beverage and a snack to share. Mark you calendars and we'll see you there.  
March 19 from 5 - 7 p.m.

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**Come have fun at the Homeowners Association Annual Meeting And Block Party**

The Homeowners Association Annual Meeting will be held Saturday April 30, 2005 followed by a block party. It will be held in the circle at the end of Royal Bluff, at 4 pm with the party following the meeting. It is important for us to have a quorum for conducting association business, such as electing officers, so please try your best to attend. It is a great time for everyone to find out what is going on in the neighborhood and meet your neighbors. So place that on your calendar now and plan to be there. Watch for a flyer with more information as the date gets closer.

**welcome**

As you have notice we have some new neighbors. We would like to welcome them:  
Brandon Firfer - Royal Bluff  
David & Christina Whitehead - Ashwood Walk  
Chris Lupoi- Ashwood Place  
Tate Painter- Ashwood Place  
Jon Schneider- Ashwood Place

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## New Siding

Several residents in the community voiced concern about the siding used in the construction of some of the houses in our neighborhood. As a result the Architectural Control Committee (Cathie Herman) researched contractors to repair siding for those interested. She did a great job in finding a reliable group with which to work. As you may have noticed several of the homes in the neighborhood underwent a transformation from old to new. The homeowners have been pleased with the work and have indicated they would recommend this group. The work was done by Georgia's Best Contractors. David Hartman is the president of the company and gave a discount to those having the work done. If anyone else is interested he can be contacted at:  
 Work 770-591-9967  
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 Web site [www.gabest.com](http://www.gabest.com)

## Want to get to know your neighbors

The Community Enrichment Committee wants to know if you are interested in getting together a group to go walking once a week for fun and exercise. OR, are you interested in joining a reading club that would meet once a month to discuss an agreed upon book or topic. Call Claudia Veysel at 404-534-6500 if you are interested.

## Web Site

Don't forget we have an association website. Visit it at <http://www.ashwood30030.org>. You can keep up to date with the goings on of the community. There is also a copy of the association covenants and bylaws on the site.



## Newsletter by E-Mail

This issue of the newsletter will be sent by e-mail where possible. If you would like to receive future issues in this way, please send your e-mail address to [snoll@bellsouth.net](mailto:snoll@bellsouth.net). The newsletter will be delivered to you if you do not have an e-mail address or prefer to receive it by mail.

## Mark your Calendar:



### Neighbor Social:

Craig Lombardi's- 2790 Ashwood Place  
 March 19 from 5 - 7 p.m.

### Annual Meeting/Tailgate Party:

Royal Bluff Circle  
 Saturday April 30, 4PM

### FHECC:

March 9th at 7:00pm  
 Columbia Presbyterian (Columbia Drive At Kirk Road) Fellowship Hall

### Pizza Night:

2nd Friday of every month 6pm  
 Avondale Pizza

## What Is Forrest Hills Elementary Community Coalition (FHECC)?

A coalition of current and future parents, concerned citizens, neighborhood association leadership and resident teachers from all over the school district who have joined forces to embrace, support and improve our community's elementary school. Our goal is to support the teachers and current students, increase community and parental involvement, and improve our community in the process.

### Get Involved

Forrest Hills Elementary School has an immediate need for people willing to tutor children in grades 3-5 with math and reading. You can do this early in the morning from 7:30 - 8:15am OR in the

afternoons from 3-4:30 on Monday or Thursdays. No experience required! A lot of these children have parents who work several jobs and get little help outside of class or have just moved in from another district and need to catch up. If you're interested or know someone who is, talk to neighbors Karen Dessables, Carol Norton or Hana Gragg about it, or call Deborah Brewer (the school counselor) from 8am to 2pm at (678) 874-1102  
 email to: [deborah\\_brewer@fc.dekalb.k12.ga.us](mailto:deborah_brewer@fc.dekalb.k12.ga.us)

## What Do You Know About Pre-K?

Children who turn four years old by Sept. 1, 2005, will qualify for Pre-K this fall.

Please join us for coffee and dessert and discussions about Pre-K Wednesday, March 9th at 7:00pm Columbia Presbyterian (Columbia Drive At Kirk Road) Fellowship Hall (enter at back)

- Discussions With Forrest Hills Elementary Pre-K teacher Rachel Williams
- Hear From our area's State Office of School Readiness Pre-K Consultant
- Talk With Parents Who Have Children in Forrest Hills Elementary's Pre-K

### How Much Do You Know?

What Is Pre-K's Annual Program Quality Assessment (PQA)?  
 Are There Centers In Your Area Who Offer Pre-K?  
 What Are the Registration Requirements?  
 Are There Options For Part-Time Programs?  
 How Can Parents Prepare Children for Pre-K and Kindergarten?

Don't miss this meeting! Forrest Hills Elementary Lottery-funded (ie: FREE) Pre-K Application Deadline is Monday, April 11th Only 20 spots available for fall 2005.

## Just a Reminder



Signs are not allowed in yards as stated in the covenants. Please do not allow contractors who may be doing work on your home to place signs in your yard.

## Referrals

We need our referral list to grow, so please send contacts of your favorite contractors, business people, etc. to: [snoll@bellsouth.net](mailto:snoll@bellsouth.net)

### Electrician:

Cathie Herman (404) 286-9504

### Exterior Painting:

Efrain Gutierrez (770) 339-9998

Robert Sizemore (770) 425-0652

### Interior Painting:

Tom Carroll (404) 441 3991

### Lawn Care and Weed Control:

Arbor-Nomics (770) 447-6037

Antonio Hector (678)508-4487

### Mary Kay Consultant:

Karen Dessables (404) 273-7766

### Real Estate Agent:

Frank Carollo (404) 285-4761

### Siding, Painting, Gutters:

Georgia's Best Contractors

David Hartman President

(770) 591-9967 office

(770) 316-9563 mobile

### Photography:

Crissy Bayless (new neighbor)

Bayless Photography, Inc.

(404)317-4702

[www.baylessphotography.com](http://www.baylessphotography.com)

### Renovations:

Laughing Sun Renovations

(404) 377-5921

### House Cleaning:

Ettie Walker (404) 299-5072

## Lawn Care

Spring is on the way and preparing your lawn now will save aggravation later. Here are some helpful tips:

Its time to apply a pre-emergent treatment to your lawn while it is still brown and dormant. It helps to prevent weeds, which could emerge over the next few months

right as the grass is preparing to wake up.

On the store shelves, most pre-emergent chemicals are sold as "Crabgrass Preventer". But first, if you have any visible green weeds now, consider using a weed killer that comes in a bottle that you attach right to your garden hose and spray on by hand. Then wait a day or two before applying the pre-emergent.

You can't go wrong if you follow the package directions, and be sure you are applying what is appropriate for your type of grass. Most of us in Ashwood have Bermuda grass.

If you have Bermuda grass but are seeing clumps of some other green grass, act quickly now by killing it with a product like Roundup. It will be too late once the Bermuda grass wakes up. In fact, anything that is green right now while the Bermuda grass is still brown can be quickly eliminated with Roundup.

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