

# Ashwood Place

Princess of Communications - J. Keesee

"All the news that fits on this page"

## NOTES FROM THE THRONE

### Saving the planet: Part IV Trees Live Thru June/July

**W**ell, June and July were scorchers, but we made it, and so did our trees out on Katie Kerr. I feared for them a few weeks, but they hung in there. The rain this past week-end sure helped a lot. Let's hope for more gully-washers like those. (I partially blame the social committee for not planning more outdoor activities which could be interrupted by rain!)

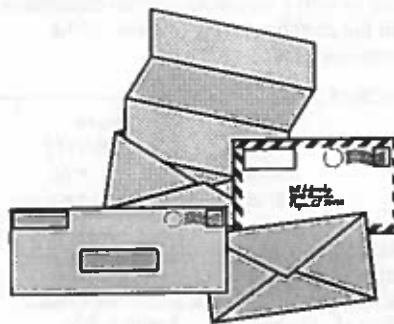
June 27th saw a neighborhood meeting to discuss the covenants and I for one was thankful that everyone present remembered that it, in fact, was only a discussion! No one had ever suggested that those items already in the covenants were set in concrete, nor were any of the recommendations by the lawyer who perused them. We had a (mostly) civil discussion of those things that ought to be written down about how we ought to behave, and it seems that we agreed on the gist of it: we all ought to behave ourselves. The Ashwood officers will get through those things and organize them for everyone's approval ... someday. As long as everyone follows the golden rule, we aren't in dire need of them to fall back on and I for one am not in any rush to discuss them again. (Although I would sooner walk on my tongue than admit that I don't love a spirited disputation with my neighbors...)

...and the new officers are...

President - Brent Henderson  
Vice Pres - Michele Pickard  
Treasurer - Robin Moore  
Secretary - Jeff Keesee

Many thanks to the outgoing officers...

President - Larry Wheeler  
Vice Pres - Micki Hibbs  
Treasurer - Linda Brooks  
Secretary - Robin Moore



## SUMMER'S HALF OVER!

**A**shwood Place is everyone's newsletter and as such, everyone should feel free to contribute! Anything written down and submitted to Jeff Keesee (2840 Ashwood Place) will be considered for inclusion herein (and we are not very picky). We emphasize written down, because if you can't write it, neither can We.

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## NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS

### Mosquitoes Attack!

**N**ot a pest to be written off lightly (unlike myself), it is no coincidence that mosquitoes were featured prominently in what would be known as Harrison Ford's biggest flop (to date, anyway)! Or, as Mama "Siskel and Ebert" Keesee said, "What's that Han Solo doing in South America, anyway?"

Eliminating these pests boils down to eliminating open, outdoor sources of water (which, you'd think, would have been easy with the dry summer we've had!). Getting rid of all of those refrigerators and Buicks on blocks in the Ashwood front yards was only the first step. These invasive buggers will lay their eggs and their larvae will grow in birdbaths, outdoor drains, fountains, unlevel gutters, you name it! I've taken to dumping bleach in my fountain once per week (lemon-scented, of course). One might think that the ecological-minded princess might be adverse to that, but bleach, in small quantities, isn't the villain that it is often made out to be. As soon as bleach comes in contact with the dirt (or little, tiny mosquito larvae/carcasses) it is targeting, it breaks down into its chemical components - mostly salt water.

Well, this was never intended to be an ad for Clorox (I'm not giving them a single column-inch without them being at the corporate sponsor level), but, drastic times call for drastic measures. Just because the Cold War is over doesn't mean that we can let our guard down against the evil that is invading Ashwood. (Or so says Mama "Kruschev was a sissy" Keesee).

## 1 Gossip

My new neighbor Katrina graciously inquired of me if our mailman was, in fact, insane. I said "not to my knowledge", but it does seem that my mail ended up at their house and lord only knows where their's may have ended up. Please keep an eye out for any roaming mail of that sort (I know I certainly wouldn't want to burden anyone with my unmarked, plain-brown-wrapper envelopes).

## 2 Transitions

At the Ice Cream Social, we met new neighbors, both moved and born into Ashwood:

- Timothy, Gail, and TJ (renting from Bev and Michael Shelby of 2846 Royal Bluff)
- Bouncing Baby Kelly Pickard of Michele and Terry (and brother Liam) at 2813 Ashwood Place
- Paul Chamblies and Will Smith at 2821 Ashwood Place
- Leslie St. John and Wayne Schermerhorn at 2854 Royal Bluff
- 7 lb. 4 oz. Nicholas James Glenister, born of Jim and Tresha on June 3rd at 2837 Royal Bluff

Other new neighbors (who can't hide forever) include:

- Susan Zoler, at 882 Ashwood Walk
- Mark and Katrina Spavy at 2846 Ashwood Place

In the "I can't be *that* old" department, one of our sources has told the Place that the former First Daughter of Ashwood, Charlotte Wheeler, is starting college this month at Middle Georgia College; at the ripe old age of 16! Congratulations to Charlotte and proud papa Larry Wheeler.

## 3 Committees

Here's the scoop on the committees...

### LANDSCAPING

Steward - Frank Carollo  
Phone - (404) 286-6688

Frank announced at our last meeting that all of his hard work paid off and the new landscaping, re-worked irrigation system, and new sidewalk have all come together with the not inconsiderable help from The Landscape Group. Please "Thank Frank!" whenever you enjoy the plants at the front entrance, both with a neighborly word and a helping hand. Weeds don't snatch themselves out of the ground, you know!

### ARCHITECTURAL

Steward - Jim Boynton  
Phone - (404) 286-8455  
Members - Sandee House  
- Karen Dessables  
- Kelly

As always, let's be sure to follow that re-painting byline in the covenants. It certainly is the biggest bone of contention, but could also be the easiest. Nothing is easier than *not* changing the color of your home, but change is good, too and is as easy as submitting the plan or color chips along with a complete, written description of the change, to any member of the architectural committee.

### SOCIAL

Steward - Jeff Keesee  
Phone - (404) 288-0712  
Fabulous Committee in of herself - Sandee House

Hopefully, everyone that wanted to was able to get their fix of ice cream and toppings on July 26th at our Ice Cream Social. I know that Jeff and Jody's Backyard Baby-sitting Club was a big hit (with Jeff and Jody, anyway).

Big thanks to Sandee and Amy who did all the work and provided the digs.

Look ahead to the last week in September for week night bowling!

### NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Steward - Michele Pickard  
Phone - (404) 284-2800

Everyone needs to be signed up for this, and we need Block Captains. If you haven't called, pick-up the phone and "make it so"...

... I'm waiting...

... I can be very patient...

Be Nosy! Be Safe!  
Be Informed! Be a Neighbor...

### WELCOMING

Steward - Robin Moore  
Phone - (404) 286-4490  
Members - Brent Henderson  
- Karen Dessables  
- Kelly  
- Beth Wilson

### FINANCIAL

Treasurer - Robin Moore  
Phone - (404) 286-4490

## 4 Notices

### DIRECTORY

Sandee House and Andrew Pierpont have volunteered to update the neighborhood directory. If you don't call her, you won't be in it...

### NEIGHBORHOOD PLAYHOUSE

Can't decide what to do this week-end? Dreading going back to the local video place and seeing all of those copies of the latest Steven Segal movie? Then check out the two plays going on in our local off-Broadway venue. The real thing is always a better choice than the movie (just ask Paul Reubens). Call (404) 373-5311 for tickets.

Moon Over Buffalo - until this Sunday, only! Last day, Sunday, August 16th.  
Kiss of the Spider Woman - Only 2 week-ends left! Through August 22nd.

### MAILBOX PAINTING DAY

I can't decide which is worse, having to buy a big, ole can of Rustoleum for a black paint job on my little, bitty mailbox pole, or having to scrub over the birds' white paint job after the fact. Either way, it looks better when I'm done. So, since I've got the paint and the steel brush, henceforth (at least this year) Saturday, August 15th shall be declared "Ashwood Mailbox Painting Day". I'll be out in front of 2840 Ashwood Place with the paint and the brush from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM if anyone wants to use them on their own mailbox. Rain day, Saturday, August 22nd.

### SPECIAL THANKS

...to Julie, my investigative reporter.

### LANDSCAPING

Please consider calling on Phil Bashaw, design/manager of The Landscape Group for all your landscape needs. He's done a good job for Frank and all of Ashwood:

Pager: (770) 764-1312  
Phone: (770) 434-2333

### THE END

I've done my part, so now do yours. Sit down...right now...no better time...and:

- Leave Sandee with your name, address, phone number, emergency contact, and birthday for the directory. (404) 286-4099 at 2850 Royal Bluff
- Call Michele with your name and phone number and go sign that Watch list. (404) 284-2800
- Call one of the Committee Stewards to help out.
- Call me to be one of the first ones on "Ashwood Mailbox Painting Day", (and just to say "hi"). (404) 288-0712