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## **NEWSLETTER**

From your East Spring Lake neighbors



Our beautiful lake in the early fall

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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Oct 20: Pickleball Tourney Oct 26: Fun Run/5K Oct 31: Halloween Dec 8: Holiday Party

## **President's Corner**

Ray Andersen

I can't believe it's mid-October already heading into the end of year holidays before we know it! Where did 2024 go?

I am happy to announce that we have two new volunteers who stepped forward to support our community. First is **Stacy Ulmer** who volunteered to be our new Social Chair (HOA Board Role) organizing various social events (see more information in this newsletter). **Jessica Shay** has volunteered to be our Welcome Committee Chair and has provided a list of new neighbors in this newsletter. I want to thank all the volunteers and neighbors who make this a great place to live!

Below are updates on topics brought to the HOA Board over the past few months along with progress on key projects.

Please enjoy the rest of this year!! Ray Andersen HOA President

#### **HOA Executive Board**

President - Ray Andersen Vice President - Ashley Van Sant Secretary - Betsy Johnson Treasurer - Anthony Drummond Membership - Clark Crosby Tennis - Kirk Wilkerson Grounds - Donald Lewis Pool - James Connell Adult Social - Stacy Ulmer\*

\* indicates a new volunteer

#### **HOA Committee Chairs**

Advisor/CRA - Michelle Mulcahey Architectural Control - Jonna Rowe Banners - Heike Miskawi Children's Social - Stacy Ulmer Clubhouse - Christina Anderson Newsletter - Lacey Stoner Social Media - Erin Secor Swim Team - Chris & Allison Haldeman Website - Kyle Johnson Welcome - Jessica Shay\*



## Sanitation and Recycling Collection Options

The community has three options for sanitation and recycling services (see table below for more information). Multiple vendor options have brought competition and elevated services to our community. The ESL HOA Board has contacted the vendors to explore options for a community rate, but they have declined to establish a community rate for HSL at this time. We will continue to pursue this for our neighborhood.

Because of the multiple days that sanitation trucks are in the neighborhood, we request that our neighbors comply with the ESL bylaws and bring cans up from the street after the service has been completed (or contact a neighbor for assistance as needed).

Company	Pick-Up Day	Contact Info
Waste Connections of Georgia (acquired American Disposal)	Thursday	678-720-0500 wasteconnections.com/georgia
Arrow Waste (acquired B Green)	Friday	770-441-3037 arrowwaste.com
Red Oak Sanitation & Recycling	Monday	678-455-7819 redoaksanitation.com

## Making an update to your home?

We appreciate the updates that are being done to the homes in our neighborhood. If you are planning a home update (addition, painting, etc.) HOA approval through the **Architectural Control Board** is required.

To request an application or understand the process, please contact Jonna Rowe (sjrowe92@icloud.com).

Completed applications can be left in Jonna's mailbox at 1592 Sandpoint Drive.



## Fall Yard Cleanup

As the weather turns cooler, here are a few reminders to help prepare our neighborhood for fall and winter:

- Avoid blowing leaves into storm drains, as they can end up in our lakes and cause drainage issues.
- Inspect your trees and prune any damaged or hanging branches before they become hazards.
- Consider mulching fallen leaves with your lawnmower to nourish your lawn, rather than bagging them for disposal.

Let's all do our part to keep our community looking tidy and well-maintained throughout the changing seasons. Thank you for your efforts!

### Pickleball Nets

We are happy to see our neighbors enjoy the new pickleball nets!

As a courtesy to the tennis players, please ensure that the nets are moved to the side of the courts after you are done using them and to turn off the lights if you're the last ones on the court in the evening.



### **Voting Season Reminders**

#### **Political Signage**

Per our ESL HOA bylaws, political signs no larger than 30" high and 24" wide are allowed on lawns from Tuesday, October 8th - Wednesday, November 6th.

#### **Precinct Information**

You can find your precinct information for both Early Voting and Election Day at mvp.sos.ga.gov.

#### **Early Voting**

Georgians are able to vote early in person from October 15th - November 1st.

#### **Election Day**

Election Day is Tuesday, November 5th.

## **Social Updates**

Stacy Ulmer

## Sunday October 20: Pickleball Tournament

A registration link was emailed to all ESL residents. This event will start at 1:00 PM on the ESL courts.

**Saturday, October 26: Fun Run and 5K** Registration is free! A registration link was emailed to all ESL residents. This event is for children and adults and will start at 8:30 AM at the ESL Playground.

Tuesday, October 29: Halloween House/Yard Decoration Content Please have your decorations up by the 29th so our judges can select their winners.

**Thursday, October 31: Halloween**Join us at 5:30 PM for pizza and our annual Costume Contest. Kids eat for free, adults please Venmo \$5/couple or \$3/single to

please Venmo \$5/couple or \$3/single to @stacyulmer or cash/check to 5082 Spring Rock Terr by 10/26. Winners of the Home Decoration Contest will also be announced.

The **Holiday Party & Parade** will be Sunday, December 8th. More info to come!

If you have any questions, please contact Stacy Ulmer at ESLSocials@gmail.com.



## Stay Connected

Here are some ways you can stay connected to your ESL neighbors:

- Follow our ESL Facebook Page
- Join ESL Women Facebook Group
- Follow ESL on **Instagram**
- Register as an ESL resident on the <u>Homeside Properties site</u>
- Visit the **ESL Website**

# CRA Projects: Coming Soon!

- Refreshed playground equipment
- New split rail fence
- Entry sign updates
- Irrigation repairs
- Insurance review

More info about these projects can be found on Page Four of this newsletter

## Lake Dredging Update

Don Lewis

We are currently working with our subcontractor to put a plan in place for the sod placement on the SOX bags. We have repaired our irrigation system, which was necessary before we could lay down the sod. The irrigation system is now fixed, and we are finalizing our sod placement plans.

Additionally, we are working with our subcontractor to do some touch-ups to the playground area of the lake to remove a little more sediment. We are evaluating the best path forward to accomplish this part of the project.

We have also been exploring a long-term strategy for lake maintenance, focusing on smaller, more frequent dredging operations. This approach aims to avoid the need for a large-scale dredge in the near future. Our subcontractors have provided proposal ideas on this smaller, more frequent dredge, and we are evaluating these proposals for viability going forward.

Please let me know if you have any other questions or if you need any clarification on the current status of the project.

## **Aggressive Driving Complaints**

Our community has seen an increase in unsafe driving behaviors, including speeding, running stop signs, and dangerously passing other drivers. Tragically, there have also been reports of wildlife being struck and killed on our roads. This is unacceptable and jeopardizes the safety of our families and children.

If you witness aggressive or reckless driving, we urge you to report it to the Cobb County Police, as they have jurisdiction over enforcement on our community roads. Please also notify the HOA Board (eastspringlakehoabod@gmail.com) so we can make our neighbors aware and explore additional solutions.

The HOA is committed to addressing this issue and welcomes input from the community on proactive measures we can take. Ensuring the safety of our neighborhood is our top priority. Thank you for your vigilance and support.

## Welcome New Neighbors!

Jessica Shay

Please help us extend a warm welcome to our new neighbors! The HOA will be hosting a special get-together at the clubhouse for all new residents soon. Be on the lookout for your invitation to come meet your fellow neighbors.

Brown Family | 1581 Sandpoint Drive Burgess Family | 2666 Stonebrook Court Carlington/Loftiss Family | 2681 Long Lake Drive Pella Family | 1552 Sandpoint Drive



Spooky house decor from 2023







## **CRA Update**

Michelle Mulcahey

The HOA has been actively working on several community improvement projects and operational updates. These efforts are aimed at maintaining and enhancing the overall aesthetics, functionality, and cost-effectiveness of our neighborhood.

#### **Refreshed Playground Equipment**

Over the next couple of weeks, the existing playground equipment, which has been well-loved but is in need of maintenance and repair, will undergo a refresh. The work will include pressure washing, re-staining, and rebuilding components where needed. Upgrades will include brand new swings with plasti-coated chains, a new rope ladder, and a secure climbing section in good repair. This work is anticipated to begin on 10/22 and should take no more than a week.

#### **New Split Rail Fence**

The cedar split rail fence on Long Lake Drive at the curve over the creek has served the community for over 25 years, but has now weakened to the point of failure, requiring a couple of urgent repairs in the past year. By mid-November, this fence will be replaced with a new build, which should last another 25–30 years. The duration of this work will be approximately one day, with minimal disruption to the thoroughfare.

## Additional Community Improvements

#### **Entry Sign Lighting Repair**

The lighting at the community entry sign has a fault, and an electrician will have the repairs completed by the end of October.

#### **Irrigation System Upgrades**

The aging irrigation system around the entry, clubhouse, and lakeside grassy areas has required repairs, which have been nearly completed throughout the last month. There is one remaining electrical issue to be resolved, which is expected to be completed by October 23.