

Settles Bridge Sentinel

Newsletter of the Settles Bridge Homeowner's Association, Inc.

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President's Column

At the April 18th Settles Bridge Homeowners Association meeting, new officers were elected for the 2004-2005 term:

President	Clinton Lowe
Vice President	David Hancock
Secretary	Kerri McCoy
Treasurer	Michelle Anderson
Members-At-Large	Nathan Anderson
	Bryan Reed
	Ben Sawyer

Although it has taken a few months for our new team to deliver this first newsletter, we've been very busy working on behalf of the community.

We've had a number of people ask about our calendar of events. I'd like to assure everyone that the Summer Picnic planning is in-the-works.

To help facilitate communication between the SBHA Officers and our community, we are in the process of making our website (www.settlesbridge.com) more reliable and informative. Over the next few weeks, we hope to begin releasing regular, full-text news updates on our website. Subsequent newsletters will only summarize news events posted on the website.

Sincerely,

Clinton Lowe
SBHA President

Annual SBHA Picnic

It's time to start planning for our annual picnic! Great food, great friends, and a chance to catch up on all that is going on in the neighborhood.

This year the picnic will be held toward the end of August, and will include a brief appearance by our PACT officer, Officer Hassell, primarily to answer any questions you may have. Look for details in an upcoming flyer.

Resident's Artwork Showcased

Artwork by Settles Bridge resident Gary McCauley will be on display at The Royal Norcross during the month of July. Located in Downtown Historic Norcross, the Royal promotes artists by arranging fine art presentations such as sculptures, drama, and other special events.

Gary, the son of Tim & Gayle McCauley [4880 Settles Point], will be showing eight original works. While specializing in pastel and scratchboard, he also works in charcoals, colored pencil, and graphite. His exhibit includes 4 city scenes from the 1930's-40's in Pastel, B.B. King and Miles Davis in Scratchboard, Charles Mingus in Charcoal and The Beatles in Pastel. You can see some of his artwork online at www.mccauleyillustrations.com

Settles Bridge is very proud to have such a talented individual as a neighbor, and we wish Gary the very best for his July presentation and continued success with his career.

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Statewide Water Restrictions

On August 1st permanent statewide watering restrictions go into effect. Even numbered addresses may water on TUE, THU, SAT, and odd numbered addresses may water on MON, WED, SUN (No hourly limit).

Exemptions apply to irrigation of personal food gardens and new landscaping. Licensed landscapers and similar professionals may have commercial exemptions.

These restrictions are part of The Board of Natural Resources' initiative to establish year-round conservation measures. The Environmental Protection Division will monitor local utility compliance.

Another PMUD

Jolly Development is proposing a Planned Mixed-Use Development (PMUD) on the land across from the "T" intersection at Suwanee Dam & Settles Bridge, wrapping in an arc behind the CVS/Antiqua buildings over to PIB.

Local HOA presidents and Jolly development worked collaboratively to redesign the plan, and the group is generally in agreement that the commercial portion of the development will occur mainly behind CVS/Antigua and along PIB. There will not be any additional commercial or retail space added along Suwanee Dam.

This is a departure from their original proposal where commercial/office space on Suwanee Dam would have started a trend that could have continued past our subdivision. Without the very active participation of people like your SBHA president, the development could have been significantly worse.

The final project should get a yes/no vote at the next City Council meeting on July 20th

Tench Road Traffic Light

Gwinnett DOT has begun installing a traffic signal at Tench Road and Suwanee Dam. The City was concerned that the opening of Level Creek Elementary School in August would negatively impact traffic along Suwanee Dam and hopes that this new traffic signal will enhance the safety of children and improve traffic flow. Work on the signal should be completed by the start of the school year.

Mayor Backs Candidates

Sunday evening, June 6th, Nick Masino, Mayor of Suwanee, invited the Presidents of Suwanee's Home Owners' Associations (HOA's) to his home for an informal meet-and-greet of political candidates that the Mayor will be supporting during the up-coming elections. Approximately twelve HOA Presidents attended the event, including Clinton Lowe, President of Settles Bridge HOA.

The Mayor's preferred candidates and their prospective offices included the following:

1. Lorraine Green - Commission District One
2. Chip Randall - GA State House Rep
3. Mark Lewis - State Court Judge

The Green / Thorndyke race will be decided in the Republican Primary on July 20th. Candidate Lewis will need to receive a large number of votes during the July 20th primary in order to secure a position in the August 10th run-offs.

Contact Your SBHA

Please visit the website (www.settlesbridge.com) for more information and to contact your homeowners association. You can also e-mail info@settlesbridge.com, or call Clinton Lowe directly at 678-546-3524.