

Settles Bridge Sentinel

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

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SBHA Dues Update

76 homes in our subdivision

I hope that it doesn't seem we are always asking for money - unfortunately it is a necessity. We have done a great deal in the past two years to enhance the appearance of our community, but it was expensive.

61 paid members in 2002

Keeping the front entrance looking nice is costing more money. The SBHA officers really appreciate the encouraging comments we have received about the improved appearance. And while everyone in the neighborhood benefits, not everyone is willing to help with the financial responsibility.

54 paid members in 2003

As you can see, barely 70% of the residents now pay for the front entrance. Fortunately the SBHA received some rather large contributions in 2003 from generous residents who were willing to make up for those that wouldn't even meet the minimum requested dues of \$50, but these large contributions aren't something we can depend on. And, frankly, we shouldn't have to.

Can we count on you this year? Very soon you will be receiving your membership and dues request - please mail it back with your donation of \$50 as soon as you can. Also, talk to your neighbors, and ask them if they have sent in their dues yet. Every resident who sends in their check gets us that much closer!

Another way to help....

While we certainly need your annual membership contribution, we could also use your time. Several times each year we try to organize a work party to do some extra things that just aren't in the budget. This year we already have some ideas, and before long you should see a notice of our first outing. You certainly don't have to be there the whole time to be useful - even 30 minutes would be greatly appreciated.

So far the plans include moving and replanting a few of the shrubs and setting out new pine straw.

Important SBHA Meeting Announcement!

April 18th is the date of our next meeting. This is your annual chance to elect officers for next year, or to run for office yourself. The meeting will start in the cul-de-sac at 4:00 and should move very quickly. In addition to officer election we will have a PACT presentation. This will be a business meeting only (no snacks will be provided), so please do not plan to arrive "fashionably late".

This is the best time to meet some neighbors and to ask questions of your outgoing officers and the representatives of the Suwanee Police department.

April 18th (weather permitting)
4:00pm

Settles Point Road cul-de-sac:
Rain Date - April 25 - rain date

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Neighborhood Telephone Listing



On the Way



We have been visiting homes to check on residents that we haven't heard from in a while, and are finalizing the Settles Bridge family telephone directory, 2004 Edition. If you are new to the neighborhood or are concerned that we may not have your correct information, please contact us. The easiest way is to take a look at the online version and then e-mail your updates to:

directory@settlesbridge.com

The directory is very important for emergency contacts. The Suwanee Police Department does not know how to contact all of the residents in our subdivision, and occasionally come to the SBHA officers for assistance. Up to date information ensures that you can be located if necessary.

If you don't remember your online password, you can send an e-mail to the address above and we will send it to you.

Odds & Ends

The River Club

Very soon you will be getting an invitation in the mail from Jodi Wolfe, Membership Director of The River Club. This exclusive community is just around the corner from us, and they are offering memberships in their golf/tennis/pool center to all Settles Bridge residents. Sometime in April they will be having an open house where we will be able to drop by and take a look at their plans and see the construction.

Free Gun Locks

Project Safechild has donated gunlocks to the Suwanee Police department for distribution. If you need one, please contact Sgt. Elias Casanas ASAP. There is a limited supply, so don't wait.

Settles Bridge Traffic Study

Last year the City of Suwanee conducted a traffic study in our subdivision as a result of complaints residents had made about speeders. Few homeowners attended the meeting in December when this traffic study was discussed by the Suwanee Police Department, so for those of you who couldn't make it here is a brief summary.

We don't have a speeding problem - at least not as defined by the City. The one day study showed almost 20 people driving faster than 36 miles per hour, and while this was not enough to warrant any additional action by the City it is enough to keep them coming in occasionally to ticket speeders.

Those of you who have cared enough to slow down are certainly appreciated. So far we have been fortunate not to have any of our children badly hurt in an unfortunate accident. Please remember there are children playing in the neighborhood who do not pay attention - so you have to.

To see the some graphs of the data, go to the SBHA website and click on "Latest News".

The entire Settles Bridge family is deeply saddened by the loss of one of our young neighbors, and our friend, Michael Punch, teenage son of longtime residents April and Mike Punch and brother of Kristin.

After a lengthy battle with Leukemia Michael passed away on Sunday March 21st, 2004. Michael was often seen playing in the front of our subdivision, was a favorite of all his neighbors, and has already been sorely missed.

We remember April, Kristin, and Mike in our prayers.