

# Settles Bridge Sentinel

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

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## Meet Your SBHA Officers

In an effort to help the residents of Settles Bridge know more about the people who were willing to volunteer their time to serve our community, we have asked them to put together a little background information. Here are some of the ones that we have received to date:

### *Kathie Curtin, Vice President*

I am Kathie Curtin. I have lived in Settles Bridge for 15 years. I am the Vice President this year and I am looking forward to working with this wonderful board you have all elected. I know we will achieve great things.

I am married to Kevin and have a daughter named Calen and a golden retriever named Clarabelle (who has become very large, but is very friendly). I have lived in Georgia since my family relocated here when I was in high school. I went back to NY only long enough to find Kevin, marry him and convince him to move back with me to GA. We love this area and have seen much growth, but we know how important our little neighborhood is. We have been through it all and remain a strong and friendly little community that the larger community of Suwanee listens to usually. I strongly feel this association is very important. The value of our homes depends on the decisions we make about our community.

I hope you all become members of this association and I hope all of you that are members already continue to support all that is done.

Thanks

Kathie

### *Melissa Holton, Member at Large*

Hi! My name is Melissa Holton. I am a Member At Large for our home owner's association and I co-chair the social committee. My husband, Scott and I have lived in Settles Bridge for almost 5 years and have loved every minute of it. I was born in GA and have lived here most of my life. I have 2 degrees from the University of Georgia and live and die for UGA football. Currently, I handle all the payroll needs for Honey Baked Ham.

I feel that the Settles Bridge Home Owners Association is a very important part of our community. It helps keep our neighborhood informed about everything going on around us along with standing up for our rights has home owners.

Without a clubhouse or common area, SBHA socials are the only thing that draws all of us together. I enjoy getting to know my neighbors and having fun. Getting to know each other is really the only way that a neighborhood watch works and helps protect our homes. I look forward to meeting more of you at the next SBHA social! If anyone has a great idea for a get together or would like to volunteer their time or house, please feel free to contact me at [social.committee@settlesbridge.com](mailto:social.committee@settlesbridge.com)

### *Your current Homeowner's Association officers:*

President:	Kerri McCoy
Vice President:	Kathie Curtin
Treasurer:	Scott Holton
Secretary:	Tracey Dorris
Members at Large:	Melissa Holton
	Karen Williams
	Richard Parker

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### Help with Front Entrance

Richard Parker has volunteered to organize interested residents of Settles Bridge to share in the maintenance of our front entrance. The goal is to have enough volunteers so that each one will only be responsible for one week every two months. This will take a total of eight volunteers.

If you would like to volunteer or ask questions, call Richard at 770-271-8973 or email [rbpmcb@bellsouth.net](mailto:rbpmcb@bellsouth.net).

If we are successful we will eliminate the largest single expenditure in our budget (\$170 per month) and can use these funds for other projects.

### Where the Criminals Live *Settles Bridge Sentinel Exclusive!*

It has been years since the City of Suwanee has had a working jail, so every person arrested by the Suwanee Police must be booked into the Gwinnett County Jail.

Arrests in Gwinnett County are a matter of public record, but is difficult to see a pattern if you just look at the daily arrest records.

For the first time anywhere we have collected two years of arrest data for the 30024 zip code and plotted the offenders' addresses on a map of our area. From the map it is clear to see that those arrested tend to live in certain areas.

To see the map you must visit the Settles Bridge website at [www.settlesbridge.com](http://www.settlesbridge.com). Click on the *Latest News* link and find the map. And of course we must say that these people have not been *convicted* of any crime, only arrested.

Want to receive a daily e-mail with names, pictures, addresses and a list of charges of the people arrested in the 30024 zip code? There is a fantastic *free* service available. Visit the website:

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

There you can also find a map of all the registered sex offenders in our area.

### Odds & Ends

The City right of way in our neighborhood extends 11 feet from the back of the curb and the City leases this to utilities like the cable company, who can dig it up anytime they want. Even if they cut an irrigation line they aren't required to fix it because, in their mind, it shouldn't be there anyway.

Notice how close the huge brick (bank) building across from City Hall is to Buford Highway? Suwanee is encouraging development close to the road to keep it from going 4 lanes. While not "official" policy, the City knows that if the section through Suwanee goes four lanes it will be much more dangerous. They are counting on the State not being able to afford to buy all the buildings needed for the expansion.

Seen the "Potential Commercial" tag on the *for sale* sign across the street from our subdivision entrance? Don't worry - this is really misleading. While technically everything is potentially commercial, the Cities of Suwanee and Sugar Hill are committed to keep all of Suwanee Dam residential. While I am not sure how Sugar Hill will do, I know that Suwanee won't let it happen any time soon.

Another apartment 'community' is coming - on Old Peachtree Road on the other side of I-85. City Council originally refused this development for a number of reasons, but the developer sued and won. The case was remanded to P&Z and Council, where they essentially had to rubberstamp. Construction may start this year. The development should be visible from the Interstate as you head north.

Excited about the Office Depot coming to Suwanee? Located on Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road in the area near Wal-Mart (where the trailer sales lot was) this development's dark cloud is that it will probably mean *another* traffic light on L'ville-Suwanee Road.

Three Council seats open up this Fall - the most that are ever open at one time. Jace Brooks, Carol Hassell and Alan Landers. Jace and Alan have both told me they are running again. Not sure about Carol, but I know that next week Dan Foster will enter the race. In Suwanee you have to pick the seat you run against, and unless Carol announces soon he will certainly run for that position. Honestly all of the people are *excellent* and I fully support them all. Maybe Carol will decide she is too busy with Gwinnett County work and make it easier for me in November.

Now that Cell Phones can be the target of an unsolicited sales call, it is more important than ever to get on the Do Not Call list. And it is easy - just visit: [www.donotcall.gov](http://www.donotcall.gov)

Finally - a free credit report that is *really* free! Don't fall for all the scams, most of which are run by the credit services. Simply visit this website and get a truly free report with no strings attached: [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com).