

April 2011

Essex Park Matters



**Old Man Winter has come and gone.
Sunny skies, blooming flowers, birds chirping; Spring
is here!**



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

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- Hello Neighbors!
 - Spring is here and it is so wonderful to see so many of you out in the neighborhood. I am excited about my new role as President of the Board of Directors. I love Essex Park and hope that I can contribute to making this subdivision a wonderful place to live.
 - I'd like to start off by extending a warm welcome to those new to our neighborhood and hope you find the neighborhood safe, friendly and to your liking. We encourage you to get involved with our Property Owners' Association (POA).
 - The Board of Directors is excited to announce that we will begin resurfacing our swimming pool in April. We've had several issues with the tiles falling off and the bottom cracking over these past few years and the pool just won't make it another year without be resurfaced. We've contacted a few companies and have made our decision. The pool will be completed by Memorial Day Weekend.
 - Isn't it great to finally see some green around here? Essex Park is such a fine looking community once our Bermuda grass shows up! It's obvious that the majority of our homeowners really enjoy their yards, front and back, and it is very rewarding to see folks out working on their property. Nothing does more for "curb appeal" than a well-maintained yard, and I am very optimistic that as we continue to move out of this extended recession we will reap the benefits of increasing property values.
 - As we move into the warmer months, The Board asks homeowners to become familiar with the pool rules and regulations (also found on the website). Key points are 1) No one under the age of 14 is allowed in the pool area without supervision of an adult 18 or older. In addition, children under the age of 18 are not permitted to supervise younger children without parents on site. 2) Running, horseplay and bad behavior cannot and will not be tolerated. This includes pushing, pulling or throwing each other into the pool, and misuse of the amenities facilities. All homeowners are empowered and encouraged to call attention to these situations whenever observed. Parents, you are responsible; please monitor children's behavior. Persons who cannot abide by these rules will be removed from the facility and further action will be recommended to the board.
 - This will be the final newsletter that will be delivered to homes in the HOA. Future newsletters and announcements will be available from our website at www.essexparkonline.org. For those families that do not have access to the internet, there will be a small number of printed copies of the newsletter available upon request. Please check the website often for updated information. We are entering this new phase of communication by also requesting that each household submit an email address so that we can further communicate with you. Your email address will be kept confidential and will not be included in any tag line when an email is sent using this distribution list. This is the most effective form of communication in case of an emergency in the area or something that directly effects our association. We look forward to streamlining this process and hope everyone will participate.
 - I welcome your comments and suggestions. Please feel free to email me at jerritickner@hotmail.com if you have any questions or concerns.
 - Happy Spring!!!
 - Jerri
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2011 Board of Directors:

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ARCHITECTURAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Dear Essex Park Neighbors,

Spring is finally here (some days I think it skipped us!!) and with it so are the weeds. Please be mindful of this and attack them as necessary. Even without a lawn service, it can be very affordable to keep weeds at bay. There are some very economical products on the market these days.

On another note, the Board has decided to look closely at the exterior maintenance of the neighborhood. We plan to do this on a case by case basis rather than a "blanket" issuance. PLEASE take the time to read the attached letter as it will explain this decision further. I don't plan to send this to every home in the neighborhood in an effort to save postage. Attached, also find the simple check sheet we will be using. This process will be conducted by the 5 EPPOA Board members ONLY and not the ASC committee. We plan to begin this process during the month of May. Please email me at sally.giusti@gmail.com or call 770-427-7995 with ANY questions!!!

Thanks for keeping Essex Park one of the nicest looking neighborhoods in the area!!!

Sally Giusti
EPPOA Board member
Architectural Standards

ASC Drive Thru Schedule

Week of		
March 12	Terri	Charlotte
March 26	Jamie	Sally
April 2	Charlotte	Jamie
April 16	Sally	Terri
April 30	Terri	Charlotte
May 14	Jamie	Sally
May 28	Charlotte	Jamie
June 11	Sally	Terri
June 25	Terri	Charlotte
July 9	Jamie	Sally
July 23	Charlotte	Jamie
August 6	Sally	Terri
August 20	Terri	Charlotte
September 3	Jamie	Sally
September 17	Charlotte	Jamie
October	Sally	Terri
November	Terri	Charlotte
December	Jamie	Sally
January	Charlotte	Jamie
February	Sally	Terri
ASC Committee:		
Sally Giusti	Board Member	770-427-7995 Sally.giusti@gmail.com
Charlotte Burk	Committee Member	
Jamie Hobbs	Committee Member	
Terri McKinley	Committee Member	

Essex Park Property Owner's Association, Inc.

3600 Dallas Highway
Suite 230-163
Marietta, GA 30064

Essex Park Property Owner
Marietta, GA 30064

April, 2011

Dear Neighbor,



I hope this letter finds you enjoying the New Year. Let's hope 2011 is kinder than 2010. For the past two years that I have been the Architectural Standards Liaison, I have been wrestling with the need to paint some of the homes in Essex Park. Due to the declining economy during those years, I have put off any recommendations regarding the painting of houses. However, this year, I may not be able to avoid this action.

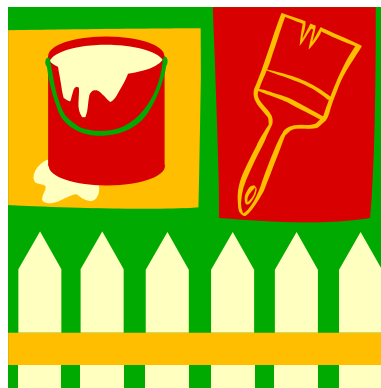
In the past, the Board has issued blanket notices to certain sections of the neighborhood requesting painting and other exterior maintenance within a specified span of time. We have discussed this extensively at board meetings and have come to the conclusion that this is not the best way to address this situation. Upon further consideration, we have decided to begin issuing recommendations on a case by case basis.

Beginning in May of 2011, as part of the drive through process, the ASC committee and the Board members will begin an evaluation process to determine which houses in Essex Park seem to be ready for painting and exterior maintenance. Attached to this letter is the checklist that will be used by the board to determine need. Please feel free to use this checklist yourself in the meantime to assess your own home.

Curb appeal goes a long way in maintaining home value. In this tight economy, we understand that extensive exterior maintenance may be a hardship, but if tackled piece by piece, it should be manageable.

Sincerely,

Sally Giusti
EPPOA Board
Architectural Standards Liaison



Architectural Standards Exterior Maintenance Checklist

The items subject to review are viewable from the street Essex Park Architector sidewalk, or those that detract from another Homeowner's property.

Area in need:	Repair	Power wash/Clean	Paint
Awnings			
Chimney			
Doors			
Fence			
Garage Doors			
Paint			
Porch			
Shutters			
Trim			
Windows			

Level of Need: Immediate – 5 months
Near Future – 6-12 months
Future – 1-2 years

PINE STRAW

Hi Everyone! It is that time of year. If you are in need of Pine Straw, Essex Park is placing a neighborhood order which will save everyone a little money. The cost is \$3.60 per bale and they will deliver to each home. Please make checks payable to West Cobb Pine Straw and send Jerri Tickner the requests and checks. jerritickner@hotmail.com.

The Deadline to order is May 13th and the delivery will be the following week.



ESSEX PARK ARCHITECTURAL CHANGE APPROVAL FORM

(Homeowners, Please use this updated form for any architectural changes you make to your home and property)

Request to Architectural Standards Committee:

Homeowner's Name: _____

Homeowner's Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Description of Desired Improvement/Change: (some examples include: Painting exterior of house, Installing a fence, Installing a storage shed, Adding a deck, Adding a screened porch, etc.)

**Please Note* Homeowner is responsible for obtaining all permits, property setbacks and any zoning requirements.*

Approximate Project Start Date: _____

Approximate Completion Date: _____

Illustration of Project (or attach to this form a diagram, picture or quote sheet so we may see your planned change)

Homeowner's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Approved _____	Approved with Conditions _____ (see comments below)	Not Approved _____ (see comments for reason
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Comments: _____

Committee Member Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please send all requests to:
Essex Park Property Owner's Association, Inc.
Architectural Change Approval Form
3600 Dallas Hwy., Suite 230-163
Marietta. GA 30064

Calendar Of Events For 2011



March 15 Board Meeting -7pm

April 12 Board Meeting-7pm

April 16 Yard Sale-8 am (Alternate date April 30)

April 17 Easter Egg Hunt -2pm

May 10 Board Meeting-7 pm

May 14 Garage Sale

June 4 Pool Party-4 pm (Bring your own dish)

June 14 Board Meeting-7pm (as needed)

July 12 Board Meeting-7 pm

July 31 Second Half of Dues must be postmarked by this date to avoid a late fee.

August 9 Board Meeting-7pm

August 27 Pool Party-4pm (Food arrives at 5 pm)

September 13 Board Meeting-7pm

October 11 Board Meeting-7pm

October 29 Fall Festival-4pm, Halloween Costume Contest judging begins at 5pm

November 8 Board Meeting-7 pm

November 13 Annual Board Meeting-7 pm

November 29 Christmas Decorating Party-5 pm

December 10 Breakfast with Santa-10 am

YARD SALE

Our Annual Yard Sale will take place on May 14, 2011. If you are interested in participating in the yard sale please contact Christy Johnson at Christy Johnson at christy.johnson@ey.com. The fee is \$5.00. You may write a check to the Essex Park Property Owner's Association or pay cash.



EASTER EGG HUNT

The Easter Bunny visited Essex Park on April 17 and the children had a terrific time. Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers who made this event a success.

Our Father's Hands is in need of gently used or new clothing and home décor donations. The shop is located on the corner of Lost Mountain Road and Macland across from the Kroger shopping plaza. Proceeds from the store are used to feed the homeless every Thursday night. They also are looking for new or gently used book bags, sport bags, duffle or travel bags etc. The homeless carry everything with them and really appreciate the bags. Especially

ESSEX PARK CLASSIFIEDS

Mary Kay—Discover fabulous beauty products and moisturizers. Contact Anne Bramlett at (678) 521-0811 or annebramlett@bellsouth.net for a free facial or sample and brochure. 100% Satisfaction Guarantee.

Watson Heating and Air—Essex Park Resident Call Essex Park resident, Jeff Watson, for your heating and air needs. He is licensed and insured. Call (770) 425-4565 (office/fax) or (770) 367-7432 (cell).

Auto Mobile Solutions - "We bring auto inspection and repair to you." Ask about our Essex Park Special! Call Frank at (770) 596-5826.

Do You Own Your Own Life? Looking for a way to earn extra money, change your lifestyle and create great RESIDUAL income. Contact Marney Waters at (770) 598-9664 or mrwpiano88@yahoo.com.

Tutoring—Tutoring...SAT Prep, English, Social Studies...All grades...Certified Teacher. Call Sally at (770) 427-7995.

North Georgia Cabin Rental—Ready for a family mountain retreat. Look no further. Rent this new log cabin in the Brasstown Valley area (only 106 miles from Essex Park). It has 2 bedrooms with 2 1/2 baths and sleeps 8 people.

6-Person Hot Tub. Conveniently located between Blairsville and Young Harris. For rental information and rates, please contact Jerri or Steve Tickner at (770) 794-9407 or by e-mail at jerritickner@hotmail.com. Virtual Tour: <http://smilebox.com/playBlog/4e5455784e5467354d513d3d0d0a>

Plumbing Needs- Experienced plumber - for repair work or new installations, call Mark McClead 770-910-3227. Great prices, fast, reliable and dependable work. From leaky faucets to new plumbing for basements or add ons. No job is too small or large! References available.

Mural Painting—Looking to decorate a baby nursery or another room? Contact Beth Morris for a free consultation at (770) 499-0154 or by e-mail at bethmorris1125@att.net.

Babysitting: Call Katia Morris at (770) 499-0154., Maddy Keesling at (770) 419-8854, or Holly Bramlett at (770) 419-0108.

Lawn Care: Call Kyle Keesling at (404) 539-9431.

Petsitting: Call Maddy Keesling at (770) 419-8854 or Kyle Keesling at (404) 539-9431.

Voice Over Artist: Renita Coleman <http://renitacoleman.voices.com/>

******(if you would like to have your business advertised in upcoming newsletters or if you have any changes to your current ad, please

WASTE INDUSTRIES—ENDORSED BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS



NO START-UP FEES. NO DEPOSITS.

Best Rate: \$9.99/month includes 95-gallon cart and weekly curbside trash service. Rate guaranteed for 12 months.

Standard Service: \$12.50/month includes 95-gallon cart and weekly curbside trash service + 5 bags of trash + 65-gallon recycle container and weekly curbside service.

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WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

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3600 Dallas Highway
Suite 230, Box 163
Marietta, GA 30064
Phone: 770-514-8855 (voicemail)

WWW.ESSEXPARKONLINE.ORG

Please check out the new website.
Here, you'll find almost everything you
need to know about our community.
Important announcements will be posted on
this site.

IMPORTANT NOTICES



Pool Key and Rules and Regulations

As you are aware, the board made a few necessary changes to the Rules and Regulations to make them more user friendly. Many small changes were made as well. In order to access the pool, you now need a key. If you have not obtained the newest copy of the Rules and Regulations, as well as, a key please contact Terri Haas, Essex Park Secretary. The pool is scheduled to open towards the end of May.

Pool Opening

As you know, we are renovating the pool this year. For this reason, we do not have a specific date for the pool opening yet. As soon as we have a date, we will let you know.



Vendor Signs

Signs for vendors may not be on your property for more than 30 days.

Trash being thrown into the street drains

Unfortunately, some residents are using the street drains to dump their yard clippings and even trash from time to time. Please use the proper receptacle for your trash.

Child Watch

Summer is around the corner. With that comes many hours spent outside enjoying the sunny weather. Please make sure you are keeping an eye on your children. Explain to them that the street is NOT a safe place to play.

Doggy Duty

For many of us, your dog is a member of the family. We have recently had issues with many dogs getting loose. Some of these dogs have been aggressive at times. Please be considerate and keep a close eye on your pets. If you are r
neighbor's dog is loose, please let them know. If it becomes a habit or you
do not feel safe handling the situation, call Animal Control at (770) 499-4136.





NEW WEBSITE

Essex Park is proud to have a website. You may now access the website for all current and upcoming events, calendar schedules, and association information.

<http://www.essexparkonline.org/>

