



Essex Park Matters

In the Spring a fuller crimson comes upon the robin's breast;

In the Spring the wanton lapwing gets himself another crest;

In the Spring a livelier iris changes on the burnish'd dove;

In the Spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love.

ALFRED TENNYSON



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy 2013!

Greetings fellow homeowners! As we are well into a New Year, I hope this letter finds you all in good health and spirits. I look forward to another year as the President of the Essex Park POA. During our Annual POA meeting in November, one new Board Member was elected. Ray Boyd has joined the board and will take over as the ASC Liaison. Sally Giusti will be our Vice President, Terri Haas will remain the Secretary and Cristy Johnson will remain as Treasurer.

One of our goals this year is to continue proactive communications within our community. Our new website is up and running (www.essexparkonline.org). Please visit the website to review the Covenants, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations and to print the Architectural Change Request form. We also have an Essex Park Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/essexparkneighbors/>

As Board members, we are representing you, the Essex Park POA. It is a valuable and rewarding experience to have the opportunity to serve you while maintaining a strong sense of community relations and protecting the value of our homes and association owned assets. Remember that the Board and committee members are made up of volunteers. There are many areas to participate and we are always in need of help to lead or assist in planning activities or events. We challenge and encourage each resident to volunteer and get involved. Contact any Board member for information on how you too can contribute to the Essex Park Community. The Board meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM. Residents are welcome to join us during the Open Session.

We are looking forward to a prosperous new year with a refreshed energy directed towards a fun and family oriented community. Together, we will make this an exciting new year. Hope to see you around the neighborhood!

Sincerely,
 Jerri Tickner, President

2013 Board of Directors:

- Jerri Tickner-President 770-794-9407
- Sally Giusti-Vice President 770-427-7995
- Cristy Johnson-Treasurer 770-425-3124
- Terri Haas-Secretary 770-429-9006
- Ray Boyd-ASC 404-510-5993

STAYING INFORMED AND CONNECTED

Please update your email address with the board if it has changed. This is the best way for us to communicate up to date information.

Please email terrihaas@yahoo.com with any changes or updates.

Find us on Facebook at [essexparkneighbors](https://www.facebook.com/groups/essexparkneighbors/) or on our website <http://essexparkonline.org/>



ARCHITECTURAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE



SPRING ASC

Dear Essex Park Neighbors,

With hopefully warm weather coming soon (please?) it is time to begin thinking about some of those outside jobs that spring brings: yard maintenance and home upkeep and repair.

Now is the time to spread pre-emergent to the lawns to kill those weeds that are “thinking” of popping up in April. Spraying Round-Up® or a glyphosate equivalent should take care of the weeds we see now. It is still too soon for annuals, but by Spring Break, the weather should be just right.

Beginning in March, the Board will be sending out notices regarding painting the siding or stucco on homes. Two years ago, we did this with a year deadline in mind, but considering the state of the economy, we decided not to hold too tightly to that time frame. This year, sadly, we do not feel we can put off the inevitable any longer. For those of you who have painted your homes in the last two years, we say THANK YOU! For those whose homes haven’t been painted in the last 8-12 years, we ask that you please make arrangements to have it done by the 31st October of this year. Letters to this regard will be sent out by the end of March. If you have any questions, you can contact any of the board members.

This is my last letter to you as the Architectural Standards Liaison to the Board. Ray Boyd will be the ASC-L from now on and I will step into the Vice President’s role as well as keeping up the website. Our “new” website is simple but effective. I plan to add more links and features as I grow more adept at this new venture.

Sincerely,

Sally Giusti

ASC Liaison



ESSEX PARK CLASSIFIEDS

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 ones with wheels! For more information contact Linda at linda_lipp@comcast.net.

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.

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.\

Please email terrihaas@yahoo.com if you would like to advertise in the newsletter.



Essex Park Property Owners' Association, Inc. Treasurer Report March 2013

At our year end meeting held in November, 2012, the treasurer reports the financial condition of the Association and presents a budget for the upcoming year (2013). The budget is then voted on by a quorum by attendees. The Board announced a rate increase to the annual dues of \$30.00 or 7.6% increase. The Board is authorized to increase dues by 10% per year without a vote from the homeowners. Please see the excerpt below.

Per Section 5 (a) of the covenants states:

From and after January 1 of the year immediately following the conveyance of the first Lot with a permanent dwelling erected thereon, the annual assessment may not be increased in any year by more than ten percent (10%) over the preceding year's annual assessment without a vote of members.

The Board had not raised the dues in 10 years and we have never assessed our homeowners for any project, including the resurfacing of the pool. However, in order to meet our financial needs we have to borrow from the Money Market for expenses at year end and through January of any year, before dues replenish the coffers. The Board needs to have adequate income throughout the year to pay our bills and we felt that an increase in dues was warranted.

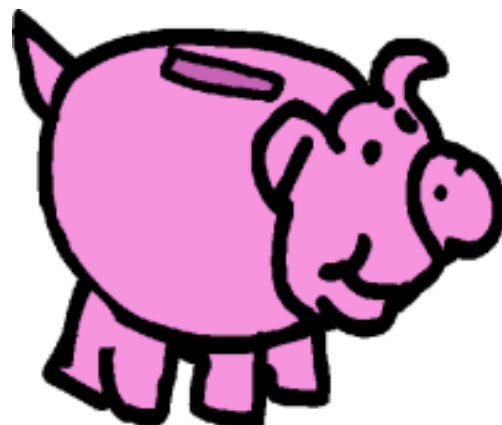
Your dues pay for the upkeep of the Front Entrance, Clubhouse, Tennis Court and landscaping. Over the years we have approved and paid for projects that enhance the beauty of the subdivision and help keep property values up.

It is very important for all homeowners to let the Association know when your e-mail address or telephone/cell numbers changes. Not only do we need good names and addresses for all homeowners to invoice the dues, but the Board communicates security issues via e-mail. If a homeowner doesn't have a computer or does not wish to communicate via e-mail, please contact a Board member with other options for contact.

If I can be of any further assistance to you please call me at (770) 425-3124.

Sincerely,

Cristy Johnson
Treasurer, Essex Park Property Owners' Association



EASTER EGG HUNT

March 23, 2013

10:00 AM

**Egg hunt followed by juice and donuts.
Stop by for some Easter fun!**



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Visit us on Facebook at
essexparkneighbors.

IMPORTANT NOTICES



Pool Opening

The pool is scheduled to open May 2013. Please stay posted for the official opening date!!

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. Please remember to pick up any NEWSPAPERS left in your driveway or in front of your home.

Child Watch

Parents, please keep an eye on your children. Running into the streets and in and out of yards can be dangerous. Also, be courteous to your neighbors. If your child is running through a neighbor's yard, make sure it is OK first.

Doggy Duty



Please remember to keep your furry friend on a leash at all times. There have been many complaints of dogs running around the neighborhood. Remember, it is also the law.

Dog waste should be picked up and disposed of off of neighboring property. Plastic bags from the grocery store are very handy.

Slow Down

Please remember that we live in a residential area with a lot of kids and pets. Young people (and some of you older ones too) don't fully grasp how precious children are and how fast a tragedy can strike. Please help keep our neighborhood safe!

