



# Essex Park Matters

*ALITTLE madness in the Spring  
Is wholesome even for the King,  
But God be with the Clown,  
Who ponders this tremendous scene—  
This whole experiment of green,  
As if it were his own!*

*EMILY DICKINSON*



## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

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- Happy Spring 2014!
- 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, two new Board Members were elected. Laurie Henry will serve as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and Amanda McLean will serve as Treasurer. Sally Giusti will remain as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and Terri Haas will remain the Secretary. We would like to thank Cristy Johnson for serving as our Treasurer for many, many years!
- One of our goals this year is to continue proactive communications within our community. Our website is up and running ([www.essexparkonline.org](http://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/>
- Within the next few months, you will see Cobb Water Authority replacing the main water pipes along Friendship Church Rd. Our front entrance landscaping will be affected temporarily.
- 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM. Residents are welcome to join us during the Open Session. We could REALLY use some help with the Annual Pool Party and the Breakfast with Santa.
- 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

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## 2013 Board of Directors:

Jerri Tickner-President 770-794-9407

Sally Giusti-Vice President 770-249-8068

Terri Haas-Secretary 770-429-9006

Laurie Henry-2nd Vice President 770-426-9553

Amanda McLean-Treasurer 770-514-6728

## 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](mailto:terrihaas@yahoo.com) with any changes or updates.

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



# ARCHITECTURAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE



Dear Essex Park Neighbors,

- Spring is finally here and with it so are the WEEDS. ASC drive throughs began March 28, 2015 and will continue on a bi-monthly basis through October. Please refer to the Rules and Regulations (located on our website: [essexparkonline.org](http://essexparkonline.org)) as to what types of things should be corrected. Below are a few suggestions to keep your yard looking it's best.
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- Weed treatment: 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.
- Take a look at your flower beds. Do the shrubs need trimmed, does new mulch or pine straw need laid down to freshen up the beds?
- Grass will soon need to be mowed on a regular basis. Along with that, edging needs to be done as well.
- Cover bare earth
- Please make sure all yard and grass clippings are cleared off of the sidewalk and the street. DO NOT blow the clippings down the street drains. This will only cause clogs which could lead to water problems down the road.
- Make sure trash that may have flown from trash cans is picked up out of the yard and that the trash cans are NOT VISIBLE from the street.
- Any ASC changes, whether it be paint color, new roof, or a retaining wall, all need to be approved by the POA. Please see the ASC form on the next page of this newsletter. You may mail the form or drop in any board members mail box for approval. Please allow for a 2 week turn around for all requests. Make sure to be as specific as possible.

Keep in mind that these drive throughs and notices are not meant to be mean-spirited, but instead are designed to help keep the neighborhood looking in peak condition. Also, on the same note, several years ago, we sent notices regarding exterior up keep of our homes. Please be notified that the Board will again be requesting that homes be painted this year. Many have already done so, and THANK YOU! Many homes in the neighborhood haven't been painted for several years and it is beginning to be evident.

We will be starting back up our YARD OF THE MONTH award. Please keep this in mind as you are working on your yard. You will received a \$25 Lowes/Home Depot gift card, as well as, The YARD OF THE MONTH sign for that month. This is a great way to encourage everyone to work together to keep the neighborhood looking great.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact any member of the board. At this time, the POA Executive Board is sharing in the ASC tasks at hand so all members should be able to answer your questions.

Happy Spring!

The EPPOA Executive Board



# ARCHITECTURAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE



The Georgia Department of Natural Resources has issued a ban on open burning May 1 – September 30 of each year. Fifty-four counties in Georgia (including Cobb County) are affected. Cobb County Fire and Emergency Services are responsible for the enforcement of this state-issued burning ban in unincorporated Cobb County, and the cities of Acworth, Kennesaw, and Powder Springs.

From May 1 – September 30, you may not burn leaves, tree limbs, or other yard waste, forest land, or use air curtain destructors for land clearing.

### Types of Fires Allowed All Year

Certain types of fires are allowed all year, even during the burn ban, as listed below. •



Recreational fire means an outdoor fire in which only logs or clean wood are being burned and has a total fuel area of 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height for pleasure, religious ceremonial, cooking, warmth or similar purposes, and which is not used to dispose of garbage or yard waste.

- Recreational fires are allowed between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 10:30 p.m.
- No recreational burning is allowed on windy days (10 mph or higher) or on days when the atmospheric conditions (cloudy, overcast, or raining) would cause the smoke to remain low to the ground.
- Recreational fires must be attended by an adult who must be watching the fire at all times. Never leave the fire unattended.
- A water hose or fire extinguisher must be on hand that can reach the fire, and can be ready to use if needed.
- Recreational fires must be at least 25 feet from all structures.

Recreational fires shall not be started with petroleum-based products.



"I CAN'T CUT THE GRASS UNTIL I FIND THE LAWNMOWER AND I CAN'T FIND THE LAWNMOWER UNTIL I CUT THE GRASS!"

[http://www.cobbcounty.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=1082&Itemid=811](http://www.cobbcounty.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1082&Itemid=811)

The Georgia Gardener [www.walterreeves.com](http://www.walterreeves.com)

### Bermudagrass Lawn Calendar

1. MOWING HEIGHT: Common bermuda: 1" - 2" Hybrid bermuda: 1/2" - 1 1/2" Remove no more than 1/3 total height at one time.
2. WATER: 1 inch per week if no rainfall. Sod laid in fall or winter months must not be allowed to dry; water as needed. Observe watering restrictions. (See above)
3. FERTILIZATION: Use any turf fertilizer. Follow label directions and rate. APRIL and JUNE are the best months to fertilize.
4. IDEAL pH RANGE: 5.5- 6.5 Use dolomitic lime per soil test recommendation.
5. AERATION: Use a core aerator during active growth season. MAY-JULY are the best months to aerate.
6. DETHATCH: If thatch exceeds .5" deep, use a vertical mower with blades 1" apart; go over the lawn in only two directions. Topdressing with .25" of soil is the most effective practice
7. WEED CONTROL: Read product label carefully to determine which weeds are controlled and on which grasses the product can be used.
8. Spring pre-emergent\* (prevents crabgrass, goosegrass and other summer weed seeds from sprouting) MARCH is the best month to apply spring pre-emergent
9. Broadleaf post-emergent\* (spot spray to kill broadleaved plants like chickweed, wild violet, dandelion, wild onion, etc) It is ALWAYS ok to spot spray.
10. Grassy weed post-emergent\* (kills grassy weeds like crabgrass, dallisgrass, etc. Do not apply to drought-stressed Bermuda.) MAY and JUNE are the bests months for this Winter pre-emergent\* (prevents chickweed and other winter weed seeds from sprouting) OCTOBER is ideal for this.

<http://www.walterreeves.com/lawn-care/lawn-care-calendars-and-factsheets/>



# 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.)

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*\*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)

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Homeowner's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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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



## *2015 Essex Park Events Calendar*

March 10, 2015 – Board Meeting

April 14, 2015-Board Meeting

May 12, 2015-Board Meeting

June 9, 2015-Board Meeting

June 13, 2015-Neighborhood Yard Sale 8-2 pm

July 14, 2015-Board Meeting

August 11, 2015-Board Meeting

August 22, 2015-Pool Party-4 pm (Food Arrives at 5 pm)

September 8, 2015-Board Meeting

October 13, 2015-Board Meeting

October-Halloween party to be determined

November 15 2015-Annual Board Meeting and Chili Cook-off (start at 4 pm)

December 8, 2015 Board Meeting

December-Santa date to be determined

Hi, Neighbors!

Happy Spring! Just a reminder, the dues for the first half of the year were due on January 31, 2015. If you have not paid these yet, please do so as soon as possible. If you have any questions regarding your payment, please feel free to call or email me.

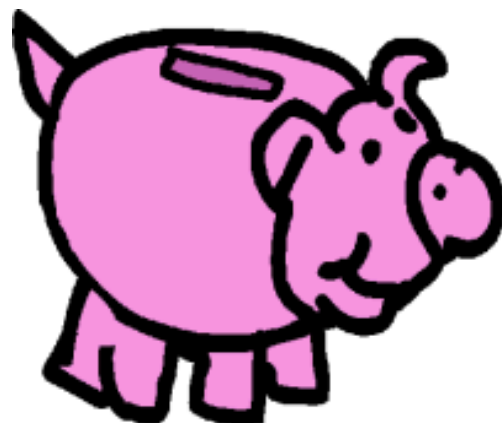
Most of you know that your dues are important because they help us pay for the pool, tennis court, clubhouse, and landscaping. We have a beautiful neighborhood and are working to keep up the value of our homes. Thank you for doing your part by paying your dues and taking care of your property as well as the common areas.

We currently have over \$10,000 in our checking account and over \$16,000 in savings. We recently had to buy a new pool cover and had some trees removed from the tennis court area. We received a large check from the Cobb County Marietta Water Authority to cover landscaping for the front entrance which was compromised by some of their utility work.

If you are new to the neighborhood or have had a change of phone number or email address, please let us know your updated contact information. The Board often communicates via email about news and upcoming events and we would like to be able to reach you when needed.

Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at (770) 514-6728.

Sincerely,  
Amanda McLean  
Treasurer, Essex Park POA



**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.

**Nick’s Lawn & Garden Rescue**-Call Nick Bramlett for reasonable lawn and garden maintenance, design and establishment. References available. (678)-756-2513

**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](mailto:jerritickner@hotmail.com). Virtual Tour: <http://smilebox.com/playBlog/4e5455784e5467354d513d3d0d0a>

**CALLING ALL PARENTS OF GRADUATING HIGHSCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS.**

If you would like to have your child’s name listed on the first annual Graduation Banner, please email [terrihaas@yahoo.com](mailto:terrihaas@yahoo.com) no later than April 30 with the information. We need your child’s name and the school that they are graduating from. If they are going to college and have decided on a college, please add this information as well.

**Please email [terrihaas@yahoo.com](mailto:terrihaas@yahoo.com) if you would like to advertise in the newsletter.**



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Suite 230, Box 163  
Marietta, GA 30064

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## IMPORTANT NOTICES



### Pool Opening

The pool is scheduled to open May 2015. Please stay posted for the official opening date!! We will offer 2 days to pick up your Pool Code and key to the tennis courts if you are new or have not received yours yet. The tentative dates are May 2 from 12-2 pm and May 3 from 4-6 pm.

### 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! Parents, please be mindful of where your children are as well. The street is not a good place to play.

