

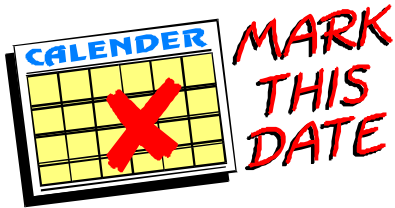
# CAMBRIDGE GROVE NEWSLETTER

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## Holiday Decorating Contest

The Cambridge Grove Homeowners Association is sponsoring the first annual Cambridge Grove Holiday Decorating Contest. Judging will be Sunday, December 19th at 6pm. The HOA will be awarding prizes for the best looking houses. Prizes will be determined by a group consisting of members of the Architectural Review Committee, members from the Community Affairs Committee, and other interested homeowners. If you are interested in being a judge, or helping to organize this event, contact Velvet Lewis at 678-445-4047.



The Annual Cambridge Grove Homeowners Association Meeting will be January 20th, 7pm at Bells Ferry Elementary School. The purpose of this meeting is to allow the homeowners the opportunity to hear the Cambridge Grove Board of Directors speak about the state of the community. The HOA budget will be discussed as well as reports from the various committees. There will also be a question and answer session with the board.

All homeowners are encouraged to attend as this is YOUR time to come out, meet your neighbors and learn more about the committee that you live in. Who knows, you may even want to volunteer to help out on some of the committees. More information will be sent out as we get closer to the meeting date.

## News from the ARC

The Architectural Review Committee has received many requests for approval of fences throughout the subdivision. The ARC would like to ask that all

homeowners interested in future fence construction to use the following information as a guideline when submitting your request. Even if your fence will be in accordance with the Cambridge Grove Covenants, approval is still needed by the ARC before construction can begin.

- Fences must be six-foot shadow box style constructed with dog-eared unpainted cedar.
- The fence cannot be closer to the street than the rear one-third of the home.
- To expedite the approval of your request, include a copy of the blue-line plot survey included in the materials you received at the closing of your home. On the survey, outline where your fence is going to be constructed.

All external modifications made to the home or surrounding area (additions, fences, playsets, storm doors, external lighting, paint modifications, etc.) need to be documented with a Request for Improvement Form that is provided to you by McCreary Realty Management (770) 427-5711. When submitting a request, please attach pictures, photos, color samples, brochures or any other pertinent information. Without these items, the committee will have a harder time making a decision and will most likely need to contact you for more information. The more information the committee has, the easier it is for them to make a proper decision.



## HOA Dues

Please be reminded that annual assessments are due on January 1, 2000. Dues will be considered late if not received by January 31, 2000. You should have received this information this week.

## **The things I see...**

by The 'Grove'ing Reporter

As the colder winter months near and the bright colors of summer and fall begin to fade, the landscaping (or lack of it) around our homes begin to become more noticeable. Refreshing the pine straw around the front and sides of your

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home goes a long way in making your home look neat in appearance. I have done a little research and found the following pine straw prices at local area merchants:

**\$2.99/ bale**

Daniel Ace Hardware, (770) 924-5091  
Highway 92, Woodstock

**\$3.29/ bale**

Marietta Nursery (770) 419-9800  
Wooten Lake Road, Kennesaw

**\$3.33/bale**

Lowe's Home Improvement (770) 592-5055  
Highway 92, Woodstock

So for under \$20.00 you can greatly enhance the appearance of your home through the winter months (and it also helps you work out off those extra holiday treats you have been snacking on...)

With the re-opening of the Town Center 16 movie theaters behind Town Center Mall, there are now 46 screens within about a half mile of each other along Barrett Parkway. I enjoy going to watch a good movie periodically, but I can tell you one thing, there certainly are not 46 movies out there worth watching. It should be interesting to see if the surrounding community can see enough movies to support 3 movie theaters.

I have said it before and I will say it again...I have seen many homeowners who store their trash cans either in front of their garage or the side of their house. Frankly, I think it looks trashy (pun intended) and would like to see everyone use their garages to store their garbage cans.

That's it for this issue. Once again, I hope you enjoyed what I had to say and I will be back in the next issue with things I see...

## *Happy Holidays*

My favorite time of the year has finally come - the season of cool temperatures prompting fires in my fireplace, steaming hot chocolate, sweaters, football (as my husband would contribute...), two months of holidays with loads of shopping!

For the next couple of months you won't be able to step into a department store without the sound of "Jingle Bell Rock" reverberating in your ears. With a tree farm on every vacant lot, you would insist that there insist enough Christmas trees to fill every living room from here to Santa. To escape the hustle and bustle, I have embarked on a project to understand more about the various U.S. holidays as well as holidays around the world.

For instance, in Austria, you might catch Saint Nicholas roaming the streets giving sweets and apples to good children. Christmas Eve dinner is served with "Gebackener Karpfen" (fried carp) and dessert could include the Austrian cookies or "weihnachtsbaeckerei" (try pronouncing that one...). After the meal, the children are for the first time allowed to see the tree covered with ornaments and lights.

Kwanzaa, meaning "the first fruits of the harvest", is a cultural festival during which African-Americans celebrate and reflect upon their rich heritage as the products of two worlds. Beginning on December 25th, it lasts for 7 days. To prepare for the celebration, a straw mat is placed on the table along with a Kinara (candle holder) with 7 candles (one black in the center, 3 red on the right, 3 green on the left.) Each day of Kwanzaa before the evening meal, the candles are lit and the seven principles (Nguzo Saba) are recited.

Hanukkah is a Jewish celebration that begins on the 25th day of the Hebrew month Kislev (November-December) and lasts for eight days. It celebrates the victory of Judah Maccabee over the Syrian tyrant Antiochus over 2100 years ago. After seven years of fighting, he returned to Jerusalem to rededicate the Temple. When it came to light the Holy Light, they had just one jar of oil, enough for only one day. Miraculously, the one jar burned for eight days and nights. Each night of the festival, the family gathers around the menorah that holds eight candles. On the first night, the head of the family uses a helper candle, or shamos, to light one candle. On the second night, two candles are lit and so on, until all eight candles are lit on the eighth night. Each night, gifts are given and children play games with a small wooden top called a dreidel.

- Kimberly Underwood, Cambridge Grove Resident

## Letter from the President

Not many of you may know the members of the Cambridge Board of Directors. They are as follows:

Paige Slyman - President (678) 445-9626

Phil DuPre - Treasurer (678) 445-0854

John Pittman (770) 517-3892

Each board member holds an equal share of responsibility and offers a different perspective to each and every discussion. The purpose of the Board is to represent the opinions and concerns of our subdivision.

April 1, 1999 marked the transition of the Board of Directors from Torrey Homes (JBC Development) to your current elected Board. Since this date the Board has been extremely busy with not only the day to day management but also establishing the Board's individual and unique way of conducting business.

As we approach the next calendar year, the Board of

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Directors are asking for assistance in the specific area listed below. If you would like to be involved in any way, want to find out more information, or have a suggestions, please contact the person indicated below.

## What we are in need of:

1. Volunteers for the following committees:

**Social Committee** (newsletter, web page, parties, communications, seasonal decorations and competitions)

**Grounds Committee** (pool, tennis courts, capitol improvements)

**ARC** (enforcement of the covenants, approval of additions and modifications, yard of the month)

contact - Paige Slyman (678) 445-9626

2. Contributions to the Newsletter

contact - Glen Rothe (678) 445-4046

Thank you ahead of time for carefully considering how you can be involve in improving our community!

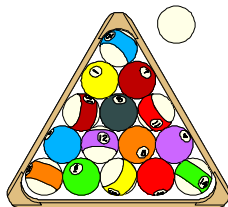
## **From our Homeowners:**

Remember the ARC is a group of volunteers living in the community. They take time out of their busy schedules to make sure Cambridge Grove is a beautiful neighborhood. Approval from the ARC is more a formality but is also a requirement. Please send your requests and wait for approval BEFORE starting any project. If you notice any violations or have any concerns, feel free to contact the ARC. However, your active participation in the ARC would be even more appreciated. Instead of writing to the ARC, come join us for a meeting.

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Hi, My name is Judy Walston and I am a Cambridge Grove Resident. I am a sales representative for AM-300, a dietary supplement. I have brochures and free samples that I would like anyone interested in a weight loss program to try. I can be reached at 770-592-6069

House Cleaning. Has a lot of experience. Contact Maureen Aguirre, Cambridge Grove Resident, if interested. (770) 516-7905



## Pool Tournament

Is anyone interested in forming a billiard tournament within

Cambridge Grove? It will begin January 8, 2000 and will be held on Saturday evenings. The location will be 3622 Southwick Drive. Contact Rich Biro at 770-938-6924 or RGBiroCPA@aol.com

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**If you have any questions, comments, feedback or would just like to get on the Cambridge Grove E-Mail List, send a note to Cambridgegrove@mindspring.com**



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Food for thought...by Tonya Kern, resident of  
Cambridge Grove

\*\* If it takes one football field of walking to burn off one M&M, what would it take to burn off a Big Mac, fries and a shake? Answer == 240 football fields, that's 5 hours of straight walking.

\* One peanut M&M == 2 football fields

\* One slice of pepperoni pizza ==60 football fields