

CAMBRIDGE GROVE NEWSLETTER

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We've Got A Full House!

With only one house remaining on the new home market, Cambridge Grove is just about at its 156 home capacity. On behalf of the group that puts out this newsletter, I would like to welcome all of the new homeowners to Cambridge Grove and provide you with some important and helpful information regarding the community.

We have recently hired McCreary Realty Management to help the Home Owners Association and our Board of Directors with the day to day operations of the Cambridge Grove subdivision. They will be responsible for the dues/fines collection, receiving the requests of the Architectural Review Committee as well as other activities. You will be receiving a welcome letter that contains important information from McCreary as well as the current Cambridge Grove Board of Directors. Please take a minute to read over that information as it also contains instructions on the submitting ARC Requests.

I would also like to take a minute to mention the three groups that help things run smoothly within the community. All three committees are also looking for volunteers. Our volunteer level for a subdivision of this size has been very low and joining one of these committees would be a good way to meet your neighbors, have a say in the goings on within the community, and help out the current volunteers that have been working hard to make Cambridge Grove a better place to live...

Get Involved

Do you have a special knack for planning parties or have a great idea for an upcoming community activity? If so, the Community Affairs Committee is looking for you. Please contact Julie McCoy at 678-445-0958 between 10am and 6pm. If you want more information on the newsletter, contact Glen Rothe at 678-445-4047 or email to cambridgegrove@mindspring.com

Enjoy relaxing by the pool or strolling around the neighborhood? If so, the Grounds Committee is the one for you. This committee advises the board on the pool, tennis courts, cabana, common area upkeep, and improvements. We are currently trying to get this committee of the ground (pun intended!) but we just haven't had the volunteer help to get it started. This is a very important committee that needs to be started to ensure that our common and recreation areas stay useable. Contact Rich Russo at 770-517-4891 if this committee interests you.

If architectural or lawncare issues pique your interest, the ARC welcomes you to join this committee. They usually meet once a month to discuss the recent Improvement Review Requests. Contact Velvet Lewis at 678-445-4047 if you are interested in joining.



Before You Build...

There seems to be a large amount of building going on in the community. Please be aware of the covenants that govern Cambridge Grove including the Architectural Review Committee that must approve **ALL** additions, fences, awnings, paint modifications, playsets, etc. **BEFORE** construction can begin. Bear in mind, that without ARC approval, the homeowner will be responsible for correcting the violation. The homeowners should view this process as beneficial to the community not as a burden. We just want to keep the neighborhood looking good and do what's in the best interest of all of the homeowners of Cambridge Grove.

fall is for planting

Here are some garden tips to help you extend the summer and plan for winter.

Extend the life of summer containers by replacing waning summer annuals with fall ones and maintaining evergreen perennials. Try brilliant mums combined with rubus and golden creeping Jenny or mix mums, various salvias and autumn fern.

Plant fall-blooming annuals for color - pansies, violas, mums. Group them in drifts, not in a line, to make a splash. Mix them with evergreens to provide a contrast. They need full sun and well-drained soil.

Plant new spring- and summer-flowering perennials so their roots will have time to establish during winter. As a rule, perennials planted in fall perform better than those planted in spring.

Clean out beds and amend the soil with a fresh 2-inch layer of compost, composted manure or other organic matter.

Plant spring-flowering bulbs in sunny, well-drained soil. Most can be planted beginning in late September, but tulips should wait until November.

By DANNY C. FLANDERS
Cox News Service

We would like to find someone in the neighborhood to hire occassionally to sit with our 95 year old mother. She is in good health. If interested, please call Sue or Charles Crawley (369 Ethridge Drive) at 770-924-0419. Thanks - Charles Crawley xclxjr@aol.com

The Things I See...

by The 'Grove'ing Reporter

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September is here and fall is just around the corner. Pretty soon the Braves will be trying to win another World Series, the Falcons will be attempting to repeat as NFC Champions, and the Thrashers will be bringing hockey back to Atlanta. As an avid sports fan, I am excited!

Wandering through the neighborhood, I have noticed that some homeowners are beginning to store items along the side of their house. Is it just me or does this look tacky? Garbage cans are the biggest violators, but I have seen other things that are probably better suited to be stored in the garage. Just because your next-door neighbor doesn't say anything doesn't mean they don't notice. Please respect your neighbors and your neighborhood by keeping this stuff out of sight.

With Kennesaw State University literally right around the corner, most people don't realize that they have a great continuing education program for us non-traditional students. One night a week or even on the weekend, KSU is a great way to learn about things that interest you: Interior Design, Bass Fishing Techniques, Stand-Up Comedy, Individual Investor workshops, Intro to Personal Computing, Starting a Business on the Internet. All of these classes and more are offered for anywhere between \$50.00 and \$150.00. It's a rather inexpensive way to keep the brain active and learn something while you are at it.

I have been having a heck of a time keeping my lawn looking good with this drought we have been having. Did you know that Cobb County has a mandatory water ban from 4pm-10pm every day? That means that if you are watering your lawn between these times, you could be fined by the county if caught.

David Higdon has been trying to get a Neighborhood Watch program established in the community. Unfortunately since the last newsletter, he has received zero responses. If you think that our safe little community has been without crime, you are wrong. Without going into details, I think that establishing a Neighborhood Watch program would be in the best interest of everyone in the community. We need 50% participation or the local police department will not initiate the program. Please contact David Higdon at 770-928-1312 or dhigdon@america.net to find out how you can help David get this program established in Cambridge Grove.

That's pretty much it for me. I will be back with more in the next issue with the things I see...

Key Lime Pie - submitted by Kimberley Underwood
recipe of the Dockhouse Restaurant, Savannah, GA

Ingredients:

1 can of sweetened condensed milk
4 oz. of Key West lime juice
4 egg yolks
1 graham cracker crust

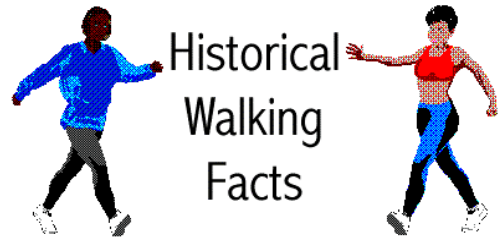
Heat crust at 325 until warm. Mix condensed milk, lime juice, and egg yolks until thoroughly blended. Pour mixture into heated crust. Cook at 325 for 7-9 minutes. Cool in refrigerator for at least one hour. If desired, add whipping cream or cool whip and garnish with a slice of lime.

News from the ARC

Recently, the ARC received a homeowner request to allow for parking of a vehicle on the street. The contention was that they had three vehicles and could not park them all in the driveway. We are very fortunate to live in a neighborhood in which all homes have a two-car garage. When moving to Cambridge Grove, we all agreed to the covenant stating that all cars would be parked in the garage. If you have more than two cars, then the next spaces are in the driveway.

If you do not have room in the garage, it may be time to look into off-site storage facilities. Many homeowners have gone to great lengths to creatively store items in their garage so two cars can fit. No matter the inconvenience or (usually low) cost, these folks understand and respect the purpose of our

covenants...to keep our neighborhood beautiful by avoiding the clutter that a multitude of cars creates. It would not be fair for the ARC to give waivers to those who don't use their garage for its intended purpose - storing vehicles.



provided by Tonya Kern

* Dinosaurs walked our planet some 200 million years ago. Humans have been walking for about 3 million years. Dinosaurs walked at about the same speed as modern-day people--- 2 to 4 miles per hour.

* The first walking sneakers were made by South American Indians who stuck their feet in hot pots of gooey rubber bark scraped from forest trees. Once hardened, this rubber protected their feet from the jungle floor.

* Before the automobile was invented, (1909 Model T-Ford), people walked everywhere. Now, almost a century later, we've become slaves to our cars, Nintendo's and TV sets. That's why most children today are less fit than their parents were 30 years ago.

* In 1910, the great walker, Edward Payson Weston, walked 3600 miles from California to New York in 88 days. On that walk, Weston averaged 41 miles per day--- at age 71.

