

North Forke News

NORTH FORKE PLANTATION, GRAYSON, GEORGIA

February 2009

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Happy
Valentines!



NORTH FORKE RESIDENTS



ANNUAL MEETING



Wednesday, February 18
Grayson High School Theatre



7 p.m. Sign-In



7:30-9:00 p.m. Meeting



Please submit your proxy if you cannot attend!



Prize drawings will be held for those who attend/submit their proxy.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FEBRUARY

2/9	Mon	Board Meeting, 7 pm, Clubhouse
2/18	Wed	North Forke Residents Annual meeting, 7 pm, Grayson HS Theatre
2/21	Sat	Grounds Meeting, 9 am, Clubhouse

MARCH

3/1	Sun	2009 NFP Assessment Due
3/27-3/28	Fri-Sat	Neighborhood Garage Sale, 8 a.m.-4 pm
3/29	Sun	Swim Team Registration, 4-7 pm, Clubhouse

APRIL

4/19	Sun	May North Forke News Deadline
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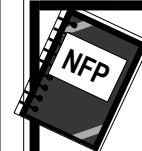
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The administration and oversight of North Forke Plantation depends on residents like you to step up and contribute to the various committees, Board of Directors, or one-time event planning. Please consider serving in a volunteer capacity on a committee, as a member, chairperson, or to help with a one-time event. If you are interested or concerned about a particular aspect of living in NFP, whether it be landscaping, activities, security, recreation, community activities, or the community in general, there is no better way to make your views known and make a contribution than by taking an active role as a volunteer. The benefits can be personally rewarding and will be greatly appreciated.

The Board of Directors is currently identifying qualified candidates to replace retiring Board members. The Board needs new candidates as a way to provide a fresh perspective and enthusiasm. Returning Board members contribute experience and continuity. A combination of returning and new Board members is optimal and has proven to be most effective. The election of existing and new Board Members occurs during the Annual Meeting in February. If you want to make a significant, personal impact on your community, please consider volunteering for a Board position. If you would like to learn more about the Board, please contact one of the Board members listed in the front of the North Forke directory.

THANK YOU

**A BIG THANK YOU to the 2008
North Forke Plantation Board of Directors,
Committee Members, and Block Captains.
We sincerely appreciate YOU!**



DIRECTORY

Work is underway on the **2009 North Forke Directory**. Please check your details in the current directory, and submit your changes on the form within this newsletter or to szhearn@bellsouth.net. A directory with updates will be on hand at the HOA meeting in February. When you sign in for the meeting, please take a moment to make any changes that are not already recorded. Additionally, if you wish to advertise in the 2009 North Forke resident directory, please send a note to szhearn@bellsouth.net for the ad rates.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR BOARD



Dear Fellow North Forke Residents

This newsletter is the first issue of the *North Forke News* in 2009 – the next issue is scheduled for May 2009. The *North Forke News* serves as the primary, official communication tool for the residents of North Forke about many important and informational matters from the North Forke Homeowner's Association (HOA) Board of Directors and the various HOA Committees. Please circulate the *North Forke News* among your family members to keep everyone informed.

*****Annual Meeting*****—On Wednesday, February 18th, the NFP Homeowners Association will hold its Annual Meeting at the Grayson High School auditorium. Check-in begins at 7 PM and the meeting will begin at 7:30. The Board of Directors asks that residents resolve to attend if at all possible. Attendance in recent years has been low (some say that the lack of controversial issues contributes to that) resulting in most residents missing out on important discussions of issues that affect life in your community. The Annual Meeting is the single best time of the year to hear first-hand about what is happening in NFP and to make your voices and opinions heard.

Remember, those residents who attend the annual meeting in person *or* provide a signed proxy in advance of the meeting will be eligible for door prizes. In addition, we will provide more concise committee reports in order to shorten the total meeting time in appreciation of all the demands on your time.

If you cannot attend the Annual Meeting, please hand your signed proxy to either, 1) your block captain, 2) any board member, or 3) any neighbor that you know will be attending.

Representatives from the individual committees will be present to answer questions and, hopefully, enlist the help of residents on these important committees. Finally, this newsletter contains additional information about some of the important information that will be shared

Capital Reserve Accounts—An important section of the annual budget that will be presented at the Annual Meeting lists several items and associated expenditures for the capital reserve accounts. To help residents understand more about capital reserve accounts, our HOA Treasurer, Cheryl Mazza, contributed an informational article for this newsletter that explains capital reserve accounts, why we need them, and how future expenditure amounts are determined.

North Forke Barracudas—Very soon, our swim team organizers will meet with



the Gwinnett Swim League to hear about any changes for the new Barracudas season. If any of you have children of swim team age that have not participated to date, please consider the benefits of having your kids involved in such a rewarding and worthwhile program.

Website—Please take a few minutes to explore the updated website for North Forke Plantation at www.northforke.net. We hope to make this site even more useful to residents of NFP by including additional, helpful information. If you have not used the new site, remember that you will need to re-establish a log-in identity, even if you have a log-in from the previous site. Thanks to Bob Hendrix and his firm, Elegant Image Studios, Inc. for their work on our website.

Roaming dogs—Most NFP residents try to keep their pets, especially dogs, on a leash or in a contained area, either electronic or physical. We understand that situations may occur that allow pets to get free. But in general, those situations are rare and usually not a problem. For any resident allowing pets to roam free on a regular basis, the included article is a reminder of your responsibilities and obligations.



Update on Water Restrictions—As of this issue of the Newsletter, water restrictions remain in place for 2009. As a reminder, current rules permit hand watering of plants using one garden hose for 25 minutes per day between midnight and 10 a.m. on designated days. The designated days are Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday for odd-numbered addresses and Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday for even-numbered addresses. The hose must be held during watering and equipped with a spray nozzle that automatically turns off when released. Restrictions prohibiting use of sprinkler systems, personal car washing, and personal pressure washing, remain in place until further notice. Note that commercial pressure washing is allowed, as is additional watering by commercial landscaping providers in certain situations.

Advertising in the North Forke News. Advertising space is available in this newsletter to residents who have a product, service, or other information that they wish to offer to residents of North Forke Plantation. In an effort to defray the cost of publishing this newsletter, there is a nominal fee of \$5 per issue, or a total of \$20 annually for four issues.

Your 2008 – 2009 Board of Directors

Mike Harper, President; Ron Brandt, Vice President;
Tammy Pearson, Secretary; Cheryl Mazza, Treasurer;
Todd Clay, Kurt Farhy, Mark Smith



ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL

HELP NORTH FORKE STAY UPSCALE
IN A DOWN ECONOMY

The Grayson area has many lovely subdivisions. In many of those subdivisions, however, the lawns are in need of care, the homes have various kinds of objects in their yards, and the exteriors are not well-maintained. Let's not allow that to happen to our North Forke neighborhood. Our subdivision might be getting older, but with care it can still be considered one of the most beautiful and stately. If we are to maintain our community's status in the area, we all must do our part—regularly. Take a look at some of the newer, upscale subdivisions in our area, and you will be quite pleased you live in North Forke Plantation.

The following are some reminders.

From time to time we want to make improvements or modifications to our homes. Read your North Forke Plantation Community Design Guidelines and the Protective Covenants before you begin a project. If you go ahead with your project before your application has been approved by the ACC, you may incur a fine and/or be required to undo unapproved modifications.

Here are some specific guidelines that the ACC would like you to review at this time of the year:

Guideline 2—Spring is almost here and many homeowners might want to make improvements to decks. Before you do, an application must be submitted.

Guideline 4—Our guidelines discourage faux plants outside of your home. Also some decorative objects in your front or side yard require prior approval including decorative yard statuary, benches, flower pots, etc.

Guideline 5, General Guideline 7—Trash cans must be completely out of view from your neighbors and should not be seen from the street when not out for pickup. Trash cans have been seen in various places including outside basement doors, in the driveway, beside shrubs. Be considerate not only to nearby homeowners but to all in the subdivision. Also, trash cans may be placed at the curb the evening before your trash day and should be removed the next evening from the front of your home.

Guideline 5—If your dormant brown grass has lots of green in it this winter, you may be seeing annoying weeds. Weeds need to be removed, and now is the time to talk with a lawn care professional. Also, take a look at your shrubs to determine if they might need

shaping, and also edge your landscape beds if needed. We must take care of our lawns all year.

Guideline 6—Many residents often have questions about the placement of summer play equipment. Please read Guideline 6 which covers all sorts of play equipment.

Each homeowner will soon receive a new copy of the North Forke Plantation Design Guidelines. Until you do, please refer to the guidelines printed in the directory, on the North Forke web site (www.northforke.net), or the copy you received in your Welcome packet.

Let's work together to keep North Forke at the top of the list of the most desirable subdivisions in the Grayson/Snellville area.

Your friends on the ACC

A BIG THANK YOU to Wendy Warder for organizing the always successful and fun **Progressive Dinner**. It was a great night and everyone enjoyed themselves.



Thanks also to Scott Craig for doing a great job as Santa reading to the kids, and to Nancy Banda for organizing the Christmas tree pickup,

We are planning a Spring **Chastain Night**. This event was not held last year, and we are hoping that more volunteers will step up to help with this event. Please contact me if you are willing to help with any of our social events.

Cheryl Mazza, Board Liaison, 678-344-1522, lizhanaby@aol.com

MORE CLUBHOUSE IMPROVEMENTS



To go along with the new paint—
All the light fixtures have been updated,
The floors have been refinished,
And the deck has been painted.

Thank you to Dee Dee Gray,
Debby & Dave Pointer for all their hard work.

The Clubhouse Committee would like to ask all
Groups using the facility on a weekly basis to:

Please pick up before you leave,
Set the thermostat back to the original
temperature, and
Please do not put tacks in the wall.



North Forke Grounds

The purpose of the North Forke Grounds Committee is to ensure that neighborhood entrances and common areas are properly maintained and upgraded on a continued basis.

Holiday Decorations

A **BIG THANK YOU** to the volunteers that put up and took down the Christmas Decorations at our entrances. A terrific group of folks made this task a breeze (*after figuring out the lighting*).

**Deborah, Jeff & Alex Newport
Gayle & Joe Almand
Wendy & Mychael Hamlin
Susan & Paul Hunter
Stephanie & Mark Smith
Tammy Pearson
Steve Haverly**

We had lots of positive comments about the decorations/lighting this year and look forward to adding a few more enhancements next year. And, for the most part, all lights remained lit throughout the Holidays... *Yeah!*

Neighborhood Street Lights

Re-painting of the street lights has been delayed slightly but hopefully will be completed before spring. To those homeowners that have street lights on their property, we have been advised that many have maturing trees that are growing around these lights. It is suggested that you prune these trees as soon as possible. Not only is it a safety issue due to blocked lighting, Walton EMC may take extreme liberty if trimming is necessary prior to painting or general maintenance.

The Grounds Committee is always looking for another member or two. If you would like to join us or learn more about what we do, please give any of the current members a call—Steve Haverly, Deborah Newport or Tammy Pearson.

*Steve Haverly, Chairman, 770-982-5510
Tammy Pearson, Board Liaison*

NORTH FORKE GARAGE SALE MARCH 27-28

NORTH FORKE NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE

Clean out those closets and join the fun at the next North Forke Garage Sale scheduled for the

LAST weekend in March (Friday and Saturday, March 27 and 28). Lisa Castle will post the signs at both entrances.



NEIGHBORHOOD EMAIL GROUP

The North Forke Plantation email network is a wonderful tool that helps neighbors share information and stay informed of community events and concerns. It is open to all residents who wish to participate. It has been especially helpful in putting neighbors in touch with trusted service providers. Have a question? Need a service? Shoot out an email to your neighbors and find what you are looking for. Lost items, found items, referrals from within your community, last minute changes in party locations – the ways it is useful are too numerous to list!

Membership in the group is voluntary, optional, and FREE. **It is open to NFP Residents ONLY.** To preserve the integrity of this group, membership is strictly controlled by the moderator, and established guidelines are enforced. Members may opt out by unsubscribing at any time.

If you are not currently receiving neighborhood emails and would like to subscribe, please send an email request to Wendy Warder (thewarders@comcast.net). Include your **Name, NF Street Address, Phone #, and all email addresses** at which you would like to receive group emails. (NO LIMIT!)

Current subscribers can also subscribe at additional addresses (home, office, etc.) by sending an email request.

Don't miss this opportunity to connect with your neighbors. It is an invaluable tool and resource!

Wendy Warder, 770-979-6860, thewarders@comcast.net

DISCLAIMER:

This email group and the information contained therein is not officially sanctioned by or affiliated with the North Forke Plantation HOA.



PLEASE WELCOME NORTH FORKE'S NEWEST NEIGHBORS!

Please welcome the following new families, and take a moment to add their names to your directory.

John Minott & Family—1610 Hatteras Trail

Kane and Valerie Martin & Family—1418 Georgetown Way

Greg, Kerri, Madison, and Sean Brown—1404 Hattiesburg Court

New residents receive a tote bag with custom embroidery of the North Forke Plantation logo, a neighborhood directory, and a binder that contains North Forke Plantation Covenants, Architectural Control Guidelines, amenity rules, and other useful information. If you are a new resident and haven't received a "welcoming visit", please call Pat Fleming, our New Resident Welcoming Coordinator, to receive your gift. Pat can be reached at 770-564-0040. If we have mistakenly overlooked a new resident, please call as we wish to personally welcome you.

North Forke Barracudas



It may be cold outside, but the Barracudas are already dreaming about swimming. As North Forke Plantation marks its second year as a member of the Gwinnett County Swim League, we hope to continue to grow in size *and* ability this summer and are looking forward to meeting more of our neighbors.

The North Forke Barracudas Swim Team is a summer league, recreational swim team, devoted to swimming fast and having a great time. Swimming for the Barracudas is a great summer activity for your children ages 5 to 18.

Our neighborhood excelled in every way this past year as we hosted our first official swim meets. The visiting teams and guests to our pool were always impressed with our facilities and our overall organization. The kids, our coaches, and all of our parents who volunteered at our meets got better every week. We are looking forward to our first "non-rookie" year and beginning our conquest of Gwinnett County summer league swimming. We surely hope you'll choose to be a part!

If you don't have children who can swim for the Barracudas, don't fret because you can still participate by becoming an all-important Team Sponsor. If you are a business owner and would like to sponsor our team, we would love to send you some information concerning levels of sponsorship available. Just give us a call, or send us an email. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mark Smith or Deborah Newport.

Registration will be held on Sunday, March 29 (4 pm-7 pm) at the clubhouse. Further information can be found on our website – www.northforkebarracudas.com.



See you at the pool!

Mark Smith & Deborah Newport

TENNIS



First, a big "Go Forkers" congratulations to John Anderson and Dwayne Crook who recently repeated as City Champions for the 3.0 Level of T2 Tennis. Keep it up, John and Dwayne!!

The Tennis Committee and the NFP Board of Directors are exploring alternatives to the recurring cracks in courts 1 and 2. As many of you know, the company that last resurfaced our courts provided a free application of crack sealant. Water is seeping through again and will likely continue until a longer-term fix is implemented. A total reconstruction of the two courts (at significant cost) may not be sufficient if sub-surface water remains an issue. Work was completed about three years ago to divert the water, but additional engineering review may be necessary to determine what else may be required. Current plans are to resurface the courts in 2009, but only after we ensure that the underlying water issues are addressed.

New tennis players are always in demand. If you are new to North Forke or have experience and/or interest in playing tennis at any level, please call my telephone number below, and I'll help direct you to one of the several men's, women's, kids, or mixed teams that play out of North Forke throughout the year. Tennis is one of the fastest and best ways to meet new people and form lasting friendships.

Also, if you would like to be a part of our Tennis Committee and take part in planning events and helping coordinate our facilities upkeep, I urge you to volunteer. New faces and fresh ideas are always welcome.

All current and potential tennis players should be familiar with the rules for play and for reserving courts, a copy of which is posted on the tennis sign-up board at the pool. These rules are necessary so that all residents have an equal opportunity to enjoy our facilities. I also want to remind all tennis team Captains to be sure that you contact Cheryl Mazza, our Tennis Scheduler, with your most current team roster each season so she can post your practice times on the master schedule located on the sign-up board.

If any of you have questions or concerns about tennis at North Forke, please do not hesitate to call me.

GO FORKERS!!!



Rhonda Harper
North Forke Tennis Committee
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rcharper2@comcast.net

C. O. P. S. REPORT



Well, we have closed out another great year for the North Forke COPS program, and welcome 2009 hopefully with more enthusiasm than ever. Our incident reports have been down significantly year after year. We would like to offer special thanks to all who participate in the COPS program. Without individual participation, this program would not work and be as successful as we have experienced. Good work, neighbors! We also owe special thanks to our Courtesy Officer, Major Dan Branch., for his continued diligence about making our neighborhood as safe as possible.



We would like to remind everyone that now is a great time to review the contact information that your Block Captain retains. We understand that there are changes in phone numbers, vehicle descriptions or even people living in your home. Please take the time to contact your Block Captain and update this information or confirm that the existing information is still correct. This is to your advantage as a COPS member, because your Block Captain will know how to contact you quickly if the need arises.

As a reminder, if you have an incident which involves the police, please contact your Block Captain, and file an incident report. He/she will forward that report to Kim Maddox, and she will, if necessary, forward it to the appropriate recipients. Thank you again for your continued involvement. That is what makes North Forke the best place in Grayson to live!!

Susan White and Kim Maddox, North Forke C.O.P.S. Liaisons

IS IT NORTHFORKE PLANTATION OR NORTH FORKE PLANTATION?



It's North Forke Plantation. In checking the recorded covenants and Bylaws of the subdivision, the legal entity of our subdivision is stated as North Forke Plantation Homeowners Association, Inc. (NFPHA). It's been confusing since the entrance signs give the appearance that the words run together.



NFP BUSINESS OWNERS



IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR BUSINESS AD IN THE NORTH FORKE NEWS AND 2009 DIRECTORY

If you are a business owner and wish to place an ad or renew your existing ad in the quarterly North Forke News in 2009, please contact joanjohnson478@comcast.net for information. The ad fee is \$20 per year. Make checks payable to NFPHA.



Additionally, if you wish to advertise in the 2009 North Forke resident directory, ad rates are available. If you are interested in receiving the rates, please send a note to szhearn@bellsouth.net.

BE A RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNER

An incident occurred recently, when a homeowner taking a dog for a walk on a leash was surrounded by three dogs running-at-large, one of which was aggressive towards the leashed dog and its owner. One of the three dogs attacked the leashed dog. A gentleman heard the commotion, ran to offer aid, and separated the dogs.

Gwinnett County has an Animal Control Ordinance which includes a leash law—(Section 10-29 Restraint). It states that animals should be restrained and under control of the owner at all times, even if they are on their owner's property. If you have an invisible containment system, your dog must have a collar on to keep your dog(s) inside the your yard. You are responsible for your dog, so please keep your dog on a leash or contained in your yard. If you are taking a walk and you believe your unleashed dog will not stray, know that you are breaking a law.

Every family in our neighborhood should feel comfortable when they are out walking or when their children are out playing. However, if you are threatened by an unleashed dog, call 911 and the police will then call Animal Control.



WHAT IS A CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT?

An important section of the NFPHA annual budget contains a list of several items under the heading "Capital Reserve Expenses." For residents who may be unfamiliar with Capital Reserves and why we need them, the information below should be informative. The annual budget for 2009, as well as the actual budget for 2008, will be distributed at the Annual Meeting on February 18.

The Annual Budget

North Forke Plantation prepares a budget for each calendar year. This budget includes all maintenance, expenses, and revenue estimates. *Revenues* are generated primarily from annual assessments, currently at \$585 per year, per household. Other sources of revenue include income such as interest earned, advertising, and rental fees. Occasionally, revenue from special assessments may be authorized by a vote of the homeowners at an annual meeting for specific projects. *Expenditures* generally include routine maintenance for landscaping, swimming pool, tennis courts, clubhouse, and other common areas, as well as administrative costs such as utilities, insurance, security, taxes, and legal fees. Each major category has an allocated annual budget for revenues and expenses.

Budgeting for Major Maintenance Items

Certain major maintenance items are identified as capital expenses and must be budgeted well in advance so that necessary funds may be available at the time the work is required. Roof replacement on the clubhouse, dam repair, parking lot resurfacing, tennis court resurfacing, and major air conditioning and plumbing replacements are all examples of capital expenses. Funding these types of maintenance items in advance helps avoid the need for a special assessment each time a major expense is required. A well-planned reserve study minimizes dramatic spikes and fluctuations in assessments.

The Capital Reserve Analysis

So that the NFPHA Board will know how much money to set aside each year for identified capital maintenance items, a special Capital Reserve

Analysis is periodically conducted by an outside engineering firm. The Capital Reserve Analysis estimates the projected life of all items that are the responsibility of the NFPHA, and estimates the repair or replacement cost of the item at the projected date. For example, the current Capital Reserve Study completed in June 2007 estimates that the roof on the pool cabana will need replacement in the year 2018 at a projected cost of \$3737. In order to have the funds available in 2018 for the roof replacement, an annual amount of \$311 is expensed each year.

Impact on Annual Assessments

The total budgeted expenses, including the required Capital Reserve funding amounts equals the amount needed from homeowner assessments and other revenues. The aggregate amount needed from homeowner assessments is divided equally.

As communities age, the amount of required maintenance funding generally rises. As long as the annual assessments and other revenue cover the cost of routine maintenance and the allocation for Capital Reserves, then the annual assessment amounts will not be increased. Your Board of Directors works hard to effectively manage the NFPHA budget and is very proud that the annual assessment for North Forke Plantation has remained constant at \$585 for many years and remains well below the assessment for other high-end communities in our area. Your Board is also well aware of the current economy and the need for a careful review of all expenses, both routine and long-term. The Board reviews each capital expenditure as the time of scheduled replacement approaches and, in many cases, has postponed the replacement if determined not to be necessary. It is possible, however, that the required Capital Reserves and other expenses may rise to a level that the Board may need to consider an increase in the annual assessment amount.

Cheryl Mazza, Treasurer

Next Issue in May

Email your articles **BEFORE April 19 to:**
Joan Johnson at joanjohnson478@comcast.net

COMMUNITY ACTION

STREET RESURFACING IN NORTH FORKE SUBDIVISION

On an annual basis, the Gwinnett County Department of Transportation resurfaces streets throughout the county.

The county's contract inspectors evaluate conditions on all county maintained roads on a two-year cycle. They use a computerized Pavement Management System to give an index rating on each street in the county.

The county then takes the worst roads countywide and works their way up each year based on funding and asphalt prices. Depending upon funding and asphalt prices they try to resurface roads that have an index rating of less than 60.

The North Forke Subdivision streets listed below fall into the less than 60 category and will be included on the county's proposed 2009 paving list:

- Georgetown Way, Hatteras Trail,
- Roanoke Trace, Stratford Hall Court

The county staff has inspected the remaining streets in the subdivision for resurfacing needs and they are all listed above 60 at this time.

Gwinnett County maintains about 2700 miles of roadway throughout the county and normally paves around 100 miles per year.



District 3 Commissioner Mike Beaudreau has set some 2009 Goals. Knowing that 2009 was going to be a challenge financially, he decided to propose a number of goals that would be relatively inexpensive, while benefiting county residents.

These goals include:

- ◆ Improving public safety by creating a task force to assist victims of home burglaries. At present, many burglary victims are left with a police report and not much else. This task force could provide additional assistance to burglary victims. He would also like to explore providing a better police presence in the Centerville area, either with a storefront sub-precinct, or through some sort of mobile presence.
- ◆ Exploring the possibility of using local funds to match federal funds for construction of new roads in the county. Most federal transportation funds require a state match. With the state short of money this year, we might be able to leverage local dollars to complete critical transportation improvements more quickly.
- ◆ Encouraging the Georgia Legislature to pass a law requiring a local contact for all property owners. This will help our Quality of Life unit enforce regulations for rental housing with out of town owners. This is the third consecutive year he has

pushed for this legislation.

- ◆ Working in partnership with Georgia Gwinnett College to develop an indoor aquatics center with a competition pool. This could be used by the college and by the county's swim teams.
- ◆ Establishing a planning district for the Highway 316 corridor. This could help promote the goals of the 2030 Unified Plan and the Chamber's Partnership Gwinnett to establish a high-tech corridor along the highway. Participants could include Gwinnett Technical College, Georgia Gwinnett College, and Cisco, along with the Chamber and the county.
- ◆ Studying the options for expanding or improving service at the county's Briscoe Airport. With plans for developing a Biotech Crescent along the 316 corridor, we should make sure the airport is providing the services needed to promote this effort.
- ◆ Reducing the euthanization rate at the county's Animal Control Center, he would like to establish a volunteer group there that would work to find more homes for stray animals and work to reunite lost pets with their owners in a more efficient manner.
- ◆ Expanding the number of bike lanes in the country. When the county widens or repaves an existing road, we should examine the cost of adding bike lanes, and add them if possible.
- ◆ Creating a citizen's committee to help guide implementation of the county's 2030 Plan. There are many details to be worked out in order to make the plan successful. One example is establishing maximum densities and defining sending and receiving areas for transfer of development rights. A citizen's committee can work with our planning department and the commission to help define priorities and identify any changes that might need to be made.
- ◆ Providing more information in property tax bills to show where tax money is going. By breaking the bill down to line items, including public safety, parks and recreation, roads, etc. and showing the dollar amount included in the bill, each taxpayer would see how their money is being spent.
- ◆ Improving commuting options for county residents. The county should develop and maintain a website residents could use to post and find van pools and ride sharing opportunities, especially for in-county commutes. The county should also explore how we can use our bus system to meet the needs of residents who work in the county.
- ◆ In 2009, county government will need to tighten its belt and focus on the essential services it must provide to its residents. These tough economic times won't last forever. He hopes the goals he has set, while they won't cost much, will provide a foundation for responsible growth once conditions improve.

If you have any concerns you think he should know about, you can attend one of his "Meetings with Mike," contact him by email at mike.beaudreau@gwinnettcounty.com, or call the office at 770-822-7003.

Todd Clay, Community Action Liaison



NORTH FORKE DIRECTORY UPDATES

If you wish to have changes made to the 2009 edition, please direct your changes to szhearn@bellsouth.net. Listed below are changes to existing listings that have been received since the 2008 directory was published. If we have overlooked changes that you have reported, please send a reminder. If you are a new resident, and if you haven't done so already, please submit your resident details so they can appear in the 2009 directory. Changes of home phone numbers and email addresses will appear in the quarterly *North Forke News*. If you do not wish them to appear in the newsletter, please let us know when you submit your changes.

- ◆ Armand's email: karenarmand@aol.com
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HELP NEEDED

Volunteers to help proof the 2009
North Forke Plantation Directory.

Please email Sue Zan Hearn if you can help—szhearn@bellsouth.net

Next Issue in May

Email your articles **BEFORE** April 19 to:
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NORTH FORKE DIRECTORY UPDATES/CORRECTIONS

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Address _____			
First Name _____	E-Mail _____		
First Name _____	E-Mail _____		
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This form is provided for updating your information in the North Forke directory. Please mail this slip to Sue Zan Hearn, 1330 Wilmington Way, Grayson, GA 30017, or e-mail Sue Zan with your updates at szhearn@bellsouth.net.

NORTH FORKE BUSINESS OWNER ADS & DIRECTORY

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NORTH FORKE BUSINESS OWNERS DIRECTORY

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- ♦ Julie Johnson, 770-846-7422, Hattiesburg Ct.
- ♦ Alex Sitzmann, 770-979-0143, Orleans Ct.

Contractors

- ♦ 20/20 Home Inspections, Bill & Joan Johnson, 770-634-8552
- ♦ R. Dynis Enterprises (*Carpentry*), Rick Dynis, 770-500-5920

Education

- ♦ Total Learning Concepts, Carol Wood, 770-381-5958 (Lilburn), 770-466-8282 (Loganville)

Food

- ♦ Frozen Concoctions, Mike Harper, 770-736-6712
- ♦ Riverstone Steakhouse, Mark Galloway-Stillions, 770-638-1780

Health & Fitness

- ♦ Elegant Touch (Massage Therapy), Von Green, 404-437-6816
- ♦ Forever Fit, Inc. (*Personal Training*), Rhonda Harper, 770-978-7570

Home & Garden

- ♦ CitruSolution (*Carpet Cleaning*), Mike & Sandy Phillips, 770-655-4407
- ♦ Murals on the Move (*Art*), Diana Thurmon, 770-979-4797
- ♦ Pearson Landscaping, Andrew Pearson, 770-879-8791
- ♦ Pharr Pest Control, Neal Pharr, 770-972-7944
- ♦ Pine Straw-Home Delivery, Tammy Pearson, 678-860-5676, 770-978-8095

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- ♦ RPS Printing, Cheryl Robinson, 770-513-4690

Pet Care

- ♦ Alex Sitzmann, 770-979-0143, Orleans Ct.
- ♦ In Your Home Pet Sitting, Amy Freeman, 770-335-7890 Cell, 770-979-8870 Home
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- ♦ Elegant Events, Nancy Whitman, 770-979-4150

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- ♦ ReMax-Greater Atlanta, Jackie Dail, 678-522-6857



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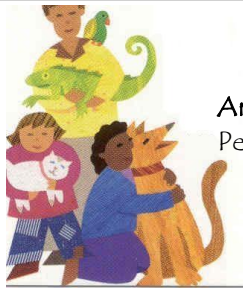


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SERVICE PROVIDER / CONTRACTOR REFERRAL LIST

(revised February 2009)



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Appliance Repair

- ◆ All Gwinnett Appliance Repair, Tracy Stephens – 770-736-2797
- ◆ Banks Appliance Service, Harold Banks – 770-498-2764

Automotive

- ◆ Hayes Automotive, Inc., 320 Farmer Court, Lawrenceville (right off GA 20 past Blackstock BBQ) – 770-962-0124 – Owned by 2 brothers who do the work themselves.
- ◆ Hond/Auto, Inc. – Jerry Rawe – 770-9829882 – Works on Hondas & Acuras only.

Carpet – Tile – Hardwood Floor Cleaning – Concrete Sealed

- ◆ Accent Flooring – Michael Tedder – 770-982-0090, Installation, sanding, stripping, and refinishing wood floors.
- ◆ Carpet Glow Floor Cleaning Specialist, Gary McAfee – 770-732-8928 or 770-348-8995 – Carpet, upholstery, tile floors, wood refinish, concrete cleaned and sealed, pressure washing – great work, dependable, trustworthy, and affordable.
- ◆ Southern Woods Flooring Inc., Rob Chewning, Owner – 770-554-1555 – Hardwood floor installation, refinishing, and carpet. Excellent quality and service, on time, didn't leave a mess.
- ◆ CitruSolutions Carpet Cleaning Process, Mike & Sandy Phillips, 770-655-4407

Central Vacuum Maintenance

- ◆ Central Vacuum Services – 770-630-1620 – Inspection, repair, installation. Knowledgeable, thorough, reasonable, dependable.

Computer

- ◆ Corsair Technology – 770-417-1018, Cell 678-982-9994 – Knowledgeable and reasonable.

Concrete

- ◆ Concrete Innovations – Jeff Botheroyd – 770-616-9484 – www.ConcreteInnovations.info. Decorative concrete resurfacing for driveways, walkways, pool decks, patios, garage floor coatings. Free estimates.

Countertop/Bathtub Repair

- ◆ Surface Specialists of Northeast Georgia – Josh Cato – 678-577-1116 – www.surfacepecialists.com – great job sanding and removing stains. Countertops look brand new.

Electrician

- ◆ Joe Bradley – 770-560-4497 Cell

Fencing

- ◆ Better Decks & Fences – 770-923-8837

Furniture Repairs & Doors

- ◆ Danny's Furniture Repairs – 678-344-7079 – Repairs, restoration, custom made furniture, doors, etc.

Garage Door Repairs

- ◆ Dunwoody Door – 770-393-1652

Garbage Collection

- ◆ Southern Sanitation – 770-455-8186 – Family run, great service & reasonable rates

Glass & Window Repair

- ◆ Whelan & Son Glass and Window Repair, Brian Whelan – 770-385-8663 – Repair fogged windows, window hardware, and window replacement.
- ◆ Sugarloaf Glass, Inc. – 678 442-9542 – Javier Diaz Jr., President

Gutters

- ◆ Superior Gutter Worx, Gregory Clark, Owner – 678-887-1229 – Dependable, thorough, professional.

Heating & Air Conditioning

- ◆ Wall Heating & Air Conditioning, Mike and Karen Wall – 770-736-5207 – Installation and repairs, residential and commercial.

Home Repairs and Remodeling

- ◆ George Brosan – 770-979-6447 – Basements, sunrooms, decks,

general repair. Reliable, great quality work at reasonable prices.

- ◆ Castle Renovations, Ray Hodges – 770-564-9500 – Decks, sunrooms, additions, general repair.
- ◆ JLH Construction, Jonathan Woods – 404-392-4426 – Remodeling / Renovations
- ◆ Tony's Home Maintenance, Tony Thomas – 770-605-8333 – Major and minor home repairs, decks, fences, basement. Dependable, trustworthy, and reasonable prices.
- ◆ Better Decks & Fences – 770-923-8837

House Cleaning

- ◆ Cheryl Hodge – 770-808-3358
- ◆ Jose & Lourdes Pujol – 678-474-0797 or 678-437-9839
- ◆ Maria's Housecleaning Service – Maria Sandoval – 678-371-3006
- ◆ Serafina (Sara) Villagra – 678-344-6133 Home, 678-614-8313 Cell

Interior Decorating

- ◆ Redecorate By Design, Lori Benton IRN – 404-759-6257 – One day decorating using what you already own. Great when just moving in or want a new look. Very reasonable. www.redecoratebydesign.com.

Landscaping

- ◆ Bishop Design Group, Gus Bishop – 678-230-3918, landscape architecture, design, construction, and maintenance – 15 years experience.
- ◆ Green Side Up! Lawn Care, Linda Cranston – 404-732-7988, mowing, edging, and pine straw. Reasonable and dependable.
- ◆ Nightscape Landscape Lighting, John Young – 770-365-9249
- ◆ Shady Grove Landscape Company – 404-441-0000 – design, installation, maintenance, irrigation and drainage, walls, patios, and decks.
- ◆ Cash Pine Straw, Judy Johnson—706-484-1154, 770-223-4895 Pager, dependable, timely, and reasonable.

Painting & Wallpaper

- ◆ Oakcliff Painting, Phillip Mason – 404-867-3707 – Excellent work, neat, clean, does minor wood repair.
- ◆ The Hangman, Greg Goode – 770-985-9325 – Wallpaper removal and hanging, painting.
- ◆ Patricia – 770-267-3958 or 770-314-1181
- ◆ Rhonda – 770-207-6616 or 770-842-2792
- ◆ Wojciech (pronounced VoTech) Wysocki Painting – 770-339-6460 – great job painting over wallpaper

Pest Control Exterminating

- ◆ Breda Pest Management — 770-466-6700 — Honest, thorough, and family owned. "Only The Sun Outshines Our Service"
- ◆ Rich Exterminators Inc. – 770-682-7755 – Friendly service, local operation, committed to fixing the problem. Ants-Termites-Rodents-any kind of pest problem.

Plumbing

- ◆ Keep Smiling Plumbing – 770-979-7997 – Family run business, great to work with.

Roof Repairs and Installation

- ◆ Fitzpatrick Roofing and Contracting, Steve Fitzpatrick – 770-297-3165.

Tree Service

- ◆ Perkins Tree Service, Charlie Perkins – 770-979-4402 – Fully insured, serving NFP for 9 years; reasonable rates and dependable.
- ◆ Safeco Tree Service – 770-554-2312 – Excellent service, great clean-up.

Window Cleaning

- ◆ Absolute Window Cleaning, Paul Valenta, Owner, 678-516-7939. Dependable, professionally operated, and reasonably priced – see ad in Resident Directory.