

Wellington Walk News Flash

Spring/Summer 2016

Pool Area News



Please note: For the safety and security of our residents and their guests, the security system for the entire Pool/ Pavilion/ Tennis area has been replaced. There are now six cameras placed strategically, so that there is an unimpeded view of the entire area, providing 24/7 surveillance.

The swimming pool will be opening for the season on Saturday, May 21st. New key fobs will be available in early May to those residents who are up-to-date on their HOA dues. You will receive notification by e-mail as soon as the fobs are available for pick-up.

Reminder: We do not have a daily "cleaning crew", so it is up to us homeowners to be respectful and keep our recreation areas maintained.

Tennis News



Great news! Repairing and resurfacing of our tennis courts will begin mid-May. Thanks for your patience while these long-needed repairs are completed!

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Garage Sale

May 13-14



Our Spring Neighborhood
Garage Sale will be held Fri.
& Sat, May 13 & 14.
(Advertised on Craigslist)



Reminder to fly balloons
from your mailbox to alert
visitors that you are
participating.

Please note: At the Nov.
HOA meeting it was decided
that we will hold only one
sale per year, so this is it,
folks! Your chance to clean
out your "treasures".



Some homeowners have been using storm drains to dispose of lawn clippings in Spring and Summer and leaves in the Fall. This is unacceptable. These drains all lead somewhere. Some empty directly into the backyards of other neighbors which means all this yard waste makes a huge mess in their yards! The water department has stated that this is hazardous and can cause problems with water backup and clogging. 'No Dumping' signs have been painted on the drains but the problem remains. **Please be respectful and dispose of your yard waste properly!**



Spring is definitely in the air (including pollen),



and we look forward to mowing our lawns and planting annuals!

Home / Yard Maintenance

- Respect your neighbors. **PICK UP DOG EXCRETIONS!**
- Please refrain from throwing "poopy bags" in the woods near residents' homes. Your neighbors do not appreciate your dogs urinating on their lawns!
- Keep dogs on a leash and in your control at all times. A resident was recently bitten!!
- Store trash cans out of sight, and put them out for pickup no more than 24 hr. before Tues. AM.
- Weed, edge, mow lawns, trimming grass that grows over sidewalks and curbs.
- Keep bushes and trees trimmed, especially river Birches that hang over sidewalks and into the street, both of which impede foot and vehicle traffic.
- Please do not leave yard clippings in the street.
- Rehang loose or missing shutters and gutters.
- Evaluate the outside of your home regarding areas needing repairs or re-painting.
- Fresh mulch in planting beds as needed.
- If you have bare spots in your Bermuda grass, try sprinkling sand over it to help the grass grow.

Thanks to all the residents of Wellington Walk who help keep our subdivision in tip-top shape.



Graduation Banners

Names and information for 2016 must be submitted by **Monday, April 25th**.

Banners will be displayed at both entrances beginning May 2nd.

If you have someone you would like to have listed on the banners contact Gene Paulsson ASAP at news@wellingtonwalkhoa.com



Hello to our new neighbors:

Arafat Abubaker
1515 Mount McKinley Drive

Janet Carranza
Victor Rivera
913 Juneau Court

Dana Ulrich and Sean Cohen
631 Kodiak Court

On behalf of the whole subdivision, welcome to all our new neighbors!
We hope that you will enjoy our beautiful neighborhood!



PLEASE NOTE: The sign above is NOT a suggestion! It says STOP, NOT SLOW DOWN!



The 5 seconds you save are not worth the consequences for both you and the person with whom you collide!

Stay in your lane when turning a corner.

Be aware that in spring and summer kids are riding their bikes. The kid you hit might be yours!



Remind door-to-door sales people that this is a non-solicitation neighborhood. Ask such persons to see their permit – all salespersons must have a permit for door-to-door sales. This is a valid safety concern since criminals can masquerade as salespersons in order to case your home.

Simple Ways to Make Your Neighborhood a Safer Place

Long gone are the days where all the neighborhood kids played kick-the can in the middle of the street each summer night. Whether you blame it on paranoid parents or uninterested children, one thing is for certain: many neighborhoods today are lacking the close-knit feeling was prominent just ten or 20 years ago. Missing this feeling creates concerns for neighborhood safety overall.

Neighborhood safety is a team effort, but it starts with *you*. What can you do to make your neighborhood a safer place? We have some simple tips here.

Know your neighbors.

This cannot be emphasized enough. Know whether they work during the day, whether they have children (and, if so, what they look like), and what their needs are. Do you live next to an elderly couple that stays home, but sometimes needs help? Or is there a teenage driver in the family? Are there small children you need to look out for? Knowing these things helps you be aware of who is in your neighborhood and what could be suspicious.

Have a way to reach your neighbors if they're gone and something is amiss in the neighborhood. Feel free to contact them if you see any out-of-ordinary or suspicious behavior around their home or if you're gone and would like them to [check up on your house](#).



Keep up your yard, and encourage your neighbors to do the same.

A neighborhood with mowed lawns, flowers, and freshly painted homes looks like it's cared for, and this alone can help deter crime. A well-kept yard also provides fewer places for suspicious persons to take cover. If there is a certain open lot or abandoned home that is an eyesore, work together as a neighborhood to clean up weeds, plant trees, and do a bit of fixing up on the exterior.

Be extra cautious when you go out of town.

Talk to your neighbors and arrange for someone to mow your lawn, shovel your walks, or pick up your mail and newspapers. Use timers on your lights, or find a [security system](#) that will allow you to turn lamps off and on remotely.

Close your windows and blinds at night.

A big screen TV is a less enticing steal if no one knows it's there. Leaving your blinds open and lights on at night provides a free look into your house, its layout, and the habits of its occupants. And leaving windows open at night or when you're gone is an invitation for an uninvited guest to come on in.

Improve the lighting on your street.

Streetlamps are not the only way to do this. Turn on your porch lights in the evenings and install motion-sensor lights in the backs or sides of the house so potential intruders don't have the darkness to hide in.

Encourage outdoor activity.

Go on walks with your neighbor, work in your yard, and let your kids play with the neighbors' kids down the street. Organizing a neighborhood cookout can encourage people to feel more comfortable spending time out in the neighborhood as well.

Install a security system.

In the end, one of the surest options to improve safety in your neighborhood is to get a home security system and use it properly. A [2009 study](#) by - Rutgers found that, as the number of home security systems increased in an area, the number of residential robberies decreased in that area. Use the Safewise security system finder tool to help you [evaluate what security system](#) will work best for your home.

Improving neighborhood safety is a team effort, but it needs to start with someone and that someone should be you. As you get to know your neighbors, discuss your concerns, and apply some of the ideas above, you'll find that your neighborhood becomes not only a safer place to be, but a more enjoyable one.

Gwinnett
Police Contact
Numbers



Police

(Non-Emergency):

770-513-5700

Emergency Dial:

911

Animal Control:

770-339-3200



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Neighbors, recently there have been several reports of drug activity i.e. transactions in our subdivision. If you are aware of such activity, or suspect such activity is underway, please call Gwinnett County Police immediately at the number above!

The new security system at the Pool/ Tennis area should discourage use of the parking lot there for illegal activity. Please report any vehicles parked there with passengers seated inside, and/or with no one in sight at the pool or tennis court.

We value our quiet, safe neighborhood and want to do everything in our power to keep it that way. In the end, as mentioned in several places in this newsletter, it is up to ALL of us to work together. Your HOA Board is looking into the use of the NextDoor App, a free private social network for your neighborhood community. Check it out at <https://nextdoor.com/> . We value your input.