

# Wellington Walk News Flash

Spring/Summer 2017

## Pool Area News



**The swimming pool will be opening for the season on Saturday, May 20th.**

**Reminder: There are six cameras placed around the pool area strategically, so that there is an unimpeded view of the entire area, providing 24/7 surveillance.**

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

## Tennis News



**Reminder to all residents: Please go to our website <https://wellingtonwalk.skedda.com> to reserve your time for tennis.**

**Enter your e-mail address and a password. You will get a confirmation e-mail. Once you confirm the email, you can sign in and schedule the tennis courts from anywhere.**

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## Garage Sale

May 5-6



**Our Spring Neighborhood Garage Sale will be held Fri. & Sat, May 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>. (Advertised on Craigslist)**



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

**Please note: 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!

### From the ACC

- 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.
- Store trash cans out of sight, and put them out for pickup no more than 24 hr. before Tues. AM.
- Last year's drought was unkind, so please remove (and replant as needed) ALL dead bushes in front and on the sides of your homes.
- Please contact the ACC before having any trees removed.
- Keep lawns mowed and trimmed along sidewalks and curbs. Please do not leave yard clippings in the street.
- Treat your front and side lawns for weeds.
- 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.

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



### Graduation Banners

Names and information for 2017 must be submitted by **Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**.

Banners will be displayed at both entrances beginning May 1<sup>st</sup>.

If you would like to have your High School or College senior listed on the banners, contact Gene Paulsson ASAP at [news@wellingtonwalkhoa.com](mailto:news@wellingtonwalkhoa.com)



### Attention Residents:

According to Gwinnett County Police Dept., **golf carts are treated the same as a car.** Therefore, any driver must have a valid driver's license. The golf cart must be insured, equipped with safety equipment, display a valid GA tag, and be driven only in areas with posted speed limits of 35 mph or less. This applies to the entire neighborhood - residents and visitors alike.

**Speed limit in Wellington Walk is 25 mph. This also applies to everyone driving in our neighborhood.**

Thank you.



**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 that 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, 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.

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Police Contact  
Numbers



**Police**  
(Non-Emergency):  
770-513-5700  
Emergency Dial:  
911  
Animal Control:  
770-339-3200



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If AT&T dug up your lawn last fall, don't despair!

Call Terri at 678-898-3482, and her company will be glad to repair the dead area left behind after the fiber installations, as well as any issues with irrigation, electrical, etc.