

CALLAWAY LAKES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION NEWS

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YOUR BOARD

2020-2021

President:

Kathleen Fiorito

Vice President:

David Smith

Secretary/Treasurer:

Cassy Beaulieu

Asst. Sec./Treasurer:

Steve Allen

Members at Large:

Jason Wilson
John Williams
Marvin Jackson
David & Rosa Briziendine

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Callaway Lakes neighbors, I am Kathleen Fiorito, your newly elected HOA President. As I explained at our annual meeting in February, I originally joined the HOA board 2 years ago, in order to join the social committee headed by our new Treasurer/Secretary Cassy Beaulieu. I then agreed to set up a new website, which somehow turned into the Vice Presidency. You are probably beginning to sense a trend.... Yes, your HOA board members wear a few hats. Your new Vice President, David Smith, has also taken on assisting Marvin Jackson, new Member at Large, in starting a Neighborhood Watch. We also had John Williams and David and Rosa Briziendine join our Board. First, I really want to thank our neighbors for working together to create a better community to live and work. From fixing the park, our street signs, to roads, we did this together. So many of you have stepped up and responded in many incredibly helpful ways to solve issues large and small. Secondly, I really need to give all credit to Stephen Allen, our past Treasurer/Secretary. He took over a very neglected HOA and spent months finding and digging through records to solve a myriad of issues. He did so intelligently, scrupulously and meticulously. To our general dismay, he wants his life back after 2 years. I've told him I will be keeping him on speed dial. It will literally take a village to fill his shoes. I also want to thank Doug Jernigan who served as our past President. He brought a lot of common sense and hands on support to keeping our neighborhood together. Finally, I need to give Cassy a round of applause. She is on both the Lake Owners Board and the HOA Board. It was her instigation that created the Social/Welcoming Committee she runs so wonderfully. It was her outreach that found people willing to round out the HOA Board that needed neighbors that cared. Thanks

to her outreach we have more neighbors participating as a community than I can recall since 2012. We have accomplished a lot, but like any group there is more to do. While we cannot solve every neighbor problem, we have ambitious goals for the next year. A new neighborhood only Facebook page, a new Neighborhood Watch, as well as a couple neighborhood get togethers (of course, AFTER we get through this COVID-19 shelter in place). I look forward to working with my neighbors and our HOA board members to creating a great place to live and work. ~ Kathleen



The Board consists of homeowners like you. We have jobs, families, obligations and we *VOLUNTEER* our time to serve. We volunteer because we want to keep Callaway Lakes a desired neighborhood and your dues cover the cost of streetlights, our fancy street signs, insurance, upkeep and maintenance on the common areas. Without dues, our streets would be dark; our street signs and poles would be standard green/metal; and our common areas and entrance signs would be overgrown and non-existing.

Thank you to Amber Smith for the lovely Ribbons of Hope during the COVID-19 health crisis.

(you can find her on Facebook at Amber's Southern Door Décor)

You can always reach the Board at clhoa2018@gmail.com or the HOA website at callawaylakeshoa.com.
All emails are treated confidentially and are typically responded to within 24 hours.

SOCIAL/WELCOME COMMITTEE NEWS

In 2019, the Welcome Committee welcomed 18 families to the neighborhood. We are glad you chose Callaway Lakes to call home. If you are interested in becoming part of the Social/Welcome Committee, contact us through the Callaway Lakes website: callawaylakeshoa.com or email at clhoa2018@gmail.com. We need help in planning neighborhood events, decorating entrances and articles for newsletter.

Thank you, Bryn Corley, our Martindale Dr. neighbor, for your awesome message during this time of uncertainty.



“Congratulations” to Stephen & Karen Crawford at 248 Wiregrass Way as the first winners of the Best Yard Award. If you know a neighbor who has a beautiful yard (this includes holiday decorations too), let us know. Winners will be selected by the HOA board and will receive a \$50 gift card to a local establishment of winner’s choice. Contact us at our website or email.



+Please be aware of car break-ins throughout our neighboring subdivisions. Please make sure your cars are locked and personal property is secured in your carports/garages. The Lee County Sheriff’s Office does patrol our neighborhood. For non-emergencies, please call 229/759-6012

If you are interested in joining Callaway Lakes Neighborhood Watch, please contact us through the Callaway Lakes website: callawaylakeshoa.com or by email at clhoa2018@gmail.com.



The Georgia Rules for Air Quality define open burning as any outdoor fire from which the products of combustion are emitted directly into the open air without passing through a stack, chimney, or duct. All outdoor burning of natural vegetative materials is considered open burning and requires a burn permit.

HOW TO OBTAIN A BURN PERMIT

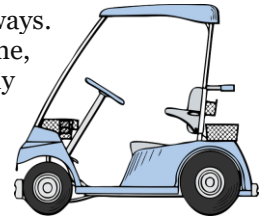
Burning Permits are good only for the day they are issued. If you obtain your permit after dark, your permit will be good for the following day. There is no fee for obtaining a burn permit.

Contact: 1-877-OK2-BURN (652-2876). The call is an automated system, or you can go to <http://www.gatrees.org>

REMINDERS FOR BURNING

- Fires should not be initiated before 8:00 a.m. and should be completely extinguished before dark;
- Always check the Fire Weather Forecast and Current Fire Danger Ratings for our area before initiating any type of outdoor burn;
- It is unlawful to burn man made materials such as tires, shingles, plastics, lumber, garbage, carpets.;
- You are responsible for your fire and its smoke; and
- **NEVER** leave a fire unattended.

According to Georgia State Patrol, golf carts should stay in designated areas, not main roads and highways. A cart is not allowed on a street with a speed limit of more than 35 miles per hour. When riding one, especially at night, you need to make sure you have headlights, taillights and breaks. It is highly encouraged to wear bright clothing when riding at night so other cars can see you before it's too late.



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We are looking for Members at Large. These Members will be representatives of their lake to keep the Board up to date on water levels, fountain timers/performance, etc. We need your input!

If you're interested email us at:

callawaylakeowners@gmail.com

LAKEOWNERS NEWS

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FROM THE LAKE OWNER'S BOARD

DO NOT introduce any fish to the ponds unless approved by the LAKE HOA Board. Crappie, white perch and green sunfish are examples of undesirable species.

DO NOT apply chemical to the pond unless approved by the LAKE HOA Board. Round-Up is harmful to the fish population and it is **ILLEGAL** to apply around ponds, streams and lakes without a license.

DO NOT throw trash or yard clippings into the ponds.

PLEASE feed the fish often. Ivey's & Bennett Supply offer BB sized floating feed pellets at a reasonable cost. If you start feeding they will come and it'll be a feeding frenzy (so much fun to watch!).

Remember, the lots surrounding EVERY pond are private property and should be respected as such. Without your lake neighbor's permission you are trespassing. The LAKE HOA shall have access across platted drainage easements and along all lake fronts for purposes of operating and maintaining the lakes.

HELPFUL TIPS:

- Ask permission before fishing from your neighbor's land.
- Carry forceps, pliers or other hook removal tools.
- Return caught fish to the water as quickly as possible.
- Don't catch or kill the grass carp. IF caught release as quickly as possible.

FOR LIABILITY PURPOSES:

- Guest may fish from YOUR property only.
- If your guest is fishing from a boat, YOU must be in the boat.



Please DO NOT jump, dive, or otherwise disturb the fountains. While they provide visual enjoyment, their main purpose is aeration of the lakes.

All owners of lake lots are part of the regular Homeowners Association as well as the LAKEowners Association. You receive two (2) invoices each year for dues; one in February for the Lake and one in March for the regular HOA. LAKEowner dues are payable to "Callaway Lakes Lakeowners Association" and are remitted to a different mailing address.