

GapCreekConnection

A Newsletter for the Gap Creek Community

Gap Creek's Website Has a New Look!

We recently had our neighborhood website upgraded to include many new features.

When you visit www.GapCreekhoa.com you will find, among many things, local weather; past newsletters, a community calendar that includes dates of upcoming meetings, activities, and clean-up events; important local contacts; and neighborhood news. You can also

view the Gap Creek covenants and restrictions (C&Rs) which spell out the rules and responsibilities of each homeowner.

In addition, you will find a list of the HOA board members and their contact information. There is a page where you can write the board members an email and let them know how things are going. Be sure to check out our website regularly and stay informed!

Meadowbrook Park Makeover

You may have noticed a new "cleaner" look to Meadowbrook Park recently. On Saturday, November 1, Gap Creek volunteers spent their Saturday morning trimming trees and power washing the playground equipment and benches.

The much needed spur-of-the-moment clean-up was instigated by Ryan Harris who enthusiastically worked his power washer all morning to make the equipment look brand new! Other generous volunteers included Darryn, Melissa, and Maddox Bryant; Swede Murphy; Reid Lorenz, and 4 members of the GC HOA Board of Directors. Thanks to everyone who helped!

There will be another Gap Creek clean-up day in the spring and everyone will be asked to help pitch in and spruce-up our neighborhood! If you have any ideas of areas that need such attention, please contact Kim Hand of the Landscape Committee at handcamp@sbcglobal.net or Tony Lorenz at ARLorenz@aol.com.



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Semi Annual Association Meeting

January 20, 7:00 p.m.

Friendship Baptist Church

- Neighborhood Watch Presentation
- Board Member Election
- Budget Review
- Landscape & Maintenance Discussion

All Gap Creek homeowners are highly encouraged to attend this meeting.

Citizen Police Academy

Sherwood is accepting applications in January for the Sherwood Citizen Police Academy. This is a seven-week course designed to inform citizens on different aspects of law enforcement. All who want to gain an active knowledge of their police department are encouraged to apply.

The course will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30pm to 9:30pm. It is free but availability is limited.

The deadline for registration is February 27. For more information contact Lieutenant Cheryl Williams at 501-835-1425 ext. 354 or visit <http://www.sherwoodpolice.org>

Trail Maintenance Continues



Three areas in our trail system recently got an upgrade. Two entrances from Gap Point Circle were improved with new stairs and French drains. Also, a trail section in “The Meadows” that was being washed out was re-worked and a new drain system installed.

Each year we try to identify areas that need work or have been eroded away. ArkLawn Industries is our main trail maintenance provider and they do some really

great work. We have many spots that need some attention and we will have the work done over the years as money is available.

The Board of Directors is committed to maintaining a “top-notch” trail system in Gap Creek as this is one of the most unique and sought after features our subdivision has to offer. If you have concerns or ideas of how to improve our trails, please use our website to inform the board members. Thank you!

Remain Vigilant

As our little corner of Sherwood continues to grow and more homes and businesses are built around us, more people are discovering Gap Creek. With these people comes an increased chance for “bad people” to invade our quiet subdivision. There has recently been an up-tick in the number of break-ins and property vandalizations in our neck of the woods. It is more important than

ever that we stay vigilant and report any suspicious activity to the Sherwood police. They have stepped up patrols of our neighborhood but it is up to each of us to make up the difference.

Get to know your neighbors. Watch out for suspicious activities or persons around our homes. Look out for each other’s homes and don’t be afraid to ask ques-

tions of people you don’t recognize. We don’t have an official neighborhood watch program here yet but we can all do our part to stay vigilant and help keep our neighborhood safe. A member of the Sherwood Police Department will be at our semi annual meeting on January 20 to discuss starting a Neighborhood Watch Program. If you are interested, please try to attend.

Recycling Update

Just when many of us had gotten into the habit of sorting our recyclables from our trash, the curbside recycling program ceased!

But you can still recycle! There are several centers in the area where you can drop off your recyclables.

Hwy 107 & North Hills Blvd. - Just north of the intersection, beside the old Harvest Food building. Open 24 hours a day, 7

days a week.

Kiehl & Lois - On the northwest corner of this intersection. Beside the “Fish To Go” store.

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2509 McCain Blvd - In the Kroger parking lot; Sat. 7 am to noon.

1300 Marshall Road - off the Main Street exit, Mon.-Fri. 7 am to 4 pm.

The following items are usually accepted, although each center is slightly different: newspapers, magazines, aluminum cans, plastic soft drink bottles, translucent milk jugs, plastic grocery and retail bags, cardboard, glass (all colors), telephone books and junk mail.

For additional information, visit <http://www.regionalrecycling.org/sherwood.php>

Yard of the Month

The Landscape Committee has reinstated the "Yard of the Month" program in Gap Creek! Each month or two, a different yard from The Meadows, The Ridge, and The Point will be honored with the coveted Yard of the Month Award. These yards will have the honor of displaying the YOM sign until a new yard is picked.

Yards will be judged on their mowed, trimmed, weed-free

grass; their well maintained flower beds; and general upkeep and appearance. Yards are also considered for "most improved" appearances so make an effort this spring to take your yard to the next level.

Keep your yard looking its best and one month you, too, can be the proud recipient of this highly desirable award!

Congratulations YOM winners!



November Winners

Nick & Roz Creed
6716 Gap Point Circle

December Winners

Robbie & Brenda Fletcher
6663 Gap Point Circle

7129 Gap Meadows Drive

Block Captains Needed

We would like to get the Block Captain program started up again!

Block Captains are responsible for a certain portion of Gap Creek homes around where they live. They deliver the Covenants and Restrictions to new families and inform them about association meetings and activities.

This is a great opportunity for you to get out and meet your neighbors! If you're interested, please email Tony Lorenz at ARLorenz@aol.com

Opening on the BOD

Harold Hilliard, a long time member of the Gap Creek Board of Directors, has decided not to run for another 3-year term. We would like to thank him his many years of dedicated service - his contributions will be missed.

With his departure, a seat on the board becomes available. Anyone interested in becoming an active member of the board, please contact a board member and plan on attending the semi annual meeting on January 20. Interested candidates will be nominated and voted on at this meeting.

Pitiful Pansies

This fall, the beautiful pansies that were planted by Turf Master lawn service were viciously attacked and eaten by local deer! Twice!

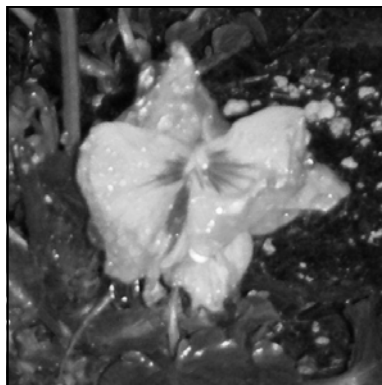
Each year, fall flowers are planted at the entrance to Gap Creek as well as on both roundabouts. A few days after the pansies were planted this year, deer nibbled the plants down to the ground and, in the process, uprooted many of them. Plants were replaced a few weeks later. In hopes of deterring another attack, mothballs were also added to the area. But, alas, the second set of plants were devoured as well!

So there will be no fall/winter color this year and we will have to wait for spring to plant again. If anyone knows of a way to keep the deer from eating our plants, please let us know!

Don't Forget Your Dues

Annual Home Owner's Association dues are due!

Recently, you should have received a bill for your HOA annual dues in the mail. The dues are to be paid by January 31, 2009. Please don't be late!



Budget Update

Gap Creek HOA ended 2008 in pretty good shape monetarily. We took in \$51,000 from annual dues and had expenses of just over \$56,000. With the surplus from past years, our balance is now just under \$20,000. The budget for 2009 will remain about the same as it was in 2008.

Two homes have not paid their 2008 dues and a lien will be placed against each property until the outstanding debt is paid.

Covenant Corner

Residents are reminded that trailers, boats, campers, and other items outlined in the Covenants and Restrictions (C&Rs) are not allowed to be kept in driveways or sideyards that are visible from the street.

We have a couple of homes in the neighborhood that are in violation of this rule and have trailers, boats, or both being stored out front. Please keep these items inside your garage or behind fences so Gap Creek can continue to look its best.

- For more information, see Article 7, section 3 (i) of our C&Rs.
- Want to review the C&Rs online? Go to www.GapCreekhoa.com Then click on the "HOA Docs" tab located in the upper right side of the window.



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