

THE WATERFORD NEIGHBOR



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Upcoming Calendar

June 21 – Father’s Day

July 4 – Independence Day Holiday

Spend this holiday with friends and families in the oldest of traditions with hot dogs and hamburgers on the grill. Some will begin with an early morning run with 50,000 others for the Peachtree Road Race in Atlanta. Enjoy swimming in The Waterford pools, along with activities, including fireworks, at Dellinger Park. Wear plenty of sunscreen while outdoors and stay safe. Most importantly say a word of thanks to those who have gone before and achieved the independence we celebrate and those who today help us to keep it.

August 3 and 5 – Public Schools Start Dates

The first day of school for Bartow County students will be August 3. The first day for Cartersville City students will be August 5.

September 7 – Labor Day

Property Improvements

In keeping with the Board’s long range plan for maintenance and improvements to the Common Property you will have noticed some things around the clubhouse. The exterior of the clubhouse and the cabana was painted. The parking areas were all re-surfaced and re-stripped. The corn hole/bean bag toss area is partially completed. Members can enter the area from the pool. When the pool is not open there is a separate gate for entrance.

Assessments Paid On Time

Once again our HOA members were diligent in paying the annual assessment of \$450 on time. Late fees were also collected from sixteen (16) homeowners. Initially four (4) accounts were turned over to our attorney for collection. However, three (3) paid along with the late fee before collection efforts began thus avoiding legal charges. An automatic statutory lien is currently in place on the one unpaid account. We also have an account turned over for collection for an unpaid fine for violation of pool rules.

Waterford Mailboxes

The Waterford *Declaration of Covenants and Design Standards* require a black steel large U.S. Postal Service mailbox. The size is 10.875” H x 8.5” W X 22.25” D. There are a few mailboxes currently in use which do not meet this requirement and must be replaced. The ACC is requesting voluntary compliance during through July 10 should your mailbox not meet the *Standard* regarding color, size, or material. Non-compliance after July 10 will be turned over to the HOA board for enforcement under the provisions of the *Declaration*. Some mailboxes could use a paint job with black glossy paint.

A few mailbox posts do meet the *Standard* and are missing the green base. If this describes your mailbox post it must be brought up to *Standard* by July 10 or the enforcement process will be initiated. Information is on page 6 of the newsletter should you have a mailbox post need.

Do you know the significance of the red or blue round reflective stickers on some posts? Email us if you do.

Signs

As our HOA members have become more aware of our governing documents, the *Declaration of Covenants, Restrictions, and Easements* and the *Design Standards*, we are experiencing fewer violations. One area of noticeable improvement is the significant decrease in yard signs. Members have become more diligent in informing contractors working on their properties and the Board has also reached out to contractors to inform them of the prohibition on signs.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Article by Bill Gambill

ENJOYING THE RIVERFRONT VIEWS

In 2004 David and Cynthia Hayes of 415 Waterford Drive were looking for the perfect community in which to retire and build their home. They wanted a place which still had a small town feel to it on the northwest side of Atlanta and yet reasonably close to the Atlanta airport. A friend suggested they look at lots in The Waterford in Cartersville. Once Cynthia stood along the bank of the Etowah River she told David she wasn't leaving. Cynthia, having grown up in Dalton was familiar with Cartersville. The location was ideal for being close to three of their children along with grandchildren. They have a son in Woodstock, two daughters in Marietta, and, their youngest daughter lives in Stuart, Florida.

David and Cynthia quickly became big fans of the Booth Western Art Museum. They have several Western bronzes on display in their home. They enjoy every new exhibit and many of the special events and trips sponsored by the Booth.

Prior to moving to Cartersville the couple lived and worked in Roswell, Georgia, Denver, Colorado, and

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Princeton, New Jersey. Cynthia is retired from a career with Merrill Lynch and now has her own consulting business. She flies often and thus the necessity for being no more than an hour from the airport. David is something of a modern renaissance man. He has been a physicist, a consultant with Coopers & Lybrand, a Fortune 500 M & A director, and, founder of a software company. Perhaps his most memorable role has been to oversee and even create many of the custom finishes in their beautiful home. They used a local builder, yet David was very hands on throughout the process. The high vaulted polished wood ceiling in their family room is a highlight. David sanded and stained each of the boards himself. A visitor immediately recognizes the ceiling as being a striking reminder of their time living in Denver. Cynthia describes the house as, "Southern in front and Denver in the back."

David and Cynthia originally purchased three lots at the end of Waterford Drive with plans to build two houses, one for themselves and one for Cynthia's parents. Instead they built just the one house where all four reside. Later they purchased an adjoining vacant lot. So what does one do with all that property on the river? Turn it into a riverfront oasis of course. All four lots have been professionally landscaped with a wide variety of trees, shrubs (both evergreen and flowering), perennials, and annuals. Several bronze sculpted deer and a bronze cougar grace the grounds. In addition to live deer, the Hayes have also seen a real cougar or Florida panther, live deer (of course), coyotes, and a small bear!

David and Cynthia were and continue to be a great collaborative team for what they see as a long term plan with the grounds. Cynthia comes up with an idea and David brings the idea to reality. David told

me, "Cynthia is the smartest woman I know." The hot whirlpool spa and surrounding waterfalls are but one example of that collaboration. Cynthia wanted a hot whirlpool spa on the grounds but elevated enough to be able to view the river when in it. David created a system of twelve (yes 12) waterfalls to surround the whirlpool and achieve Cynthia's vision. Cynthia told me, "David is the smartest man I know."



David and Cynthia Hayes pictured in front of the waterfalls and whirlpool spa behind their home and overlooking the Etowah River.

Having to deal with the Corps of Engineers and the Georgia Environmental Protection Division was a long process, requiring a lot of patience. Yet, David and Cynthia were able to get everything they wanted along the riverfront. The large cantilevered deck over the river with six twelve inches thick underground steel beams is another example of David's detail. The deck dots the "i" in "imagination" and makes this oasis complete.

Golf Carts

Effective January 1, 2012, a new law took effect with respect to operating golf carts on roadways. Briefly, such carts “may only be operated on roadways during daylight hours, as defined by OCGA 40–8–20; and because operators are subjected to all the same duties as operators of any vehicle being operated on the roadways, a valid driver’s license is required to operate such vehicles.”

Several underage drivers have been operating golf carts on our roads since the opening of the pools. The board is once again asking owners of these carts to not allow their underage children to operate them. To do otherwise puts these children and other residents at risk of serious injury in the event of an accident.

“What Do You Make?”

Teacher Taylor Mali's unforgettable, searing retort to a thoughtless question certainly put a dinner companion in his place—and can make the rest of us appreciate the incredible role teachers play in our lives. Words in parenthesis () were substituted from the original as this is a neighbor newsletter.

By Taylor Mali from *What Teachers Make: In Praise of the Greatest Job in the World*

Also in *Reader's Digest Magazine* March 2015

He says the problem with teachers is:

What's a kid going to learn from someone who decided his best option in life was to become a teacher?

He reminds the other dinner guests that it's true what they say about teachers:

Those who can, do; those who can't, teach.

I decide to bite my tongue instead of his and resist the temptation to remind the dinner guests that it's also true what

they say about lawyers. Because we're eating, after all, and this is polite conversation.

I mean, you're a teacher, Taylor. Be honest. What do you make?

And I wish he hadn't done that—asked me to be honest—because, you see, I have this policy about honesty and (fanny) kicking: If you ask for it, then I have to let you have it.

You want to know what I make? I make kids work harder than they ever thought they could. I can make a C+ feel like a Congressional Medal of Honor and an A- feel like a slap in the face.

How dare you waste my time with anything less than your very best.

I make kids sit through 40 minutes of study hall in absolute silence.

No, you may not work in groups. No, you may not ask a question. Why won't I let you go to the bathroom? Because you're bored. And you don't really have to go to the bathroom, do you?

I make parents tremble in fear when I call home:

Hi. This is Mr. Mali. I hope I haven't called at a bad time; I just wanted to talk to you about something your son said today. To the biggest bully in the grade, he said, "Leave the kid alone. I still cry sometimes; don't you? It's no big deal." And that was the noblest act of courage I have ever seen.

I make parents see their children for who they are and what they can be. You want to know what I make?

I make kids wonder. I make them question. I make them criticize. I make them apologize and mean it. I make them write. I make them read, read, read. I make them spell *definitely beautiful, definitely beautiful, definitely beautiful* over and over and over again until they will never misspell either one of those words again. I make them show all their work in math and hide it on their final drafts in English. I make them understand that if you've got *a brain* then you follow *your heart*, and if someone ever tries to judge you by what you make, you give them (*the door*). Here, let me break it down for you, so you know what I say is true:

Teachers make a *difference*. Now what about you?

HOA Board

At the March annual meeting of the Association our members elected one new member to the Board, Scott Dorsey. Scott and Misty reside on Devon Court with their son, Tristan. They have been residents of The Waterford for five years. Scott is the Director of Special Education for the Georgia Cyber Academy, a public k-12 online school. Scott will be working with Don Gore on the pool committee. Re-elected were Board members Troy Weaver, Steve Dunn, Don Gore, and Susan Stephens. At their April meeting the Board re-elected the same officers for another year.

Home Sales

In the last edition of the newsletter we provided you with information on the number of home sales (24) for 2014. Sale prices ranged from \$424,000 to \$175'000. The median price was \$275,000 and the average price was \$283,500. There have been five home sales through May of this year. There are several homes currently listed for sale by their owners and one foreclosure.

Pool News

Board members Don Gore and Scott Dorsey are overseeing operations of our two pools this year assisted by Pool Committee members Kathy Smith, Teresa Garren, Jimmy Garren, and Brad Wall. You

can email the committee at pool@waterfordwebsite.com. Pool monitors will again be present but they do not serve as lifeguards, therefore, "Swim at Your Own Risk."

Pool Rules:

- No chewing gum in the pool area.
- No smoking or use of tobacco products.
- No running in the pool area.
- No bikes, skates, or skateboards are allowed in the pool area or on sidewalks around the pool.
- Radios must be battery operated, no electrical cords, and at a volume to not disturb others.
- No glass containers in the pool area.
- Children not potty trained must wear plastic, tight pants (not disposable diapers) when in the pool area.
- Alcoholic beverages are not allowed by persons under 21. ID must be presented upon request to verify age.
- No pets in within the fenced area.
- Vandalism, disruptive behavior, violation of pool rules can result in removal, suspension of pool privileges and/or fines.

The rules related to pets and potty trained infants and are especially important. Fecal matter in the pool will cause an immediate shutdown and inability to reopen until cleared by the health department. A complete list of the pool rules is located on our website. If you observe obvious intoxication or potentially dangerous or disruptive behavior, report it to the pool monitor or call the police department. The board has suspended pool privileges for the remainder of the 2015 pool season for one guest of a homeowner. One homeowner has been fined for violation of pool rules and access cards turned off until the fine is paid.

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One of the benefits of the new security system is WiFi at both pools.

Clubhouse Pool

Name – 2WIRE462

Password – 6677536742

Lower Pool

Name – upstairsdell

Password – sld04gsd

ILLEGAL VEHICLE ENTRIES

Homeowner vehicles in the neighborhood continue to have criminals making illegal entry into their vehicles. Unlocked vehicles in driveways with electronics or valuables in plain view are easy targets. There have also been reports of thefts from vehicles in open garages. More recently we have had a report of an actual break-in of a vehicle. Protect your personal property. Do not leave electronics, wallets, purses or anything of value in your empty vehicle. Lock your vehicle upon exiting. Call the police if you see suspicious activity late at night or during the very early morning hours around your own or a neighbor's driveway or garage.

Newsletter Advertising

The HOA Board has authorized the selling of ads in the newsletter. Prices are:

- \$25 for business card size
- \$100 for quarter page
- \$200 for half page
- \$400 for full page

To place an ad in a future edition of the newsletter, send an email to newsletter@waterfordwebsite.com for additional information.

Contact Information

The most efficient way to communicate questions, comments, or suggestions to the right person on the HOA board is by way of email. All emails use our webmail system and are automatically forwarded to the correct board member.

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Waterford Website

Be sure to check out The Waterford website at www.waterfordwebsite.com. Copies of our governing documents, the *Declaration of Covenants, Easements and Restrictions & Bylaws* and the *Design Standards*, as well as the *Fining Policy* and *Amenities Access Cards Policy* are located on the website.

Mailbox Post Info

Need a new mailbox post or yours repaired? Contact Jerry Milam at 770-382-4795. New post with number, cap, and vinyl bottom is \$105. Green vinyl bottom only is \$35. When replacing your mailbox get a high gloss black standard size at any home improvement store. The green paint, Waterford Green, for your mailbox post base is available at Morris Color Center on Tennessee Street.

ACC Q & A

Q: I need to re-paint my house the same colors it has now. Do I need ACC approval?

A: Yes. The same color will be approved if it is a subdued earthtone color or you have a previous letter of approval from the ACC.