

The Silver Crest

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Love Thy...or at Least Know Thy Neighbors

By Lisa Cupid, Silver Creek HOA Vice President

My husband and I are blessed to not only know, but to be amicable with neighbors surrounding our home. We discuss topics like lawn care and life events, but perhaps the greatest blessing is what goes unsaid. It is the mindfulness that we have each other and each other's space. Thus, if something out of the ordinary goes on we at least bring it to each other's attention. One group of Silver Creek residents displayed great concern for each other. When a resident's home was broken into, surrounding residents organized a meeting and held a meeting to see what they could do to help their neighbor.

Mindfulness of neighbors goes a long way, not only for friendship but for protection. A couple months ago a resident invaded the home of a new Silver Creek resident who moved in just a few doors down. The incident begged the question, did someone not know the accused? If the accused knew his neighbors would that have lessened his brazenness to commit such a crime? Could an interaction with or observation of the accused at least have put the new resident and others on notice?

Knowing our neighbors may not prevent every crime in Silver Creek, but it could help us better detect them. Given the state of our economy, it is likely that people will become more desperate in finding ways to make ends meet. Still, we don't have to wait until another crime occurs to do something. We can get to know our neighbors now, if not for friendship's sake, then for safety's sake.

June Meeting Focuses on Home, Car Safety

Several residents attended the June HOA meeting where a Cobb County officer talked about criminal activity in the neighborhood and the Six Flags area. Tips shared among to be residents include:

1. Sign up at the Precinct 2 PENS Website to obtain information about crime in the area at <http://p2.police.cobbcountyga.gov/>
2. Cut up empty boxes that indicate they contained items of value before placing them out on the curb for trash pick up
3. Do not leave any items of value visible in your car
4. Do not put items of value in your trunk when out in public as someone may be watching you; instead put items in your trunk at a different location before getting to your destination
5. Get a good description if you notice someone suspicious and note permanent features like height, race, and build, which can't be changed
6. Keep lights, a television, and or radio on in your home when you are away so that your home appears occupied
7. Consider purchasing items to help deter or identify criminals. Examples include:
 - a. A wireless alarm system in case the phone line is cut
 - b. A video camera or motion sensor snapshot camera to capture criminal activity

Walk, Bark and Be Happy

Pet Care When You Can't Be There



WBBH is an insured, professional pet care service that offers dog walking, house sitting, and sleep in overnight visits.

The service is tailored to meet the need of your pet and is conveniently organized around your schedule. Service includes: 1) fresh food and water, 2) walks and play time, 3) clean up after your pet, and 4) an activity report.

Additional money-friendly features are: 1) NO Contracts, 2) SAME Fees All Year Round and 3) NO Added Fees for two (2) pets of the same household.

Please call Melinda DeCoste for your FREE Consultation at 770-896-9756 or email walkandbehappy@gmail.com.



Next HOA Meeting, Tuesday, September 22, 7PM
South Cobb Recreation Center

Hope Starts Here...With Us



This year walk with Silver Creek resident Dolores Wright in the American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk. The non-competitive 5K / 3 mile walk takes place in more than 100 cities across the country. To sign up to walk with Delores, look up her name on the American Cancer Society website at <http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR>.

Door-to-Door Solicitors

Reprinted from Cobb County PENS Website

All door-to-door solicitors in Cobb County with the exceptions of political/ government solicitors or religious solicitors, must be registered and permitted through the Cobb County. A solicitor is a person selling door to door any product for money.

Solicitors must always carry a card identifying who they are and their company. They must also have enough cards with this information to leave one with each resident if requested.

The two exceptions of solicitors that are not regulated are "Religious" and "Political/Government" solicitors who routinely sell a product or ask for donations and/or contributions as part of a fund raising effort. Cobb County police cannot do anything about these two solicitors but others must adhere to the regulations as set by the law and the Cobb County Business License Code Enforcement.

The law clearly states that any resident who does not wish to receive solicitations must exhibit, in plain sight at their front door, a sign clearly stating "No Solicitation".

Any solicitor who approaches a residence exhibiting a "No Solicitation" sign must turn away and not solicit at that individual residence or they will be in violation of law. This does not apply to those groups identified in the exceptions. Unfortunately, the law does not allow for an Association to make a blanket prohibition for an entire subdivision (i.e. Entryway signage).

Often residents are not sure who is soliciting in their neighborhood. Understanding this, Cobb County Police will gladly respond to any call from our Cobb County citizens to check these individuals out and ensure adherence law. While we would prefer this type of call come in on the Cobb County Communication Center 's Non Emergency line at (770) 499-3911, if a person does not have this telephone number handy the use of 911 is certainly acceptable.

Taste of Silver Creek Sun, Sept 13th, 2PM at the Gazebo

Let's revive this annual event so that it is better than ever.

Let us know what you will bring by emailing us at silvercreekhoa@yahoo.com.

Prizes to be given for best main dish and dessert.

Business Advertisement Opportunity:

Businesses may advertise in person by purchasing a table at \$35 per table, or by displaying 100 copies of an 8.5x11 flyer for \$20 or displaying 100 business cards for \$10.

Prepare your Infant or Toddler for Kindergarten, now!

The United Way launched an Early Learning Initiative in the Six Flags area to ensure that children, 0 through 5, would be prepared to succeed in school.

Each month, young children and their parents get together at the South Cobb Recreation Center for a fun learning activity. One-on-One sessions are also planned for children to evaluate their learning progress. If interested, please contact David Tavares at 770-819-4938 or austlearlylearning@yahoo.com.

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No Exercise

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