

The Silver Crest

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Your Community Needs You

By Lisa Cupid, Silver Creek HOA Vice President

It is hard to believe that 2009 is coming to a close. As you prepare for the holidays and start thinking about those New Year's resolutions please take some time to reflect on your community.

In 2009, Silver Creek formed neighborhood watch teams, reinstated the annual Taste of Silver Creek, held our first garage sale, and started a walking group. The community has also seen significant improvement in property upkeep and resident attendance at community meetings. What lies ahead for our community in 2010? Well, that is up to you. What our community achieves is a direct result of resident participation or lack of.

By joining the 2010 HOA Board you can help preserve and enhance the value of your community as well as ensure that community funds are spent prudently. Still you don't have to be on the board to serve. Any resident can still help, substantially, whether it is by writing newsletter articles or walking the community to look out for suspicious activity. Whatever your interest, talent or passion is, there is room for it.

As we enter the New Year, know your community depends on your active participation to become the community that best represents where and how you want to live. To contribute to that vision, please attend the next HOA meeting and find out how to join the board. You can also email the HOA board about how you'd like to serve your community at silvercreekhoa@yahoo.com.

South Cobb Schools Town Hall Meeting

On November 30, our State Representative Alisha Morgan held a town hall meeting with the State Superintendent of Schools, Cathy Cox. Discussion centered on improving the education of students in South Cobb. Issues discussed included lackluster AYP scores, teacher performance, and parental involvement.

In 2009, Pebblebrook High School, which serves our subdivision, missed Adequate Yearly Progress under the state's No Child Left Behind Standards. The predominant reason, according to Cox, was due to low math scores.

When discussion arose about why it appears that schools in East Cobb seem to have more money than South Cobb schools it was revealed that the East Cobb Parent Teacher Association has been successful in raising funds due to 100% parent participation from parents. Parent participation of students in South Cobb lags behind.

To find out how to get involved in Pebblebrook's Parent-Teacher Association please contact membership co chairs Cheryl Lewis at ctlewis@mmm.com or Jean Wilson at ms.jai65@ymail.com.

Cheesecakes for the Holidays

Regular, Reduced Fat, and No Sugar Added!

I have been perfecting cheesecakes for 4 years now, and have received many positive reviews including winning a neighborhood cook off. I make my cheesecakes with the finest and freshest ingredients. I also offer several options including regular, reduced fat, and no sugar added. If interested please contact Joanna at 678-371-2270 or Jewels1190@aol.com for a price quote. Thanks and have a blessed day!

Crusts types include: vanilla wafer, graham cracker, chocolate graham cracker, Oreo (\$1 extra), shortbread (\$1 extra)

Flavors include: Original, Chocolate, Turtle, Oreo, Key lime, Cherry topping or swirl, Blueberry topping or swirl, Strawberry topping or swirl, pumpkin

Please provide 24-48 hours for your order.



2009
Taste of
Silver Creek
Winner

Holiday Safety Tips

Shopping safety

- PARK SMART! Please do not leave your vehicle unlocked. Do not leave valuables in plain sight inside your vehicle and immediately take your purchased items home. Most vehicles broken into are thefts of opportunity.
- Stay alert while shopping.
- If shopping at night, shop with a companion
- Do not leave a purse or wallet unattended. Con artists may attempt to distract you.
- Avoid wearing expensive jewelry.
- Keep cash in your front pocket.
- Pay for a purchase with a check or credit card.
- Do not overload yourself with packages.

Residential safety tips

- Ensure you have working smoke detectors.
- Don't burn wrapping paper or other items in the fireplace.
- Never leave candles unattended.
- Practice fire escape plans.
- Keep your Christmas tree watered daily.
- Check your holiday lights and wiring daily.
- In an emergency dial 911 and exit the house quickly.

Traffic safety tips

- Use patience: Traffic will be moderate to heavy during the holiday period. Remember- kindness is contagious.
- Leave adequate space between you and other motorists.
- Do not drink and drive. Call a friend or a taxicab.
- Always use your seatbelts.
- Use your headlights when driving in inclement weather.

By following these safety tips you will contribute greatly to a safe and happy holiday season! (Reprinted with partial modification from the City of Alpharetta public safety website.)

Saturday HOA Meetings

The board is considering holding additional Saturday morning HOA meetings to accommodate persons who cannot make it to the meetings during the week. If interested, please let the board know at silvercreekhoa@yahoo.com and save the date of Saturday, January 9 at 10am. A location for the Saturday meeting will be determined based on resident feedback.

Cobb Holiday Donation Opportunities

Keep Cobb Beautiful and Cobb Trees. For a minimum \$25 contribution, the organization will send attractive holiday cards to recipients announcing that a special donation to Cobb Trees has been made in their honor. To place an order, visit cobbcounty.org/kcb.

Cobb Senior Services. This holiday season, honor a loved one with a donation to Meals on Wheels. Your tax-deductible gift will assist the organization in continuing to provide these hot, nutritious meals to those in need. A letter will also be sent to the person(s) you are honoring acknowledging your thoughtfulness. Secure online donations may be made at cobbseiors.org or you can mail your gift to: Cobb Senior Services, 32 N. Fairgrounds St., Marietta.

Cobb Community Transit & Cobb DOT. We need you to help "Stuff-A-Bus" with donations of money, new toys and gifts, non-perishable food items and gift certificates. Your generosity will brighten the holidays for thousands of low-income families in Cobb County. Donations will be collected at various venues around the county. For more information, call 770-428-2601.

Help a Call Away

It is no secret that many households are struggling right now to keep afloat financially. If you need assistance you can call 211, the United Way's Service hotline. Once you share your need with the phone operator whether for food, bill support, or other matters they will connect you with service providers in the county that can help.



Next HOA Meeting, Monday, January 11, 7PM

South Cobb Recreation Center