

The Silver Crest

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Seasons Greetings

Happy holidays and welcome to the first edition of The Silver Crest, the official newsletter of the Silver Creek Homeowners Association (HOA). The launch of our newsletter, along with the near completion of the 275th final home in our community are representation of the growth Silver Creek has experienced over the past year. As we look forward to 2005, I invite you to be an active participant in your homeowners association by sharing your ideas and participating in one of the many committees that will be forming in the coming months. In addition to our newsletter, we will launch our first official website, www.silvercreek-austell.com on December 20th. These two tools will serve as a primary means of communication as we join together and make Silver Creek a great place to be.

Happy Holidays,

Jeff Stephens
Board President

Like a Good Neighbor...

'Tis the Season
By Christal Gamble

With Christmas only a few short weeks away, decorating fever has already struck a large number of our neighbors. Don't be left out in the cold! Even a Grinch can spruce up a little for the holidays. Whether you're celebrating, Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa or just the coming New Year, here are a few tips to help you make things merry this season both inside and out.

- Give the lawn one last good even cut before the first frost so that when the Bermuda browns, it still looks kempt.
- Cut down or pull up summer perennials before their leaves fall and the plants wither away. Replace with cool weather plantings.
- Light up the place! Even an electric candle placed in a window can cast a warm welcoming glow to holiday visitors.
- Don't forget to drain and disconnect watering hoses before they freeze. No one wants to spend present money on a burst waterline.

When hosting a holiday party please let close neighbors know the date in advance as a courtesy. A neighbor who might be out of town may be nice enough to let you use their driveway for additional parking space.



Community News

Association Dues for the upcoming year will be due February 1st. Letters will be mailed to all residents in January including the 2005 community budget.

Get Involved

Join a Committee

The following HOA committees are forming.

- Newsletter / Web
- Neighborhood Watch

If you are interested in getting involved, send an email with your contact information to committees@silvercreek-austell.com

Upcoming Events

Fun for the Whole Family
By Kia Stephens

With family coming in for the holidays it's good to have some entertainment options. Here are just a few of the exciting happenings in the Atlanta Metropolitan area during the month of December.

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- Dec. 10-18 CenterStage North will present "It's A Wonderful Life" at the Art Place - Mtn. View
- Dec. 20-30 View Christmas decorations throughout Buckhead & Downtown Atlanta (includes Lenox Square Mall, Phipps Plaza & Centennial Olympic Park).
- Dec. 31 Peach Bowl Parade at the Georgia World Congress Center in Downtown Atlanta. Peach Bowl Parade hours are from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM.
- NCAA Peach Bowl held at the Georgia Dome in Downtown Atlanta.
- FirstNight Atlanta New Year's Eve Festival is a block party with live musical performances, a fireworks display and the 'official' Peach Drop at midnight.

For additional holiday events in the Atlanta Metro area visit www.atlanta-downtown.com/events/.

Have a safe and fun holiday season!

Financial Tips

The Gift of Giving

By Ann Goh

With many options available for gift giving this season, I discovered a unique program that gives and keeps giving throughout the year. The program is called Upromise. Upromise is a free service that works like a frequent flyer program. It allows parents, families, and friends to contribute to the future college education of a child while spending money with hundreds of stores, catalogs, web sites, and other companies.

Companies contribute a portion of the dollars you spend with them into a college savings account which can then be used to reduce the cost of college when the time arrives. You can learn more about Upromise by visiting their website at www.upromise.com

Safety Tips for The Holidays

By S. Helena Talley

As we spend time with our families and loved ones, be sure to keep basic safety in mind. Use care when utilizing candles, fireplaces, and heaters. When using surge protectors, be sure to use the proper indoor/outdoor protector based upon its use. Furthermore, be sure to avoid overloading outlets. Taking these basic safety measures to heart will allow you and your family to have a safe and happy holiday season.

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