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### City of Duluth Upcoming Events

May 30th—Blues on the Green

June 13th—Flicks on the  
Bricks—Hotel for Dogs

June 19th—Summerstage  
Concert—Symphony on the  
Green

June 22nd—7:00 pm—City  
Council Meeting

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# At the Arbors



Hampton Arbors Condomners Association

MAY 2009

## Exterior renovations have begun!!

Over the next 2 months you will see LOTS of changes/improvements to the outside of HA. We have a general contractor that will begin making many renovations to the exterior of our homes. Gutters replace, windows trimmed,

soffits and fascia boards replaced, painting and upgrades to the dormers on the roofs and some roof improvements as well.

The contractors will start on building 19 and then to 18..

The week before they start working on your building you will receive a letter reminding you of this work being done.

THEY DO NOT NEED TO COME INTO YOUR HOME AT ALL FOR ANY REASON..

## Landscaping Changes

We recently made some landscaping changes at HA on many different levels. First, we changed our landscaping company who does our regular, week-week maintenance. This is the mowing, trimming,

blowing etc. Then we added many new plants in almost every area of HA. This actually started back in the winter where we had lots of work done at the front entrance and more recently changes at the flower areas, fit-

ness area, bldgs 3, 4/5, 6, 7, 16 & 19. It appears we may have timed it well since we seem to be getting lots of rain this spring, very different from the last 3 years...the drought was here. Now..**TIME TO GROW!**



## Pet Owners We need your help!



We need help from pet owners being more diligent about not allowing pets to leave their "debris" around on the

property. Please pick up after your pooch! Pet poo is actually a health concern to your pet and to people as well. Gwinnett

Health Dept actually prohibits the leaving of pet poo on the ground!

## At HA, we CAN dish it out!



Within Hampton Arbors, you can have a satellite dish! No doubt about that! What we do need you to do BEFORE you have one installed is to

contact us and make sure it is installed in an approved location. This is really critical. Just because you see one in a location similar to where you want

to put yours does not mean it is approved. You might end up having to pay to have it moved if it is not approved...

## Porches and railings

Please refer to the declarations and by-laws for what can and can not be put on your porches. It is pretty well laid out there for all of us to abide by. Trash, towels, rugs etc, are NOT allowed.



## THE POOL IS OPEN

While the pool is to be enjoyed, it is **CRITICAL** that the rules for using the pool are followed. **ESPECIALLY** the rules that apply to **ADULTS** needing to be at the pool with children 14 and under. This is **VERY IMPORTANT**. Last year we ended up with the police at the property and almost had to have **DEFACS** get involved in order to address this problem. **NO** children under 15 at the pool without an adult there to watch **THEM**. Do not assume that another adult who is at the pool will watch your child. They may not be willing or they may need to leave. **WHEN IN DOUBT... DON'T!**

# A Sobering Reminder—Fire

On May 20<sup>th</sup>, the Gwinnett Daily Post had a startling headline ... "**Blaze guts condos**". Thankfully for HA, this blaze had occurred in Norcross and HA was not affected.

Recently though, HA did have a fire in two homes. Thankfully this single fire was a small one and damage was minimal. The fire department had to meet with a board member before they were willing to leave the property. For the board member who went, it

was an abrupt end to a relaxing Sunday afternoon.

The damage was kept to a minimum due to a homeowner who smelled something a little odd and called the fire department **IMMEDIATELY!** This was critical. Also, we have to thank the Fire Department who knew just what to do to minimize damage.

When meeting with the fire department the fireman in charge said, "Please have residents call us at any hint of

anything suspicious. Please. We would much rather come to a place that almost had a fire or might have had a fire than get called late to one that already has a fire."

We really need to take his comments seriously. Most of us do not think about the devastating nature of a house fire until after we have seen its damage first hand. If you think **ANYTHING** at all is a potential fire concern, **CALL 911!!!**

## Thunderstorms are common in Georgia

Thunderstorms are a common in Georgia and can do major damage to our homes and common area property. Lightning strikes from cloud to ground at the center of these storms can be very dangerous to any of us whether we are indoors or out, so make sure everyone understands the major don'ts of thunderstorms.

**Don't pick up a corded phone:** Avoid using the telephone altogether is you can.

**Don't use appliances during a storm:** The electrical and plumbing can be conductive dangers when lightning occurs. Stop any activities which require appliance use when a storm is

near. Televisions, computers and appliances should be shut down and unplugged, as should your air conditioner, which can end up with a damaged compressor if there's a lightning-induced power surge. Do not run the water, water is a great conductor of electricity. This means no running sinks or showers, and no laundry. Stay away from windows and doors, particularly open windows, doors, breezeways and don't lie on concrete floors or lean against concrete walls.

**Don't go outside:** Sometimes people want to get a closer look at a storm. Resist that temptation. Stay off of your back porch or front deck and stick to areas in-



doors. If you're outdoors when a storm rolls in, move fast to an indoor area. **The overhangs at the pool or the condo buildings are NOT considered safe areas. The gazebos are not safe either. GO INSIDE.** While playing in the rain might seem fun to children and look fun, do not let children do this, it is extremely dangerous.