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Chattahoochee Plantation Community Association

Chairman's Report

Joe Gavalis, Chairman

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Greetings, neighbors and welcome to summer in our neighborhood. I am always amazed every year when spring starts to emerge, with the new growth and buds. As spring turns to summer, we still see a beautiful place to be with the flowering crepe myrtles, the knock-out roses, and seasonal flowers. Just driving through our neighborhood streets, enjoying the beauty of each season, makes me thankful to live here.

Your neighborhood association, CPCA, is strong and you, the members, because of your participation, are the reason! CPCA was formed in 1964 by a group of dedicated and concerned residents of the area who felt that the community needed an association to speak with a united voice in dealing with various issues which affect quality of life such as county zoning and ordinances. In recent years, we've added as a priority the enhancement of neighborhood safety by hiring off-duty Cobb County police officers to patrol our streets. This added security has resulted in an increase in the membership of CPCA.

I would encourage all to **GET INVOLVED** in Your Neighborhood. Some examples of neighbors who got

involved and made a difference:

- Stopped a major shopping center at the intersection of Powers Rd. and Johnson Ferry
- Stopped a number of zoning changes which would have allowed high density development in our area
- Reported suspicious activity in our area
- Reported on safety and hazards on our roads
- Reported on traffic issues
- Actively participated in charity events for CPWC and McFarlane Park
- Supported the addition of green space in our area
- Volunteered and participated in the CPCA or CPWC or your own association
- Represented our community at various county and area meetings

The Board of Directors is tasked with the responsibility of keeping the association focused on its purpose as stated in the CPCA bylaws. The individuals serving as officers are your neighbors, who volunteer their time and energy to guide the association toward positive growth each year. Under the umbrella of leadership, there are many volunteers who help to keep CPCA running smoothly and effectively. Member volunteers serve on various committees which have been established to support the many components which make up CPCA. Committees include Zoning, Membership, Traffic and Safety, Neighborhood Watch and Maintenance and Beautification.

CPCA is YOUR association. All members are encouraged to **GET INVOLVED** by attending CPCA meetings, by volunteering to serve on various committees and by letting the Board know of issues that could affect us all. The Board is currently seeking volunteers to serve on any committee and/or to be an officer. If you'd be willing to serve your community by serving on a committee or if you'd be interested in becoming an officer on the Board, please let a member of the Board know. We'd also appreciate any news articles, particularly original articles from members, concerning our neighborhood, for our newsletter. The Board appreciates each of CPCA's members. The effort that you all make to keep your neighborhood a safe and desirable place to raise your children and to live a good life is appreciated. The area we live in is considered by many to be one of the most desirable places to live in metro Atlanta.

CPCA Officers & Board of Directors

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The Chattahoochee Plantation Women's Club (CPWC) – Celebrating 50 Years!

The Chattahoochee Plantation Women's Club (CPWC) will kick off its 50th Year in September! What started as a Garden Club in 1970 has grown into a thriving Women's Club with 200 members and many active subgroups. Strong, capable women in our community started our Club 50 years ago and they are leading the way even today! Over the years, we have celebrated together, supported one another and helped our community thrive.

If you were a member over the past 50 years, we ask you to save the date for our celebratory Garden Party-themed luncheon on Friday, September 13, 2019 at Atlanta Country Club. Many special tributes are planned along with a decade-themed fashion show. This event will be a celebration of our history and will launch an exciting year of events planned to commemorate our bright future. Please join us! If you are new, come and enjoy!

For more information, please contact Janie Kissling, janie.kissling@gmail.com

Dog Safety

Please be diligent to check the batteries in the electric collars of your dogs who are kept outside behind an electric fence. Also, keep your electric fence serviced. Keep all dogs on leashes when you are walking them in the neighborhood.

In addition, there is a dog barking noise violation listed in the Cobb County Code. Residents whose dogs consistently bark and disturb others are subject to a fine.



Area Businesses Update

Mellow Mushroom will take over the Muss and Turner location. Impulse Hair Salon in Paper Mill has moved to Bells Ferry. The ball field owned by Cobb County on the corner of Johnson Ferry Road and Lower Roswell Road will become a dog park, a farmers market and a food truck station.

Entryway Camera Court Case

When the new walls were constructed at the entryways on Atlanta Country Club Drive and on Thunderbird Drive, residents were excited that security cameras were installed as part of the project, to view vehicles coming and going in our area and help the Police identify crime suspects in our neighborhood. Only the Police have access to the recordings. These cameras would provide data to Police when crimes occurred in the neighborhood. Unfortunately, one of our neighbors took issue with the cameras and damaged them. Criminal charges were brought by the Cobb County Police. The case was initially to be tried in Cobb Superior Court but was transferred to Paulding County due to possible conflicts in Cobb County District Attorney's Office. Paulding County DA closed this case with full allowable restitution. The board is in the process of getting the cameras working at 100% through One Path, a Kennesaw company. Our maintenance contract does not start until the cameras are working correctly.



Welcome to the Neighborhood

You are invited to the

Annual New Neighbor Welcome

Sunday, August 18, 2019

5:00-7:00 p.m.

At the home of Robert & Beverly Dozier
760 Burning Tree Dr.

Cocktails and appetizers will be served.

This is a couples event.

Casual Attire

RSVP by August 11

Cindy Formica 770-980-0763 or
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CPWC Women's Club

The neighborhood women's club began as a garden club nearly 50 years ago. Its anniversary is 2020 and activities are being planned for all next year to celebrate. Nearly 200 members enjoy various small groups, like Bible studies, Book Clubs, Globe Trekkers, Savvy Women's Evening Group, First Friday Socials, Yoga, Hiking Club, Girls Night Out, Garden Club, Couples Chef Dinner, and Family Activities, such as Halloween Party and Egg Hunt for the children. Their monthly meetings include times of getting to know each other and also education from authors, health experts, wine and cheese specialists, and gardeners, among many. The women's club seeks to include new residents in the club by hosting a New Neighbor Party each August to welcome neighbors and introduce them to the club and its many activities. The biggest event is the charity event held each year to benefit a charity for women and children. This year's very successful event, Noche de Esperanza (Night of Hope) was chaired by Heather Rees and Missy Malmberg. The event was held at the Atlanta Country Club and raised over \$37,000.00 to benefit Kids2Leaders, a charity that seeks to break the cycle of generational incarceration, through counseling and Camp Hope. This year's Presidents have been Janet Thomas and Belinda Vogel. If you wish to join the group and you live in the boundaries of the CPCA, you are welcome to join. Please contact Membership Chairman, Susan Weinstein—susanann.weinstein@gmail.com.

Making Connections Among Our Internal Leaders

The CPCA is composed of 15 smaller neighborhoods and associations within the larger neighborhood. CPCA held a meeting last fall in the home of Peggy and Tom Cannon to discuss common issues and concerns in our area. They also introduced the services of the association. The boards of the smaller associations were invited. Present were our Commissioner Bob Ott and Representative Sharon Cooper.

The evening was well attended, and those who came left with a better understanding of what the larger organization does for everyone.

Maintenance & Beautification

New Chairs Trish Chapman and Lynn Thompson had hired a new landscaping company, after relieving All Seasons Landscaping, but have realized that White Oak Landscaping is way over budget on charges for plants. The All Seasons Company installed turf at both of the ACC entryways and other annuals. Trish and Lynn have been cleaning up the islands at the 14 locations and have a plan to install new shrubs and bushes through the next few years. Some areas have experienced rutting and other problems caused by Georgia Power and ATT. Joe Gavalis has contacted our Commissioner Bob Ott's office to get some repair done. If there are holes in the road or drainage culverts have collapsed, please report to our board.

The Chattahoochee Plantation Women's Club has begun a YARD OF THE MONTH. Be on the lookout for the sign of recognition in a yard near you!!!

If you are willing to help with donations for landscaping at your cul-de-sac, contact Lynn at bltonpv@gmail.com or Trish at chapman.trish@yahoo.com.

Excessive Traffic

The traffic cutting through Atlanta Country Club area down Ponte Vedra, Willow Knoll, and onto Columns Drive, especially in the morning, is astonishing. One resident has counted over 300 daily cars!

Residents in that area are concerned about safety for their families, since speed and failure to stop for school buses is also an issue. The DOT is reviewing options including the possibility to place temporary portable speed devices for 6 months in this area to reduce speed. Although it may be a nuisance for the residents for 6 months, hopefully the end result will be a great reduction in cut-through traffic.

Elder Care and Abuse

Our CPCA Chairman Joe Gavalis is on the Elder Care and Abuse Task Force. He announced to our board that the new Apple 4S watch has an option connected to your iPhone. If a person falls and does not respond to a question that is shown on the watch, 911 and three other numbers of your choice are automatically called. Review this option on Apple's web site. This might be an option for your beloved elders.

Joe wants to remind residents to be on the lookout for the welfare of our older neighbors and contact our board if you see residents who need help. Be a good neighbor and check in with them periodically.

McFarlane Park Update *Karin Guzy*

Woodland Restoration

Every season is a wonderful time to visit the gardens at McFarlane Nature which are made beautiful through the devotion of a crew of Master Gardener Volunteers of Cobb County. Spring ephemerals are followed in a rush by the flowers of summer and blooming shrubs.

A visit to the Park will reveal the new, open woodland vistas that have resulted from the work of the Deep Forest Field School (DFFS). We were introduced to this crew by the horticulturist at the Fernbank Forest, where the crew also served to clean the woodland of invasive exotic plants. Over the course of about 8 months, the crew removed English ivy and privet (with the roots!) and created open spaces that can be planted with Piedmont-region native trees and shrubs. Privet seeds will continue to germinate, so there are Privet Pulls in our future! Good for service hours for students.

Boy Scouts have continued to contribute to the Park. A new bridge and walkway, constructed by Jackson Call, connects the fern swale to a woodland path. This was Jackson's Eagle project, making him the 34th Eagle to complete a project at McFarlane.

Callan and Jake McCuiston, with their friend Evan Levy, volunteered to move slate chips to an area behind the stable where it was needed to prevent standing water. The chips were donated by neighbor and board member Brent Cunningham. Some of those same chips were used by the Master Gardener crew to provide a new setting for the Lutyens bench built so long ago by the late Ed Burgess, who was also on the crew. Master Gardener Joe Washington took the bench home and restored it to its natural wood finish. The gardeners found a new site for it, overlooking the woodland and gardens. It is the perfect spot to rest or meditate.

A new donation tower has been placed next to our Little Free Library. It is the hope of the board that this will provide an opportunity for people passing through to contribute to the Park.

Check out the brochures in our new literature distribution box, just below the sign board. The box was built by Rick Outwater, the father of one of our Eagle Scouts.

Friend the McFarlane Nature Park Facebook page to keep up with activities at the Park. We have already hosted a tree pruning workshop this spring, Georgia Native Plant Society plant sale and a Walk N Talk with county arborist David Griffin.

Neighbors who are interested in being active at McFarlane, should contact Karin Guzy 678-860-4445, or Jeff Gross 770-955-9605. Other board members include Brent Cunningham, Tina Engberg, Mike Grey, Larry Guzy, Mike Hoffman, Kim Sherk, and Joe Strong.



CPCA Financial Statement

December 31, 2018

Jerry Thompson

INCOME

Income	58,140.00
Total Income	58,140.00
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EXPENDITURES

Directory	3,832.77
Landscaping	20,193.00
Chatter & Other Printing & Postage	.00
Dues Printing & Postage	2,641.72
Repairs	.00
Utilities	2,161.73
Miscellaneous	2,025.38
Security	33,880.00
Insurance	915.00
Legal	.00

Total Expenditures	65,649.60
Surplus for the Year	(7,509.60)
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Starting Balance (1-1-18)	28,796.21
Ending Balance (12-31-18)	21,286.61
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Paid Memberships 2018	451
Paid Memberships 2017	415

Noise Violations

Did you know that our neighborhood follows the Cobb County Code for regulations on many activities? The Cobb County Code for noise states that there can be no loud talking, sawing, hammering, loud music, leaf blowers, loud engines, dogs barking or other nuisance noises between 11:00 pm and 7:00 am. There can be no firecrackers after 9:00 except Fourth of July til 12:00.

City of East Cobb

An unbiased feasibility study has been conducted to determine whether it is economically viable to create a new city called East Cobb. The study, required by Georgia law, was conducted by Georgia State University and paid for via donations. It has been made public and can be found on eastcobbcityhood.com.

The study found it financially feasible to form the city of East Cobb without a tax increase. Primary reasons for interest in creating a new city include: a concern that local variance and zoning issues are not currently vetted by East Cobb citizens but by all Cobb commissioners, growing dissatisfaction with lack of police coverage, the current commissioner structure means local decisions are determined by representatives that do not know the area well and public safety and road improvements are not perceived to be top priorities. Currently, Cobb county commissioners represent an average 175,000 constituents each. Under cityhood, this number would drop to approximately 16,000.

A charter is required for a city to function. It establishes the government structure and includes the ordinances citizens desire to include. Examples of the powers that other newly formed cities included in their charter are:

- Ordinances to control intensity and high-density development
- Restrictions on the removal and clear-cutting of trees
- Establishing a minimum lot size
- Capping the millage rate (Johns Creek and Milton have done this)
- Mandated citizen vote to approve budget/tax increases
- Five study committees made up of concerned citizens are proposed to create a draft charter.

The proposed committees are:

Tax/Finance, Planning/Zoning, Public Works/Engineering, Governance/Administration, Police/Court.

Volunteers with expertise in these areas are needed to assist in researching and developing financially-sound options and services to be part of the draft charter. If you are interested in volunteering, please fill out the submission form at eastcobbcityhood.com/contact and include your area of expertise and qualifications.

A new city, which must be passed by the state legislature and signed by the governor, will let voters and representatives who live in the area shape the city's future.

Pro or con, you are invited and encouraged to get involved.

More Cityhood Questions Answered

The bill for cityhood of East Cobb must be passed by the legislature. The bill was introduced by Representative Matt Dollar in the last session in early April. It is a nearly two-year process before it comes to a local vote. The City of East Cobb would still be in Cobb County.

The feasibility study indicated the \$22 million dedicated to the county fire fund would go to the new city, not the county. The city would take over road maintenance, fire protection and police. There would be approximately 95,000 residents in the new city and the taxable property value in the boundary would be approximately \$8 billion. The city government would (likely) be made up of one mayor and six council members, each representing 16,000 citizens. The residents would help determine the type of government they want. The new city would not affect schools, which would still be controlled by the Cobb County School Board.

Voting to create a city to increase the number and quality of services, plus determining our own governance, is not a new idea. Ten cities have been created in recent years in Fulton, Gwinnett and DeKalb County. Our area most accurately compares to the make-up of Milton—85% residential, 15% commercial.

The feasibility study shows revenues estimated at \$49,824,497, with estimated expenditures of \$45,617,651 leaving an estimated excess of \$4,206,846 of revenue in excess of expenditures.

Real Estate Report

All statistics from First Multiple Listing Service. All information is believed to be true but not warranted.

FOR SALE

Oakmont Circle	\$4,450,000
Thunderbird Dr SE	\$2,999,980
Tam O'Shanter Drive SE	\$2,450,000
Brook Hollow Circle SE	\$2,289,000
Paper Mill Road SE	\$2,200,000
Atlanta Country Club Dr	\$1,995,000
Cherry Hill Drive SE	\$1,990,000
Rivercliff Trace	\$1,940,000
Cherry Hill Drive SE	\$1,800,000
Pine Valley Road SE	\$1,595,000
Rivercliff Landing	\$1,495,000
Paper Mill Road SE	\$1,378,000
Rolling Rock Road SE	\$1,275,000
Old Stonemill Road NE	\$1,263,900
Paper Mill Road SE	\$1,200,000
Columns Drive	\$1,200,000
Pine Valley Road SE	\$1,199,000
Gateside Place SE	\$1,185,000
Paper Mill Road SE	\$1,125,000
Gateside Lane SE	\$1,000,000
Hampton Walk	\$899,000
Cherry Hill Drive SE	\$885,000
River Ridge Chase	\$850,000
Cherry Way SE	\$799,000
Ponte Vedra Drive SE	\$699,000
Dogwood Trail SE	\$677,000
Blackland Court	\$675,000
River Cliff Chase	\$650,000



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SOLD

Woodlawn Drive NE	\$1,453,000
Rivercliff Landing	\$1,200,000
Rivercliff Drive	\$1,200,000
Rivercliff Drive	\$1,175,000
Hynes Landing NE	\$1,160,000
Hynes Landing NE	\$1,100,000
Streamside Drive SE	\$851,000
Columns Drive	\$850,000
Pine Valley Road	\$729,000
Willow Knoll Drive	\$725,000
Columns Drive SE	\$675,000
Woodlawn Drive NE	\$670,000
Chattahoochee Crossing	\$620,000
Chattahoochee Way SE	\$589,000
River Cliff Chase SE	\$587,500
Tam O'Shanter Drive SE	\$561,500
Blackland Way	\$496,000
Connemara Drive NE	\$470,000
Lakeshore Drive NE	\$455,000
Fuller Mill Road	\$440,500
Lakeshore Drive NE	\$396,000

"For privacy reasons, I have omitted the street numbers. For more specific information concerning any of these sales or property values in the East Cobb area, please contact me."

HELP! We Need a New CPCA Treasurer Volunteer!

Jerry Thompson has faithfully served our homeowners' association as Treasurer for 31 years since 1988 and is ready to retire. He is looking for a replacement volunteer. If you are willing to step in to take over this important role on our community association board, please contact Jerry at jthompson541@gmail.com. He would ideally find a replacement by September. Thank you for your consideration.

Duties include:

- Average 10 checks written each month for services.
- Balance bank statement monthly.
- Financial statement produced 1-2 times per year.
- Process dues payments for bank and data input company.
- Check mailbox once a week for correspondence.

In Memoriam

The CPCA offers condolences to the families of the following neighbors who have passed away in the past year:

**Marianne Bogan
Terry Crump
Charlie Edwards
Bob Schultz
Cy Johnson
John Chapin
Judy Francis
Cy Johnson**

We apologize if there are others about whom we are unaware. Please update us.

Security

Some area security issues are thefts from cars at Paper Mill Village. Please lock your cars and hide valuables from sight in your car. Also, our neighborhood experiences mail theft. Following are some ways to attack that issue. When you call 911 for any suspicious activity, please note that you are calling from Cobb County, since the calls sometimes get routed to Fulton County.

Ways You Can Make Your Mail More Secure *By Board Member Risa Bayliss*

With US mail crimes on the rise and my mailbox being about 150 ft away from my home I decided to purchase a mailbox alarm so I would be notified when the mailbox was accessed. I purchased the Mail chime from Amazon for \$45.00. The Mail Chime comes with a wireless sensor and receiver. The small sensor is adhered to the mailbox door and when the door opens, the sensor sends a wireless signal to my home. The receiver in my home beeps four times and bright red LED light illuminates just in case I did not hear the beeps. Once I retrieve my mail, I reset the red light. The range is around 300 ft. and it is very simple to install. Because the mailbox is so far from my home, I keep the receiver in my entry.

Another option is the SAM - Smart Alert for Mail. It too is a wireless mailbox activity system but this one works with your smartphone via a Free App. The purchase price is \$65.00 on Amazon. When mail is delivered to your mailbox, SAM's transmitter, which is mounted inside your mailbox, sends a signal to the SAM receiver in your home. The receiver uses your home WiFi to send a notification to your smartphone that someone has opened your mailbox; the advantage being you know what time your mailbox was accessed and how many times. The range is around 150 ft.

We also installed the Ring doorbell which allows you to see, hear, and speak to visitors via phone, tablet, or a PC. I receive an alert as soon as motion is detected and/or when visitors press the doorbell. The Ring is powered by a rechargeable battery pack or connects to existing doorbell wires for a constant charge. Since our original door bell was wired, we were able to wire the Ring; therefore, we do not need to recharge it every 6 to 12 months.

The Ring monitors your home in 1080 HD with infrared night vision and you can see the view from your video doorbell at any time with Live View on-demand video. Additional wireless cameras can be installed at your home that will tie into the Ring system and they even have a whole house alarm system with motion, door chimes, cameras, and 24/7 professional monitoring (\$10/month). The Ring App is free, but the subscription for the 60 day video feed storage is \$30 per year.

You can easily share videos with neighbors and law enforcement and see videos that other neighbors have posted. The cost is \$199.00 on Amazon.

The Nest, which is known for their Smart Thermostat, also makes a video doorbell. The Nest has similar features as the Ring but the subscription for video storage is more; 5-days of video storage is \$50 per year, 10-days of video storage is \$100/year, and 30-days of storage is \$300 per year. The Nest does require a wired doorbell, where the Ring does not. The Nest system can also be expanded to include cameras indoor and out and they offer a whole house alarm system with motion, door chimes, and cameras. The cost is \$206 on Amazon.

You can also sign up with the post office for Informed Digest. They scan your mail each day for you to know what you are getting.

CPCA Joins Together to Provide Christmas Eve Meal For Precinct 4

CPCA Board member Heather Rees organized the community to provide a delicious Christmas Eve dinner for the men and women in the police and fire services at our Precinct 4. Neighbors provided ham, turkey, stuffing, gravy, green bean casserole, desserts, and other goodies. The police and fire staff were very grateful. Many thanks to Heather.



Brief History of Chattahoochee Plantation, Georgia

Prior to the advent of the settlers, this area was inhabited by Indians, the last of which were the Cherokees. Legends have stated that a Chief Sope lived in the area. Archaeologists have uncovered fragments of their civilizations along the banks of the Chattahoochee River. According to the Cobb County Historical Map, an area in the vicinity of the present Merchants Walk Shopping Center was the site of an annual trading and games, and was called “Stop and Swap” by the Indians.

This area did not play a major role in the battle of Atlanta. After the engagement at Kennesaw Mountain, Union troops crossed to Roswell to destroy the mills there. As they passed Sope Creek, they burned the mills there, which at the time were being used to make paper.

Prior to the 1930's, the area was a combination of wooded land and small farms. Around 1935, Hugh Spalding began purchasing these until he had amassed approximately 1,000 acres east of Sope Creek. The land to the west of Sope Creek was owned by the Sibley family. During WWII, Mr. Spalding raised beans and cattle on his land. The house owned by the late Florence McFarlane was the residence of his farm manager. Vegetables were sold from trucks on Bean Road, now known as Columns Drive.

In 1954, the Spalding property was bought by the Corkin brothers of Boston. They built Sherwood Lane and constructed two houses; however, they were unable to complete the development. Fred Brown and Phoenix Investment purchased the land in 1956 and gave the area its name: Chattahoochee Plantation Estates. In 1959, Bill Ward and Clyde King bought the property and soon began to build the Chattahoochee Plantation Club. Paper Mill was paved, and water was brought in during 1959.

The first house in Chattahoochee Plantation Estates was built in 1960. By 1964, there were approximately 44 homes. In the spring of 1964, the residents formed the Chattahoochee Plantation Community Association. Also in 1964, the remaining undeveloped land and 280 acres owned by John Sibley were purchased by Atlanta Country Club, Inc., which built the golf course and continued developing the area. In 1971, Fred N. Brown and Associates bought the remaining undeveloped land and renamed that portion of the development The Columns.

In April, 1961, House Bill No. 631 incorporated the City of Chattahoochee Plantation, GA, complete with a mayor and five-man council. Richard Simms, Jr. was the first mayor. The Council members were Herman Warren, Bill McFarlane, Clyde King, Jr., Fred N. Brown, and William A. Ward. By an act of the state legislature, Chattahoochee Plantation, GA, will no longer be incorporated after 1994. We will continue to be governed by the county.

In 1968, the Cobb County Representatives in the Legislature sponsored a bill which passed, in a “Stop Atlanta” move. This bill blocked the expansion of the City of Atlanta into Cobb County by adding to Chattahoochee Plantation, GA, a ten foot wide strip along the Chattahoochee River for the entire length of Cobb County.

The new city operated for around 5 years before new territory was added in the 1968 vote by the legislature and had the authority to create its own school district.

In 1970, the first Chattahoochee Plantation Garden Club, with President Lettie Nixon, was formed. This later became the Chattahoochee Plantation Women's Club. The club planted flowers in the various common grounds, built a wall at the entryway of Paper Mill off of Johnson Ferry, that said Chattahoochee Plantation. They held educational meetings, developed social ties, and supported the efforts of the association and also held craft sales to support charity.

The Chattahoochee Plantation Club comprising 31 acres with a clubhouse, riding stables, tennis courts and pools, was acquired by Robert Bondi, Karl Wysocki and Arthur Rutenberg Homes, Inc. The clubhouse, stables and some of the tennis courts were removed and some 100 homes were built.

During 1989, the land between Columns Drive and the Chattahoochee River east of the homes on Columns Circle which had been used for polo was purchased by the National Park Service and added to the Chattahoochee River National Park.

In 1993, the bequest of the late Florence McFarlane was finalized in order to perpetuate the 11.5 acre property into a community nature park. The residence, built in 1941, was the center of farming operations of the Spalding family

The homestead has been restored and serves as the residence of the park caretaker. Gardens and trails are being developed by volunteers.

In the same year, the Eason estate adjacent to the McFarlane property was purchased by local developer Sue Hillin. Over 30 homes were built in the subdivision, named Column Gate, during 1993 and 1994. Other major development in the community included the Plantation South Assisted Living Residence, now known as Phoenix, at the corner of Paper Mill and Johnson Ferry Roads in 1994. In the spring of 2000, the county placed "City of Chattahoochee Plantation" signs at our boundaries.

The boundaries of our community are roughly as follows: begin at the Chattahoochee River at Johnson Ferry Bridge, following Johnson Ferry Road northwest to Powers Road, left onto Powers Road, left (south) onto Woodlawn Road, all of Paper Mill Road (includes all homes on the north side that front Paper Mill Road) to Sope Creek and south along the east bank of Sope Creek to the Chattahoochee River, then northeast along the north bank of the Chattahoochee River (Columns Drive) to Johnson Ferry Bridge. There are 14 internal homeowners' associations within this boundary.

Yule Log Activity

The joint CPCA/CPWC Yule Log (or Holiday Bonfire) Event has been going on for about 20 years. Spearheaded by Janie Kissling, she encourages volunteers from the women's club to help with advertisements, hot cocoa, marshmallows, cookies, and helping with set-up, clean-up, and games.



The event this year was held on Sunday afternoon, December 16, at McFarlane Park and was very well attended by our young families, as well as grandparents with young grandchildren and neighbors who wanted to enjoy the holiday season. Boy Scout Zach Vogel and his mother Belinda Vogel built and took care of the bonfire. Neighbors enjoyed the arrival of Santa Claus and took the opportunity to have a free, no-hassle photo op for their family. There were games with prizes, like toss the ring on the elf hat, carry the ornament on the spoon without dropping it, and others with prizes; crafts; roasting marshmallows; kicking ball; enjoying hot cocoa and cookies, plus candy canes; face painting; and caroling around the bonfire. A great time was had by all—a great way to meet new neighbors and visit with old friends.





Chattahoochee Plantation Community Association
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Block Captains

Did you know we have 1200 families in our Chattahoochee Plantation Neighborhood? They are listed in our new Directory. Make sure you have one. This directory was made possible by the hard work of our Block Captains and Janie Kissling. Our Block Captains are working to make our neighborhood more neighborly. We want neighbors to reach out to one another so we all become a part of our community. They are the information-gatherers and the people you go to if you have any concerns. If you don't know who your Block Captain is go to the Directory. They are listed there. Most people are so busy that they don't make the time to get to know their neighbors and this is where the Block Captains step in to keep you informed on what pertains to our community. They forward to you security updates by way of email to you and gather information on new neighbors moving in and those who are moving to other places. Most of our streets have Block Captains but a few have moved away. We need Block Captains for the following streets: Woodlawn Drive, part of Old Fuller Mill, part of Pine Valley Road and someone to help the Keatons on Lakeshore Drive. If you are interested, please call me, Judy Winchell 770-951-8801.

Calling Post

If you have not received any calling post calls from our organization announcing a meeting or other important event, chances are your number may not be in our system. Please contact Janie Kissling to add your name to our contact list. Janie.Kissling@gmail.com

Email Notification

To be contacted by our organization by email, please contact Heather Rees, heatherrees27@gmail.com to be added to the list.



Web Site

Lisa Krueger is our new web creator.
The website is under construction.
cpcaeastcobb.org or Chattahoocheeplantation.org.

