

# Kenion Forest

Homeowners Association Newsletter

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## KFHOA President

Jim Chamberland has resigned as president of the Kenion Forest Homeowners Association (KFHOA) due to his relocation to Florida.

Donna Bunson, vice president, has graciously agreed to complete the current term.

Thank you Jim for your assistance to the Association and the Kenion Forest Architectural Control Committee (ACC).

## C.O.P.S

The KFHOA is working to reestablish the Gwinnett C.O.P.S. (Community Oriented Police Services) program in our neighborhood.

The goal of Project C.O.P.S. is to enhance the quality of community life in Gwinnett County through the establishment of an active partnership between residents and Gwinnett County police. Active involvement by citizens in the watching, caring for, and protection of their neighborhoods serves to deter and to reduce crime, thereby increasing the safety of the lives and property of its residents.

Project C.O.P.S. is a program that:

- Teaches citizens techniques to reduce the risk of being victimized at home and in public.
- Trains citizens on the importance of recognizing suspicious activities and how to report them.
- Allows neighbors to get to know one another and their routines, so that any out-of-place activity can be reported and investigated.
- Promotes a cohesive body of concerned citizens addressing issues that are of importance to the entire community.
- Helps ensure suspicious or criminal activity is reported to the police (by calling 911) and all neighborhood participants (through the calling tree or e-mail).

Once an incident is reported:

- Liaisons will call all block captains.
- Block captains will in turn notify all program participants, that is, participating neighbors.

Among other duties, the liaison is the primary contact between the neighborhood and the Police Department and coordinates C.O.P.S. activities. Block captains are the contacts between the liaison and neighborhood participants. Block captains also assist the liaison in coordinating C.O.P.S. activities. The participants provide the block captains with contact information

Donna Bunson, KFHOA vice president, has volunteered to be the C.O.P.S. liaison.

In order to make the program successful, at least 10 volunteers are needed to serve as block captains. In addition to the earlier duties described, each block captain will be responsible for gathering contact information from 11 homes and attending 2–3 meetings per year. If more than 10 people volunteer, the number of homes each captain must contact will be reduced. Would you help ensure the success of the KFHOA C.O.P.S. program by volunteering?

To volunteer or obtain information, contact Donna Bunson at 678-924-6959 or [mgbunson@comcast.net](mailto:mgbunson@comcast.net).

## No Soliciting Signs

The KFHOA is investigating the installation of No Soliciting signs at the three neighborhood entrances.

In the meantime, you might find this summary information (from the Gwinnett County Police Web site) helpful.

Canvassers or solicitors must have a permit issued by Gwinnett County. Canvassing or soliciting on Sunday,

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or between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. Monday through Saturday is prohibited. Canvassing or soliciting at any location where a sign is posted at or near the main entrance or driveway to the residence is prohibited.

If any unrequested door-to-door solicitor bothers you, call 911, and the police will respond.

### **ACC News**

The ACC has continued efforts to preserve and promote neighborhood property values by ensuring that all homeowners abide by the Kenion Forest Declaration of Covenants.

To accomplish this goal, the ACC routinely tours the neighborhood to observe its appearance. Following recent tours, the ACC sent letters to 58 homes that explained items that must be addressed to comply with the covenants.

The ACC has noticed that a number of issues have been resolved, but others are still outstanding. The ACC would like to encourage all who received a letter to address any outstanding issues promptly to provide a sustainable neighborhood and increased property values and to be courteous to your neighbors by complying with the request and the covenants.

Please remember, certain changes to your home or property may require an ACC review and approval *before the work* begins. For more information about the changes that should be reviewed, consult the Kenion Forest Declaration of Protective Covenants. Review requests should be submitted to the ACC.

### **Speed Humps**

Gwinnett County has approved the installation of four speed humps on Kenion Forest Way.

Thanks to Ron Rogers for his efforts in securing the required signatures and submitting the paperwork to Gwinnett County.