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## Pool Opens May 5th

It's time to get ready, get those swimsuits, water-wings and sunscreen- the pool will open on Saturday, May 5th. It will be open on Saturdays & Sundays only until Memorial Day, May 28th. Then you can dive in daily (except for pool maintenance days) from 10am to 10pm.

The slides will be open from 12 noon to 8pm every day that the pool is open. However, they will close 15 minutes out of every hour of operation so that the lifeguards can take a break, as required by state law. This year there will be 2 security guards on duty. One will constantly be stationed at the gate during pool hours while the other will be walking around to assist with maintaining the rules and safety of our pool. The pool will be closed every Wednesday for weekly maintenance and cleaning

### Guest passes

There will be a limit of 10 guests at the pool Mon-Fri, however on weekends residents will be limited to ONLY 5 guests per household. Be sure to go to the HOA office during office hours to pick up your 20 free guest passes before pool season and to get your access card if you do not already have one. Also, please ensure that

everyone in your household either has an access card, or that children under 13 are on their parents' cards before attempting to enter the pool area. Anyone without a valid access card will need to be with a homeowner and use a guest pass.

If you run out of guest passes and need to purchase more, please make sure that you do this while the HOA office is open (\$5 each per day or \$75 for 20 additional passes). The security guards will not make any exceptions to this rule and WILL NOT have guest passes for sale.

### Pool Rules

Here are a few important highlights of the 2007 pool rules:

- ♦ Swimmers must be at least 48" tall to ride the slide or must pass a swim test administered by the lifeguards.
- ♦ No free swimming in the slide pool.
- ♦ Children under 13 may not use the water slides without adult supervision.
- ♦ No one under 13 years of age is permitted in the Main Pool area without an adult 18 years or older.
- ♦ Children 3 and under are required to wear approved swim diapers.
- ♦ No glass containers at any time in the gated-pool or hot-tub area.



- ♦ No alcohol allowed.
- ♦ No abusive language, loud radio, or excessive noise.
- ♦ No smoking except in designated areas. Violators will be liable for cigarette burns or damage to turf area.
- ♦ No rafts or flotation devices are allowed in Main Pool. Coast Guard approved flotation devices are allowed. Rafts are allowed in the Adult Pool, however.
- ♦ Swim wear only. Cut-offs or street clothes not permitted in the pool.
- ♦ No one under the age of 18 allowed in the Adult Pool.
- ♦ No animals, bikes, skateboards, or scooters are allowed in the pool or enclosure.

For complete Pool & Hot Tub rules, go to [www.savannahca.com](http://www.savannahca.com).

## Welcome the New HOA Manager

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce Savannah to the new Community Association Manager, Brenda Simmons.

Brenda comes to us from Arizona where she had a background of working in real estate for 28 years. For the past 14 years she has been in the property management business.

She says that she moved to the great state of Texas for 10 great reasons: her two children, their spouses and her six wonderful grandkids, who all live in Texas. She brought along her little 4lb dog Princess, who seems to like Texas now, as well.

"I am looking forward to serving the Savannah HOA with the dedication, commitment and care it deserves," says Brenda. One of the first things you will notice



**Brenda Simmons**

about Brenda is that her attitude is very upbeat and 'can do'.

She likes to say, "Whoever says 'That can't be done' is usually interrupting the people who are busy doing it."

Brenda looks forward to meeting as many of the folks in Savannah as possible, so feel welcome to drop on by the HOA office in the clubhouse and say "Hi".

## Register Today On The HOA Website



### [www.SavannahCA.com](http://www.SavannahCA.com)

Have you checked out the new, improved Savannah HOA website? The site has recently undergone a facelift, with a fresh new look and user-friendly features. You will find a wealth of information and updates to keep you informed about life in Savannah. There is an event calendar, photo gallery, free classifieds, lists of important phone numbers, amenity rental information and convenient downloadable HOA forms. That's just some of the useful information you will find.

If this is your first visit, or you haven't visited the site since the rebuild, you will need to register. This is how we insure that the Savannah HOA site remains exclusive to our residents. Once your registration is approved, you will have this valuable resource available at your fingertips!

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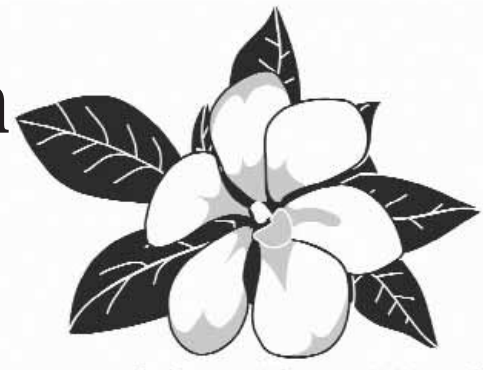
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Hours: Mon-Fri 10am - 6pm, Sat 10am - 7pm, closed Sundays  
Beginning May 6th: Mon - Sat, 10am - 7pm & Sundays 11am - 7pm  
*Hours Subject to Change*

**Questions About Your HOA Account?**  
Call Premier Communities At 866-424-8072

## Your HOA Staff

### Brenda Simmons

Onsite Association Manager  
972-346-3020  
scamanager@savannahca.com

- ♦ Property inspections
- ♦ Address Community Association issues
- ♦ Issue access cards
- ♦ Orientate homeowners with the Association

### Susan Armstrong

Activities Director/Assistant Mgr.  
972-346-2828  
scaactivities@savannahca.com

- ♦ Assist in the SCA office, issue access cards
- ♦ Coordinate events with Social Committee
- ♦ Schedule rentals
- ♦ Coordinate master calendar

### Kristie Denson

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- ♦ Assists the Activities Director
- ♦ Schedules rentals
- ♦ Assists in coordinating master calendar
- ♦ Assists in the SCA office, issues access cards

### Gerry Wells

Manager of Grounds & Facilities

- ♦ Oversees all aspects of facilities & landscape
- ♦ Amenities (fitness areas, pools, pavilions)
- ♦ Water parks & lakes
- ♦ Common areas & grounds

### Deborah Victory

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940-440-0077 ext# 102  
administrator@savannahca.com

- ♦ Coordinate newsletter submissions & design with Communications Committee
- ♦ Website maintenance & registrations

### Kerri Kingsbery

Director of Onsite Management  
Premier Communities  
214-871-9700 ext# 246

kerri.kingsbery@premiercommunities.net

- ♦ Oversee all aspects of the management and maintenance of Savannah Community Assoc.
- ♦ Oversee onsite SCA management team

**Check Out Our Website**  
[www.savannahca.com](http://www.savannahca.com)

### HOA Dues are due April 1st, 2007

The semi-annual dues are in the amount of \$357.50 (\$715 annually). Homeowners may pay their assessments by credit card. We accept Mastercard, Visa, Discover and American Express. Visit [www.SavannahCA.com](http://www.SavannahCA.com) and click on the image link that says "Pay Your Dues Online!" This link will take you to the Premier Communities website where you can follow the instructions to make your payment. You must have your coupon handy because you will need your account ID in order to take advantage of this service. The coupon is located at the bottom of your billing statement.

Please note: the bank may charge a convenience fee for this transaction.. If you have any questions, please contact Premier Communities at 866-424-8072.

### Do You Have Your Access Cards?

To access the pool and fitness center you will need a valid magnetic access card (SCA dues must be up-to-date in order to be eligible). You should have received two (2) when you first closed on your home. If you have lost or misplaced them, please contact the Association Manager at 972-346-3020 or scamanager@savannahca.com (\$25 charge for replacements).

If you are a new resident, we encourage you to attend the **New Homeowner Orientation at 11am each Saturday**. You will need to fill out some basic paper work and review Governing Documents (CCRs, Bylaws, etc). During your visit, you can sign up for your Access Cards and pool passes (if SCA dues have been paid).

Please bring either your:

- current driver's license and closing papers, or...
- your driver's license with Savannah address

## Contest

Every newsletter will contain an address embedded randomly within an article. Find the address and, if it is your address, come by the SCA office during business hours to claim your prize! For example:

*You can get a 1234 Savannah Boulevard deep green lawn by using a high nitrogen fertilizer.*

The person who resides at 1234 Savannah Boulevard will have until November 30, 2006 to claim the prize. Please bring a valid picture ID and current billing statement.

The gift certificates are proudly provided by Huffines Communities.

Homeowner associations are formed for the purpose of preserving property values by providing for the harmony and beautification of your neighborhood through binding Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions, also known as "CC&Rs". These rules can be found in the "Declaration" section of your CC&R's. They are meant to benefit the community as a whole.

### Violations Statistics

There were **229** violations given for trash, restricted vehicles & yard maintenance from the beginning of January through the end of February.

Savannah Violations Log 2007													updated: 3/14/2007
VIOLATIONS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	GRAND TOTAL
Open Violations	99	130	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	229
Weeds in Beds	12	25											37
Prohibited vehicles	2	6											8
ASC violations	2	4											6
Misc. violations	2	5											7
Trash	49	33											82
Mow, Edge, trim bushes	18	15											33
Appreciation	2	0											2
Sale / Lease Signs	1	3											4
Dead Trees / Bushes	11	39											50
													0
Closed Violations	12	33											45
Tropa	7	70											77

## Get Community News and Urgent Alerts Via Email

Are you on our email list? If you would like to receive Savannah Community News twice a month and Urgent Alerts when they happen, send your email address to:

[administrator@savannahca.com](mailto:administrator@savannahca.com)

You will receive a "confirmation request" (see example). Click "confirm my subscription" to accept our emails and opt into this valuable service. When you get an email with "Community News" in the subject line, get ready for updates about what's going on in Savannah... events, new clubs & classes, special news that pertains to your local community and important HOA information. When you see "URGENT" in the subject line, open right away for vital time-sensitive or emergency information.

Your e-mail address [homeowner@savannahca.com](mailto:homeowner@savannahca.com) is currently on the mailing list for Savannah Community Association. In order to receive any future e-mail messages from Savannah Community Association, you must confirm your subscription. To do so, please click the link below.  
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Savannah Community Association

sample confirmation request

# News Bites



## Savannah Annual Meeting!

Mark your calendars! All residents of Savannah are encouraged to please attend this year's Annual Meeting on **Wednesday April 25th in the Savannah Elementary cafetorium.** Sign in at 6:30pm, meeting starts at 7pm.

This is your opportunity to gain valuable insight and information concerning your Community Association. If you have any questions that you would like answered at the meeting, **please send them in advance** to the HOA manager, Brenda Simmons, 972-346-3020 or scamanager@savannahca.com. In this manner we hope to insure that the meeting will proceed in a timely and organized fashion while making sure that all queries get appropriate attention.

We hope to see you there!

## Little Elm Golf Tournament

Golfers- this is for you. The Little Elm Chamber of Commerce would like to announce their Golf Tournament to be held Tuesday April 10, 2007 at 12 noon at The Tribute Golf Club, 1000 Boyd Rd in The Colony.

The tournament is a 4-man scramble with a shot gun start set for 1pm. A "Longest Drive" contest will precede the tournament. For more information, call 972-292-3777 or go to: [www.littleelmchamber.org](http://www.littleelmchamber.org).

## Wanted: Host Families

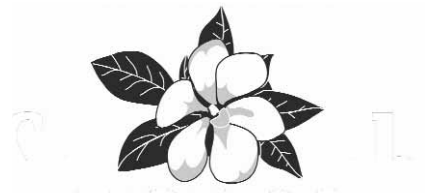
Do you love life in Savannah? Would you like to meet some of your newest neighbors? Now you can volunteer to be a "Host Family".

Host Families will be paired with future homeowners who are in the process of purchasing their home here in Savannah. Show them around, join them at an event, tell them some of your favorite things about your community, give them the sort of information that only comes from someone who's been there. It's a great way to make new friends and help build the kind of smalltown atmosphere on which we pride ourselves. If you are interested, please contact Brenda: scamanager@savannahca.com.

## Community-Wide Yard Sale

Saturday, May 19th from 7am-1pm

Homeowners may have goods set out for in their yards. If you want your yard sale listed on the map that will be handed out at the entrance to Savannah, please email scaactivities@savannahca.com or call the activity office at 972-346-2828. Deadline to be listed on the map is May 8th.



For More Community News, Go To:  
[www.savannahca.com](http://www.savannahca.com)

## Savannah to Plano DART Vanpool

DART Vanpool makes getting to work easy. For a normal daily Monday-Friday work commute, DART charges a flat rate per van per month, split among a group of up to 15 people riding to the same general area. The more riders, the more savings per person.

Dart is offering lots of incentives to get new groups started. Are you interested? Do you work in Plano in the area of 75 & George Bush? If so, please contact Russ Gray for more information:  
xxx@xxxxx.com or xxx.xxx.xxxx

## Stricter Enforcement of Traffic Codes

Deputy Thomas Hutson of the Denton County Sheriff's office would like the residents of Savannah to be aware that the Sheriff's department will begin a stricter enforcement of the traffic codes within the communities along HWY 380.

This will include parking laws, so please take note- when parking in the street adhere carefully to the following:

- ♦ Parked cars should be facing the right direction; the same direction as traffic flows on *that side* of the street.
- ♦ Cars must be parked no closer than:  
15ft from a fire hydrant  
20ft from a crosswalk  
20ft from a driveway entrance  
30ft from a stop sign
- ♦ Cars must be parked no more than 18" from the curb.

Stop signs and speed limits will also be more strictly enforced within the neighborhoods. This includes Fishtrap

Road- it is posted at 35 mph and that will be enforced.

Deputy Hutson would also like to make sure that everyone in the community is aware that those small motorized scooters known as "pocket bikes" are defined by the DPS as *motorcycles*, and are subject to the laws governing those; that is- they must be licensed for the street and the driver must have a valid motorcycle license to drive. If children are caught driving, the parents can be cited.

Also, expect stricter enforcement regarding abandoned vehicles. They will be stickered, then towed shortly thereafter.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Deputy Hutson:  
940-390-8335  
thomas.hutson@dentoncounty.com



# Springtime In Savannah - Seasonal Notes

## Bermuda Care

Tony Woodard  
Landscape Committee Chair

Bermuda Grass is one of the best choices for a hot, sunny climate.

**Benefits:** Bermuda germinates quickly and grows vigorously. It produces a fine-textured and dense turf. It is a resilient, wear-resistant turf and is often planted in golf courses and athletic fields. Bermuda spreads rapidly by surface and underground stolons or runners. It has excellent heat and drought tolerance. Bermuda goes dormant in the winter, resulting in less maintenance.

**Deterrents:** If not edged properly, Bermuda can invade your flower beds and planting sites. Because it grows so rapidly, Bermuda requires frequent mowing and periodic thatch removal. Bermuda needs full sun. It has poor shade tolerance.

**Light Requirements:** Full sun.

**Water Requirements:** Seed beds should be kept moist until germination. Bermuda sod should be watered every day or every two days until fully rooted into the ground. Thereafter, provide one to two inches of water per week.

**Fertilizer:** Bermuda thrives on fertilizer. You should apply fertilizer to Bermuda two to three times during the growing season. In April, it will start to come out of its dormant state. When it is about 50% green, apply a slow-release, high nitrogen fertilizer to your lawn. Make a second application about six to eight weeks later or as directed on the bag. A third application in another six weeks may be desired. Apply a "winterizer" to Bermuda in late October to prevent winter injury.

## The 1st Annual Spring Yard Contest

The Savannah Landscape Committee is proud to announce the First Annual Community-Wide Spring Yard contest! ONE WINNER PER STREET will be chosen for the most attractive, well landscaped yard. That's right - EACH STREET, not village.

The winners and the members of their households will be rewarded for their efforts with a special Private Pool Party. It's not too early to start getting those yards in shape to compete. The deadline is May 9, 2007. Show off your green thumb! Here are the rules:

- 1) All residents are eligible.
- 2) Yards must be mowed and edged.
- 3) Shrubs should be pruned.
- 4) Flowerbeds should be free of weeds and seasonal flowers should be present.
- 5) Judging will be held May 9, 2007 by the Landscape Committee.
- 6) 1 winner per street.
- 7) Winners will be invited to a private party at the pool for food and fun.



# Developer's Corner

by JC Hughes  
Huffines Communities

## Plans To Widen FM 423

Now in the works is a joint TxDOT, Denton County, Frisco, The Colony, and Little Elm project that will provide an widened roadway from Highway 121 northward to Highway 380. The ultimate roadway will be six-lanes. The project is in the engineering and discovery stage and no starting schedule has been set, but tentative plans are to secure funding and actually begin construction in the near future. Denton County Commissioner Cynthia White has an excellent website and link at: <http://dentoncounty.com/court/precinct1/default.asp?Link=TTF>. Here you can view all the monthly meeting reports of the Transportation Task Force and become informed about the various traffic/road projects in our area.

## Toll Bridge Groundbreaking

The North Texas Tollway Authority has announced a groundbreaking for the toll bridge segment of the Eldorado Parkway East - West Corridor. The groundbreaking is scheduled for January 31st at 3:00 PM on the west side of Lewisville Lake, on segment #1 which is the Swisher Road segment in Lake Dallas. The entire corridor project is scheduled for completion early 2009. Again, you can go to <http://dentoncounty.com/court/precinct1/default.asp?Link=TTF> for more information.

## Tree Replacement Tips

Have you replaced last summer's dead trees and shrubs yet? Homeowners are responsible for the care of their trees and replacement when those trees are lost. New trees were to be planted no later than the end of March. The HOA has negotiated a bulk rate for trees with Valley Crest. To take advantage of this offer, please contact the HOA office at 972-346-3020.

### Some Tips For Newly Planted Trees

#### Mulching

Mulching is the most important post-planting practice that you can do to improve the health and vitality of your tree. Mulching conserves moisture and insulates roots from heat and cold extremes.

#### Fertilizing for Faster Growth

Fertilize trees at planting time with a starter fertilizer high in phosphorus. Once established, fertilize your tree once a year with a slow release fertiliz-

er at the drip line and beyond. The drip line is the area beneath the outermost branches.

#### Staking

Staking can provide additional support & protection to trees planted in open, windy areas. Avoid staking too rigidly allow the tree some movement. *Important: Remove stakes or guys after one growing season.*

#### Watering

Your newly planted tree will require regular watering to supplement rainfall until its roots become established. We recommend checking the root ball for moisture by probing the soil in the root ball. Water no more than two or three times per week for a total of 1 inch. Operating automatic lawn irrigation systems for 20 to 30 minutes per day often results in a continuously saturated soil condition, which in turn causes severe root damage and tree death.

## Wet Election

The petition that was recently circulated in hopes of bringing about a vote on beer and wine sales for off premise consumption and mixed drinks in restaurants was successful. The two propositions will now be on the May 2007 general election ballot in Denton County for Precinct #5.

## Volleyball Court

Savannah spoke, we listened! This amenity scored high on the recent Sports Committee 1416 Southern Pine survey, so we plan to set a location and begin installation of a sand volleyball court so that the court could be complete and operational in spring 2007.

## Fire District Powers

We are working with Paloma Creek, Frisco Ranch and Savannah to offer an election to set fire powers for the district and fund full time employees for the Navo Fire Station. Approval would further improve the fire rating for our residents and greatly improve service and response times. We held several meetings recently with the City of Aubrey to finalize a Fire Protection Agreement that must be part of the Fire District submission to the TCEQ in Austin. The TCEQ must approve the agreement and our fire plan before they will allow us to hold an election.

## Small Business Guide

### PetCare Pet Insurance now offered by: The STARNES INSURANCE GROUP

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## Say HELLO To Your New Neighbors!

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940-440-0077 ext# 102  
Communications Director  
[deborah.victory@premiercommunities.net](mailto:deborah.victory@premiercommunities.net)

# Event Highlights

## Super Bowl party

On **February 4th** the Sports Committee did a great job of pulling together the Super Bowl Watching Party- it was a great success! Burgers, hotdogs, beverages and the football game of the year on the big screen in the clubhouse theater.

Special thanks to Brad Witt for grilling all the hotdogs & hamburgers, to Julie Armstrong, Celli Nye & Beverly Witt for setting up the buffet, serving & cleaning up after the event, and to Butch Armstrong & Kenny Nye for handling the game squares, guests, and overseeing the details of the evening. The committee would especially like to extend their appreciation to all the family members and friends that were recruited to help out.

Sports fans, if you liked this event, we have another one for you! **April 15th come watch the Texas Motor Speedway NASCAR race**



winnerS!  
tilly & Kenny



Kickin' Back, watchin' the game



BurgerS... yum!



all this & poker, too!

on 3 big screens in the theater. Johnny Brusco's pizza, drinks, fun provided for the kiddos and more! See page 11 for details.

# Big Things Happening

## Spring & Summer Events

### Casino De Mayo

So do you feel lucky? Come to "Casino De Mayo" on **Friday May 5th, 7pm to 11pm in the clubhouse**. Enjoy casino games (more tables than last year!), margaritas, beer and a "Build Your Own Nachos Bar". Tickets go on sale April 1st. \$10 for residents, \$20 per guest (4 guest max). You must be 21 to attend. Get your tickets now before they are all gone!



### Memorial Day Weekend Summer Spectacular

**Saturday May 26th, from 11am - 3pm**

Check out the fun we have planned...

#### Picnic

Enjoy a BBQ lunch at the Pavilion 11am-2pm. You must get your picnic tickets IN ADVANCE – **Deadline: May 19th**. None available at the gate. Guests: \$5, only 4 guests per household; Residents: no charge. Bring a picnic blanket!



#### Savannah Family Field Day

12:30pm to 3pm

All games will be family-friendly, but still challenging for everyone. Teams can be all family members or any Savannah neighbors you choose. If you would like to compete:

**PICK A TEAM (maximum number – ten), CHOOSE A TEAM CAPTAIN, TEAM COLOR, TEAM NAME and SIGN YOUR TEAM UP at the clubhouse no later than Saturday, May 19** (See Susan or Kristi – 972-346-2828 for more information). Attend the **Team Captains Meeting on TUESDAY, MAY 22nd** at 7pm in the Savannah Clubhouse Café for all the details of the games! Winning team will receive free movie party with at the Savannah Magnolia Theater!

**POOL GUESTS** – The pool will also be open for the Memorial Day Event. If you are going to have guests at the pool you may either use your Household Pool Guestcard or you may purchase guest passes at \$5 per guest per day in the clubhouse. If you are purchasing pool guest passes, please do so *before* May 26th. The HOA Office will not be open during the event and the Pool Gate Guards do not have passes for sale at the gate.

### Star Spangled Carnival

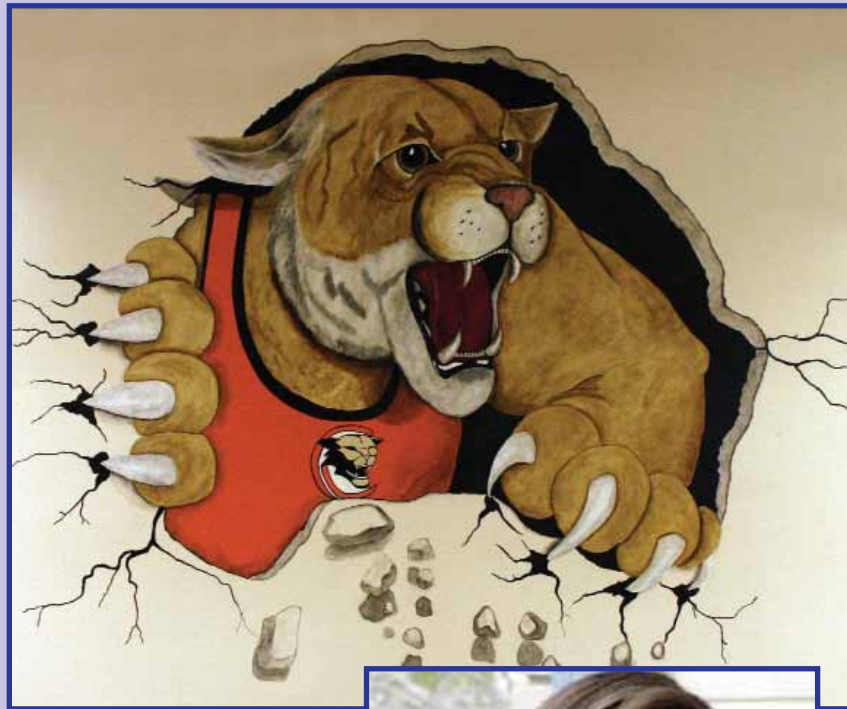
This year's Independence Day Weekend Celebration is shaping up to be super! On **Saturday June 30th** come on out and enjoy food, booths selling crafts and other items, games and a bounce house for the kids. The parade will be at 4:30pm and, of course, don't miss the fireworks that night!



Interested in setting up shop in a booth that day to sell your product or craft items? Limited booth space is available, so contact Susan or Kristi at 972-346-2828 now to reserve your space.

# Savannah Spotlight

## Paula Lynch - Artist



There are so many interesting, talented people in Savannah! Paula Lynch is a Savannah home owner, a wife, mother and a mural artist who says, "My Goal is to get rid of plain white walls and create warmth and happiness, adventure and beauty." She is the owner of "Wallskapes", a business specializing in murals & faux finishes. Check out her website at [www.wallskapes.com](http://www.wallskapes.com).

Born in Brussels Belgium, her father was in the military, so growing up she lived in several different places before settling in Texas during the 6th grade. She is a self taught artist who began doing murals in her own home where she operated a home daycare. When her daughter was old enough for school, she began considering what she might do now- it was time to move on. This was

when her father-in-law pointed at her artwork and said, "You love your art, it shows in your work. People would love this kind of stuff in their homes!"

She now paints murals in homes, businesses and schools and does portraits of people and animals.

One of the recent jobs Paula did was for Calhoun Middle School. The principal wanted a Cougar painted in the athletic department. When he came in to see the mural for the first time, he was impressed with the detail. The finished product was above and beyond what he had expected.

Paula loves life here in Savannah. She likes to spend her spare time with family, enjoying the trails where they walk their dogs and go bike riding.

Hey Savannah! On another artistic note... The HOA is establishing a new subcommittee to select outdoor art for our community. See page 11 for details.

### Calling All Young Savannah Poets

The Kids' Corner is looking for young Savannah poets (up to 16 years of age). Work submitted should be no longer than about 16-25 lines. Write what you know, what you think, what you feel, something funny something sad, whatever touches you, whatever

inspires you! Send to:  
[deborah.victory@premiercommunities.net](mailto:deborah.victory@premiercommunities.net)  
 or  
 Deborah Victory  
 701 Savannah Blvd.  
 Savannah, TX 76227

Please include your name,  
 address & age

# Kids' Corner

### Rainbow Mobile

What you need: 1 paper plate, paper streamers or ribbons in rainbow colors (red, orange, yellow, green, blue & purple), scissors, white craft glue, piece of ribbon for hanging



- 1) Cut the paper plate in half.
- 2) Cut a 40-inch length of streamer in each color.
- 3) Cut each length up the middle to create two long strips of each color.
- 4) Reserve one set of rainbow color strips for another project or for a second Rainbow Mobile.
- 5) Use one strip of each color. Glue the red streamer strip around the top curve of the paper plate. 1)
- 6) Make sure to center the streamer so you have equal lengths hanging off each side.
- 7) Repeat with each color, moving your way down from red to orange,, then yellow, green, blue and lastly purple.
- 8) Add one more thin purple strip to the back of the plate to fill the gap in the center.
- 9) Tie a piece of ribbon into a knot, then glue to the back of the plate to use as a hanger.

*Variation:* Use shamrock or other springtime garland instead of rainbow streamers hanging down.

## Spring Fishing Tournament

Get the whole family up early on **April 21st** for the Spring Fishing Tournament. The tournament in October was such a success that we just had to do it again. We will again give fishing rods to the **FIRST FORTY** kids that register. For all the information you will need, keep checking [www.savannahca.com](http://www.savannahca.com) and look for your Community News \*email.



\*Are you on our email list? See page 2 for details!

A special 'thank you' goes out to the sponsors of this event...  
 Twin Lake Veterinary Clinic, Chase Bank, Russell Shaul State Farm Insurance and Vinelife Church

# Clubs & Classes



## JumpBunch Is Fun For Kids

JumpBunch is loads of fun! Children are excited and eager to participate! Each week children are introduced to a new sport or activity, which encourages physical development, coordination, gross and fine motor skills, body balance and self confidence. Warm ups, stretches and cool down to music are included. Then, we finish off with stamps, stickers or temporary tattoos.

We celebrate our success with lots of enthusiasm, high fives and encouragement. Children learn to enjoy sports and exercise while learning a variety of new games along with all time favorites. Children ages 2-5 learn in a non-competitive environment while children ages 7-10 learn the benefits of team work, cooperation and the thrill of winning as competitive elements are introduced in a fun and positive environment. Classes meet every Friday at 10:00 am.

## Storytime Every Tuesday



Every Tuesday morning, bring your little ones to the clubhouse for Storytime at 10:30, usually held in the theater. For more information, call xxx-xxx-xxxx.

## Saturday Sunrise Yoga

A great way to stretch, strengthen, and wake up to the sun! Saturday Mornings 7-8am, third floor of the clubhouse. Cost is \$12. Bring a mat and wear comfy clothes. All levels welcome! For more information contact: Sue Greenwood, xxx-xxx-1xxx or xxx@yahoo.com.

## Monthly Poker Club

Meet the 2nd Friday of each month in the clubhouse boardroom to play Texas Hold'em. Play begins at 7:30pm. One time club fee is \$10 per person, then a \$20 buy in. Must be at least 21 years old to play. For more information, contact pokersavannah@yahoo.com.

## Get Fit!

### 5 ways to reach your fitness and nutrition goals

By Kristi Dear

I always tell my clients that simple everyday changes in your life can lead you to big results. To get fit, you don't have to go on a crash diet and exercise excessively, that is more likely to lead you to burnout, injure, and slowing down your metabolism. Implement these steps and change your life today.

1. Move a little everyday, if you sit most of the day get up and move around. Choose the stairs over the elevator, do some squats while blow-drying your hair, do push-ups and sit-ups in the morning before you get dressed.

2. Choose baked over fried every time!!
3. Always stock up on light food at the grocery store.
4. Think positive! Negative thoughts cause depression, which can lead you to weight gain.
5. Find a workout buddy!! Make a contest out of it giving you an incentive to get fit.

Kristi Dear is a Certified Personal Trainer, instructor of the "Boot Camp Babes" class, and a resident of Savannah. Visit her website at [www.kristidear.com](http://www.kristidear.com) for more tips on ways to Get Fit!

*For a full calendar of clubs, classes and events, see back page.*

By Cynthia White, County Commissioner

In my last two articles I reviewed the road building process and tried to briefly define some of the steps that must be followed in order for a road to become reality. I would broadly say the discussion has focused on the process. In this third and final column, I want to talk about the critical funding issues.

Something we understand is the fact that there never seems to be enough money to accomplish many of our goal. This is a trend that cuts across various venues from our personal finances to school finance, to city, county, state and national governments. When it comes to transportation, especially in our area, it is important to understand the critical impact of growth in this equation. Here are a few facts that should bring it into focus:

- ◆ In 1970 the D/FW area population was 2.3 million. Today's population is 5.7 million and growing adding almost 600,000 people from 2001 to 2005.
- ◆ Population growth continues to

explode. The DFW area's population in 1999 was 4.5 million and is estimated to be 8 million in 2025. In 2000 the DFW area was the 9th largest metropolitan area; recent 2006 reports show the DFW area to be the 4th largest populated metroplex behind New York, Los Angeles and Chicago.

- ◆ Truck traffic on primary routes into our region has increased nearly 50% since 1994.
- ◆ Between 1980 and 2004, people drove 94% more highway miles, according to Federal Highway Administration statistics. But the number of new highway lane miles only increased 6%.
- ◆ Our area currently needs an additional 13,164 lanes miles to eliminate level of service "F" congestion (which is the highest level of congestion on a scale of A - F).
- ◆ The total amount to fund ALL the needs identified in our area is \$114 Billion dollars!

Contrast those facts with the following facts and you can begin to see why we are in a funding crisis:

- ◆ The gas tax itself hasn't been raised in over 20 years.
- ◆ Texas is a donor state. For every dollar we send to Washington (via the gas tax) we only get about .90 cents back. Compare that to Alaska who receives over \$6.00 for every dollar they send to Washington or several of the northeastern states who receive \$2, \$3 and \$4 dollars back for every dollar they send!
- ◆ Currently Texas Department of Transportation has only about 1/3 of the funds needed to address all transportation demands statewide. It is estimated that in 10 years TXDOT will not have enough resources to even meet the maintenance needs statewide let alone capacity improvements.
- ◆ While the State Legislators provided new tools for TXDOT to address transportation demands (tolling, managed lanes, financing options and design/build options), they did not allocate additional dollars. The reality is that we need additional dollars to maintain and improve our roads but we aren't getting them from the feds

or the state.

◆ Our region is in a non-attainment area for our air quality. If we do not meet the strict standards set out by federal law we are in jeopardy of losing additional transportation dollars. This puts us in a catch-22 because we need to reduce traffic congestion to reduce pollution and to reduce traffic congestion we need to expand our capacity and to expand our capacity we need additional dollars; which neither the state nor the federal government is providing.

While I realize the preceding paints a dismal picture, I do believe our area will see a marked change over the next several years because of the action of our leaders at all levels. Unfortunately, it just takes time.



Cynthia White is the Denton County Commissioner for Precinct 1 and can be reached at 940-349-2810 or [Cynthia.white@dentoncounty.com](mailto:Cynthia.white@dentoncounty.com)

# Committees



**Sports Authority Committee**  
sports@savannahca.com  
Meets the 1st Thurs of the month  
Chair: Butch Armstrong



**Pool Committee**  
pool@savannahca.com or  
972-347-2126  
Meets the 1st Thurs of the month  
Chair: Patrick Etie



**Communication Committee**  
communications@savannahca.com  
Meets the 2nd Thurs of the month  
Chair: Tammy Blake



**Social Committee**  
social@savannahca.com  
Meets the 2nd Tues of the month  
Chair: Anna Pfaaf

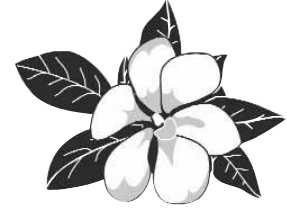


**Landscape Committee**  
landscape@savannahca.com  
Meets the 2nd Wed of the month  
Chair: Tony Woodard



**Safety Committee**  
safety@savannahca.com  
Meets the 2nd Sat of the month  
Chair: Shirley Williams

**Architectural Standards Committee**  
asc@savannahca.com  
Meets on a regular basis to review plans for exterior home improvements submitted by fellow homeowners. Members ensure that the improvements fall under the guidelines stipulated in the CCRs.



## Join A Committee

And Make A Difference!

Contact Any Committee Chair For Details

**Advisory Committee**  
(Meets the 3rd Sat of the month)

<p><b>Peachtree Village</b> peachtreeadvisors@savannahca.com</p>  <p>Lynette Luke</p>	<p><b>Wisteria Village</b> wisteriaadvisors@savannahca.com</p>  <p>Druetta Russell</p>  <p>Roger Reith</p>
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*Peachtree needs another volunteer who would like to represent their village! Please Contact Susan Armstrong: 972-346-2828*

## Communications Committee Seeks New Members

Tammy Blake  
Communications Committee Chair

We are looking for residents who would like to be a part of the Savannah Communication Committee. The committee focuses on the website, newsletter and other communication issues that impact residents. We meet the second Thursday of each month at 6:30pm. We also need reporters, writers and photos for the newsletter. Contact communications@savannahca.com for more information or to join.

### Art Committee Forming

A sub-committee is forming to review and select outdoor statutory art for the community. If you have an art background, a creative side and an eye for art, please contact Susan Armstrong, scaactivities@savannahca.com, or call 972-346-2828. Committee will be formed by **May 15th**.

### Crime Watch Meeting

The Safety Committee would like to invite you all to the ballroom in the clubhouse at **7pm on April 10th** for a neighborhood crime watch meeting. Be involved and help to keep your neighborhood safe.

## Guidelines For Yard of the Month

The following are the guidelines for our monthly "Yard of the Month" contest:

- a) Homeowner must be in good standing with HOA (i.e. no open violations)
- b) Overall appearance of the home will be taken in to consideration.
- c) Grass should be trimmed and edged. Shurbs should be pruned.
- d) Flower beds should be free from weeds and seasonal flowers must be present.
- e) Winning homeowner agrees to not alter the appearance of the home and lawn for 30 days after the receipt of the award. Failure to honor this request will forfeit the prize. A voucher for the prize will be given to the homeowner and may be redeemed at the end of the 30 day period.
- f) Eligibility: All occupied homes. Homes that are "for sale" or "for rent" are excluded and are not eligible to win.

## Sports Committee Has Great Things Coming Soon!

Butch Armstrong  
Sports Authority Committee Chair

Hello fellow Savannah sports and activities fans! The Sports Committee has a couple of great activities coming up in April.

First, on **April 15th** come watch the **Texas Motor Speedway NASCAR race** with your friends on the 3 big screens in the clubhouse theater. The cost is \$10 per person or \$20 per family. Johnny Brusco's in Little Elm is supplying pizza and we will have snacks and soda available. It is also a BYOB event so bring your favorite beverage. Kids activities will be provided by Vinelife Church and supervised (not babysitting) by the Savannah Teen Club. We will also have prizes and games of chance if you would like to play. Sign up at the clubhouse soon. Limit of first 100 residents and guests. We had a good time at the Super Bowl Party so make your plans to attend this NASCAR event.

The second event is the **Spring Fishing tournament on April 21**. The tournament in October was a huge success and we expect this to be even better. We will again give fishing rods to the **FIRST FORTY** kids that come and register. We will have more information coming soon, so check www.savannahca.com and look for your Community News email.

Remember that if your business wants to help sponsor these or any other events please contact me at sports@savannahca.com. Your business will be recognized in the Magnolia Times and on a sponsor board at outdoor events.

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!**  
If you like to have these sporting events, as I hope that you do, then please get involved give some of your time & talent. You'll have fun, get to know some great folks and enjoy the satisfaction of knowing that you helped make something special happen in the community in which you live. Volunteer for Sports or one of our other committees!

## Aubrey Sports SignUps

Registration for...

**T-BALL:** March 31st and April 14th, 10am- 12:00 in the clubhouse cafe.

**CHEERLEADING:** April 14 & April 28 at the Aubrey Elementary 9-11am.

**FOOTBALL:** April 28 & May 5 at the Aubrey Elementary 9-11am

For costs and other information, contact Aubrey Area Youth Sports Association:  
aubreyyouthsports@yahoo.com.

# April

## Clubs

**The Community Association does not recommend or endorse any resident clubs.**  
**Savannah Storytelling (TH)-** 972.xxx.xxxx  
**50 Plus Club-** 940.xxx.xxxx

**Scrapbooking-** 972.xxx.xxxx  
**Girl Scouts Troop #378 (BR)-** 972.xxx.xxxx  
**Cub Scouts (BR)**  
**Fifty Plus Club-** xxx.xxxx  
**Poker Club-** pokersavannah@yahoo.com

**Savannah HoneyBees-** HoneyBees@380Guide.com  
**Book Club-** Marie Ratcliffe, xxx@yahoo.com  
**Teen Club (BR & TH)-** Beverly Witt, 972.xxx.xxxx  
**Chess Club (BR)-** Harry Hayes, 214.xxx.xxxx

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Boot Camp Babes 6am Itty Bitty Tigers 5pm Family Martial Arts Class 5:30pm	4 Turbokick 6am Savannah Story time 10:30 am Savannah Dance Club 4:30 pm Savannah Dance Club 5pm	5 Boot Camp Babes 6am Itty Bitty Tigers 5pm Family Martial Arts Class 5:30pm Tennis Lessons 7-8pm <b>SPORTS COMMITTEE 7pm BR</b>	6 Jump Bunch Class 8am 50+ Club 7pm	7 Tennis Lesson 9-10am Teen Club 3-6pm (TH)
8  Easter	9	10 Boot Camp Babes 6am Itty Bitty Tigers 5pm Family Martial Arts 5:30pm <b>Crime Watch Meeting 7pm - Ballroom</b> <b>SOCIAL COMMITTEE 7pm- BR</b>	11 Turbokick 6am Savannah Story time 10:30 am Savannah Dance Club 4:30 pm Savannah Dance Club 5pm <b>LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE 7PM- BR</b>	12 Boot Camp Babes 6am Itty Bitty Tigers 5pm Family Martial Arts Class 5:30pm Tennis Lessons 7-8pm <b>COMMUNICATIONS 6:30pm- Cafe</b>	13 Jump Bunch Class 8am Poker Club 7pm	14 Tennis Lesson 9-10am Teen Club 2pm (BR)
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22	23	24 Boot Camp Babes 6am Itty Bitty Tigers 5pm Family Martial Arts Class 5:30pm	25 Turbokick 6am Savannah Story time 10:30 am Savannah Dance Club 4:30 pm Savannah Dance Club 5pm <b>ANNUAL MEETING Savannah Elementary 6:30pm: sign in 7pm: meeting starts</b>	26 Boot Camp Babes 6am Itty Bitty Tigers 5pm Family Martial Arts Class 5:30pm Tennis Lessons 7-8pm	27 Jump Bunch Class 8am Power Pump Toning Club 8:30am 50+ Club 7pm	28 Tennis Lesson 9-10am Teen Club 2pm (BR)
29	30	Boardroom = BR Sports Pavilion = SP Ballroom & Café = BC Cool Down Room = CDR Multi-Purpose Room = MPR	Library = L Theater = TH Pool Pavilion = PP Tennis Courts = TC			

# May

## Classes

Classes are independent of the HOA. Contact for availability & fee information.

**Master Han's Martial Arts- Tues/Thur (at studio)**  
 Charles Humphrey, 972.xxx.xxxx  
**Sunrise Yoga- Mon (MPR)** Sue Greenwood, 469-972.xxx.xxxx  
**Tennis- Thur pm / Sat am**  
 Zach Rouse, 940.972.xxx.xxxx

**Elite Fitness Bootcamp (SP)** Doug Howard, 469-972.xxx.xxxx or Bryan Eggleston, 469-231-5443  
**Arts & Crafts (BR)** Lori Mason, 972-972.xxx.xxxx  
**Savannah Dance Club (MPR)-** Rosalyn Wilson, 972...xxx.xxxx or rosalyn222@hotmail.com

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