January Notes from HFLA:

Our annual meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 13, 2015, at 7:00 pm at VUMC. Please come out and learn more about our neighborhood and the many activities that our HFLA supports!

We are in need of more leaders/helpers to serve on our neighborhood board and committees. A full list of association committees may be seen in the Directory distributed last July and also on our website – highlandforestonline.com. Currently the Adult Social Committee, Neighborhood Watch and the Architectural Control Committee are inactive due to lack of volunteers. Only through your willingness to serve can we maintain the quality of the Highland Forest neighborhood. Any Highland Forest homeowner who wishes to serve on the board or in another leadership/helper capacity should contact Rick Johnson at 706-694-4250 or raj706@optilink.us.

2015 Landowner Assessments Are Now Due

Your 2015 Highland Forest Homeowner Association assessments remain unchanged at $250/lot and are now due. In the interest of minimizing expenses to the Association, we are using this newsletter as the request for payment notice instead of the more costly mailing invoices to each homeowner. An invoice or statement of your account will be provided upon request. Contact Rick Johnson, HFLA treasurer (706-694-3250) if you have any questions regarding your assessments, number of lots, account balances, etc.

Please submit your payment to:
Highland Forest Landowners Association
PO Box 139
Varnell, Ga 30756

To ensure proper posting to your account please note your lot number (if known) in your checks’ memo/for section or ensure the property address is listed somewhere on your check. Payments received after January 31, 2015 will be subject to finance/late charges.

Please plan to attend the annual meeting January 13 at 7PM at the Varnell United Methodist church. We will review how your assessments are being used and receive your input on how we can continue to make Highland Forest one of the area’s premier places to live. Thank you for your prompt attention in this matter.

Board of Directors
Highland Forest Landowners Association

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Dan Rogers – President – 706-694-2401
Rick Johnson – Treasurer – 706-694-3250
Todd King – VP and Grounds Liaison – 706-847-0816
Chip Whitfield – Secretary – 706-694-2515
Zach Smith – Pool Liaison - 706-260-5160
Welcome New Neighbors!
Bobbie Medlin – 706-264-8617 – call or text bpmedlin@optilink.us

If you are new to the neighborhood please let Bobbie know when the best time is to contact you or come by. She will bring you a neighborhood directory and other useful information regarding our community!

Highland Forest Book Club
Diane Rogers – 706-694-2401

The book club is open to all Highland Forest residents. We officially meet the first Monday of the month at 7 pm.

January 5th: The Other Typist by Suzanne Rindell; Hosted by Diane Rogers (120 Golf View)
February 2nd: The Smartest Kids in the World by Amanda Ripley
March 2nd: The Book of Unknown Americans by Christine Henriquez
April 6th: The Engagements by J. Courtney Sullivan
May 4th: A House in the Sky by Amanda Lindhout
June 1st: One Plus One by Jojo Moyes

Event Focuses on Our Native Plants

We are fortunate to have a wide variety of native plants in Highland Forest. If you would like to know more about these plants, their benefits, and using them in your landscape, there is an event on Saturday, January 24, that may be of interest.

The Tennessee Valley Chapter of Wild Ones is holding a conference, “Plant Natives 2015 - The Living Landscape” on Saturday, January 24, 2015 at Chattanooga State Community College from 9 am to 4 pm. If interested, go to http://tennesseevalley.wildones.org/ and click on the 2015 Symposium tab.

Call Charles and Carol Johnson, 706-222-0144, if you have any questions.

LM Pet Sitting

Are you going out of town? Does your pet have a frown? If so, call LM Pet Sitting to make your pet happy! Call Lynne Wright or Meredith Barber for information on rates and care!

Meredith- 706-264-0068   Lynne-706-271-8441

Garden Club
Delores Hefner – 694-2835

Garden Club will not meet in January. We have a lunch meeting planned for February at the home of Theresa Haddock. Details will be posted on Facebook, highlandforestonline.com and in the February newsletter. Please call Delores if you have any questions! We would love to have some new members for Spring!

Calendar of Events

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Neighbors Beware!

Please be sure to keep any vehicles parked in your driveway locked at all times! We’ve had several incidences of items being taken from vehicles. Keep any valuables in a hidden place and lock those doors! Any thefts or suspicious activity should immediately be reported to the Whitfield County Sheriff’s department! Thank you for keeping us informed about these unfortunate events!

Loop the Lake or the Neighborhood!

As the weather warms more and more neighbors will be out and about walking our loop around the lake! If you stay on the outer loop one time around is 0.6 miles.

The neighborhood loop – beginning at the 3 way stop, go up Charolais, right onto Loftwood all the way around Country Way back to the 3 way stop – is 2.3 miles.

Please be sure to wear reflective clothing when walking or running in the evening or early morning!

Special Thanks to Lisa King for organizing the Christmas events for the neighborhood! Thanks is also due to anyone who volunteered or donated!

Going Green for 2015
Tammy Baxter - 694-0918

Beginning with the January 2015 edition of the Highland Highlights we will no longer mail paper copies. The newsletter will be available on our website www.highlandforestonline.com or via email. If you aren’t already on our email list please email highlandforest@yahoo.com and ask to be added. Or better yet – check out our website and view past newsletters to see how easy it is to access! Please email highlandforest@yahoo.com or use the “contact us” link on the website if you have any questions!

Look for our Facebook page – Highland Forest and “like” us to see news on your Facebook newsfeed!

Email us at highlandforest@yahoo.com with questions or suggestions! Be sure to check our website and Facebook for news between newsletters. www.highlandforestonline.com

The Deadline for February Newsletter items will be January 25th. We would love to share your news!