

SUMMERTOWN & ROCKBRIDGE ACRES December 2004



Summertown 2004

By Mary Koponen, President of Summertown Rec. Assoc.

Thank you for electing me President of the SRA for another year. I am happy for work for you, and to work with Denise Rutherford, President of the Summertown Homeowner's Association. I feel good looking back on what our subdivision has accomplished in the past 12 months. We reduced the remaining debt from the rezoning fight for Deshong Park by about \$1000. History for newcomers: In 1998 we were instrumental in fighting rezoning for a 350 cluster-home development adjacent to Summertown. Next we fought to get Gwinnett County to preserve the same 200 acres. The land was purchased for a passive (mostly undeveloped) county park, which will be opening next year. The good news is we won both fights. We won't have more trailers at Shiloh schools and more traffic on Rockbridge Rd. The bad news is we had a legal debt of \$42,000, which we whittled down to under \$3000 as of Dec. 2004. Our subdivision and about 8 subdivisions surrounding us have been successful in stopping unwanted development along the Rockbridge corridor in the past 11 yrs I have lived here. In 2003 we stopped a rezoning for 40 multi-story apartments near West Park Place and Rockbridge Rd.

This year SRA/SHA volunteers successfully collected information and published a subdivision Directory for every home. Ad sales raised money to build a playground and pay for part of the ground repairs. I sought volunteers for a Welcoming Committee that started in spring and visited dozens of new homeowners. In May Denise R. and I began working on merging the SRA & SHA, rewriting by-laws and memberships, with the primary purpose of keeping up the common grounds and maintaining the property values and safety of our subdivision. That merging project was stalled in May when a 6 yr old was injured near the tennis courts. It was apparent we had to urgently complete overdue repairs to the pavilion and deck. Thanks to all who came

forward with donations in January and in June, enabling us to make the repairs before anyone else was hurt. Now that these projects are done, my number one priority will be to work with Denise R. to merge the SRA and SHA organizations and create memberships so that all of you may benefit from stable property values.

Personal reasons prevented me from getting back to the merge once I coordinated the last of the repairs in Sept. When I was asked to take on the Presidency, I told the nominating committee that I take care of a Sudanese refugee family. Ever since July, the family has been in a crisis. Since then, all my energy has been devoted not just to my own family but also to helping my adopted family. This fall the hardworking father was killed in an auto accident, leaving a wife with no education, job skills, and little English, and 6 young children. Helping them through this has taken all my spare time.

I have enjoyed working for the subdivision this year. The best thing that has happened is meeting so many wonderful neighbors. I cannot thank those of you who helped enough. I was happy also to help some of you. Now it is up to all of US to please continue supporting OUR subdivision organizations. Please consider making a(nother) donation to the SRA/SHA so we have funds to keep working on the SHA debt and keep repairing the common grounds. Pool membership is too low to pay for repairs. When you get an appeal for the front entrance fund from Allan Taylor, please send it in promptly.

Although there are many helpers, we all should give special thanks to the hard workers who do major jobs with little recognition or thanks: Denise Rutherford & Peggy Chandler – SHA board, Allan & Susan Taylor – COPS and front entrance, Steve Swieter- pool chair; Dayna Bruce treasurer, Michael Williams lawn mowing & grounds, Ben Kupronis advice & handyman, Don & Pat Francis repairs and maintenance, Dot and Thomas Smythe – they'll do anything, Paul & Janeen Dunn - everything, Ivy Anderson – mentor and Newsletters, John & Susan Schmarkey, everything, Wendy Carter – mentor & editor, all the Carlone family -everything, Cindy Dumler –secretary, Kyle & Denise Collier –Directory & grounds, Lionel Brown –Directory & website, Jeanette Huff –Rockbridge Acres coordinator, Lisa Merritt and Linda Everett- Welcoming, Dan Spradling, Joe Petrucci, my husband Mark and son Jacob, playground.

ROBERTSON SANITATION

We met our goal! Please call 770-867-4367 now for a low \$35/quarter guaranteed rate for trash removal from Robertson's and help our subdivision get free services worth \$600 per year. No need to call if you are already a Robertson's (Monday) customer. You will get free 95 gallon can and/or recycling cans at no charge if you need them. It's not too late!

Mary Koponen 770-879-7338

Summertown/Rockbridge Acres Auto ID Program

Police are checking vehicles without yellow stickers in our subdivision. If you need stickers, please call Joyce Carlone at 770-498-4374. This program was paid for by residents who are sending in contributions to the SHA/SRA. Almost everyone in the subdivision has put stickers on vehicles. Procrastinators – PLEASE HELP by putting stickers on your cars.



The Prayer Group meets one Sat. morning monthly at the residence of Linda Everett – 2553 Rockwood Way. Watch for the sign at the Summertown entrance. We pray that 2005 brings peace. Please send your requests to Dorothy Long at 770-465-7931.

Welcoming Committee

The newly formed Summertown & Rockbridge Acres Welcoming Committee continues visiting new residents. Please notify Lisa Merritt at 770-469-6442 if you would like to help or notice anyone moving in on your street. We are especially in need of someone from Pounds Dr. North and South to help. The small gifts newcomers receive are paid for by our SHA/SRA subdivision supporter donations. All of the residents listed here moved in late 2003 and during 2004, and the list is not complete. Some spouse names are missing & some families too. We still have more to do!



Let's Welcome New Neighbors!

Maragrite and David Pino 2372 Rockwood Way	Troy & Rhonda Martin 5182 Clearwater Dr.
Scott & Elaine Rainey 2469 Big Creek Terrace	Manley Jackson 2367 Flint Rock Rd.
Christopher & Monica Little 2478 Big Creek Terrace	Martin & Tina Steinau 5226 Clearwater Dr.
Edie Jallow & Isatou Thorpe 5396 Sandy Stream Dr.	Mario Blackmon 2534 Rockwood Way
Tony Traylor 5266 Deep Springs Dr.	Craig & Renee Scott 2448 Big Creek Terrace
Bernie & Joanne Polentz 2478 Broad Creek Dr.	Opal Ferrigon 2424 Rockwood Way
Russell Mooney 5386 Sandy Stream Dr.	Marianne Thompson 5171 Clearwater Dr.
Keith Mumford 2377 Flint Rock Rd.	2448 Broad Creek Dr.
John Hauser 5374 Pounds Dr. N.	Richard Newell 5336 Deep Springs Dr.
Philip & Elaine Austin 5186 Clearwater Dr.	Everton Uter 5235 Pounds Dr. S.
Allen & Joyce Stafford 5196 Pounds Dr. S.	Greg & Deneice Davis 5131 Clearwater Dr.



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