

**MARTINS FARM HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION**

**Meeting Minutes**

**August 28, 2017**

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Board Members Present: Dave Knooihuizen, Natalie Scott, Carolyn Narreau

Residents present: Peter Narreau, Cindy Knooihuizen, Joe and Beth Lembo, Maima Noibe, Barbara Guiliano, Joe and Beth Lembo.

Call to Order at 7 PM.

PACT Officer: Corporal Dustin Devereaux

Several residential burglaries took place behind Taco Mac but that seems to be diminishing. If you see something, say something. Better to call our Suwanee PD and let them check it out.

ARC Report: Cindy Knooihuizen reports notices are going out on a regular basis. No major violations; neighbors are responding well to friendly reminders.

The Board has received some comments from neighbors regarding trash cans being left in plain view, not being brought up after trash pick up until a day or two later, and trees hanging low over sidewalks. These have been passed onto the ARC and friendly reminders will be sent out.

The Board has received also some questions regarding shooting off fireworks. Here's the official information:

*Big boy fireworks became legal in Georgia in 2015 and, in 2016, the General Assembly passed another bill adjusting the fireworks "curfew" and giving local governments leeway to extend the hours if they wanted to do so.*

*It doesn't appear any Gwinnett governments have done so, however — the county itself said this week it follows state regulations, and most cities said they do the same. Online versions of the ordinances governing the few cities that didn't respond to questions don't reflect any new fireworks regulations.*

*With that said, here's a quick guide to firework usage in Georgia:*

- *On "normal" days, fireworks are prohibited after 9 p.m.*
- *On New Year's Day, July 3, July 4 and New Year's Eve, fireworks are allowed until midnight.*
- *Fireworks are also allowed between midnight and 1 a.m. on New Year's Day.*

By [Tyler Estep](#) - The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

**Financial Report:** We once again this year have 100% dues collections, with the exception of one home that is in foreclosure. We project ending the year with approximately \$10,000, which is what we need going into 2018 to cover expenses before the dues collection begins.

A few improvements that have been made in 2017 include (but are not limited to): updating our security system with new Nest cameras, installing smoke detectors in the clubhouse and pump room, changing the old thermostat to a more efficient Nest thermostat, replacing damaged pool furniture, adding new landscaping in our common areas, and concrete replacement on the pool deck. The Board has worked very hard to control costs and we are happy to report that no dues increase is expected again this year, and that makes more than a decade of no increases in our dues!

We have included an attachment which compares our neighborhood's dues and amenities with several other local neighborhoods, for your information.

**Pickle Ball Court Update:** We have a few quotes to install our pickle ball court, ranging from purchasing the equipment from Amazon to having a professional court installed. We are also considering doing the renovation ourselves. Our goal is to have it completed by early 2018. Subject tabled for now while we gather more information.

We are pleased to report that since the basketball court was dismantled, we have received ZERO reports of vulgar language, offensive music, drug paraphernalia, unleashed animals on the court, etc. We have also received several comments from residents stating their approval for this change.

**Security System:** Three cameras have been installed and two more are needed. The additional cameras will be added later this year.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm. The next HOA meeting is scheduled for Monday,

November 13, 2017, 7 pm at the clubhouse. As always, all residents are invited to attend. If you have any questions/comments/suggestions please feel free to respond to this email.

Your 2017 BOD,

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