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*"We love it here.
This is our neighborhood."
Fred Savage, The Wonder Years*

The Montclarion

Monthly News & Events from your Neighborhood Home Owners Association

December 2022

President's Message

I hope you were able to get the Christmas present shopping done and now you're getting ready to spend time with family and friends. December is a busy time of year, but hopefully you can take a moment and remember the things that happened this year. We can be thankful for the good memories, and for the hard ones, we can hope for a better new year. I'm thankful for all what we were able to accomplish this year in the neighborhood.

- a. Hired pool manager, guards, and coaches for the summer.
- b. Had a good Swim Team Season, and a good 4th of July Party
- c. Purchased a Hammer Head Vacuum and backup pool pump for the pool.
- d. Fixed Montclair Website for 2022
- e. Added payment features on the Website for Pool and Dues!!
- f. Created a word searchable pdf of the bylaws and added it to the Website!!!
- g. Flagpole installed at the Crane Ferry Rd.
- h. Added WOW internet over at the Tennis Courts and added a security system.
- i. Replaced all the pressure side plumbing from the street to the pool and pool house.
- j. A huge thank you to the following:
 - i. Wes bringing us into the 21st century with the website, finance support, and payment options.
 - ii. Catherine being a great bookkeeper and keeping us straight.
 - iii. Anne for making a pickleball culture that I hope more people from the neighborhood come to enjoy.
 - iv. Melanie welcoming one and all, loving the pool, and keeping the landscaping great.
 - v. David, overseeing the projects at the pool and playgrounds.
 - vi. Lantz keeping our neighborhood safe and being willing to help out whenever.
 - vii. Joey, being a wealth of knowledge of the history of our neighborhood.
 - viii. Tommy and Gary keeping the pool amazing.
 - ix. Suzanne for educating us around our yards in the newsletter.

We are looking forward to 2023 and the opportunities to serve our neighborhood.

Greg

MONTCLAIR BOARD ELECTIONS

Ballots are in and counted. Announcing 2023 New Board of Governors. **Joey Aranda, Melvin La Pan, Melanie Meaders, Anne Rheins, David Zange, Greg Lacock, Michelle Maner, Wes Hopkins, and Lantz Smith.**

PAST DUE HOA FEES

Invoices for past due HOA Fees have been mailed. Please make arrangements to pay your past due HOA fees as the board is committed to collecting ALL HOA FEES.

HOA & BOARD MEETING:

MONTHLY –
JANUARY 5TH, 2023
@ 6:30 PM
WARREN ROAD
COMMUNITY CENTER

YARD *of the* MONTH



December Yard of the Month

The Nevils Family - 130 Gardners Mill Road

If you have a suggestion for yard of the month please email the board at montclairhoa17@gmail.com

Gardening IN MONTCLAIR

with Suzanne Thomas, Master Gardener

January 2023 in Montclair is a time to think about and plan for the year ahead with two driving principles. Conserve, protect, and restore the environment where we live. Use the land where we live for productivity, beauty, and safety. The earth is our garden and we are the guardians of this fabulous place.

Much has been written about the changes that are happening in our world. If melting glaciers seem remote to you, think about the changes in weather we have experienced this year. Global warming has resulted in extreme heat in summer; hurricanes; drought in our area and flooding in other areas; and rising sea levels that are washing away and covering parts of the seacoast. What can we in Montclair do about it?

Land is at a premium in the United States. Areas that we have known as forests and fields have been stripped of vegetation, and covered in concrete and asphalt. The population has increased to the level that need for housing is very great. With these changes have come the rising pressures upon our natural resources. There is increased use of water and clean air, and reduced habitat for plants and animals. Here in Montclair, we have plenty of fertile land per homestead. No new development is planned within the confines of our neighborhood. We are surrounded by similar neighborhoods that are stable and well maintained. We live in a very valuable, highly desirable place. What is the best use of our land?

Prevent water pollution: Do not use harsh chemicals on the lawn; do not allow trash such as motor oil, junk, dog waste, plastic, and debris to go down the sewers. Prevent water run-off during rain or irrigation by directing water to areas where trees

and shrubs can absorb the water, such as a rain garden. (See: Venhaus (2012) *Designing the Sustainable Site*; also, *Ranier & West Planting in a Post-Wild World*.)

Recycle, Re-use, Re-purpose to eliminate waste: Call 311 and request a blue truck to recycle paper, wood, metal, and other waste products to protect our renewable resources. Use glassware that can be reused instead of disposable plastic in the kitchen to reduce the burden of plastic that eventually ends up in the landfill or the sea. Save that item that you can creatively re-purpose to save money and help save the planet! (Here, I must refer the reader to Pinterest or other such site for ideas.)

Reduce Pollution: Plant a tree that cleans the air of carbon waste and gives all of us shade for cooler temperatures, beauty, and perhaps fruit. Buy and use electric instead of gasoline powered appliances that reduces the burden of carbon.

Replenish the Earth: Create habitat for birds and small animals. (See Lanicci (2010) *Garden Secrets for Attracting Birds*.) Use organic processes to grow vegetables, shrubs, and trees. Save your tree's leaves and surround the base of the tree with its own leaves to replenish the soil. You cannot purchase fertilizer better than that. (See: Mollison, (2020) *Permaculture 2* for more ways to replenish the land.)

If you are interested in learning much more about these and other topics, you are invited to enroll in the Master Gardener program that will be taught this winter. (There are evening classes.) Contact the Richmond County Extension Office right away for more information. 706-821-2350; 602 Greene Street, Augusta, GA 30901 uge3245@uga.edu

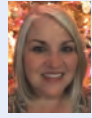
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Would you like to share any upcoming community events with our neighborhood? We are happy to include the information in our Montclarion!

Please send information to: montclairhoa17@gmail.com



- The train & roasting marshmallow pit will operate on weekends & holidays through the entire season at Evans Towne Center Park.
- Monday-Thursday: 5pm-9pm | Friday: 5pm-10pm | Saturday: Noon-10pm | Sunday: Noon-9pm

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR IN MONTCLAIR



HOLLY JOLLY PICKLEBALL PARTY

The annual Holly Jolly Pickleball party was held at the courts December 10th. It included several activities including Chili Cookoff, Best Dressed Contest, Hot Paddle game, Karaoke & Enter-to-Win drawing.

Susie Felz and other pickleball members win best dressed



Trey Keenan and other pickleball members compete in the Hot Paddle game