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Lake Forest/Mitylene Forest Neighborhood Newsletter



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YOU ARE NEEDED...TO ATTEND THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON NOV. 6 AT 5:00 P.M. AT THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS (103 North Perry Street). The Council will address the future of the 70+ acres on Atlanta Highway between our front entrance and the former Green Thumb Nursery.

We have been working with adjoining neighborhoods to minimize possible negative effects of this development on our neighborhood. We have been able to get several modifications to the original plan, such as changing apartments to condominiums; building a buffer zone of a few homes on 85' lots between us and the homes on smaller lots; and stricter restrictions on the types of businesses that will be allowed in the front 17 acres.

We still have concerns about the size and number of structures and the effects on our property values and daily lives (additional traffic/traffic lights, increased enrollment at Garrett/more trailers; effect on the wetlands, etc.) Please note that the land next to Publix across the street is already zoned for apartments. Mayor Bright has also mentioned the lack of any "green space" in the proposed development. The Mayor and Council Member Martha Roby have been quite supportive of our efforts. The Mayor has stressed that he does not have a vote and that **affecting any more changes will take the presence of a significant number of homeowners at the Council meeting(s).** Please make plans to attend!

YOU ARE NEEDED...TO JOIN THE ASSOCIATION! Dues are only \$30 a year, much less than other neighborhoods require—Arrowhead's is \$75. Fewer than 50 households have paid dues this year. Maintaining a subdivision requires money to pay for lighting, water and lawn care of two entrances, printing and postage, holiday decorations, etc.

You may not know that a handful of your neighbors has been taking care of many of these duties at their own expense because funds were not available due to lack of membership. This practice seems unbelievable since we are a neighborhood of 600 homes. **Mrs. Dee Clark**, for example, has decorated the Atlanta Highway entrance every Christmas for nine years at no cost to the association. Association officers have been cutting the grass and maintaining the entrance at their own expense. Increased participation in the association is essential! You probably don't know that the association can barely pay electricity and water bills. The Atlanta Highway entrance sign has been repaired several times, but it has now rotted and needs to be replaced.

A few association officers and members cannot provide all the time, information, services, and funds to maintain this neighborhood. It's time for all of us to join together and share these responsibilities to make Lake Forest/Mitylene Forest the best neighborhood in the city. Your support in the form of your time, your ideas, and your membership would be most welcome.

YOU ARE NEEDED...TO HELP KEEP OUR NEIGHBORHOOD ATTRACTIVE AND APPEALING, IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN PROPERTY VALUES. Some simple ways to improve "curb appeal" are (1) edge sidewalks and driveways (2) sweep gutters (3) park vehicles in driveway, not on the street (4) wash and paint mailboxes.

YOU ARE NEEDED...TO BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR BY BEING AWARE OF OUR NEIGHBORHOOD COVENANTS/RESTRICTIONS. These can be found in the papers that you signed when you purchased your home. They can also be found on our websites at <http://www.lakeforesthomeowners.com> and at <http://www.mityleneforest.com>. Please be aware that some things are against city ordinances and can be found on the city's website at <http://www.montgomeryal.gov>. Look under *Residents* and the first listing will be the

Code of Ordinances.

