

HAPPY SPRINGTIME!!!! Well, it looks as though Old Man Winter is finally packing his bags and heading back to wherever he spends the summer, and we are now looking at the trees and flowers that have begun to blossom, soon to be followed by Mr. Grass and his weedy friends. In any case, it's great to enjoy the sunshine and springtime in the neighborhood.

Our biggest achievement of last year was finally getting our new sign erected at the Atlanta Highway entrance! What started out as a simple "tear down the old and put up the new" project turned out to be quite a job that required resolving additional surveying, architectural, and legal issues before the city would approve the project. The cost was much more than we had anticipated in order to bring the irrigation and electrical systems up to code.

We owe our deepest appreciation and thanks to **City Councilman Jim Spear** and **County Commissioners Reed Ingram** and **Dimitri Polizos** for their generous donations. Without their support, we would not have been able to finish the sign when we did.

Many neighborhood residents made donations and volunteered their time and expertise. John Burke, a neighbor and owner of **John Burke Plumbing**, provided a backhoe and personnel to demolish the old sign and prepare the site. Richard Bollinger, architectural review provided advice and expertise in meeting all the city requirements. You may have seen your neighbors Joel McVay, Jimmie Washington, Wayne Clark, Sam Pierce, and Ron Wright shoveling dirt and landscaping the area. Dee and Wayne Clark provided the lighted decorations atop the new sign at Christmas.

This year we will turn our attention to the McLemore Road entrance. Both trees at that site must be removed since one is already dead, and the other isn't too far behind. Our intent is to replace the trees with a grouping of three crape myrtles on each side of the sign to provide balance and some additional color to that area.

COMMUNITY COFFEE: An association meeting for all residents of Lake Forest/Mitylene Forest will be held on **Saturday, April 10, at 8:30 A.M. at Arrowhead Country Club**. We hope all residents, including those who have not yet joined the association, will join us for coffee and pastries. The agenda will include safety issues, discussion of residents' concerns, and election of officers.

YARD SALE: The annual yard sale is **Saturday, April 17, from 7 AM until Noon**, so now is the time to start getting your "stuff" ready to sell !!! This is also the date of the Arrowhead yard sale, so we expect a lot of buyers and traffic in the area on that day. Residents are responsible for dealing with their "leftovers" after the sale.

NEW REPORTS/MEMBERSHIP: We have recently posted the [Annual Treasurer's Report](#) and an updated [Membership List](#) to the website. These items may be found under the "Documents" tab on the homepage.

Speaking of membership, we have experienced a significant drop in the number of membership renewals and new memberships over the past few months. We rely on these dues to provide services such as the website, periodic newsletters, advertising for the yard sale, upgrading and maintenance of both entrances to include water, lights, and lawn cutting. When compared with

other neighborhood association dues, our annual dues of \$30 are quite modest. If you would check the membership lists online, the month that your fees are due is in the right column next to your name.

GENERAL INFO: Along with the spring season, come the chores of grass cutting and general lawn maintenance. We ask that you keep your property as neat as possible to project a positive image to those driving through our area. Remember your first impression of our neighborhood?

A final note: If you must park your vehicle on the street, please do not park it facing the flow of traffic. There are few, if any, reflective surfaces on the front of a vehicle which makes it difficult to see in the dark, especially if it is raining.