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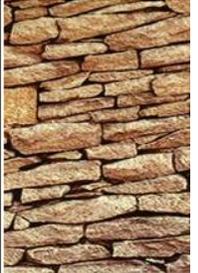
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Spring
2018

Brought to you by the Settles Bridge Homeowner's Association

Settles Bridge *neighborhood*



*Welcome New Board
Members!*

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President's Letter

Dear Neighbor,

Hope your year is off to a great start.

We had a great annual meeting at the Suwanee Library on March 21st. We updated the neighborhood on activities of the homeowners association, our healthy financial position, and discussed areas of concern to the neighborhood. If you have not attended this meeting in the past I encourage you to come next year. We also elected a new board who are excited to serve our neighborhood in the coming year.

Our annual contribution drive kicked off in early April. For those of you who regularly contribute and who have sent in your contribution for the year - thank you. If you have not contributed this year please send in your contribution along with the homeowner information sheet. The small contribution of \$100 goes a long way to keeping our front entrance looking great along with building community through our events, PACT meetings, and newsletters.

After three years of significant capital projects at the front entrance we are not taking on any large projects in 2018. However, the board will be active hosting events - **starting with our annual spring picnic on May 6th** (see email / nextdoor for more info) along with the chili cook-off, garage sale, and Halloween (See "Save the Date" later in the newsletter). Additionally, we are planning to bring back the Settles Bridge website and create a marketing flyer for the neighborhood to brag on our great neighborhood and let buyers know we have an active HOA. More to come on this.

Hope to see you at the picnic on May 6th. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me or one of the other board members.

Derrick Perkins



From row from left to right: Noel Weeks, Melissa Stevens, & Tara Hughey
Back row from left to right: Derrick Perkins, Bob Stiller, & Ron Rogers

How to Prevent Crime

Earlier this year we had a break-in in the neighborhood but fortunately the homeowners were not home and little was stolen. Thankfully crime in our neighborhood and other neighborhoods in Suwanee is minimal and limited to break-ins of cars at night and the very rare home break-in. With that, there are a few things we all can do to keep this kind of crime at a minimum:

See Something, Say Something

As our PACT Officer Hassell regularly reminds us, "If It looks out of place, it probably is. Trust your instincts. Let us come by and check it out." Call the Suwanee Police at 770-945-8995 and they will send a car out to run tags and ask for ID - Officer Hassell has story after story of the police catching criminals through these kinds of phone calls. Common things to look for:

- Cars parked / loitering in the neighborhood.
- Soliciting is only allowed by permit in Suwanee, which they do not issue. If you see someone going door-to-door ask them to leave and call the police. Especially during the week when people are at work. Most criminals who break in will knock on the front door to see if someone is home first.



Secure your Vehicle

Most all break-ins of vehicles occur because the criminal sees something they want - electronics, purses, work bags, etc. - or the doors are left unlocked inviting the criminal to look around. If you park your car outside do not keep anything in plain sight and lock your doors.

spotlight >>>

About our PACT Officer Elton Hassell

Officer Hassell has been in law enforcement for almost 30 years – the last 17 of which have been spent with the Suwanee Police Department. He has been our neighborhoods PACT officer since then. He drives our neighborhood 2-3 times while on shift and knows the neighborhood very well. He will be at our Spring Picnic – stop by and say hello. He also gives out his personal cell phone number that you can call if you have a question (non-emergency).

Officer Hassell was in the news in December for a heart warming story...

He reunited with a man he helped deliver on the side of Interstate 85 in 1997. While he was sitting in a traffic jam, he saw that a woman in a car next to him was in labor. He jumped out of the car, delivered the baby boy, something he had never done before. The two reunited in December, and after Officer Hassell hugged the now 20 year old, he said, "Look we're family. I brought you into this world."

City of Suwanee POLICE
and
BROWN BAG DELI & CAFE
present
coffee with a cop
Building relationships. One cup at a time

**Tuesday May 1st
7-9 am**
Brown Bag Deli and Café
340 Town Center Avenue, Suwanee

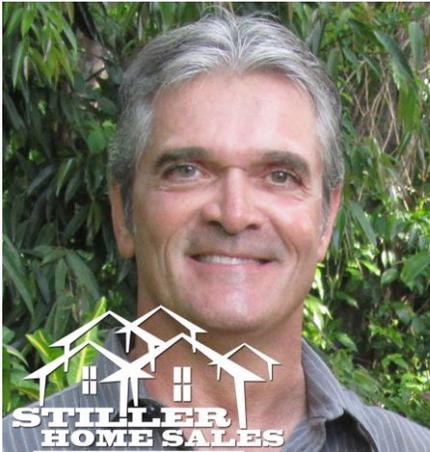
Join **Chief Jones, Captain Edmisten** and **Captain Mooney** for a casual, drop in event to sit and chat with representatives from the Suwanee Police Department.

Come enjoy a delicious cup of coffee and talk about what matters to you.

No RSVP necessary, just come with any questions or concerns and get to know the officers who keep our city safe.



All About Curb Appeal



As a long time Suwanee resident and real estate agent, I consider Settles Bridge one of Suwanee's hidden gems. We are conveniently located adjacent to Sims Lake Park. We can readily access the city's many multipurpose trails that connect our parks and recreational areas. We are also centrally located in the highly rated North Gwinnett High School district which includes North Gwinnett Middle School and Level Creek Elementary.

Our subdivision was originally developed back in the 80's and enjoys a winding tree lined main spur with a single cul de sac, ensuring our privacy and minimizing traffic flow which is normally restricted to just residents and their visitors. The wide variety of extremely large lot plans and different home styles is also unique, especially when compared with the more recent trend of minimum lot line, cluster, "cookie cutter" developments. We live in a very special subdivision within an award

winning city and continue to show our pride of ownership in how well we maintain or homes and engage with our neighbors and our community at large.

We in Settles Bridge are lucky to live in a small enclave with 70 plus, proud homeowners, the majority of whom make the extra effort to keep our lawns neat and tidy, shrubs and trees trimmed, garden islands weeded, and our homes' general appearance in "move in" condition. These simple things make the biggest impact for "curb appeal" in our subdivision - not only differentiating your home if you are selling but raises the home values for all our residents. As a local Realtor, I am continually amazed that more homeowner's don't do these simple things, especially since it reflects back on their home value, as well as the rest of their community.

Spend some time this spring in this beautiful weather by taking on a small project with your family to improve your home's "curb appeal." Weed your garden beds, freshen up the ground cover, plant some seasonal flowers for color, limb up your trees, trim your shrubs and make sure your lawn is mowed regularly. You may also want to spruce up your mailbox, by adding personal, seasonal touches. It is also a good idea to keep the front of your home free and clear- use your garage for your cars whenever possible, keep your trash containers out of sight, and refrain from parking cars on the street (we don't have sidewalks, and this keeps our roads safe for children, dog walkers and those of us exercising for our health). These simple things will keep Settles Bridge a "Gem" of Suwanee.

Bob Stiller is a licensed real estate agent and a resident of Settles Bridge. He currently serves on the board as a member at large.

Students for Hire>>>

Tabitha Keys daughters Jenna (15) and Jaisey (17) are both offering babysitting and pet sitting services. Please contact Tabby at (678) 770-4111 to obtain contact info for the girls.

Are you looking for someone to walk your dog or take care of your pets while you are away? Samantha Stiller (14) has been pet sitting since she was six, and has done many hours of service to her local animal shelter. She is also a responsible, energetic, creative babysitter. She holds the Red Cross Babysitting Certification, including first aid. Her passion is musical theater and dance so she is amazing at imaginative play. Email or text Samantha at textme4help@gmail.com.

Stay Connected with Your Neighbors!



- E-mail - Official communication from the neighborhood will come through email and fliers in your mailbox. Not getting the emails? Email Ron Rogers at ww8rr@charter.net and he will add you to the list.



- Nextdoor.com – Our online social networking platform. Ask for referrals for services, offer items for sale, help find a lost puppy, support our kids in athletics/scouts to name a few things. We currently have 85 neighbors representing 52 homes on the site! Enter your address and join.
A few tips:
 - Set your preferences so you see the level of alerts you want. You can even get text on certain topics.
 - You can post to only our neighborhood or surrounding neighborhoods depending on your audience.
 - Need a plumber, carpenter, or mechanic? Try searching – odds are you can find referrals from prior posts.

Save the Date...

Save the dates for these upcoming events! More details to follow!

Chili Cook Off - Sunday, September 30th

Neighborhood Wide Garage Sale - Saturday, October 13th

Halloween - Wednesday, October 31st



Around Town >>>

Upcoming Events in Suwanee



Food Truck Fridays: Starting May 9th, first Friday of each month through September

Suwanee Farmers Market: Every Saturday May 12th – October 6th

Star 94's Woofstock: May 5-6

Arts in the Park: May 12th

Movies Under the Stars: May 19th

Red, White, Bluegrass & Bach: May 25th

The Suwanee Splash Pad is now open through the Summer!

