

## • From the Board of Directors

Because of widespread concern and complaints from Hunters Pointe residents about problems of vandalism and misbehaving teenagers in our development, the Board felt it necessary to address these issues in a newsletter article. Recent acts of vandalism include: destroying street signs and the wooden lattice on the walkway bridge; using trucks and cars to make ruts in grassed areas; throwing garbage, furniture and other debris into the pool; intentionally breaking glass bottles on the pool deck; using cigarettes to make burn marks on picnic tables; and removing light bulbs at the pool house. In some cases we have been able to repair the damage using funds from our association dues. Unfortunately, it is not feasible to repair some of the other damage, which means we simply have to live with the degraded appearance of our property.

In addition to the vandalism, the Board has received numerous complaints of rude and inappropriate behavior by a group of Hunters Pointe teens and their guests. Problems include chasing away young children from the playground and basketball court, underage drinking, throwing beer cans off the walkway bridge into the wetlands, and smoking cigarettes at the pool. Also, there have been several complaints by mothers with young children who have actually had to leave the pool because of loud and obscene language.

The Board is asking all residents to help in an effort to minimize these problems. In the case of documented acts of vandalism, the Board intends to file criminal complaints with the Bulloch County Sheriff's Department. For this we need video evidence or eye witness accounts of the vandalism as it takes place. Although security cameras are present at the pool, they only record a small portion around the pool itself. Therefore, we need to develop a neighborhood watch program with Hunters Pointe residents who are willing to serve as additional eyes and ears.

Should you witness acts of vandalism, the Board recommends the following course of action:

- 1) Immediately call the Bulloch County Sheriff's Department (764-8888).
- 2) If possible, record the tag number of the vehicle(s) involved.
- 3) Write down the time and place of the incident as well as a physical description, or names, of the people involved.
- 4) Notify a Hunters Pointe Board member about the incident: Jim Reichard (764-5994), Jeff Akins (794-4252), Paul Collins (682-1039), Oscar Pung (764-2535), or Ed Luciani (489-8591).

In the case of misbehaving teenagers, the Board suggests the following:

- 1) Ask who among them lives in Hunters Pointe – record their names if possible.
- 2) If they are not with a Hunters Pointe resident, then you can ask them to leave. If they refuse, call the Bulloch County Sheriff's Department (764-8888) as they are trespassing.
- 3) If the teen is a resident of our development, feel free to use the Hunters Pointe phone directory to call their parents and report the incident.
- 4) Call a Hunters Pointe Board member so they can log the incident.

We hope that you will find these guidelines useful. Should you have any suggestions or comments, please contact one of the Board members.

## Points to Ponder comments by neighbors about the neighborhood:

Please submit your comments to: [hunterspointenews@gmail.com](mailto:hunterspointenews@gmail.com)

...recently while walking, I noticed some tattered flags. There is a white mailbox in front of the Napa Auto & Truck Parts store, you can drop off your flags and they are disposed of properly. (located at 153 Northside Drive E.)

...has anyone noticed the pitiful looking Nandina bushes at the second entrance, maybe we should have the landscapers remove those.

...I have asthma, I wish that my neighbors wouldn't burn trash/lawn clippings.

...as we walk, we should take a plastic bag with us to pick up litter to keep the neighborhood clean.

...sometimes while at the pool, a group of teenagers gather there, and say things I don't want my young children to hear.

