

KIDS CORNER

by MAGGIE JOHNSON

The BRICKS at Perimeter Church is a facility built especially for junior-high and senior-high kids. The BRICKS features a rock-climbing wall, two half-court basketball courts, places to sit around and hang-out with friends, and a coffee/food bar that sells candy, food, and drinks.



The BRICKS is open for junior-high students Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm and Fridays from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm. It is also open for senior-high students Wednesdays from 6:00 to 9:30 pm and Saturdays from 7:00 to 11:30 pm.

One Friday every month, the BRICKS has a program called "Hit the BRICKS" for junior-high students. These high energy, fast moving, popular events often have organized games, like quizzes and skits, prizes, cool bands, great speakers, in addition to the regular activities.

Newcomers are welcome and the people who work at Perimeter Church can't wait to see you there. I encourage you to come because it is a great time to hang out with friends and have a lot of fun.

Maggie Johnson

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RIVERVIEW NEWS

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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Your committee made a special effort to get as many people to the January Meeting as possible. The attendance at this first meeting of 2005 was excellent with lots of new faces. This demonstrates that we are still very much an active and involved neighborhood. We need to remain so if we are to protect, maintain, and improve our environment. I intend to be an active president. With your approval and support, your officers and I shall make every effort to pursue initiatives that will make Riverview a better and more enjoyable place to live and protect our investment.

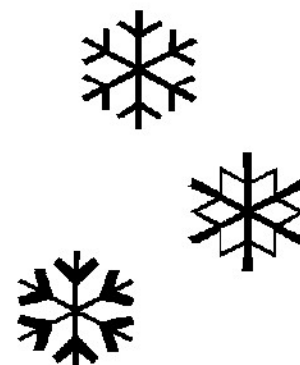
Initiatives already begun include finding out what will sustain high levels of interest and attendance at meetings in the future, building on the excellent electronic database of our membership that Andy McLean has developed, and collectively negotiating better prices for selected services.

Please lend your support and be active during 2005. I look forward to working with you.

David Goodwill



Riverview President David Goodwill



Apologies for the long delay in producing this edition of the Riverview News.

Look for the next issue in you mailbox at the end of April.



April 29 Garden Tour and Lunch

Further events will be notified via mailbox fliers.

My very dear friend and business partner, Col. Joe McDade, passed away December 2nd 2004.

Joe was very much a gentleman and a man of many talents, not only a loving and faithful husband and father. Joe received his undergraduate from the University of Illinois and earned a Masters Degree from Georgia Tech.

In his US Army career Joe attained the rank of Bird Colonel, received the Purple Heart, three Bronze Stars and the Legion of Merit.

After retiring, Joe became a very successful businessman. Co-founder of Echodata Corp. he helped the Corporation grow to a \$20 million per year company, with over 300 employees.

We love you very much and will see you
later.

Jim & Ethel Echols

The Riverview Holiday Season

by Helen Copeland



The Annual Riverview Christmas Party was held on Sunday, December 5, 2004. We had a nice turn-out and a marvelous evening. Everyone enjoyed visiting with neighbors and catching up during the cocktail hour.

Soon after the Atlanta Athletic Club out-did themselves with a lavish buffet which included Caesar Salad, Tossed Baby Greens with Spiced Pecans, Bleu Cheese & Raspberry Vinaigrette. The entrees included Honey Pecan Chicken with Rice Pilaf, Seared Salmon with Leeks and Champagne Sauce Served over Wild Rice Pilaf and a Roast Sirloin Carving Station. In addition there were Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Fresh Vegetables, and a plethora of rolls and breads. After dinner, coffee was served along with a buffet of Chocolate Bread Pudding with Warm Vanilla Sauce, Pecan Tortes and many more delicious desserts. This lovely dinner buffet of delectable foods was exquisite.

Everyone agreed, it was wonderful to be able to move around and visit during the meal. The added benefit of enjoying seconds (or thirds) was delightful also. Our own Riverview resident, Laurie Ledbetter was so kind to provide the unique center pieces from her Norcross antique shop. All who came truly enjoyed the evening, the company and the food.

COVENANT REVIEW

The Riverview Executive Committee

As you know, we implemented Protective Covenants for our neighborhood in 2001. To date, 108 of 149 homes have signed the Covenants. These Covenants protect our neighborhood from excesses. However, they bring with them obligations to the individual homeowner. Listed below are some facts about some popularly misunderstood areas:

- ♦ When the Covenants have been signed for your property, it acquires permanent mandatory membership in Riverview Associates and you and all future owners are members of the Riverview Association and share in the mutual benefits and responsibilities of the Protective Covenants.
- ♦ All members of the Association must pay their annually assessed dues and a lien is automatically applicable to their property for any unpaid amounts.
- ♦ Only members can vote at Association meetings.
- ♦ If you operate a business from your property this must not be apparent from outside and must be consistent with the residential character of the property.
- ♦ You must not build within 20 feet of the side boundary of your lot (note that this is different from and more restrictive than the local building code).
- ♦ All exterior building plans must be submitted to the Executive Committee of the Association and must receive their written approval based on the plans conforming to the Covenants.
- ♦ No trailers, temporary structures, disorderly or unsightly conditions shall be visible from the street for more than 30 days per calendar year.
- ♦ No boats, trailers, trucks over one ton, or commercial vehicles may be parked on the property visible from the street for more than 30 days per calendar year.

These are just guidelines. For more detailed information, please consult the Covenants. Copies can be obtained from the Executive Committee of the Association."

COPS by ANDY McLEAN

Andy McLean will take over COPS responsibility from Marilyn Ardd. Thanks to Marilyn for serving in this capacity for the past several years.



Andy will coordinate a meeting with our local COPS representative and

communicate with the block Captains. Since Andy has now completed the Riverview email database we will be able to communicate important Community Alert information in a more timely fashion.



LOCAL COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Mike Murphy continues to serve as Riverview's Community Affairs liaison with UPCCA.



MAD AC IS READY TO RELAY . . . for our 8th straight year!

Mothers and Daughters Against Cancer (MAD AC) is ready to Rock The Relay for Life again in Gwinnett County! For eight years, MAD AC has been one of the top fund raising teams for the American Cancer Society's signature event, The Relay for Life. Thanks to the support we have always received from our neighbors in Riverview, our team is proud of our "roots."

Founded in 1998 by Susan and Alex Graveline, MAD AC has grown to a team of almost 100 mothers and daughters and raised over \$ 300,000 for the American Cancer Society. Riverview neighbors Robbie and Mary Elisha Harrison are also charter members of MAD AC.

Beginning in May, Riverview supporters will receive purple bows to proudly display their support of the RFL and MAD AC. The purple bows are a beautiful display of Riverview's united commitment to the fight against cancer. The Gravelines and the Harrisons will be asking for your continued support. Watch your mailbox for our letter.

The Relay for Life is an awesome event for everyone of all ages. It is a moving event dedicated to cancer survivors and their caretakers as well as to honor the memory of those who battled cancer. May 13 – 14 at the Gwinnett County Fairgrounds on Sugarloaf Parkway. We invite you to join us!

Susan and Alex Graveline

Robbie and Mary Elisha Harrison

Calling All Seniors

Do you have a High School Senior?

If you have a Senior in High School or College, please email or call Susan Highsmith Graveline by **MARCH 31st**. Riverview will display a banner congratulating all graduating Seniors. If we do not hear from you by **3/31**, your child will not be included on the Riverview banner.

Also, yard signs are available for \$20. Yard signs will congratulate students of all ages - Elementary, Middle to High School. If you would like to order a yard sign for your student, please email or call Susan for an order form to meet the **submission deadline of 3/31**.

All monies raised by the banner and yard sign sales will directly fund Project Graduation 2005. The banners and signs will be produced by the Technology Students for America (TSA) of Norcross High School.

Remember: FINAL SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS 3/31!!

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