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NEIGHBORHOOD ANNOUNCEMENTS...

Santa's visit for pictures with our community children went wonderfully! Thanks to all who joined in the fun and to the Social Committee for organizing it. Let's make this an annual event!

Join us for a **Mom's Night Out** at Giorgios (near Kroger) on February 6th at 6:30pm. Call Lisa at 770.889.3337 to RSVP.

If you are interested in starting a Gran Forest **Bunco Group**, call Deborah at 770.205.5812.

To make an announcement in the newsletter, email dongraff@granforest.com

Improvements

A second gate is being installed at the pool house for out-of-season security. This is to allow the restrooms to be used but provide additional safety regarding the pool.

The pool house has been winterized with additional insulation to protect against future pipe breakage.

The Next Board Meeting is February 5th, 7pm at the home of Karen Knox.

New Gran Forest Directory Being Published!

Submit your info no later than February 15, 2002.

Below are your **committee members**; be sure to join the Board in thanking all that volunteered (the Board member sponsoring the committee is listed in parenthesis):

Architectural Control (ACC): (Barbara Hayes)

Jim Cheatham, Pablo Diaz, Mike Knox, Cathy Morse, Don Parker, Chuck Raynor, Sam Wilson, Peter Yengel

Landscape: (Deborah Signa)

Social: (Karen Knox)

Michelle Clark, Bill Naudin, Annette Parker, Lise Raynor, April Yengel, Carolyn Young

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Bill Bieler, Chris Clark, Suzi Smith, Donna Wierzbinski, April Yengel

Welcoming: (Karen Knox)

Michelle Clark, Binnie Jansa, Jeanne Law, Willie Parrish

Directory: (Barbara Hayes)

Carolyn Diaz, Gary Smith

NOTE: The landscape committee could certainly use some help! Maybe those in the Gardening Club would like to help out?!

'Community Cop' Corner

Overnight parking is not allowed in the parking lot by the pool. A towing company will post the area and vehicles will be towed at the owner's expense.

Also, be reminded that parking on the street is only allowed on a temporary basis.

\$5,291 is past due to Gran Forest Swim and Tennis as of December 31, 2001.



Jennifer Gordon @ 770.777.6890

Many residents have expressed a desire for speed humps in the neighborhood to control speeding. Visit the Gran Forest Website for details of the [Forsyth County Speed Hump Program](#).

This newsletter and the website are not meant to be a forum for opinion, but since the speed humps affect the whole community and many people have asked for information, here are some OPINIONS for and against the speed humps. Also, links to more detailed opinions are on the web site. After this introduction, the newsletter will not address the speed hump issue further, other than to post time/date for any future meetings.

The Board DOES NOT have ANY authority in this matter, we are only attempting to facilitate discussion and information exchange. If you would like to discuss this issue, please do not contact the Board; talk to your neighbors. It is up to each individual to determine the facts necessary to make their own decision.

OPINIONS

Submitted by Bill Bieler ([full text](#)):

* According to Tim Allen (770-781-2165), Asst. Director of Engineering, speed humps "...must be approved by the Board of Commissioners...if a speed hump study determines the need for speed humps, the Department of Engineering will request **funding by the Board of Commissioners...**"

* The county approved speed humps are designed to be driven over (by all street-legal vehicles) at 25 mph without causing any damage (Tim Allen). **Slowing & revving not necessary.**

* There is no evidence to suggest that property values decline (Tim Allen). On the contrary, **Aberdeen has speed humps.**

* **4" maximum vertical rise**, 22' horizontal length poses no obstacle. They are stroller approved! The curb on your driveway has a greater incline.

* **Go-Carts are NOT street legal vehicles!**

* The curb at the end of your driveway makes a better "ramp" for skateboards. I have built and bought ramps. All skateboarders (and in-lines) are **welcome at my house.**

* According to representatives of the Forsyth County Fire Dept. (Division Chief Bowman 770-781-2222) "...speed humps **do not significantly slow down the response time**". Do you think they would be allowed at all if they did? County Engineer Tim Allen (770-781-2165) agrees.

* Although children have space to play in their own yards, anyone with children knows

OPINIONS OPPOSED

Submitted by Philip Shone ([full text](#)):

1. The county would come in and do a 'traffic study' of the community at which point a tax assessment of your property may be done and your property taxes increased in order to pay for the project.

2. The traffic noise of vehicles slowing down, going over and revving up, to get to the next speed bump, outside your house at all times of the day and night.

3. The reduction in your property value from having a speed bump outside your house.

4. The damage done to low riding cars, such as sport cars and luxury cars, to the underneath of the chassis.

5. An obstacle and potential hazard for children riding around the block on bikes and scooters. Also to the go-carters who use the block to ride around, this would stop them totally from being able to use their vehicles.

6. A congregation point for skateboarders who could use the speed bumps as jump bumps.

7. According to representatives of the Forsyth County Fire Dept. it was expressed that speed bumps significantly slow down the response time and some engines have been known to lose their hoses from the back after bumping over the speed bump.

8. Gran Forest roads are county roads as is Hwy 20 and Haw Creek. Roads are designed to transport traffic from one place to another. The average property in Gran Forest is 3/4 acre, which gives plenty of space for children to play.

that children **will wander**, will want to **cross the street** to visit a friend, and will **chase a ball** into the street without looking! And what about riding bikes around the neighborhood? Is that to be outlawed?

Forget about cost, property values and go-carters...the greatest argument for speed humps, in my opinion, is that they may **save the life of a child!**