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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
					Christmas Tree Lighting 6-8pm	HOA Office Open 9-11 am Clean up day @ 9am
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Boy Scouts	Covenants Committee Meeting Modification Request Deadline @ 2pm	Teen Advisory Board Meeting @6:30pm ARC Meeting	Ladies Night In 7pm - 10pm Northgate HOA meeting 7-8:30		Art Fundraiser 3-5pm
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Boy Scouts	Story Time @ 10 am	Coffee Social @ 10 am Teen CRAM JAM 6pm - 9pm	Neighborhood Sleigh Ride 6:30/7:30/8:30		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Board Planning Session				HOA Office Closed	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
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FINANCIAL REPORT

As 2021 comes to an end, this was not the return to “normal” that most people were anticipating this time last year.

If you have not already received it, a detailed financial summary letter and the approved Legacy Park (LP) Budget for 2022 have been sent out via email (if on file) or USPS (if no email on file).

As in years past, the Finance Committee made up of volunteer LP homeowners, in partnership with the Staff and the Board of Directors, coordinated the budgeting process. The group was challenged to balance the budget as costs have increased in several areas:

Increase in Contracts from 2021:

- Pool Contract – up 27%
- Landscape Contract - up 13%
- Spirit of America
 - Fireworks – up 25%
 - Jumpies – up 35%

Anticipate a 10% increase in Utilities

The Staff submitted requests for

proposals for services in an attempt to decrease costs or improve services. In some instances, you will see new service providers next year on our property. However, at the end of the process, all contracts have a higher cost associated with the services. The existing dues with projected revenue could not support the additional expenses.

In order to balance our budget, the Legacy Park Board of Directors voted unanimously for the 2022 Assessments to increase:

- Legacy Park - \$700
- Northgate - \$525

Legacy Park Assessments are still a great value. Twenty years ago, the dues were \$525. Simply just adding the annual inflation rate from 2001 to 2020, the dues would be \$768 in 2020. Additionally, the original assessment did not encompass the additional amenities we have incorporated and maintained (a clubhouse, outdoor fitness center, indoor fitness center, office, and a splash pad). Also, the HOA “self-insures” items that are not coverable by insurance in the case of flooding as seen in 2005, 2009, and 2020 when significant trail repair had to be completed.

COVENANT ENFORCEMENT



BY JOANNE WEAVER

As we are approaching the end of the year, it's time to assess what needs to be done at our homes in the coming year. Take a step outside and look at your house. What should be on your project list?

THINGS TO CONSIDER:

- **Siding** - have you been keeping it clean? Has it faded? How long ago has it been since it was painted?
- **Driveways/walkways** - it's time to power wash if they are showing anything from dark spots, oil spills, dirt and/or mold.
- **Mailboxes and Gaslights** - are they painted high gloss black? Does the mailbox have worn gold or silver address paint? Are any numbers missing? Does the gaslight have the cross bar or is it missing or broken? Paint pens are available to borrow from the HOA (for mailbox numbers). Cross bars (for the gas lights) can be purchased for \$15 from the HOA and the brass numbers for the mailbox for \$5 each from the HOA.
- **Garage doors** - are they in good shape? Do they need replacing because they're old with rotting wood? Have there been a few too many basketball games played against them in the driveway? Was a new driver getting used to the difference between the gas and brake pedals, or maybe even a frazzled parent juggling ten things at once forgot to hit the brakes in time? Whatever the case may be...time to repair or replace.
- **Shutters and gutters** - are they broken, hanging or missing? Time to get someone out there to repair or replace them.
- **Empty beds/and or beds with dying shrubs** - time to for a complete re-do. See below for more information on this.
- **Lawns** -may need re-sodding because weed treatment was either too little or too late.

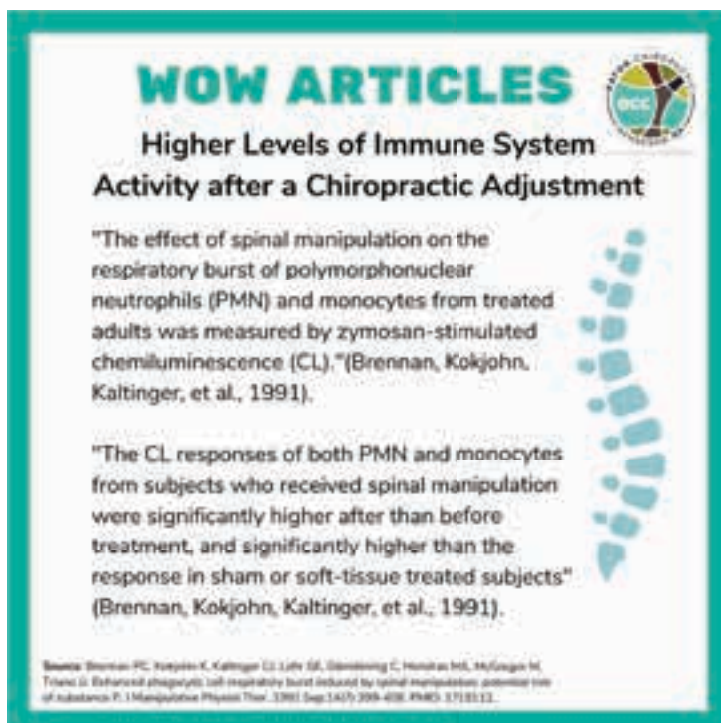
If needed, we can guide you through the process with assistance in finding contractors, selecting colors or a second opinion for landscaping ideas.

In some instances, our Landscape Committee helped homeowners with bed design and types of plants, suggesting low maintenance but aesthetically pleasing ones and taking the homeowner's personal tastes and needs into consideration.

That all being said....

Legacy Park has been such a haven for Gabrielle and myself and I can't imagine having raised her anywhere but here.

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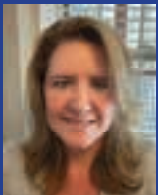
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PROPERTY MANAGEMENT REPORT



BY LISA NEFF
PROPERTY MANAGER

Happy Holidays Legacy Park! Here we are again, bidding farewell to another great year in Legacy Park. As we close

out 2021, we welcome a new year and a new chapter in the community. Bring in 2022 with tons of positive energy and gratitude! This community is full of wonderful, caring, and fun-loving people who make it such a special place to call home.

Your HOA staff is enjoying the holiday season while gearing up for another busy year in Legacy Park. We are finishing up 2021 projects and planning for 2022. The election and annual meeting are just around the corner and the busy spring will be here before we know it.

Morgan is winding up the year of great events and is ready to start the fun in 2022 with sports and activities. Candace is busy getting our end-of-the-year financial tasks completed and is ready for the annual onslaught of payments! Joanne is closing those violations and modifications that were resolved this year and getting things organized for 2022 to help you stay on top of your property's maintenance. You will be hearing from her if you have an open issue. Danielle is managing all the ARC applications that are still coming in and managing the holiday clubhouse rentals. The number of modifications that went to the ARC this year is incredible, thank you to the busy residents! This time of the year slows down for Matt, as it's too cold for the masses of residents to be out using the amenities. The HOA staff members are true assets of the HOA, if you see them, make sure to thank them for the incredible job that do for the community.

We have many things to be thankful for that have helped us in every area of managing your community. One key example is your participation in providing us with your contact information so we may communicate with you electronically. After two decades, we finally have contact information for 90% of the community! This communication tool is much more efficient and cost-effective than printing and mailing almost 2,000 envelopes containing the exact information. Using email for covenant-related letters, invoices, election materials, meeting notices, pool information, etc., is so efficient and allows residents to resolve matters quickly. Thank you for doing your part to save the HOA money and valuable time.

We are especially thankful for the Board of Directors who we have tremendous respect for, as they volunteer to serve on your HOA board. They are so helpful, kind, and generous with their time and energy. They each have a unique skill set to share with our community. The support they show to the staff and other community volunteers is great.

Let's be honest: it is largely a thankless job. Thank you: Michaela Hicks, David Kirkland, Nimesh Patel, Mike Sesan, and David Veres. And to the spouses and family members who support their loved ones, allowing them to devote some of their "free" time to this community, THANK YOU!!!!

In other news: Let's keep our community beautiful as we move through the winter months. With falling temps, we have falling leaves. Hutcheson works hard to keep Legacy Park looking its best, even with Mother Nature working against us, so we ask that you do the same on your property.

The holiday lights are on, and we are using a new vendor this year. We hope you enjoy the holiday season as we light up our community. If you notice an outage, please let the office know, so we can make sure everything stays as beautiful as it was the day it was installed.

We wish you all a very Happy Holiday season and prosperous 2022!

IMPORTANT NEWS

SAVE THE DATE:
2022 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
WILL BE HELD
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2022.

2022 ASSESSMENT AND BUDGET

We are sending the 2022 Budget Letter, Budget, and approved Design Standard changes via email as we did last year. You will need to log into your Buildium portal for your invoice. (Go to www.LegacyPark.org and select Online Payments to be directed to the portal). If we do NOT have an email address for you, the items listed above are on the way to you via the postal service.

Please note that not receiving a statement does not excuse you from paying your assessments. The payment is due by January 1st, and late fees are applied on February 1st. If you have any questions regarding the budget, please submit them via email to propertymanager@legacypark.org.

We encourage you to pay your assessments through your resident portal in Buildium. The payment gets posted directly to your account. You can pay via ACH or with a credit card; it is up to you. (There is a processing fee for credit cards.) If you have questions on making payments or need help logging into your account, contact the HOA office or email candacecole@legacypark.org.

Everyone who pays through Buildium will be entered into our drawing to win back your 2022 dues at the Annual Members Meeting. **All participants must have a zero balance to be eligible for the drawing. Does not need to be present to win.

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HOLIDAY LIGHTS

Reminder: We have a new vendor for the Legacy Park Holiday lights this year.

Illuminating Designs will provide all LED warm lights in the front entrance and neighborhood entrances. Garland and Wreaths will also be part of the design.

As the costs (labor and materials) have escalated, we have opted to concentrate most of the lights at the front entrance. Neighborhood entrances will be scaled back a little from prior years.

Today's homebuyers not only compete with other buyers looking for their perfect place to call home but often get outbid by hedge funds purchasing investment properties. This is happening nationwide, and more and more companies have decided that Legacy Park is a good investment as well.

So far this year, we have had 120 resales. This number is 10% over our anticipated number (based on historical numbers). However, although the overall number of resales is about the same, we are seeing an increase in the number of purchasers that never intend to call Legacy Park home.

Currently, Legacy Park has 183 rental homes, which is 10.5% of our community. Of those 183 homes, 55% or 98 are company-owned. When companies started purchasing homes in Legacy Park, American Homes for Rent, Invitation Homes, Progress Residential, etc., were the predominant buyers; however, we now have many new investment companies that are simply acronyms.



Our Covenants cannot prohibit the number of homes that are leased in the neighborhood.

However, the HOA does enforce the covenants equally regardless of if it is owner-occupied or not. Not surprisingly, the properties owned by corporations end up with ongoing violations since they do not see their property regularly and unattended items can get out of control quickly. As a community, we seek to have any violation corrected so neighbors don't have to endure an unsightly property; however, due to lack of communication and action by an owner, fines tend to be charged.

Legacy Park is now 26 years old. The community and homes require more maintenance and repairs to keep the neighborhood at the standard we all enjoy. How do we continue to achieve this with the number of investment properties quickly growing?

The HOA is forming a committee to discuss solutions to preserve the character of Legacy Park as a predominantly owner-occupied neighborhood as opposed to a rental community. If you would like to be part of the solution – we need you! Please send an email to PropertyManager@LegacyPark.org.

We will have a meeting in January with everyone interested.

ON-VACATION HOUSE CHECK

Did you know that the City of Kennesaw Police Department offers an on-vacation house check? Simply visit the City of Kennesaw Police website at www.kennesaw-ga.gov (select City Services/Police Department/Vacation Check).

The Kennesaw Police will check your residence several times daily while you are out of town. House checks are performed free of charge to city residents while away on vacation or business.



Avoid a Crime of Opportunity: Make sure to lock your doors to your home and vehicles so a thief doesn't find your door unlocked and help themselves to your property. Police suggest either not leaving anything of value in your car or removing it from sight.

TAX EXEMPTION

The City of Kennesaw offers a tax exemption for residents age 65 and over on annual city property taxes. You must provide a photocopy of identification such as a Georgia driver's license to qualify.

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HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

It's the most wonderful time of the year for not just you and your family, but for thieves, too.

They're making a list and checking it twice – and we don't mean Santa and his elves.

Burglars know the holiday season is a prime time to stock up on some goodies of their own. They plan to take advantage of unsuspecting individuals who may be more focused on merrymaking than keeping safe from theft and fraud.

Thefts and break-ins typically skyrocket during the holiday season because thieves know many families leave their homes and cars unattended and sometimes even unlocked.

Insurance might cover these thefts, but it won't alleviate the victim's violation of privacy concerns or restore their confidence in being safe and secure. Further, some items have more sentimental value than monetary.

All said, the after-effects of theft linger long after the item or its monetary value has been recouped.

Here are 8 steps that you can take to ward off holiday theft:

8 – MIND YOUR PACKAGE DELIVERIES.

It just takes a few minutes for a thief to drive through an area to see if packages are sitting on porches or stoops. If deliveries are expected at your residence, make sure you get them in as

quickly as possible. Ask a neighbor to help you if you will not be around. Utilize Delivery Manager (FedEx) or MyChoice (UPS) to give you some control over their delivery schedule.

7 – SECURE ALL ENTRIES.

Not all thieves enter through your front door. It's a good idea to keep all windows and doors locked when not in use. When traveling, make sure any alarms or security cameras are enabled and working correctly. Neighbors are an excellent resource to keep an eye on your home when you are away as well.

6 – LIGHT IT UP.

When traveling, keep the home's exterior lights on, and use a timer to turn indoor lights on and off. The thief may be fooled into thinking you are home by keeping lights on and setting decorations and lights on an automatic timer.

5 – HOLD THE MAIL.

Nothing screams Empty Home like a stack of newspapers or a full mailbox. When traveling, ask a neighbor to check your mail or go to the post office and place a hold on it. Stop delivery of newspapers for the period you'll be gone or have a friend or neighbor pick them up.

4 – HIDE SHOPPING BAGS IN YOUR CAR.

With all the hustle and bustle of shopping and running errands, it can be easy to leave your bags,

packages, and gifts in the backseat of your car. It is not uncommon for thieves to walk or drive through a mall parking lot and check for unlocked doors, open windows, and packages in plain view. Be sure to always lock the doors, roll up the windows, and hide your purchases or put them in the trunk of your car so that you don't become an easy target.

3 – PROTECT THE CASH.

Many purses are stolen from shopping carts as customers are perusing store items. If you must use a shopping cart for your purse, hook the handle through the arm and ensure the zipper is closed.

Consider removing most of your debit or credit cards from your purse before shopping. Keep a written copy of the phone numbers to the credit card company or bank so that you can easily report any that are stolen.

2 – BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS.

When parking your vehicle, take note of your surroundings. Watch for suspicious activity or anyone following you. If possible, park in high traffic and well-lit areas.

1 – SHOP SMART ONLINE.

When shopping online, stick with retailers known for their customer service, just in case one of your orders fails to arrive or disappears.



Grand Prize Winner
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YARD OF THE MONTH JUDGING CRITERIA:

- Manicured yard
- Walks, driveways, and curbs edged and swept clean
- Shrubs neatly pruned
- Garbage cans and recycling bins stored out of sight
- No boats, jet skis, RV's, campers, or golf carts parked on the property
- Current on HOA assessments
- No current or outstanding covenant violations
- Fences in good shape
- Lawns, and flower beds are reasonably free of weeds
- Flower, and shrub beds are neatly mulched or pine strawed
- The use of a lawn maintenance company is allowed
- HOA board member, and judges are not eligible
- One winner will be selected from each neighborhood, but there will only be one Grand Prize Winner

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2020 WINTER HOLIDAY DECORATION WINNERS

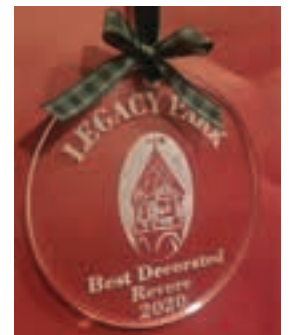


BEST WINTER HOLIDAY HOUSE COMPETITION

The Legacy Park Landscape Committee is hosting a Best Winter House Holiday competition! **Landscape committee will judge on December 15th at dusk.**

The winners will be announced on the Legacy Park Landscape Facebook page and via email.

To sign up or to nominate a house, please email: landscape@legacypark.org



Enjoy the neighborhood winner's from the 2021 competition. Each home received a custom Legacy Park ornament!



2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

Three of the five Board of Directors seats are up for election in 2022. Nominations were submitted by November 4, 2021. Biographies and headshots of the candidates are included in this newsletter and posted on the HOA website (under the FAQ tab).

We are working on a date for the virtual candidate's forum to be held in January.

Electronic voting will once again be utilized with Vote-Now. Vote-Now manages the entire voting process. No one outside of that company has knowledge of any voting results. The email address we have on file for you will be provided to Vote-Now unless you ask us not to share it with them.

The voting results will be announced at the February 2022 Annual Meeting, which will be streamed online. The results are sent to the HOA in a sealed envelope the day of the Annual Membership Meeting. That sealed envelope is opened at the meeting in front of the camera and all of the attendees; i.e., we all find out at the same time which candidates are elect to the Board.

During election time, please remember that the HOA does not endorse any candidate(s). All official information about the election will be sent by the HOA or VoteNow. Other information may be sent by individual candidates. The official forms of Legacy Park HOA communications are: Legacy Park Town Herald (newsletter); Legacy Park Website (www.legacypark.org); Legacy Park App; Buildium; and/or Legacy Park HOA email distribution list (maintained and controlled by the HOA Staff). All official emails will come from propertymanager@legacypark.org or from VoteNow. Any other correspondence is to be considered unofficial and not affiliated with the LP HOA.

GET TO KNOW THE CANDIDATES

This month's Resident Spotlight is on all the people that have generously offered to run for the Legacy Park Board of Directors.

Thank you to all of the candidates for offering your time and talent!

DAVID KIRKLAND - WINTERTHUR

Why am I running for the board?

I love Legacy Park and feel this community still has more potential to realize. I believe in fiscal responsibility and have worked as Treasurer to ensure that the neighborhood finances are transparent. Having served on the Board for multiple years and have been integral in decisions that have positively impacted the community, such as the construction of the outdoor gym, splash pad, countless beautification projects, and overseeing financial expenditures for the Board at large, I will benefit the HOA through incumbent service. This experience also brings consistent, qualified decision-making for the issues that come up with the management of the HOA. My knowledge and insight also ensure that all members of the board and the community can understand the ins and outs of a project that the HOA may need to be completed.

My experience as a contractor provides a required vantage point on the Board, with my knowledge in home values, material costs, and project management. As we enter 2022, I offer a unique perspective to the Board of Directors, being aware of the rising cost of lumber, paint, and other means for contracting that we are currently faced with.

I moved to Legacy Park in 2005, living in both Lullwater and Winterthur. I've seen this neighborhood grow and change and have been fortunate to be a part of it. I would like to continue to serve this community for another 2 years bringing a level head and a budget-focused mentality to the board.



Personal:

- Former Marine
- Business Owner – Contracting and Construction

LEGACY PARK ACTIVITIES:

- Board Member 2018-2022 (Treasurer)
- Board Member 2006-2007
- Founded the Finance Committee (while on the Board 2006)
- Lullwater Neighborhood Watch
- Town Council Representative
- Chair of the Deer Population Committee in 2010
- Former Chairperson of the Covenants Committee
- Youth Soccer Coach

DAVID VERES - LULLWATER

What motivated you to run for the legacy park hoa board?

My wife and I moved into Legacy Park in September of 2019. Shortly thereafter I put my name on the ballot for the Legacy Park HOA board of the 2020 election. While it may have seemed premature (and the yard signs a bit over the top for a new guy), I had served as the Vice President on the Board of Directors for our condo association in Vinings for the past three years. I knew the importance of becoming involved in the community where you live and understood firsthand how to address the issues that impact both our neighbors and surrounding communities.

What I didn't expect was less than three months after being voted on to Legacy Park's HOA Board that a pandemic would ensue, and the navigation of community issues would become unprecedented. It has been a challenging couple of years, but I continue to be passionate about serving the Legacy





Park community. I have enjoyed getting to know our neighbors albeit limited in the first year. It's amazing to see the positive impact our residents have both within and outside of Legacy Park.

My motivation for running again is to continue expanding on this sense of community and to serve our residents' best interests whether they be social or financial. I take pride in Legacy Park and will work to improve and maintain our beautiful neighborhood.

LEGACY PARK RELATED ACTIVITIES

- Legacy Park HOA Secretary, 2020
- Legacy Park HOA Vice President, 2021

MICHAEL ALTMAN - ANNANDALE

Hello, my name is Michael Altman.

For the past 65 years, I have lived a conventional and conservative life.

My professional life began at age 18 when I joined the United States Army. Over

the course of my 24-year active duty career, I was very fortunate. The Army allowed me to attend nursing school, which provided me with the training necessary to pass the Georgia State nursing test. Subsequently, with my nursing license in hand, I worked hard to develop the skills and gained the experience required to lead professional soldiers and manage different types of hospital medical departments from intensive care units to surgical suites. Additionally, my wife of 40 years and I raised successful two successful and caring sons with nourishing love. In 2004, I honorably retired from the United States Army. Thereafter, I made the decision to continue my personal development by attending Coles College of Business School of Accountancy at Kennesaw State University. After several years of determined study, I was awarded a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting. This well-rounded curriculum provided studies in accounting, taxation, auditing, interpersonal skills and team building. It is my professional intention to utilize these skills to ensure and safeguard Legacy Park's prosperous future.



Currently, I am retired and I value spending time with my family.

The reason I am running for the 2022 Legacy Park Board is simple and I only have two goals. The first goal is to sustain Legacy Park's renowned community reputation. The second goal is to ensure the steady and sure growth of our home values. To achieve these goals the Legacy Park Board must:

- Preserve our amenities in immaculate condition.
- Ensure the pristine condition of all Legacy Park communities and the homes within them.
- Foster mutual respect between the members and the Board.
- Proactively monitor and control Legacy Park's budget.

For the first time in 20+ years, Legacy Park's 2022-projected budget will be in the red, even with another first, an assessment increase twice the amount assessed in previous years, at least \$30 per household, if not more. Additionally, the projected 2022 budget includes provisions for new amenities with their forever maintenance expenses even though the projected budget will be in the red without a significant assessment increase. There was a time in Legacy Park's 20+-year history new amenities were necessary to enhance the value of Legacy Park, so assessment increases were justified. However, that time has passed. I now believe Legacy Park has enough amenities to retain and attract new members. Therefore, instead of spending more money with the legal right to increase our assessments to offset the increased expenses, the staff and the Board should proactively explore ways to decrease our expenses, thereby, negating the need for a historic assessment increase. That should be Legacy Park's go to budget process.

It is my sincere hope that everyone has had a prosperous and meaningful 2021 and that those blessings continue into 2022 and beyond.

NIMESH PATEL – BELLINGRATH

What motivated you to run for the legacy park hoa board?

My interest in running for a Legacy Park HOA Board position is twofold: First, I want to

continue to work towards improving the value of our homes as well as quality of life within our community. Effectively doing so entails partnering with the HOA staff and fellow

Board Members in making rational fact-based decisions that are transparent to our residents and that take into consideration the welfare of the entire community. Secondly, I feel that my diverse background, solid work experiences, and prior HOA board involvement will continue to bring a well-balanced perspective to the Board as well as to the way issues are addressed and resolved.



LEGACY PARK AND/OR RELATED ACTIVITIES:

- City of Kennesaw Council Member (current term expires 12/31/2021)
- Past Kennesaw Development Authority Member
- Past City of Kennesaw License Review Board Chair
- Prior service on Legacy Park Board of Directors (5 of which were in the capacity of President)
- Prior Annandale town council representative

OTHER EXPERTISE:

I am currently employed with a Fortune 500 company as Vice President, Chief Business Operations Counsel. In particular, I specialize in insurance and employee benefits law, including the ERISA, tax and commercial laws applicable to employer-sponsored welfare benefit plans and worksite insurance offerings.

Prior to my current role, I was in private practice where I advised clients on all aspects of the design, implementation and administration of employee benefit plans, executive compensation plans and the related funding vehicles as well as provided advice on various employee benefit issues arising in corporate acquisitions, divestitures and reorganizations.



LEGACY PARK















2022 Event Sponsorship Package

With 2,000 homes & about 7,000 Residents, Legacy Park is the City of Kennesaw's premier neighborhood boasting a family friendly, small-town atmosphere like no other. A community enhanced by nature and abundant areas for recreation and gatherings, Legacy Park's residents come here to enjoy a social and active lifestyle. Sponsoring Legacy Park will provide your company with a fantastic opportunity for local and regional exposure. The great thing about sponsorship is that it is mutually beneficial.

Our fulltime activities director organizes about 30 events each year tailored specifically to the needs and desires of our residents.

Our events consist of: Casino Night, Bingo, Mardi Gras Party, Easter Events, Movie Nights, Youth Pool Parties, Concerts, Memorial Day Pool Party, Teen Foam Party, SPIRIT OF AMERICA, Pumpkinfest, Campouts, LP Talent Show, CHILI COOK-OFF, and Christmas events.

*CAPITALIZED EVENTS are our big events of the year.

Sponsorship Opportunities	Event Access to all Events: Interaction with residents, display of business yard sign, & table and tent provided. Presence at events are optional.	Recognition in monthly mailed newsletter, Town Herald as event sponsor. Recognized in Event Emails.	Logo on the Legacy Park Website & Legacy Park App.	Advertising in New Resident Packet.	Spirit of America & Chili Cook-Off & LP Sports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guest passes Food Vouchers (only Spirit of America) Table
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Legacy Park has signed our first 2022 Sponsors! Welcome to our team:

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18TH ANNUAL LADIES "NIGHT IN" KENNESAW POLICE TOY DRIVE

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9TH
7PM – 10PM
3986 PALISADES MAIN**

Join the Ladies of Legacy at our neighbor, Trasey Welton's home to benefit KPD's Jerry Worthan Memorial Christmas Fund.

This is a unique and fun opportunity to share the cheer and party with a purpose. If you are new to the neighborhood, it's a great way to meet some new people. Seasoned residents will get to connect again with old friends. Either way, take a moment to unwind during the busy holiday season and enjoy each other's company while helping to make the holiday for a child in need in our community much brighter!

Please bring a bottle of wine and an unwrapped toy for a child ages newborn to sixteen. Gift cards and cash donations are welcome. If you cannot make the event, you can still participate by dropping off a gift. Light appetizers will be served.



UPCOMING EVENTS

TREE LIGHTING

Friday, December 3rd, 6PM – 8:30PM

Let's ring in the season together with the lighting of the Legacy Park Christmas Tree!

There's magic in the air as you snuggle up with your loved ones while listening to the angelic voices of singers from North Cobb High School Chorus singing your favorite Christmas carols.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be there, so bring your camera to capture the delight on your children's faces. The sleigh will also be available for photo opportunities.

Finally, the tree lighting will be at 8 pm.

LEGACY PARK CLEAN UP DAY

Saturday, December 4th, 9AM – 12PM

Meet at the Amphitheater

Legacy Park neighbors come together once a month clean up our neighborhood. It's a great way to give back!

Thank you Kristina Bouterse for providing trash bags and water for those participating. Questions? Please contact Trevor Billings at tbillings711@me.com

LEGACY PARK SPARKLES EVENT

Friday, Dec. 10th 4pm-10pm

\$15 admission includes skating, rental, playground (10 and younger), and 1 game of laser tag.

You are welcome to come anytime. Just make sure to let Sparkles cashier know that you are with Legacy Park for the \$15 discounted price.

COFFEE AND DONUT SOCIAL

December 15th, 10AM – 11AM

Join Legacy Park Board Members, Staff and Neighbors at the Coffee Social.

Share ideas for events, meet some new residents or just spend some time catching up with old friends.

LEGACY PARK SLEIGH RIDE

December 16th 6:30/7:30/8:30

Sign up now to ride in our Sleigh (the Summit Baptist Church Bus) and enjoy the Legacy Park Lights and holiday displays! Participants can enjoy Hot Chocolate and Cookies in the Clubhouse prior to departure (provided by Eaton Chiropractic) while waiting to depart.

Reserve your spot(s) now using the link on our website!

To be sure that your decorated home is on the route, please send Morgan your address prior to Friday, 12/10.



ARE YOU INTERESTED?

SILVER WALKERS GROUP

Meet at 8:30 AM once a month and walk the circle or the trails.
At your own pace and totally run by you!

Playing Cards in the Clubhouse

BUNCO

Bunco is a dice game generally played with twelve or more players, divided into groups of four, trying to score points while taking turns rolling three dice in a series of six rounds.

BRIDGE

Bridge is a team trick taking game played with a standard 52 playing card deck. The objective is to win as many games to 100 as possible.

MEXICAN TRAIN

Mexican Train is a modern version of Dominoes, played with 91 double-12 dominoes. Because of its simplicity, it can be played by nearly anyone, anywhere.

Morning/Afternoon or Evening

Would meet in the clubhouse once a month and to play cards.
If you do not know how to play we will bring someone in tech everyone!

CHAIR YOGA

Would meet in the clubhouse once a month.

If interested please email Morgan at
Activitiesdirector@legacypark.org

If you have any other ideas for LP please send in an email!

CHARITY PAINT & SIP EVENT

DECEMBER 11TH 3PM AT THE CLUBHOUSE!



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<http://www.artportunityknocks.org/events.html>



SCAN ME



What's Happening in the City?

A Day with Santa

The City of Kennesaw will usher in the holiday season on Saturday, December 4.

Santa's arrival begins at 2:00 p.m. with a Main Street parade featuring marching bands, decorated floats, vintage cars and colorfully costumed characters. The celebration will continue from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Main Street with a holiday host of activities including FREE snow tubing, inflatables and amusements, kid's crafts, visits with Santa, stage entertainment, a screening of the holiday favorite Elf and a holiday market full of gift ideas and unique merchandise. The evening will conclude with the lighting of the tree at 6:00 p.m.



Menorah Lighting



Join the City of Kennesaw, in partnership with Chabad of Kennesaw, for the Menorah Lighting in Depot Park Thursday, December 2, at 5:30 PM. This will be the fifth night of Hanukkah. The eight-day Jewish holiday commemorates the Jewish Maccabees' military victory over Syrian-Greek oppression more than 2,000 years ago. During Hanukkah, Jews across the world celebrate the miracle of light that burnt for eight days out of a single-days-worth of oil found in the Temple. One Hanukkah candle is lit the first night and an additional candle is lit each successive night. The holiday is a celebration of religious freedom and hope.

All Aboard for Holiday Fun

Join The Southern Museum on Saturday, December 11, for a full day of holiday activities! The Polar Express movie will be screened at 11 AM and 2 PM, with a reading of the book at 1 PM. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be on-site from 1 PM to 5 PM. Craft and educational tables will be set up throughout the day.

For more information & to check the status of an event, please visit www.kennesaw-ga.gov.



LEGACY PARK Event Calendar

Month	DATE	EVENT	TIME
Every Month	2nd Tuesday	Story Time	10-11 am
Every other Month	2nd Wednesday	Coffee Social	10-11 am
January	Saturday 15th	Casino Night (21+ Adults Only)	7-10 pm
February	Friday 11th	Bingo Night (18+ UP)	7-10 pm
March	Friday 4th	Mardi Gras Party (21+ Adults Only)	7-10 pm
March	Saturday 26th	Bunny Breakfast	8:30 & 10 am
		Eggstravaganza	2:30- 5 pm
April	TDA	Braves Game Night	TBA
April	Friday 15th	Movie Night (TEEN)	DUSK
April	Fri 29th & Sat 30th	Garage Sale	10-2 pm & 8-2 pm
May	Friday 13th	Summer Concert Series:	7-9 pm
May	Wednesday 25th	Ice Cream Social	2:30-5:00 pm
		End of School Youth Pool Party (8-12)	6-8 pm
May	Saturday 28th	Memorial Day	10-1 pm
June	TBA	Teen Pool Party	TBA
June	Friday 10th	Movie Night Series – POOL	Dusk
July	Monday 4th	Spirit of America – 4th of July Celebration	5-10 pm
July	Friday 29th	Back to School Pool Party	7-10 pm
August	Fri 12th & Sat 13st	Garage Sale	10-2 pm & 8-2 pm
September	Friday 2nd	Foam Night	8-10 pm
September	Friday 9th	Summer Concert Series	7-9 pm
October	TBA	Winery Night (21 and UP)	TBA
October	Friday 7th	Movie Night	Dusk
October	Saturday 15th	Fall Festival	10-2 pm
October	Saturday 29th	Chili Cook-Off	2-10 pm
October	Monday 31st	Trick or Treat	6-8 pm
Novemeber	TBA	Teen DJ NIGHT	6-10 pm
November	Saturday 19th	Visit with Santa	10-2 pm
December	Friday 2nd	Christmas Tree Lighting	6-8 pm
December	Thursday 15th	Neighborhood Sleigh Ride	Dusk



CHARITY PAINT & SIP

The November event raised almost \$900 with 20 attendees.
Sign up for the December event before space runs out!









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STORY TIME

Huge thank you to Primrose Kennesaw North for hosting October's storytime.



LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR NEXT STORY TIME!

Click, Clack, Ho! Ho! Ho!

December 14th at 10AM at the Clubhouse

*Bring your little ones to story time!!
There will be a snack and craft after the book.*

THANK YOU PRIMROSE KENNESAW NORTH FOR SPONSORING!

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT MORGAN @ACTIVITIESDIRECTOR@LEGACYPARK.ORG

The Teen Advisory Board had their monthly meeting on November 10th. The group stated the meeting with a social activity while enjoying pizza and drinks. After the icebreaker, the group discussed a 2022 Teen Movie Night and selected Media Co-Chairs. Congrats to Gabby Hudema and Kallanan Edwards on your new positions.

Thank you, Michaela Hicks, LP Board Member and Allatoona High School Teacher, for assisting as the group gets organized. All Legacy Park 8-12th graders are welcome to join.



TRASH PICKUP

Legacy Park Residents met at the Amphitheater on Saturday, 11/6. The group meets the first Saturday of each month to keep our neighborhood trash free.

Spend 30 minutes or a few hours and invest in our community.

It's a great family activity! The next scheduled date is December 4th (9am to 12pm)

THANK YOU KRISTINA BOUTERSE FOR SPONSORING THE EVENT BY PROVIDING SUPPLIES.

Contact Trevor Billings at tbillings711@me.com.





CHILI COOK-OFF

NOVEMBER 6TH WAS A BEAUTIFUL DAY FOR OUR CHILI COOK-OFF!

The weather cooperated, football was on the TV, DJ Jay with entertainment, jumpies for the little ones and the chili did not disappoint! Thank you to American Axes for bringing the mobile axe throwing trailer out to channel the inner lumberjacks!

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OUR PARTICIPANTS AND INVITE EVERYONE BACK NEXT YEAR!

Peter Denton- Big Peters Fig & Berries
Kevin Backus - Pit Stop Chili
Kat Haydel- New Kids
Austin Havens - Dilly Dilly Chili
Gina Conway- Sheep Shots
Nick Oliver- Fuego

THE WINNERS

1st Place - Judge's Choice
Dilly Dilly Chili – (Michelle Arnold; Woody & Edie Havens; and Kenny & Renee Barry)

BEST DECORATED & PEOPLE'S CHOICE

Big Peters Fig & Berries (Denton Family)





UPCOMING EVENTS

2/12 SUPERBOWL SATURDAY TENNIS SOCIAL

Wear your favorite team colors

5-6pm Juniors King of the court

6--7pm Adult King of the court

630-830pm Junior Movie

7-830pm Adult Round Robin

*Bring a dish

3/19 CORNY TENNIS MIXER \$10/EACH PLAYER

Doubles Sign-up

6-7:30pm Tennis Round Robin

7:30-9pm Cornhole Round Robin

Burgers/ Hot dogs Provided

5/19-22 SPRING MIXED DOUBLES/ SINGLES TOURNAMENT

6/18 Pickleball Mixer

6-7pm King of the court

7-830pm Round Robin

*Bring a dish

8/23-27 FALL CLASSIC

10/15 PICKLEBALL DOUBLES TOURNAMENT \$10/EACH

- Ages 12 and up
- Doubles sign up
- Lunch provided

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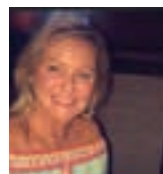
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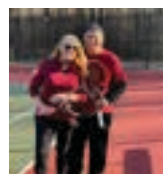
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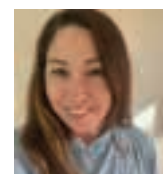
3.5 Andrea Fernandez



3.0 Graham Sams



3.0 Danielle Oliver



2.5 Kate Ridley



Men's Tennis Drills

**Are you looking to get back
into the swing of things?
Or are you interested in picking up a
tennis racket for the first time?**

Drills are on Tuesdays from 8-9pm. The group hopes to get all the basics down to start a new ALTA team this spring! Contact Adam Grandstaff for more information!

Upcoming Sport Registration Dates:

Spring Soccer/T-ball

Jan 17th - Feb 14th

Whiffle Ball

Feb 14th - March 14th

Kickball

March 1st - April 4th



TENNIS INFO

WEEKLY ADULT TENNIS DRILLS



MONDAY (4-5:30PM)

All levels, \$15 per drill

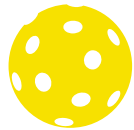
WEDNESDAY (6-7PM)

Pickleball, \$10 per drill

FRIDAY (9:30-11:30AM)

Advanced Levels, \$20 per drill

PICKLEBALL



WEDNESDAY

- Drills with Adam (6-7pm)
- Round Robin Play (7-8pm)
- \$10 per drill for residents.
- No registration required.

LEGACY PARK JUNIOR TENNIS DRILLS



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MIDDLE SCHOOL

Mondays (5:30-7:00pm)

Tuesdays (5:30-7:00pm)

Monthly rates:

1x/week \$72

HIGH SCHOOL

Mondays (5:30-7:00pm)

Monthly rates:

1x/week \$72

DROP-IN RATES:

\$20 for 1.5 hour drills

\$14 for 1 hour drills

Make payments to Adam Grandstaff
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All drills will be held on Courts 2,3,4,5

COACHES:

Adam Grandstaff

Matt Emery

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For Tennis Update



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**Adam Grandstaff,
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Teaching Character to Young Children

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Every parent wants their child to develop traits such as compassion, generosity and kindness, but just like math and reading skills, the traits associated with good character must be nurtured and developed over time. The earlier these softer skills are fostered in young children, the more likely they are to be successful in school and later in life.

Research shows that from birth to age 5, the brain develops more rapidly than at any other time in life. Nurturing the development of compassion, independence and resilience during these years is just as crucial as setting the stage for other proficiencies. As the National Scientific Council on the Developing Child states, “The early years lay the foundation for a wide range of later developmental outcomes that really matter – self-confidence and sound mental health, motivation to learn and achievement in school and later in life.”

When teaching your little one something as intangible as character, it’s important to provide hands-on learning opportunities and to reinforce those lessons in a variety of ways. Here are some tips:

* Build an understanding of different traits. Even at a young age, children begin to build their understanding of important character traits, such as generosity, respect and gratitude. When reading with your child, take the opportunity to discuss positive traits that the characters possess and apply it to real-life experiences.

* Introduce important life skills. Children are never too young to begin learning essential life skills, such as manners, safety and caring for the environment. Have your child take care of his very own plant. This fun task will promote responsibility while also teaching the importance of caring for the world around him.

* Make time for hands-on learning. Children get most excited about giving back when they are able to experience it firsthand. Introduce your child to helping those in need by starting small in your community. Whether it’s collecting coats for a clothing drive or making cards for the local nursing home, it’s heartwarming to see your child begin to understand the huge impact a simple project can have.

Remember, young children learn through repetition and observation. One of the best ways for you to teach your children about character is to lead by example and demonstrate those important soft skills, which they will learn to imitate over time.

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