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Monday - Friday from 10 am to 2 pm and the first Saturday of every month from 9 am to 11 am

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#### **SPORTS LEAGUES**

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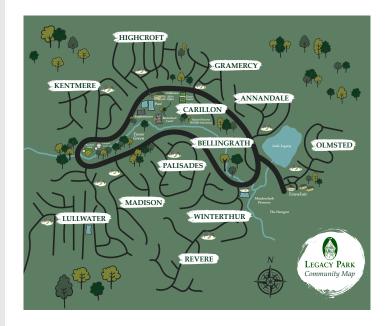
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# LEGACY PARK





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
	2:00pm Credit/Finance Class for Teens 7:00-9:00pm Boy Scouts	4:15-5:15pm Twirl Class 6:30pm Board Meeting	Office Open until 8PM (Get your IDs) 7:00-8:00pm Evening Yoga	8:30-9:30am LP Business Network Club 4:00-11:00pm Swim Meet		10:00am Travel Soccer Tryouts
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	9-10:00 am Morning Yoga	5-9:00 pm Spirit of America Event Registration Opens for Fall Rec Soccer and TBall Office Closed	9-11:00 am Legacy Park Clean Up Crew 7-10:00 pm Legacy Park Tabletop Gaming Club Office Closed	8:30-9:30 am LP Business Networking Club Music and Movement Class 10-10:45am		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	9-10:00 am Morning Yoga 10-3:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive 2:00 pm Modification Request Deadline 7-9:00 pm Boy Scouts	Twirl Class 4:15-5:15pm	7-8:00 pm Arc Meeting	8:30-9:30 am LP Business Networking Club Music and Movement Class 10-10:45am Evening Yoga 7-8:00pm		
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## **Getting Ready For Our Move!**

Late summer, our office will be relocating to the old Acworth Library, located in downtown Acworth.

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## PROPERTY MANAGEMENT REPORT

### READY FOR THE HOT MONTH OF JULY?

#### BY LISA NEFF



#### **POOL REMINDERS**

The lifeguards at our pools are the employees of Swim Atlanta. We encourage parents to converse with their children that the

lifeguard should be respected and follow their directions. The lifeguard stands are for lifeguards only. We will have the Main Pool and Lullwater Pool guarded daily until July 31, then it's back to school time.

#### AMENITY PATROL

PSI Security is on-site daily from 2:30 – 10:30 pm, and we have asked that they be vigilant in checking IDs. Please bring your ID with you whenever on the common grounds. If you see something suspicious at our amenities, please contact PSI's call center at 770-850-1111.

#### LANDSCAPE UPDATES

We are putting the final touches on the front entrance, by manicuring overgrown landscape and painting. New pine straw has been installed. New sod is installed along the boulevard and around the circle where signposts were replaced. Dead plant material has been replaced, including a small renovation to the Lullwater entrance. With the drainage, lack of sunshine, and the freezing temperatures, the sod on the left side didn't survive.

#### SIGNPOST PROJECT

This second phase has been completed. Bellingrath, Carillon, Lullwater, Gramercy, and Madison have new signs & posts. Also included is the entrance to each community's speed limit signs. Some of the posts installed in 2022 need maintenance and GSI is working on this. In 2024, we hope to budget to complete the remaining subdivisions.

## REMINDER



According to Legacy Park Design Guideline IV.M.1.; "Garbage containers and recycling bins issued by the City of Kennesaw must be stored at the side or rear of the house or in the garage (positioned for minimal visual impact, at the discretion of the ARC, and therefore not in front of the house). They may be placed curbside on the previous evening or on the scheduled day of collection but must not obstruct the sidewalk, gutter, or the free movement of traffic."

We have seen many garbage cans out in front of garages. Fines may be imposed at \$25/day for violations. This is an easy fix! Don't let this be you!

#### WATER METERS

This one-time project/expense has been completed. 19 water meters have had backflow devices installed as required by the Cobb County Water Department.

#### LAKE FOUNTAIN

Aquascape is working on repairing the lights on the lake fountain, it is a warranty issue.

#### **GUEST REMINDERS**

LP properties and amenities are for the enjoyment of residents and accompanied guests only.

- Over 18 up to 4 guests allowed for use of the Trails, Town Green, Playgrounds, Amphitheater, Bandstand, Outdoor Fitness Center, and Baseball Field.
- Over 18 up to 2 guests allowed for the use of the Swimming Pools, Tennis Courts, Volleyball Court, and Basketball Court.
- Ages 12 18 are allowed only one (1) guest.
- You must accompany your guests while using any of the amenities. You, as the homeowner, are responsible for ensuring that their guests follow the rules at all times.

#### PLANNING SESSION:

Tuesday, July 11, 2023 @ 6:30 pm

#### REGULAR MEETING:

Tuesday, July 25, 2023 @ 6:30 pm

## DO YOU HAVE A BENCH IN FRONT OF YOUR HOME?

All benches must be approved by the ARC in writing prior to placement and must compliment the architectural style of the home. Placement of benches may be approved within ten (10) feet of the front door and must be kept in pristine condition.



## WWW.PSISECURITY.COM **770-850-1111**

egacy Park has contracted with PSI Security Services to monitor the amenities this year. The service started on the first of April and their employees can be identified by the uniform and Legacy Park ID. Please introduce yourself, as they begin to build a relationship with our community members.

## ALWAYS BRING YOUR LEGACY PARK ID WITH YOU WHILE ON COMMON PROPERTY.

When asked for your Legacy Park ID, please be prepared to present it, with your 2023 teal sticker on the back.

As a reminder, the amenities have cameras and are monitored. Anyone who allows access to the pools, basketball court, or gym court outside of the guest policy, or allows the gate/door to remain open after entering, will result in the suspension of amenity privileges.

If you see something suspicious at our amenities, please contact the PSI Security call center at 770-850-1111.

Please keep in mind that PSI Security Services is not responsible for patrolling individual streets or any private properties in the community. Contact the Kennesaw Police for anything suspicious.

The Association is not a provider of security and does not have a duty to provide security to the Association or to each Owner or his or her tenants, guests, licensees, and invitees. Furthermore, the Association does not guarantee that non-Owners and non-occupants will not gain access to the property and commit criminal acts on the property nor does the Association guarantee that criminal acts on the property will not be committed by other Owners or occupants. It shall be the responsibility of each Owner to protect his or her person and property and all responsibility to provide such security shall lie solely with each Owner.



## LEGACY PARK

## 2023 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 full-time activities director organizes about 30 events each year tailored specifically to the needs and desires of

Our events consent of: A Family Dance, Active Adult Nights, New Resident Socials, Creative Classes, Easter Events, Movie Nights, Youth Pool Parties, Concerts, Memorial Day Pool Party, SPIRIT OF AMERICA, FALL FESTIVAL, Campouts, Veterans Day Luncheon, CHILI COOK-OFF, and Winter Holiday 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. Presence at events are optional. *Silver & Bronze (does not include Spirit of America & Chili Cook-Off)	Recognition in monthly mailed newsletter, Town Herald as event sponsor. Recognized in Event Emails.	Logo on the Legacy Park Website.	Advertising in New Resident Packet & Bag.	Spirit of America & Chill Cook-Off & LP Sports  - Spirit of America - Guest passes - Spirit of America - Tent & Table Logo on Tennis Tournament Shirt - Logo on Swim Shirt
GOLD: \$3,000					
SILVER: \$1,500					
BRONZE: \$500					
Event Specific Vendor: \$50-200					

# THANKYOU

## **NEW BRONZE SPONSOR** ATHLETIX SPORTS INJURY

egacy Park would like to give a huge thank you to our new Bronze Sponsor of the month: Athletix Sports Injury. Athletix is a sports chiropractic clinic that specializes in sports related injuries. We utilize functional movement, orthopedic and neuromuscular assessments to find the root cause of peak performance discrepancies. In conjunction, we utilize the gold standards in



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If you are interested in becoming a Legacy Park Sponsor, please email activitiesdirector@legacypark.org for more information.

## 2023 Legacy Park Sponsors

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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

One winner will be selected from each neighborhood, but there will only be one Grand Prize Winner

#### NOMINATE YOURSELF!

Nominate yourself or another home! Snap a photo of the house/yard, if possible. Email to: landscape@legacypark.org

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# 23 Pool Schedule





Open 6 am - 10 pm May 6 - September 4

#### LIFEGUARDS

May 6 - 21 Saturday - Sunday: 11:00 am - 9 pm

May 22 - July 31 Sunday - Thursday: 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Friday - Saturday 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

August 1 - September 4 Saturday - Sunday 11:00 am to 9:00 pm Labor Day: 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

#### POOL CLOSED

May 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23 4:00 - 7:00 pm

May 22 - June 30 Monday - Friday: 7:30 am - 11:00 am

> May 25: 5 pm June 1: 4 pm June 9: 5 pm une 15:4 pm June 29: 4 pm

LULI WATER POOL Open 6 am - 9 pm May 6 - September 4

Lifeguards May 6 - 23 Saturday - Sunday: 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm

> May 24 - July 31 Daily Lullwater: 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm

August 1 - September 4 Saturday - Sunday: 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm Labor Day: 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm

QUIET POOL Open 6 am - 10 pm May 6 - September 4

Swim at Your Own Risk No Lifequards Must be 16+ or Supervised by 16+ adult

WINTERTHUR POOL Open 6 am - 9 pm May 7 - September 4

Swim at Your Own Risk No Lifeauards Must be 16+ or Supervised by 16+ adult

No Lifeguards on Duty? Swim at Your Own Risk All swimmers must be 16+ or Supervised by 16+ person



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#### Month **Date Event Time Every Month** 2nd Tuesday Story Time 10-11 AM July Tuesday 4th Spirit of America - 4th of July Celebration 5-10 PM July Friday 28th Back to School Pool Party 6-9 PM September Fri 15th & Sat 16th Garage Sale 10-2 PM & 8-2 PM September Friday 15th **Summer Concert** 7-9 PM Fri 22nd & Sat 23rd 6 PM - 8 AM September **Fall Family Campout** Friday 6th DUSK October Family Movie Night October Saturday 21st Fall Festival 10-2 PM October Saturday 21st Chili Cook-Off 4-7 PM November Friday 10th Veteran Day Lunch 11 AM- 1 PM November Saturday 18th Pictures with Santa 10-2 PM December Friday 1st **Christmas Tree Lighting** 6-8 PM 7-10 PM December Thursday 7th Ladies Night In 8:30 & 10 AM December Saturday 9th Santa Breakfast Neighborhood Sleigh Ride DUSK December Thursday 14th



#### LEGACY PARK CLEAN-UP DAY

#### WEDNESAY, JULY 5TH 9:00 AM

Join your neighbors in helping to keep Legacy Park beautiful. Thank you, Kristina Bouterse of RealtyOne Group and Trevor Billings of Trevor Billings Books for hosting these clean-ups! Coffee and bags provided.

#### **TABLETOP GAMING CLUB MEETING**

#### WEDNESDAY, JULY 5TH 7:00 PM

Are you interested in Tabletop gaming? Join us for the monthly meeting on July in the clubhouse. There will be a presentation on the history of tabletop gaming and some guided discussion around various scales, periods and themes. For more information, find us on Facebook: Legacy Park Tabletop Gaming Club

#### **STORYTIME**

#### TUESDAY, JULY 11TH 10 AM

It's Christmas in July here at Legacy Park. Come join us at the Clubhouse for How the Crayons Saved Christmas followed by a craft and a snack. This is the third part of our four-part series led by our own Activities Director, Michelle Melton. Feel free to wear your Christmas attire.



#### LP LADIES BUNCO NIGHT

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 19TH** 7:00 - 10 PM

Join the LP Bunco group at the LP Clubhouse for a fun night of Bunco! Bunco is a dice game played with twelve or more players, divided into groups of four, trying to score points

while taking turns rolling dice in a series of six rounds. For those new to the game, come on out and the "experienced players" will teach you. Bring: \$5 cash, Finger Food or Dessert to share & Your drink for the night. (The \$5 is split between the winners.)

#### **COMMUNITY DAY**

#### **THURSDAY, JULY 20TH 6-8 PM**

The Legacy Park Business Club, in partnership with the Kennesaw Police Department, is hosting a funfilled event for all. So come out and enjoy our community. Food, fun, and emergency vehicles

#### **BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY**

#### FRIDAY, JULY 28TH

6:00-9:00 PM

This is a family friendly event. A Legacy Park I.D is required for those over 12 years old. Children under 12 years old must be accompanied by an adult. Enjoy the DJ, games, food, and have a great time with your friends.

#### **WEEKLY EVENTS**

#### TWIRL CLASS

#### TUESDAYS, JULY 11TH, 18TH, 25TH 4:15-5:15 PM

Do you have a child that loves to dance, sparkle and twirl? If so, come join our Legacy Park Baton Twirling Team, coached by UGA alumni majorette, Murphy Ortiz. Students will learn basic baton twirling, tosses, dance, bodywork, and have fun learning and performing routines to lively music at Legacy Park sporting events. First child \$17/lesson; siblings half price per lesson. Contact Murphy at emurphyortiz@gmail.com to sign up.

#### LP BUSINESS NETWORKING CLUB

#### **THURSDAYS 8:30 AM**

Are you a business owner, sales rep,

manager, marketing specialist or in the role to grow a business? Join us! Open to all residents who want to grow their businesses and support their neighbors' businesses. Meet weekly at the clubhouse for networking, business building & brainstorming. This is a FREE group for residents. Join the "Legacy Park Business" page on Facebook to stay in the know! Let's grow together!

#### MUSIC AND MOVEMENT

#### THURSDAYS JULY 6, 13, 20, 27TH 10-11:00 AM

Family Music & Movement (infants to any age, 2 instructors) Bring all the kids, friends, grandparents to enjoy various genres, instruments, & music literacy at all levels. Fee per class: \$10/child, \$5/adult

#### **MORNING YOGA**

#### MONDAYS, JULY 3RD, 10TH, 17TH, 24TH, 31ST 9:00 AM

Start the morning off with an instructor led yoga class every Monday. Bridget Maddocks will lead you in stretching and holding poses. Go at your own pace and modify if needed.

Bring: Mat, Blocks (if you need them), Towel and Water

> Cost: \$10 payable to Bridget Maddocks (cash or Venmo)

#### **EVENING YOGA**

#### THURSDAYS, JULY 13TH, 20TH, 27TH 7:00 PM

Wind down with your neighbors in an instructor led on Thursday night. Julia Townsend will lead you in stretching and holding poses. Go at your own pace and modify if needed.

Bring: Mat, Blocks (if you need them), Towel and Water

Cost: \$10 payable to Julia Townsend (cash or Venmo)





The Legacy Park Business Club, in partnership with the Kennesaw Police Department, is hosting a fun filled event for all. So come out and enjoy our community.

Food, fun & emergency vehicles!

There is NO cost and will be located at the Amphitheater

Sponsored by your local community leaders:



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## FOOD





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293 is an experienced high-energy party band that performs classic and contemporary dance, pop, and rock hits that will have your guests singing along and moving on the dance floor. 293 is a group of seasoned pro musicians who have been playing together for many years in live venues around Atlanta and the east coast.

3:30PM

Field opens for chairs or blankets to save a spot. Please refrain

from coming before 3:30 pm. We have vendors with trucks on the field and items will get run over if placed down beforehand.

4:30PM

**Gates Open** 

5-9PM

Jumpies/DJ/Yard Games

**293 Band** 

9:00PM

Firework show





#### **VIP TABLES**

Sold Out - please email if you would like to be placed on the wait list

- \$250 / Table
- Each table includes: 10 chairs & Tablecloth Bag of July 4th SWAG Access VIP trailer/bathroom, Hospitality tent (snacks/water)

#### **\$5 PER GUEST WITH** A LEGACY PARK RESIDENT

Guest passes can be purchased in advance June 1- July 1st through the website or link through Constant Contact. Pick up / Purchase tickets in the office. Payment can be made at time of purchase/pickup or through your homeowner portal.

All residents 12 and over must have a Legacy Park ID to get into the event. Replacement IDs can be purchased in the office for \$10 each.

No dogs & No glass allowed



#### **GOLF CART ANNOUNCEMENT**

We have exciting news to bring to you: Golf Cart Parking will be available at the July 4th event. It will be located to the right of the portal.

We have heard your requests and are happy to announce that Sweet Peas Play will provide our baby and toddler entertainment for our July 4th, 2023 celebration. Sweet Peas Play is a mobile soft play company that is safe and suitable for babies and toddlers. While the big kids play, we are making sure that at this celebration, the young babies will have their day as well. We can't



wait for you all to stop by Sweet Peas Play. Please remember this area is exclusively for babies and toddlers, children older than that age will not be permitted to play in the area.

#### **SWEET PEAS PLAY RULES AND REGULATIONS:**

- No shoes may be worn in the play area. All children must have socks or may purchase socks at \$5.00 a pair.
- Children will play for up to 20 minutes in groups of 15-20 kids.
- Please respect and adhere to the instructions of the Sweet Pea Play staff during the event



# MORE SPIRT OF AMERICA INFO

#### **GUEST PASSES:**

Can be purchased in the office for \$5 per person for adults & children ages 2+ by July 1st (10 am-2 pm)

Guest passes go on SALE JUNE 26th, 2023

#### **OFFICE OPEN:**

In lieu of being open on July 1st, the HOA office will be closed that day and stay open late on June 28th until 8 pm for anyone who needs an ID made.

#### COST:

This event is FREE to residents. However, you MUST have your Legacy Park ID for admission.

> **ALL FAMILY MEMBERS** 12 + MUST HAVE IDS

Resident guests are welcome to attend. See Guest passes information for details. No bills larger than \$20 please. DO NOT FORGET YOUR LP ID -RESIDENTS WITHOUT IDS WILL BE CHARGED \$20.00 PER FAMILY, NO **EXCEPTIONS!** 

ADMISSION TO THE TOWN GREEN **BEGINS AT 5 PM** 

#### **ENTRY:**

Please ENTER our Spirit of America Celebration via the Palisades Portal. This path can also be reached from the trail leading from the Main Pool parking

Handicapped Parking: is located at the Palisades Portal except in the area marked Emergency Vehicles/ Drop off location only.

Please be aware that all handicapped parking is on a first-come, first-serve basis.

#### NO ENTRY:

Entry to the Town Green will NOT be allowed at Lullwater or the Baseball Field

The Cobb County Fire Marshall rules & regulations prohibit access within 300 feet of the fireworks.

In addition, no one will be permitted to exit this area of Town Green until after the show.

Everyone must observe this rule for the safety of all.

Violating this guideline could result in loss of amenity privileges and entrance into the event.

#### WHAT TO BRING:

- Legacy Park ID with 2023
- Cash (food, drinks, etc.)
- · Sunscreen, Bug Spray, Hats, Camera, Blankets, Chairs, Flashlights, Sunglasses, Ice Chests, etc.
- Bring your government-issued IDs

#### **WHAT NOT TO BRING:**

- NO UMBRELLAS
- NO GLASS BOTTLES
- NO DOGS
- NO TENTS OR TABLES ARE ALLOWED OTHER THAN THOSE PROVIDED BY THE HOA.

#### WHERE TO SIT:

The tables are for sponsors and residents who have purchased them. Please do not set up blankets and chairs inside the Amusement Area.

#### TRASH:

Trash bags will be handed out at Admissions.

Please do your part to keep Legacy Park's Town Green clean.

#### IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY:

Locate one of the Kennesaw Police Department officers who will be on-site for assistance.

#### SPONSORS:

Many of our GOLD sponsors will be here; please stop by and visit them. Without their generous contributions, our Spirit of America Celebration and other events

would not be possible throughout the year. Please take a moment to show your appreciation.

#### PARENTS:

Please take a moment to set up a meeting spot for your family - we don't want any lost parents this year. Let your children know that if they get lost, they should go to the First Aid Tent to let someone know, and we can make an announcement or locate one of the Kennesaw Police Officers on duty.

#### **ALCOHOL SERVICE**

We are excited to announce that Bar North will again be serving beverages (21+). Bring your government-issued IDs. You will need to show it every time you visit their tent.

#### THINGS TO REMEMBER ON JULY 4TH:

- DO NOT BRING YOUR CHAIRS UNTIL 3:30 DAY OF THE EVENT
- NO DOGS/ NO GLASS BOTTLES/ NO UMBRELLAS or
- Admission for guests \$5
- Must have LP ID for Free Admission
- · Guest tickets may be purchased until June 30th
- No bills larger than \$20, please
- IDs will NOT be made on July 4th

#### **CAUTION: FOR YOUR SAFETY**

July 3, The Town Green will be CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC (Foot/Bike/Dog) for Spirit of America!

> Spirit of America entrance & exit: PALISADES PORTAL ONLY







#### NORTH COBB WARRIORS Always Improving & Never Settling Experience the Warrior Way Any Student grades 1-8 Bring your own cleats, sneakers, water bottle COST COACHES Tom Clark - OC Robert Ingram - OL Tyler Queen - WR REGISTER Mitch Henghold - DC northcobbfootball.com Donte Sawyer - WR Register by June 29 Jude Blessington - DB to ensure a camp t-shirt Matt Tener -Michael Dillard - DL Oscar Guererro - TE QUESTIONS Nick Snowdern- CB robert.ingram@cobbk12.org David Sidler - RB

You are invited of join the back-to-back region championship varsity coaching staff led by Coach Shane Queen and several players for 3 days of skills, drills and Warrior Football.

July 18-20 6pm-8pm

North Cobb High School Stadium







## **FOOD TRUCK**

mni Flava's will be our food truck for our Back-to-School Family Pool Party! Look at their awesome menus. We hope you enjoy them as much as we think you will.



**CHECK OUT** THE MENU **BELOW!** 













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It was a fantastic turnout for our Legacy Park Clean-Up Day. Thank you to everyone who pitched in. We had so many young ones: boy scouts, girl scouts, friends, and awesome parents. THANK YOU!! We couldn't have had such a successful event without each and every one of you. Come and enjoy the speaker of the week or gain new knowledge from one of our workshops.

LEGACY PARK CLEAN-UP DAY















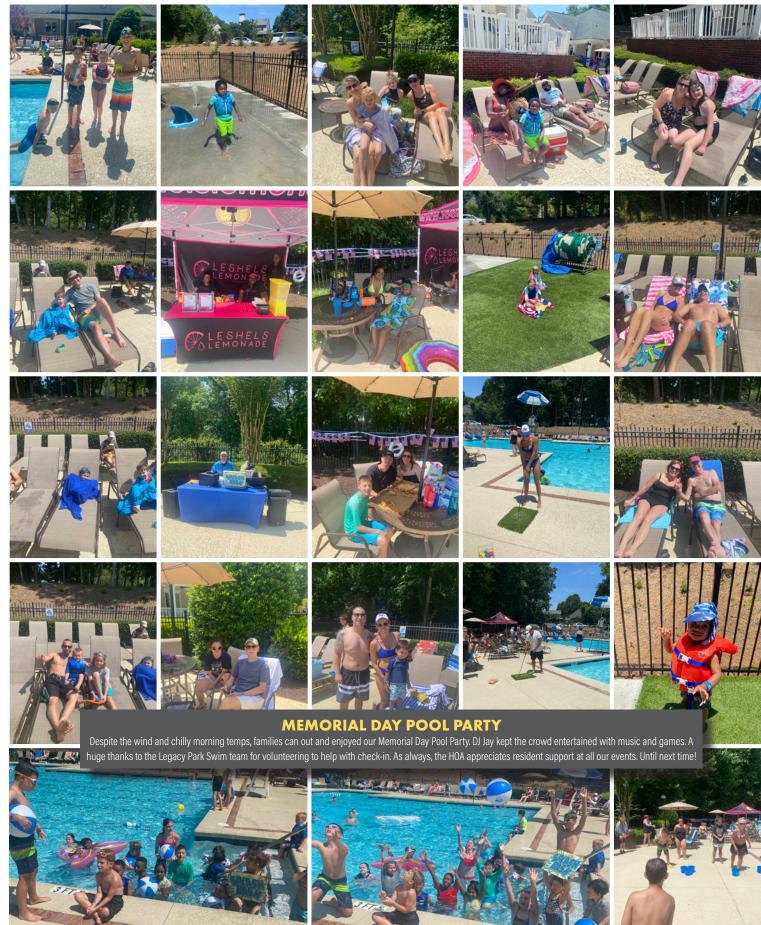


#### **STORYTIME**

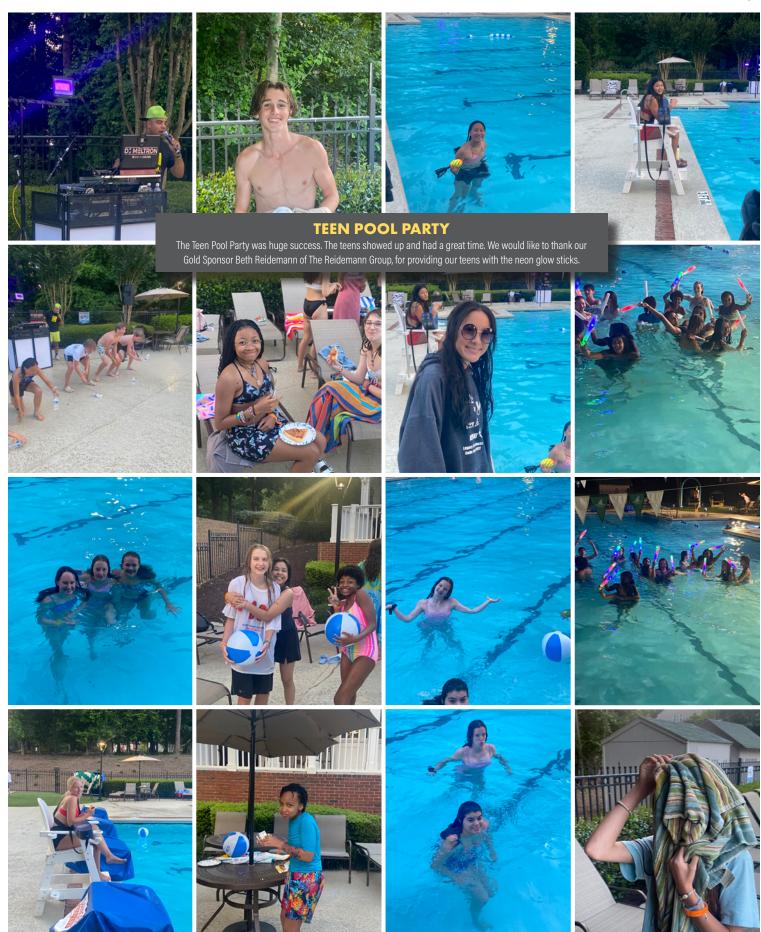












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#### **YOUTH POOL PARTY**

What a time was had by all at the Youth Pool Party on May 25th., 2023. We had 189 youth ages 8-12 participate. DJ Meltron kept the party going and the kids enjoyed the games. The HOA would like to thank all of our parent volunteers for this event, without whom it would not have been possible to run such a smooth and successful pool party.

















PROPERTY ADDRESS:

OWNER NAME:

#### LEGACY PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

#### RETURN THIS FORM TO LEGACY PARK HOA - ARC MODIFICATION

4201 Legacy Park Circle, Kennesaw, GA 30144 Tel: 770-919-2556 / modifications@legacypark.org

DATE:

PHONE:

#### **Architectural Review Committee "ARC" Request for Modification**

I understand this application is based upon and sets forth requirements found in the Declarations of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions (CCRs) for Legacy Park and the Design Standards.

EMAIL ADDRESS:			
USE SEI  Applications: The Application must be a other information necessary to present to be considered incomplete and your applications.	the ARC. An application submit	nents, photos, drawings, butted without all required do	ocumentation will
ARC Standards: The standards for approximation; (2) materials to be used; (3) of the existing dwelling, lot, and structure	3) compliance with the design gu	idelines; (4) harmony with	the external design
Appeals: The Association allows appeal office in accordance with the Association		nust be submitted in writing	ng to the HOA
IS THIS AN AMENITY LOT? YES or back of your home if you own an amenit Legacy Park Boulevard, park area, neigh	ty lot – including "line of sight" f		
☐ Painting ☐ Doors / Windows ☐ Fence	<ul><li>☐ Roof Replacement</li><li>☐ Landscaping</li><li>☐ Tree Removal</li></ul>	☐ Pool or Spa ☐ Decks / Pat ☐ Other	
HOMEOWNER RELEASE: The home review and approval of any application is ARC shall bear any responsibility for ensensuring compliance with building codes committee, or member of any of the foregmanner or quality of approved modificating applicable licenses and permits have been	s made on the basis of aesthetic consuring the structural integrity or so or other governmental requirements going shall be held liable for any ions to any Unit. Homeowner fur	onsiderations only, and ne- oundness of approved modents. Neither the Associati- injury, damages, or loss and ther represents and verifies	ither the HOA nor diffications, nor for on, the Board, any rising out of the s that all
By signing this application, I have read, t	understand, and agree to the Hom	eowner Release printed ab	oove.
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#### Architectural Review Committee "ARC" Request for Modification

Other Doors Garage Doors	
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**Doors** / Windows: Include (a) photos of your house & windows and/or doors to be replaced; (b) a manufacturer's brochure with the contractor's work order describing the windows; (c) a photo of the requested windows and/or doors; (d) proposed color of the door. All windows must be single or doublehung, sliders are not approved. All windows must match, either all grids or no grids.

Fence: Include (a) photos of your house and yard; (b) pictures of the proposed fence; (c) details of the fence: height, style, measurements, materials, and color; and (d) a sketch for the fenced area on a plat. You are required to maintain all your property, including areas outside of your fence.

Roof Replacement: Include (a) photos of your house; (b) manufacturer name, materials, color; and (c) a sample of the shingle.

Landscape: Include (a) photos of your house and landscape area; (b) types of material to be used, i.e., shrubs, redesign, etc.; (c) a drawing with plant placement along with "example" color picture/photo of the proposed plants.

**Tree Removal:** Apply for a permit through the City of Kennesaw and provide that approval to the HOA. Plan to plant a tree somewhere on your property to replace the one removed.

Pool or Spa: Include (a) design by pool installer; (b) samples and/or photos to identify the type of material to be used for pool/spa, decking, etc., and (c) a plat showing the location on your property where the pool/spa and equipment will be placed.

Other Exterior Modifications: Deck, Screened in Porch, Gazebo/pergola, Play Equipment, Retaining Walls – Plat with a drawing of property including footage from the property line to the proposed structure, drawings, sample photo w/size and detail.



## REQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### Where is the HOA administrative office?

It is located at ground level of the Legacy Park Clubhouse.

#### When does the Board of Directors meet?

On the 4th Tuesday of each month in the evening at the Clubhouse. All homeowners are welcome to attend.

#### How do I obtain an amenity ID card and current stickers?

Amenity tag stickers are distributed, by mail, in the spring of each year, if dues are paid in full. The ID card with a current sticker allows homeowners access to all of Legacy Park's common area and amenities. To get the ID card, please complete the form on our website under the Resident tab prior to stopping by the HOA office.

#### How many guests can I have?

Up to (4) guests are allowed per resident over the age of 18 for use of the Trails, Town Green, Playgrounds, Amphitheater, Bandstand and Baseball Field.

Up to (2) guests will be allowed per resident over the age of 18 for the use of the Swimming Pools, Tennis Courts, Volleyball Court and Basketball Court.

Unaccompanied children between the ages of 12 and 18 are allowed only one (1) guest while on LP property and when using the amenities.

Unaccompanied children between 12 and 15 cannot have a guest younger than themself.

Guests are considered to be non-LP residents. LP residents that have had their privileges revoked cannot come as a guest of another resident.

A LP resident must accompany guests while on the common properties or while using any of the amenities. Long term guest (persons visiting for more than two weeks) may obtain a guest pass from the HOA office.

#### How do I reserve an amenity for a private event?

Amenity Reservation forms are available on our website.

Clubhouse - FAQ/Amenities/Clubhouse

Amphitheater/Bandstand/Town Green/Baseball - FAQ/ Amenities/Amenity Reservation Form

#### Where do I get a copy of the Design Q Standards and Community Rules & Regulations?

Your Welcome Packet includes them! To assure you have the most updated version, please visit Legacy Park's website at www.legacypark.org under FAQ.

#### Who is responsible for upholding the Design Standards and Covenants?

Every homeowner is expected to maintain his or her property in a manner consistent with all applicable covenants. Refer to the Declaration of Covenants: Articles IV, V and XI. It is required that a modification application be approved by the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) before any changes are made to the exterior of your home, i.e. landscaping, painting, etc. Refer to Design Standards for additional information and restrictions. All violations of the Covenants or Design Standards may be assessed penalties.

#### What modifications do I need to get Q approval for?

Approval is needed for anything you do on the exterior of your home and property, front and back. This includes all landscaping, paint (even if painting the same color), new door, new roof, new windows, fence, patio, trampoline, etc. If you are not sure if it needs approval, please contact the HOA office.

#### When are Homeowner Assessments Q

They are due annually by January 1st. An invoice will be sent prior to this date; however, as stated in our covenants, not receiving an invoice is not a valid reason for not paying your assessments. Refer to Declaration of Covenants-Article X. A 10% late fee will apply for payment received after January 31st and interest will accrue on the assessment with a late charge at an annual rate of 7%.

#### What happens if I don't pay my Q **Homeowners Assessments?**

As mentioned above, there will be a 10% late fee and interest will accrue on the assessment with a late charge at an annual rate of 7%. Also, suspension of all Owners' rights to access or use any of the Legacy Park common areas, amenities and any Legacy Park supported events will occur. The HOA also reserves the right to take legal action, including but not limited to, liens against the property.

#### Who is responsible for what?

Each week the HOA office receives many calls wanting to know if the HOA is responsible for a specific area. Here is a brief rundown of some of the more common questions.

Amenity and Common Areas: These areas are owned and maintained by the Legacy Park HOA. The dues paid by each homeowner contribute to the upkeep of these areas: The main Legacy Park entrance, the area along Legacy Park Boulevard, Lake Legacy, the area along Legacy Park Circle, the neighborhood entrances and monuments, Town Green, neighborhood playgrounds, Town Club, Pools, Pump Houses, Amphitheater, Tennis Courts, Basketball Court, Baseball field, Walking Trails, Bridges, Picnic Grove and the Bandstand. To report a problem in one of these areas contact the HOA office.

Streets & Sidewalks: All of the streets within Legacy Park are owned and maintained by the City of Kennesaw. The KPD has the right to ticket and/or tow any car illegally parked on the street or sidewalk. The non-emergency number for the KPD is 770-422-2505.

Streetlights: The ornamental streetlights and the lights at the common areas are maintained by the HOA. To report an outage, contact the HOA (if the pole is numbered, please provide this information). The "cobra head" streetlights are owned and maintained by Georgia Power or Cobb EMC depending on who provides the power in the area. To report a light problem, contact GA Power at 888-655-5888 or Cobb EMC at 770-249-2100 or visit their websites and report an outdoor lighting issue.

Trees along neighborhood streets: The homeowner is the owner of the trees that are planted in the neighborhoods between the street and the sidewalk. It is the responsibility of the individual homeowner to prune these trees on a regular basis. The city recommends that you remove any branches growing at a height lower than 6 feet.

Power Lines: Georgia Power owns the high voltage power lines that run through Legacy Park. Legacy Park owns the property and Georgia Power has an easement. Both the HOA and Georgia Power take care of cutting the grass and maintaining the land that the lines are located on. If there is an issue, contact the HOA Office.

Storm Water Drainage Areas: These areas that run between neighborhoods and at the back of homeowner's lots are generally owned by the individual homeowner. Each homeowner should refer to the plat of their property for further clarification. However, if a major drainage problem exists with the drain itself the homeowner should contact the HOA office and we can direct you to the proper authorities to address the issue (Cobb County Water or the City of Kennesaw).



## TRAVEL SOCCER WRAP UP

From a crazy idea and humble beginnings to the completion of our most successful season yet. Look at how we have grown: Our original 2019 team. Our Spring 2023 undefeated U14 Division Champs. Our Spring 2019 U19 Ladies Division Champs. Our Spring 2023 U19 Men's Division Champs. Our Spring 2023 U16 Atlanta Season Finale. Congrats to our U16 Leopards for bringing home the 1st place trophy for LP at the Atlanta Season Finale tournament in Peachtree City in May. Talent, leadership, work ethic, and sheer will. It truly takes a village.













## **LEGACY PARK** SOCCER CLUB TRYOUTS

SATURDAY, JULY 1 10 AM LP TOWN GREEN SOCCER FIELD

AGE GROUPS

U19 Lions: Players born in 2005-2007 Ul9 Lady Lions: Players born in 2005-2007 U16 Leopards: Players born in 2008-2009 U14 Cheetahs: Players born in 2010 and younge

Boys and girls encouraged to try out!

Please let us know if you'll be attending tryouts by emailing the players name,
DOB and parent contact information to legacyparksoccerclub@legacypark.org.

COME READY TO SCRIMMAGE! WEAR CLEATS & SHINGUARDS AND BRING WATER.

## TRAVEL SOCCER **TRYOUTS**

Attention soccer players interested in becoming a part of our amazing LP travel soccer program! We are hosting open tryouts on July 1st, 2023 at 10 am at the Legacy Park Town Green (soccer fields). Tryouts are scrimmage style. Players should come ready to play with cleats, shin guards, and water. Please let us know if you'll be attending tryouts. Email the player's name, DOB, and parent contact information to legacyparksoccerclub@legacypark.org.



## **LEGACY PARK TENNIS TEAMS UP WITH** UNIVERSAL TENNIS MANAGEMENT

Legacy Park Tennis Operations to be managed by Atlanta-based Universal Tennis Management, a nationally recognized leader in Tennis Management, starting in August of 2023.

#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Legacy Park Tennis, a premier Club located in Kennesaw, Georgia, has entered into a partnership with local business Universal Tennis Management (UTM) to manage the beautiful Facility starting in August of 2023. Legacy Park has 10 full-size outdoor courts. In addition to these courts Legacy Park also has



Stewart Russell

4 permanent pickleball courts. Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the country, and the Legacy Park membership has shown great interest in this fast-paced game! UTM prides itself on growing the great sport of tennis in the metro Atlanta area, and they are excited to bring their expertise to the Legacy Park membership. UTM Partner Stewart Russell will oversee the transition and Kennesaw native Evan Stack will be the Director of Tennis. Stewart Russell is excited about the future at Legacy Park saying, "Legacy Park is a beautiful facility with a great membership base. We hope to build their programs and customer satisfaction to even greater levels than they have seen in the past. We can't wait to get in there and meet the wonderful people of Legacy Park!"



#### ABOUT UNIVERSAL TENNIS ACADEMY:

Universal Tennis Management (UTM) exists to promote the growth of adult and junior tennis.

We promote tennis through our world-class instruction, comprehensive programming, quality customer service, and extensive knowledge of club management and operations. UTM is committed

to instilling a positive impact on the community through ethical business practices, outreach activities, mentoring programs, and charitable endeavors. UTM Partners and Directors have over 290 years of tennis experience. They have been professional players, country club directors, college coaches, owners of an 11-court swim & tennis club and managers of both public and private facilities.

#### For Tennis Updates



Legacy Park Tennis



Legacy Park Junior Tennis www.LegacyPark.org/Sports/Tennis

#### **TENNIS INFO**

#### ADULT DROP IN DRILLS

#### FRIDAYS (9:30-11AM)

7/7,7/14,7/21 With Coach Evan and Stewart \$15 per drill

#### JUNIOR EVALUATIONS

Saturday 7/8 and 7/15RSVP to evanstack@utatennis.com

#### PICKLEBALL DRILLS

#### JUNIORS (AGES 6+)

Mondays: 4:30-5:30PM \$10/drill (drop-in)

#### **ADULTS**

Sundays: 10-11 AM \$10/Drill (drop-in) Mondays: 5:30-6:30 PM \$10/Drill (drop-in) Wednesdays: 6-7:00PM \$10/Drill (drop-in)



#### Wanting access to reserve a tennis or pickleball court?

We utilize a reservation system called ReserveMyCourt.com Please set up a user account from their website and select Legacy Park as your home courts. We'll approve all RESIDENTS in good standing within 72 hours.





League Apps will be our communication tool through the registration process and the season. Registration closes August 4th, 2023.

#### **FALL SCHEDULE**

Times are different for each group: September 9th September 16th NO GAMES September 23rd/30th due to Fall

October 7th

October 14th

October 21 st

October 30th

EOS Party Final Game November 4th

Location practices/games-Town Green

#### DIVISIONS

Our program's divisions align with the other large recreational programs in Georgia. We will offer U5, U6, U8, and U12



#### T-BALL FALL **2023 SEASON**

#### **FALL SCHEDULE**

September 17

No games on September 24 or October 1st due

to Fall Break

October 8

October 15

October 22

October 29

November 5 Last Game

T-Ball in Legacy Park is for BOTH boys and girls! Legacy Park T-Ball league is for Legacy Park

## **FALL T-BALL AND SOCCER REGISTRATION OPENS JULY 4TH, 2023**

Now is the time to register your child for our Fall Season. Please visit www.legacypark.org/sports or email

activititesdirector@legacypark.org for more information.







# PARENT COACHES NEEDED











## **WANT HELP STAYING COOL? GET OUT YOUR LAWN MOWER...**

#### I recently received the following question.

Dave - In an effort to make our a/c unit less conspicuous in the backyard my wife has allowed plants to grow up around it. I tried to tell her that this is potentially bad for the unit but she doesn't agree.

We've agreed to let you decide. Help! John in Lithia Springs

So, first of all - this is what I really love, the entire sanctity of a marriage hinging on my word.

Sorry wife, I'm on John's side on this one and here's why.

Your a/c unit needs to be able to breathe. It takes fresh air in on the sides and exhausts hot air out of the top. It also needs room to be services and washed.

Therefore your unit should be clear of any obstructions, from plants to more permanent structures like a fence or your house for at least 18" on every side.

Not only that, but in case someone thinks you should build a deck over the unit, there should be at least 5 ft. of clearance on the top of the unit as

So John, keep the area around your a/c unit clean and clear of debris. If you want to make your wife happy, feel free to plant and maintain some nice shrubbery about 3 ft. away from the unit.

Just make sure you leave room for the service man to get to your unit. Also leave room for your tent so that you will have a place to sleep.



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year, courtesy of our area's warm and humid conditions. But sometimes, these pop up storms can be strong enough to produce wind damage -- including downed trees and powerlines. Some of the worst weather of the year can occur

in the late spring and summer months as these storms produce torrential downpours as well as frequent lightning, and winds strong enough to topple trees.

But what makes a storm strong enough to be considered "severe"?

#### SEVERE STORM CRITERIA

A "bad storm" can be rather intense to drive through, and the thunder can be rather loud, but a thunderstorm is considered "severe" if it produces any of the following:

- ▶ Wind gusts 58 mph or greater (Why 58 mph? Because the traditional wind speed unit is knots, and 50 knots converts to 58
- Hail that is 1 inch in diameter or greater (the size of a U.S. quarter)
- Tornado(es)

### What are the main impacts from severe thunderstorms?

Lightning: While lightning is not a criterion for classifying a storm as severe, a "lightning jump" or large increase of lightning strikes in a short amount of time can signify a rapidly strengthening thunderstorm. These thunderstorms contain strong updrafts, or upward moving winds, that push water droplets and ice crystals higher in the atmosphere. Along the way, friction between the rain drops and ice crystals produce different static charges in the cloud, and lightning discharges the static electrical build up within the storm cloud. The more lightning strikes within a storm, the stronger the updrafts and more than likely the stronger the winds associated with the storm.

Wind Damage: High winds are the main impacts from severe thunderstorms. Wind gusts as high as 58 mph or greater have the potential to knock down and uproot trees, down power lines, and cause structural damage to homes and buildings.

Often, in the late spring and summer, damaging winds within a thunderstorm are due to downbursts, which are rapidly-moving downward columns of rain-cooled air.





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armer temperatures mean summer fun, but they also bring pests to the garden and landscape. Fortunately, gardeners and homeowners spend more time outside tending to things this time of year and are able to spot some of these common pests before they become a major issue! Here are just a few to defend against.

Nothing is more heart breaking than tending to summer vegetable plants and then having them ravaged in just a matter of days. While humidity in the South is inviting for many

diseases, especially on tomato plants, one thing gardeners can control is the **tomato** hornworm. This fat, green worm looks like something out of Alice in Wonderland, and it is anything but cute. Just one or two per tomato plant can strip it of its leaves in a matter of days. Rather than using a chemical, these guys can be plucked right off the plant by hand and then left for the birds to enjoy. Other than humans, some natural enemies to tomato hornworm are wasps and praying mantis, so you can often depend on nature to take its course.

To prevent damage by tomato hornworm, gardeners must scout plants carefully every few days, as the pest's green color blends right in with leaves. A full sized tomato hornworm is typically an inch and a half to two inches long. If infestations are great, Bacillus thuringiensis (Bt) sprays are acceptable for organic control.

A favorite plant for Japanese beetles are roses, but this pest will feed on many ornamental plants and even trees throughout the summer. They're easily identified by their iridescent green color, and the damage they cause is hard to ignore. They eat leaves down to just the veins, leaving them looking skeletonized. The effectiveness of using the yellow Japanese beetle traps is debated because, while trapping some, it may also draw a large, unwanted population to the landscape. Place the traps away from susceptible plants, and remove the trap once it's got activity on it. Chemical control is

> is difficult. Read and follow pesticide labels for application amounts and timing to mitigate the risk to other, desirable insects.

possible to suppress them, but elimination

Noticing yellow or browning in spots of the lawn, or perhaps soft, spongy spots? This can be damage by chipmunks, birds, and especially moles, which feed on earthworms

underground. Most creatures dig up spots in the grass, but moles tunneling underneath certainly affect larger areas in the lawn by pushing soil up! Their tunnels can span an entire yard. Reducing watering and stomping the tunnels down to redirect moles are often effective methods, but are ones that need constant attention. Traps are available to stop them from tunneling, but caution must be used and the homeowner educated so as to not harm or injure the wrong animal.

April and May brought thousands of questions into county extension offices statewide about strange, toothpick-like growths coming out of the trunks of many trees- commonly figs, crape myrtles and maples. Ambrosia beetle bores into unhealthy, often weakened and thin-barked trees around the turn of spring, and what is seen along the trunk is the sawdust kicked out of the holes they've bored. Over the summer, a second generation will emerge from affected tree trunks to scout out more trees to continue their lifecycle. Once this damage is spotted, it is important to cut away the affected limbs or trunks and remove and either bag or burn them. Proper tree care, health, and maintenance are the best defenses against problems like this. Certified arborists can also be consulted about preventative sprays for vulnerable trees.

And finally, there's not a person on this planet who cares formosquitoes as they try and enjoy summer fun! Keys to reducing mosquitoes are eliminating standing water in common areas and in clogged gutters and using Mosquito Dunks in desired water, like ponds and birdbaths. They're deemed safe for birds and fish. Consider an oscillating fan while relaxing outdoors. And rather than treating your entire outdoor area, treat yourself with repellents like Off, Deet or Skin So Soft. Lastly, make some adjustments to how you get dressed! Avoid dark clothing and strongly scented soaps. Apparently that's what they're most attracted to. Who knew?!



Ashley Frasca is host of the radio show Green and Growing, heard on 95.5 WSB Radio every Saturday from 6-9:00 a.m. For gardening tips, information, and advice, follow her Facebook page: Facebook.com/greenandgrowingwsb



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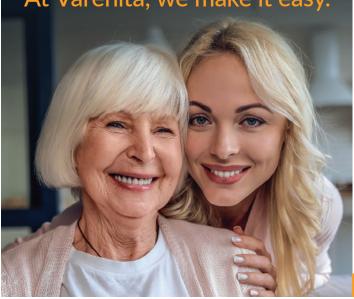
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