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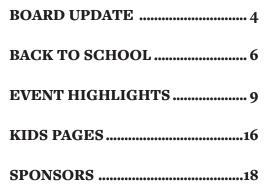


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BOARD UPDATE

Dear Neighbors,

As the lazy days of summer draw to a close and the excitement of a new school year fills the air, we are reminded of the beauty of new beginnings and the joy of learning. August marks a time of transition for many of us in Woodmont, as we trade in our beach towels for backpacks and pool days for school days.

In the spirit of this season of change and growth, we, your neighborhood board, are excited to share the latest updates and plans designed to enhance our community. Just as students eagerly prepare for a fresh academic year, we too have been diligently working behind the scenes to ensure Woodmont remains a vibrant and welcoming place for all our residents.

As shared in the most recent board meeting, here are the latest updates:

- Fence repairs have commenced
- Chapel Valley has replaced dying flowers in numerous areas, is working on repairing irrigation in one area, and have recently cleaned up detention ponds as part of regular maintenance
- No current beaver activity at The Grove has been noted during recent assessment
- Backflow testing will be performed soon
- We are waiting on updated quotes to proceed with landscaping installation at the Gaddis / Greyfield / Grandmar intersection
- The green space at the Enclave was recently freshened up and repairs made to the walkway
- Kudzu in the Views has been cut back and we are working on a plan for continual maintenance
- New features are being added to the Woodmont Word - if you have any suggestions or requests for content, please reach out to communications@ hoawoodmont.com and note the following:
 - What CAN be accepted: Neighbor-submitted articles, neighborhood events, pickle ball teams, book clubs, bunco groups, bible studies, group fitness, etc
 - What CANNOT be accepted: any business advertising, rental or real estate listings, etc - for these things, you must reach out to the publisher directly

- We extend a hearty thanks to neighbors who have already stepped forward with not only suggestions but volunteering to contribute to the Woodmont Word
- We are currently discussing a plan to make upgrades to the pond at the Grove in order to allow for fishing and recreation
- We will be expanding the holiday lighting this year as part of a multi-year plan to spread out costs to bring updated holiday decor to the entire neighborhood
- There will be no board meeting in August
- The board will meet in September for a working session on the 2025 budget

This month, we focus on fostering a supportive environment for our young scholars and their families. Please flip through for information on a new peer-tutoring initiative intended to provide additional assistance to kids who may need or desire some additional help this school year.

Whether you're a parent sending your little one off to their first day of kindergarten, a high schooler gearing up for senior year, or a neighbor simply enjoying the buzz of renewed activity, there's something for everyone in our updates. Let's embrace this season of learning, growth, and community together.

Here's to a fantastic start to the school year and a wonderful month ahead in Woodmont!

BOARD EMAIL CHANGES:

We have recently migrated to Google Workspace for email service. One important reason for this is to retain ownership of all board-related email. Over the years, the standard practice has been for each board member to set up their own email address for board business. When members leave the board, they have retained that email address, as they own it. This has created a level of inconsistency and a loss of important communications over the last few years. It even creates cost in some cases, as legal communications are no longer accessible and the same issue has to be addressed again, incurring additional work. Per advice from legal counsel, we chose to require that board communications be maintained on our own domain. Further, our association legal counsel strongly advised that we a) standardize emails by position rather than individual names for uniformity and consistency, and b) that all communications funnel through our property manage-

ment company. We have been communicating to you regularly that Sixes is always your first point of contact. The reason for this is that individual board members have no authority to speak for the entire board, except when such authority is granted by the board as a whole. Legal liabilities can be created, even unintentionally, when there are multiple points of contact. Your updates on association matters should come from posted minutes, attending/listening to regular meetings, and Sixes. The only exceptions when homeowners should be reaching out directly to individual board members is a) to lodge a complaint against our property management company or b) when the matter is related to the Woodmont Word or of a social/community nature (i.e., graduation banners, garage sale, welcome baskets, community events, etc.). In some cases, board members may reach out to you when appropriate, typically related to a matter which pertains to their assigned role.

In the case of lodging a complaint about Sixes Property Management, that communication should be directed to president@hoawoodmont. com and for matters related to the Woodmont Word or community engagement, please email communications@hoawoodmont.com.

Thank you for understanding, as we are trying

to ensure the information you receive is consistent, reliable, and in accordance with best legal practices.

Woodmont HOA Board & Sixes Management

FROM SIXES MANAGEMENT

If you have not registered for portal access, we ask that you please do so at https://sixes.cincwebaxis. com. You can even download their user friendly app on your Google or Android device. See the infographic in this issue for more info and QR codes.

Also, we'd like to ask that you please whitelist this email address: donotreply@cincsystems. net, as this is the address you will receive system messages from such as meeting notices and other community-wide communications. If you think you may have missed a notice at any time, please check your spam/junk folders before reaching out about a missed notice.

Please also note that Sixes is your first point of contact for all questions and concerns. You may email woodmont@sixesmanagement.com or call 770-575-0943. The board@hoawoodmont.com email is no longer in use, so make sure that you are reaching out to Sixes for all property management concerns.

DUES UPDATE

ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS:

The second and final installment of your 2024 \$1200 annual HOA assessment was due May 1, 2024. The Board approved the option to split the payment in two equal payments of \$600 due February 1, and \$600 due May 1, 2024. Overdue accounts are subject to 18% per annum interest charges.

If you choose to pay your dues in two installments, the second installment of \$600 was due on May 1st. In addition to avoiding late interest charges, the other benefit to making sure your account is current is to ensure you have access to the pool and other amenities. Your keycard is subject to suspension if your account is overdue.

If you have any questions about the payment of your assessment, please reach out to Sixes Management at woodmont@sixesmanagment.com or 770-575-0943.



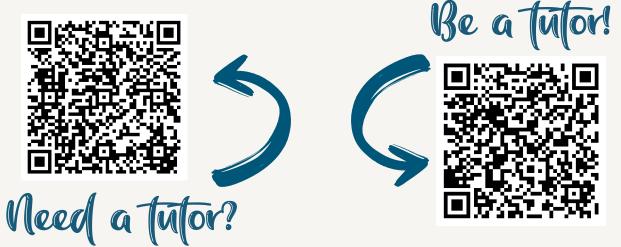
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SIXES MANAGEMENT GROUP

In order to close out financials each month, we must receive info from WG&CC in addition to other regular, monthly reconciliation duties. In order to give our accountant sufficient time to provide financials, the board will try to schedule regular meetings after the 17th of each month. This will allow the club time to get the necessary information to us to then allow time to close out financials. Approved financials are available on the Sixes homeowner portal.

Back is August 1st... School "...and we are welcoming you to participate in a peer tutoring initiative!

Are you a student who excels in various subjects? Would you like to share your expertise with the Woodmont community and help your neighbors' children succeed? If so, please complete this form to make your information available to those who may need your assistance.



Woodmont Neighbors: Here is the link you can use to find students in Woodmont who are available to help if your child needs tutoring throughout the year. This is a live link, so check back regularly as students can fill it out at any time, and it may be updated frequently.



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12th:	International Youth Day
19th:	World Humanitarian Day
21st:	National Senior Citizens Day
26th:	Women's Equality Day

Coming in September: Dear Woodmont Wilson

Got questions? Need advice? Who better to turn to than your friendly, wise, and slightly mysterious neighbor, Woodmont Wilson!

- Wondering how to navigate your neighbor's dog fertilizing your lawn without your consent?
- Puzzled by the pool conditions?
- Need a little advice on something personal or simply want to get something off your chest?

Woodmont Wilson is here to help!

Send in your questions, dilemmas, and conundrums to our anonymous advice column, and let Woodmont Wilson work his magic. No problem is too big, too small, or too bizarre.

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Wildlife Wisdom

from Georgia Wildlife Network



Hi Neighbors!

Some of you I met at our Woodmont Wildlife event, and others I met during the most famous lost dog search in Canton. I've lived in Woodmont with my family for ten years, and my children went to school with many of yours. In addition to my day job, I help with local lost dog rescues when time allows, and I lead the Georgia Wildlife Network team. Georgia Wildlife Network is a free educational resource that provides guidance on reuniting orphaned animals, helps you determine when it's time to intervene, and connects you to licensed rehabbers as needed. We also offer a volunteer transport service for injured and orphaned wildlife to licensed rehabbers across the state.

This time of year, we are still receiving a high volume of calls about wildlife of every species. Baby birds have left their nests, bunnies are out on their own, fawns are spending more time on the move with their moms, and every snake seen is assumed to be a copperhead. The next season of opossums and squirrels is arriving well ahead of schedule.

In the summer months, people are out and about, and so are the wild animals. If you see a fox, raccoon, bear, or coyote out during the daytime, please do not assume it has rabies or that something is wrong. Wildlife mamas are out during the day looking for food to take home to their kids, or their youngsters may be tagging along. They naturally want to avoid humans as much as possible. Please give them space so that they are not separated.

Every day, we see more property being cleared around us, roads being widened, and new houses being built, which means the animals have fewer places to make their own homes and fewer natural food sources. As you're outside enjoying the last weeks of summer, take a moment to embrace and appreciate the nature that surrounds you. While we may not live in the city, the country setting we once knew is dwindling. Let's enjoy it while we can.

If you find what may be injured or orphaned wildlife and need assistance, please text us at 404-954-0093. Our hotline is open 9am-8pm Mon-Sat and 9am-6pm on Sunday. For additional information, including how to become a volunteer, please visit our website at <u>www.GeorgiaWildlifeNetwork.com</u>.

Georgia Wildlife Network is a 501(c)(3) operated entirely by volunteers. We do not receive any pay, grants, or government funding. Everything we do is simply for the love of animals.

Heather Thomas Executive Director, Georgia Wildlife Network

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- Build Community: Help us make the Woodmont Word a reflection of our vibrant and diverse community.
- Get Recognized: Showcase your writing skills and get your name in print!

No experience? No problem! Whether you're a seasoned writer or a first-timer, we welcome all contributions.*

Interested? Reach out to us at communications@hoawoodmont.com with your ideas or questions. We can't wait to see what you'll bring to the Woodmont Word!

*All submissions will be reviewed to ensure they adhere to our community standards and contain no inappropriate material. Submissions may be edited for space and grammar. By submitting your content, you grant the Woodmont Word permission to reprint and distribute your work.

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School-Ready Hair: *Simple Routines for Busy Families*

by Cheney Morena

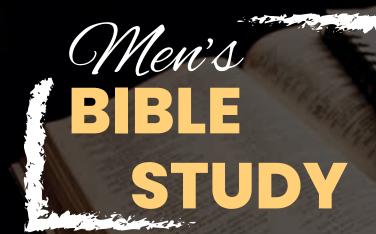
Going back to school can be a busy and stressful time, but taking care of your hair doesn't ⁽ have to be. With a few easy and quick hair care routines, you can look and feel your best without spending hours in front of the mirror. One simple tip is to invest in a good quality shampoo and conditioner that works for your hair type. This will help keep your hair healthy and strong while also making it easier to style.

Another quick and easy hair care routine is to use dry shampoo on days when you don't have time to wash your hair. Dry shampoo can help absorb excess oil and add volume to your hair, making it look fresh and clean without the need for a full wash. Additionally, using a leave-in conditioner or hair oil can help keep your hair moisturized and manageable throughout the day, especially if you have dry or frizzy hair. Simply apply a small amount to the ends of your hair, and you're good to go!

Do you have a little one just starting school or in elementary school? Peppermint and lavender essential oils or shampoos and conditioners can act as lice repellents. Wet brushes will help reduce breakage when brushing and are gentler when used with wet hair. Don't go to sleep with wet hair—it can lead to fungal infections like dandruff and dermatitis, as well as cause breakage. If you or your child suffer from breakage, try using more gentle hair ties such as scrunchies or spiral ties. Do you or your child suffer from tangles in the morning? Try silk pillowcases, which can help prevent tangles and make the morning routine faster.

Finally, don't forget to schedule regular trims to keep your hair looking its best. Trimming your hair at least twice a year can help prevent split ends and breakage, ensuring that your locks stay healthy and strong. Back to school is the perfect time to get a trim to help repair and fix any damage from summer activities like pools, sun, and wind. With these easy and quick hair care tips, you can spend less time worrying about your hair and more time focusing on school and other activities. Remember, taking care of yourself and your appearance is important, but it doesn't have to be complicated or time-consuming.

Have any questions? Please reach out, and I will be happy to help you with your hair journey and questions. You can reach me at @hairbycheney, call or text me at 678.650.0051, or head to my site: cheneymorena.glossgenius.com.



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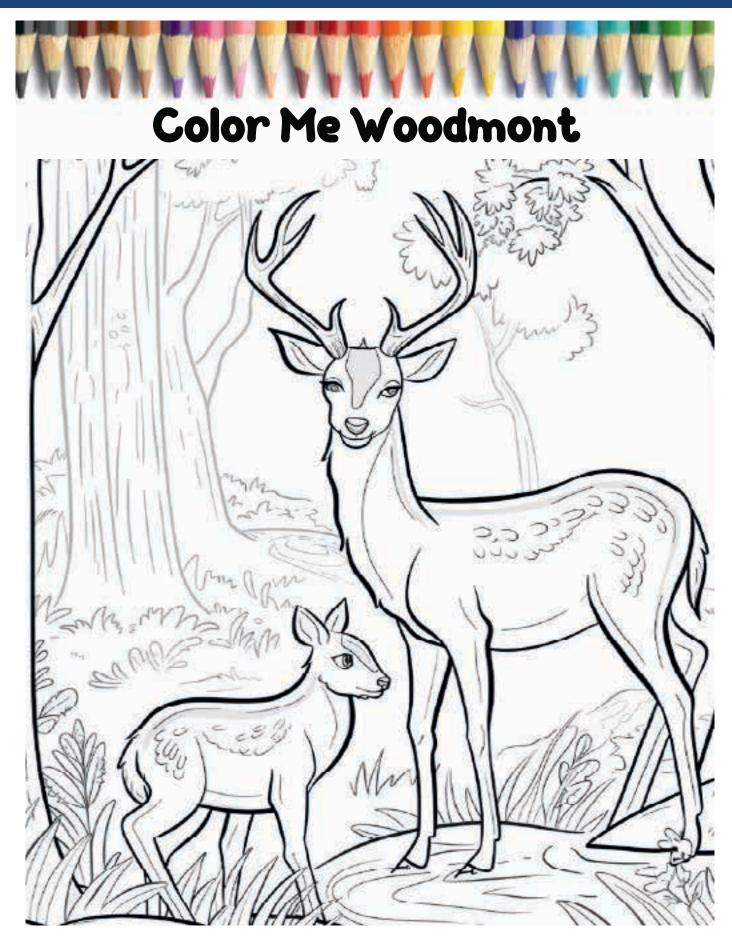


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Richard Weatherby District 2

Woodmont is situated in Districts 1 and 2. According to where you live within Woodmont, your commissioner is either Steve West or Richard Weatherby. Mill Creek is the line of demarcation. The Board of Commissioners is the governing authority in Cherokee County. To find meetings, minutes, ordinances, or to sign up for newsletters, please visit:

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What Is The Cherokee County Water and Sewerage Authority?

Most citizens think that Cherokee County Water and Sewerage Authority (CCWSA) is part of the Cherokee County Government, which is understandable because "Cherokee County" is in the name. However, CCWSA is not part of Cherokee County, has no taxing powers, and does not receive tax revenue from

county or city governments. CCWSA is a public not-for-profit, governmental entity tasked with providing drinking water and sanitary sewer services to Cherokee County.

You may hear CCWSA described as a quasi-governmental organization, which means organizations are in the private sector but have a public mandate to provide a given service. CCWSA was established as a subdivision of the government of the State of Georgia by an act of the Georgia Legislature in 1955. This Authority was created for the express purpose of providing public drinking water and sanitary sewer services to the citizens of Cherokee County. CCWSA has performed this mission since its establishment, adding infrastructure and treatment systems in response to growing demands for services.

Where does the revenue come from if CCWSA does not receive tax revenue from county or city governments? CCWSA sells the services of high-quality drinking water and efficient sewage conveyance and treatment, the charges for which go to pay ongoing operations and maintenance costs. New customer connection fees are designed to repay any amount the Authority borrows for capital improvement projects. These include new or expanded water and sewer lines or new or expanded treatment facilities.

Have you ever wondered who oversees decisions at CCWSA? A seven-person Board of Directors governs CCWSA. The Board members are representative of the citizens of Cherokee County and must be a customer of CCWSA. Cherokee County is divided into four districts for representation. A member is appointed from each of the four districts. Another member must be a CCWSA customer and is deemed the "at-large" member representing the county as a whole. Another member must be a CCWSA customer in one of the cities within the county that has consolidated its water and wastewater systems with the Authority. The Grand Jury of Cherokee County appoints these six Board members. This appointment process is unique since water/ wastewater systems are often part of a city or county government where appointees are elected officials or political appointees. The apolitical appointment process has allowed the CCWSA Board to make decisions about water and sanitary sewer services for the citizens of Cherokee County based on need and economic viability instead of political expediency. The Chairman of the Cherokee County Commissioners is automatically the seventh Board member by virtue of their elected position. Our current Board of Directors can be found at https://ccwsa.com/about/board-of-directors/.

Are you interested in what is discussed at the CCWSA Board meetings? All CCWSA monthly Board meetings are open to the public. The Board of Directors meetings are held on the last Monday of each month (excluding holidays). Board meetings are posted here - https://ccwsa.com/board-meetings/. They are held in the Boardroom at 110 Railroad St., Canton, GA 30114. Meetings are held in the afternoon (4 pm) on even months and in the morning (9 am) on odd months. If you wanted to attend the Board meeting but missed it, you can find Board meeting agendas and minutes on the Board meeting page.

- If you have any topics you would like covered or have any questions in general, please email them to ccwsaea@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY COVENANTS & RESTRICTIONS

To preserve property values and keep Woodmont as a community of choice, the exterior upkeep of common areas and individual homes is a top priority. To that end, the community is regularly monitored for any occurrence of violations of community covenants and restrictions. Below is a list of common violations which will help you remain aware and maintain compliance of your own property. Full documentation of all covenants may be found at hoawoodmont.com.

COMMON VIOLATIONS

The list below is not inclusive but captures some of the more common violations/issues:

- Clotheslines, garbage cans, woodpiles, and other similar items must be screened from view of neighboring Lots and street
- Basketball placement (standard is backboard perpendicular to street)
- Artificial plants in containers or window boxes are not permitted

- Yard art, unrelated to celebrated holidays must be approved
- Exterior painting and/or pressure washing must be maintained
- Mailboxes must be compliant and maintained
- Landscape beds are to be maintained, free of weeds and mulched according to guidelines
- Private pools exceeding thirty-six (36) square feet located above ground are not allowed (children's wading pools, that can be emptied at night and not left out are permitted)

MAILBOX REPLACEMENT

Replace your mailbox if it is damaged, in need of repair in anyway, or not standard USPS height. According to the USPS, your box should be between 41 and 45 inches tall. The authorized dealer for Woodmont is Addresses of Distinction, 770-436-6198.

REQUEST FOR MODIFICATIONS (RFM)

The Architectural Standards Guidelines can be

found at hoawoodmont. com. You may submit a request online



or download the Application for Approval of Exterior Modification form from the Sixes Management Group portal (sixes.cincwebaxis.com). If you have any questions regarding whether or not your intended project is an exception to this requirement, please email woodmont@sixesmanagement.com.. This important step could save you time and money!

TIP: To avoid delay in processing your RFM, make sure to include a copy of your Plat (showing lot lines, house placement and easements) with your planned modification outlined in red. If you did not receive a plat at closing, you may find instructions on obtaining an online Cherokee County site map for use in lieu of plat under the documents section of hoawoodmont.com. The document is titled "RFM Site Map Instructions.

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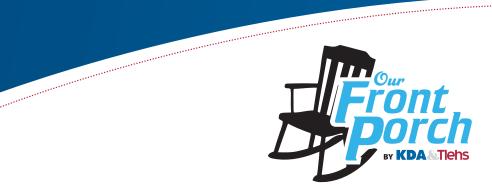
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ARCHITECTURAL APPROVAL

Your Woodmont HOA appreciates the hard work and dedication that homeowners provide to make their homes and properties beautiful. We want to keep the community looking its best and keep property values at their highest!

Here are a few questions that have been asked recently. If you have a question or need additional information, please contact woodmont@ sixesmanagement.com.

WHY DO I NEED HOA ARCHITECTURAL APPROVAL FOR MY SHED WHEN IT'S IN MY OWN BACKYARD AND NO ONE WILL SEE IT?

It can be difficult for owners to understand the importance of submitting requests for approval, especially when what they want to do is on their own property. They may feel that following a community's standards restricts their freedom of expression. The reality is, property values are protected when homeowners follow standards which have been carefully developed to create uniformity and a nice balance for the community.

WHAT TYPES OF EXTERIOR MODIFICATIONS REQUIRE HOA APPROVAL?

Any architectural change to the outside of the home or the property surrounding the home requires approval. Exterior modifications requiring approval include things as swimming pools, decks, sheds, new siding or shutters, paint color changes, windows and doors, patios or patio extensions, fences, landscaping with fire pits and retaining walls, play sets and basketball goals, and the removal of live trees.

HOW DO I KNOW IF MY PROJECT NEEDS APPROVAL?

Everything you need to know here is contained in Section VI of the Declaration of Protective Covenants for Woodmont Golf And Country Club document, available within the documents section under the communication tab at hoawoodmont.com. If you have any question or uncertainty, please contact woodmont@sixesmanagement. com. to ask first whether or not your project requires approval.

WHAT HAPPENS IF AN OWNER MODIFIES THEIR PROPERTY WITHOUT APPROVAL?

Some owners simply ignore the process, don't know an approval is required, or fail to read

their governing documents. Failing to obtain

approval will result in violation letters being

sent. The Board will request that the owner

immediately submit for approval so that the

owner, any future owner, and all committee

by assuring that the proper process for

property modifications was followed. Once

submitted, the Board will either approve or deny the modification. For unapproved

modifications, the Board may require the

homeowner to restore their property to its original condition based upon the review of

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the request. In some cases, an unapproved structure may have to be removed or altered. The property manager and Board are eager to work with homeowners to come into compliance with the least amount of escalation. We encourage you to work proactively with the property manager as you plan for property modifications.

WHAT SHOULD OWNERS SUBMIT FOR HOA ARCHITECTURAL APPROVAL?

Owners should submit the Request for Modification (RFM) form along with a drawing or rendering of what the change will look like and include a copy of their property survey (which should be included with their closing paperwork). The project should be marked in red (with measurements) on the property survey. Written details along with

> pictures and samples of materials are also required. Complete instructions are listed on the RFM form.

HOW SOON AFTER APPROVAL SHOULD THE WORK BEGIN?

Work on any approved modification must commence within 30 days of the written approval from the Board of Directors or the approval will automatically lapse and be revoked. Owners may reapply for approval of a proposed modification by submitting a new RFM form.

APPROVALS AND DENIALS

The majority of architectural requests are approved, even if slight modifications or conditions are necessary. If an application is denied, the homeowner is provided with specific details as to why the request was denied.

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