

a voluntary neighborhood association dedicated to preserving our lakes and parks

Hamilton Lakes and Parks, Inc.

Hamilton Lakes and Starmount Forest Neighborhoods

spring 2013 newsletter

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The present day neighborhoods of **Starmount Forest and Hamilton Lakes** formed the original Town of Hamilton Lakes established in the 1920's.

All residents of these neighborhoods are encouraged to join. The voluntary annual dues help keep the parks, pathways and play areas clean, safe and enjoyable.

If you have any questions, concerns or ideas, please contact any one of the board members listed above.

visit us online

The website address is:
www.hamiltonstarmount.org The site is relatively new and can certainly use some activity and attention. If anyone has the inclination, time and creativity to spunk it up, please contact Rob Cook (299.0280 / robcook@triad.rr.com).

The facebook address is:
www.facebook.com/HamiltonLakesStarmountForest

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annual association meeting

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

7:00 pm

First Lutheran Church

3600 West Friendly Road / phone: 336-292-9125

(see inside for more information)

swan lake

For the last few years, a pair of swans have been patrolling Lake Euphemia. They discourage geese and are a beautiful addition to the lake. They were aptly named Hamilton and Euphemia.

Lee and John Atkinson have been foster parents for the swans. The Atkinsons have always put a lot of time and effort into our Association and they have demonstrated the same dedication in caring for our swans. The swans may have taken a lot of time but it has been a rewarding experience getting to know these graceful inhabitants of our neighborhood.



A swan named Rhett graced a pond at Magnolia Manor, a Girl Scout learning center and venue in Colfax. <http://www.magnolia-manor.com/> When Magnolia Manor was required to make changes to the pond, we adopted Rhett. Rhett joined our pair on Lake Euphemia but, unfortunately, there was no Scarlett for Rhett. When mating season rolled around last year the truth in old adage that "two's company but three is a crowd" became apparent. While swans may seem relaxed and graceful, they are not easy going during mating season. Hamilton did not

appreciate the company of Rhett, and they were battling fiercely on Lake Euphemia. Rhett was banished to Little Lake Euphemia. John Atkinson later relocated Rhett to Lake Hamilton.

During the first few years that Hamilton and Euphemia graced the lake, they did not have any "ugly ducklings" (baby swans are actually called "cygnets"). Apparently, the mating duel got the swans' hormones working, and we were blessed with four cygnets in 2012. John and Lee have spent quite a bit of time and trouble raising Lake Euphemia's new residents. They were relocated to Jim King Pond where they have been transformed from dusty brown babies to young white adults. You should try to get by Jim King Pond to see these young swans, and be sure to thank John and Lee for their dedication to our lakes.

John and Lee have become attached to the young swans and may try to work out arrangements for the swans to remain on Jim King Pond. Meanwhile, the Association plans to try and find a mate for Rhett, who is lonely up at Lake Hamilton. Since Rhett is not a spring chicken, it may be a challenge finding a good mate.

notice of annual neighborhood association meeting

Our ANNUAL MEETING will be at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 9, 2013 at FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH in the Community Room (the same location as last year, 3600 West Friendly Avenue).

Candidates for the BOARD of DIRECTORS

Most of the Board of Directors are willing to serve another term. We also have some other members interested in serving on the Board. The current slate proposed for election to the Board for 2013 are the following:

current board members

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new board member candidates:

We look forward to welcoming three new Board Members, Mark Spielman, Lisa Stubblefield and Cathy Hoover.

LISA STUBBLEFIELD of 1123 Montpelier Drive has offered to help our association. Lisa and her husband David welcomed their first child, Joseph, into the neighborhood in October 2012. Lisa has taken some time off from work to stay at home. Lisa is interested in helping with social activities and keeping our Facebook page fresh.

MARK SPIELMAN of 808 Montrose Drive has been recruited to serve on the Board. George Owen and his wife Fran were downsizing and recently sold their house. George has been a hard working member of our Board and was responsible enough to find someone to help share the responsibility. Mark is the Director of Recruitment for the American Hebrew Academy. His wife Rebecca is originally from Myrtle Beach South Carolina. Their daughter Hannah was one year old in March. Mark is completing the MBA program at UNCG this Spring. Mark has agreed to transition into the Treasurer's role.

CATHY HOOVER and her husband Jason are longtime residents of the Hamilton Forest and Hamilton Lakes neighborhoods. Cathy Hoover is a native of Greensboro and grew up in this area. Cathy's parents were longtime members, dating back to 1965. Cathy and her husband Jason have lived on Dogwood Drive, Forest Hill and now 102 Kemp Rd East. They have three children who attend Greensboro Academy and are active on the swim team at the Hamilton Lakes Swim & Tennis Club. We are glad Cathy is willing to serve.

If you are interested in serving on the Board or helping in any other way, please get in touch with one of the Board members or send an email to hamiltonstarmount@gmail.com and/or jbayliss@crlaw.com.

membership

All residents in the original town limits for the Town of Hamilton Lakes, most of the neighborhoods known as Hamilton Lakes, Starmount Forest, Wedgewood and the Friendly West Townhouses, are eligible. A voluntary annual contribution of \$75, entitles families to the use and enjoyment of our lakes and trails. More importantly, you are helping preserve substantial natural areas that benefit our neighborhoods. Many members have been with us since 1957. We welcome new members.

save the date

Sunday, September 22, 2013 5 – 7 pm

2013 fall picnic and music by the lake

Last fall, September 23, 2012, we enjoyed our first annual Picnic and Music by the Lake.

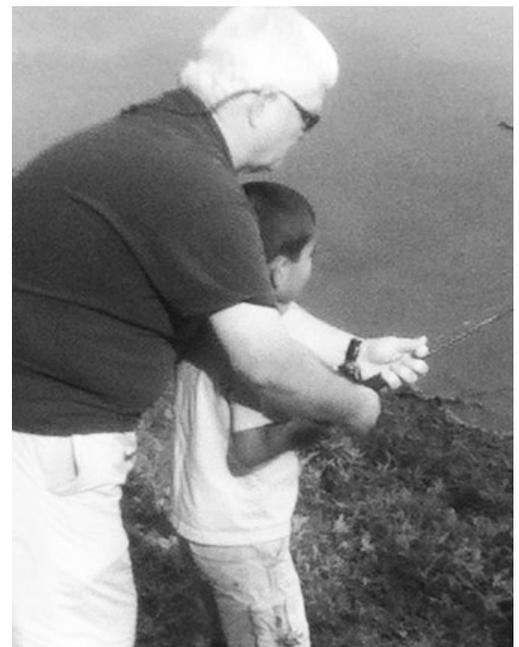
It was a glorious Fall day for a picnic. We reveled in the music of the Alley Cats, which includes our very own Tim Barkley of Kemp Road East. We hope to invite them back for Fall 2013.

Hotdogs and chips were provided by KevMark Catering. Yummy ice cream treat were also available. Kevin served hotdogs to a long line of area residents

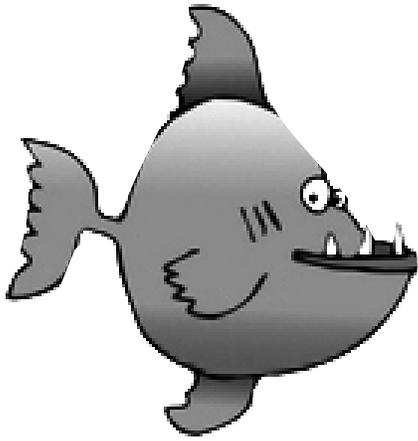
from his New York-style sidewalk hotdog cart. The weather was pleasant and we did not receive any complaints about the line. We certainly had no complaints about the food.

Before the picnic, fishing coaches shared their time, enthusiasm and prizes with many of the young fisherchildren and adults alike.

Let us know if you would like to help or have suggestions for our next picnic.



other news



spring fishing clinic 2013

We plan to have some of our fishing coaches back for our 2nd Annual Spring Fishing Clinic. We will be at the Lake Hamilton dock from 9:00 a.m. to Noon, Saturday, May 11, 2013. Look for a reminder card in the mail.

the few, the proud, the weed warriors

We had several brave souls out to help attack some weeds in Lake Hamilton Park. We were hoping for a bigger turnout. Our Weed Warrior coach hopes to get some college kids lined up for another battle with weeds this year. We will

keep you posted. Hopefully more will answer the call next time.

keep us posted

This winter, an alert Board Member was walking in the snow and saw the Greensboro Police Department investigating a car that had collided with the fence and wall between Starmount and Lakewood at Friendly Avenue. The city also followed up with a notice to our email address hamiltonstarmount@gmail.com. We made a claim and we have received a check. We will be making arrangements to replace the fence. Please feel free to keep us informed of issues or incidents of neighborhood interest.

NEIGHBORWOODS TREE PROJECT - planting canopy trees

We plan to apply again this year for a grant sponsored by Greensboro Beautiful and the City of Greensboro. This NeighborWoods grant could provide of hundreds of hardwood canopy trees for our area neighborhoods and parks. More information is on the their website www.greensboro-nc.gov/index.aspx?page=1796

We need neighbors to show their support of our application. We are enclosing with this Newsletter a copy of the NEIGHBOR WOODS INTEREST FORM and asking everyone to mail them in. Show your support for more trees in our area! This is not a commitment to work, and we need as many interest forms as possible to improve our chances of receiving the grant. Please send one in! Of course, if you can, we hope many of you will volunteer a couple of hours on a Saturday in November, when it is tree planting time.

membership dues for 2013

We have over 400 Active Members and we are shooting for 500 this year! Please consider renewing your membership or joining as a new member for 2013! Your Annual Dues help maintain our parks, our dams and our lakes, all of which enhance our environment, our neighborhood and our outlook on life!!

Please send your check in the amount of \$75.00 for the yearly dues.

Many of your neighbors make contributions beyond the yearly

dues of \$75.00 and the additional contribution goes into our Lake Preservation Fund.

This year we are inviting members to contribute an additional \$75.00 to the Lake Preservation Fund and become **SUSTAINING MEMBERS**. Members who donate an additional \$75.00 (for a total **\$150.00**) will be recognized in our Newsletter next year and will receive complimentary tickets for food and beverages at the Fall Picnic. Any donation over \$75.00 goes into our Lake Preservation Fund.

2013 membership information (email address is for Hamilton Lakes use only)

name _____

address _____ city _____ state _____ zip _____

email _____ phone _____

2013 membership dues \$75

Lake Preservation Fund / other contributions _____

comments: _____

Paid members are entitled to enjoy the parks around Hamilton Lake and Lake Euphemia and the walking trails throughout the parks. Canoes and paddleboats are allowed in Hamilton Lake, along with fishing and model sailboating. Residents of Hamilton Lakes and Starmount Forest are eligible for membership. If you're uncertain if your address falls within either area, please email your mailing address to info@hamiltonstarmount.org with a request for verification.

Please make checks payable to: Hamilton Lakes & Parks, Inc.

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Pay Pal to: payments@hamiltonstarmount.org