

The Farm Report – February 2016



Letter from the President

Greetings Farm Neighbors and Friends:

I look forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming **Annual Stockholders Meeting on Thursday, March 3rd at 7:00 pm.** The board will have committee updates on activities during 2015 and details on 2016 plans, events and budget status.

High on the list for 2015, and continuing in 2016, is the effort to insure that all properties on the Farm are being maintained and utilized in accordance with the Architectural Policy and Procedures and Clarke County Codes. To this end, in 2015 the Architectural Committee conducted an outside inspection of each property. This inspection revealed a small number of properties with a variety of issues, including, but not limited to, structures that appear to be abandoned, structures in various states of disrepair, and structures that present serious safety concerns. It is a slow process, but the board will continue to work with each situation to get all properties in compliance with the Architectural Policies and Procedures, so that the Farm remains a source of pride for its members and safe for all residents and visitors.

We are getting close to having a current Farm member directory. David Baell has been diligently working on this and needs your information if you have not responded. If you don't want your information listed, let David know, but accurate phone numbers, addresses and email are needed to communicate important Farm news. This will be an internal document only for Farm members and will not be accessible from the internet. You can email David Baell at baelld@bellsouth.net to provide your information.

Looking for a new opportunity in 2016? Our butterfly garden is in need of volunteer coordination and attention. If interested, let someone on the board know. We thank Betty Callaway for her contributions to the garden and for documenting the various plants and the maintenance they need.

Thanks to everyone that helps keep the Farm a unique and special place. For some of you that now have four generations that will know and enjoy the Farm, it makes all the efforts and work worthwhile.

Bob Gardner

Upcoming Events

Thursday March 3rd – Stockholders Meeting. 7:00pm at the clubhouse.

Saturday May 14th – Clean-up Day. (9:00am – 12:00pm)

Monday July 4th Celebration, with golf cart parade, lunch, car show, evening watermelon and fireworks show.

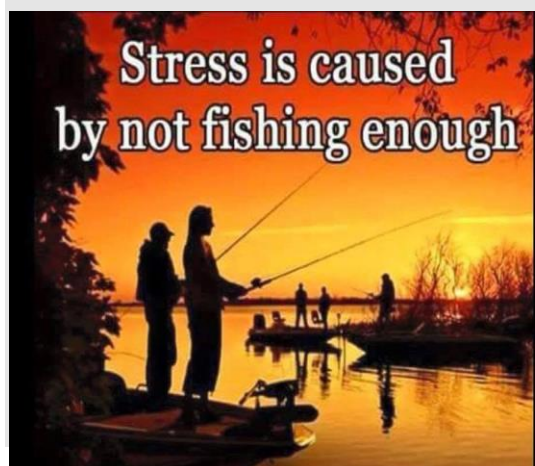
Monday September 5th – Labor Day Celebration, Potluck and Bingo.

Saturday October 29th – Thompson Farm Fall Festival and Potluck, with pumpkin carving contest, costume contest, hay rides, and Trunk or Treat.

Saturday December 10th – Christmas Potluck and White Elephant Gift Exchange.

GATE CODES HAVE BEEN CHANGED

We still have 33 gate codes that have not been updated. Please contact Frank Reeves to get a new code set up or to have your remote reprogrammed. (706) 614-2562. We would like to get this project completed.





A time to celebrate with special people in our lives on Valentine's Day. 29 members attended the dinner composed of pizza and lasagna.

HAPPY

 Valentine's
 DAY

PICCOLLAGE

Farm Clean-up Day

Saturday May 14th is clean-up day... time to get the Farm ready for spring and summer activities. Bring your rake, gloves, clippers and any other tools that would assist in outdoor work. There will be all types of tasks from light duty to more strenuous. There will be a metal collection trailer on site as well for that broken, rusty scrap metal that is no longer being used.

We will meet at the clubhouse at 9:00am and work until 12:00pm. Lunch will be served at noon. This is a great time to enjoy fellowship and teamwork. **(Rain date is Saturday May 21st).**

If you can't help with the clean-up, the board is requesting donations of \$10 to the general fund to help pay for clean-up expenses. Please give or mail your donation to the Farm Treasurer, George Nunnally. Contact Frank with any questions at (706) 614-2562.

*In Memory of April
 Elizabeth Stewart
 Cornwell (1980 - 2016)*

*April Cornwell, fiancée
 of Justin Arthur lost her
 battle with cancer
 February 7, 2016.*

*Our hearts go out to the
 entire family*



Upcoming Birthdays

April

Jim Pallas	4/2
Robert Tweedell	4/5
Sylvia McCannon	4/14
Connie Eitenmiller	4/15
William Berryman	4/16
Frank Reeves	4/28
Del Wade	4/29

May

George Evans	5/1
Ann Martin	5/1
Julie Bridges	5/8
Erna Doster	5/10
Russ Hodsdon	5/10
Bobbi Bacastow	5/16
Alice Castengera	5/17
Maureen Wilkie	5/18
Mary Ann Edens	5/19
John McKinley	5/20
Linda Bishop	5/22
Pat Hodsdon	5/22
Andy Barksdale	5/23
Paul Bridges	5/24
Stan Cook	5/24
David Brown	5/26
Jo Raschke	5/26
Jack Thomas	5/28

June

Lisa Langford	6/1
George Leyden	6/6
Paul Whitfield	6/7
William Seagraves	6/8
Bruce Warren	6/12
Bill Warren	6/15
Amy Jo Robertson	6/15
Sandra Hammond	6/16
Kenneth Reid	6/18
Ronnie Bridges	6/21
Joy Brown	6/21
Mikal Bowling	6/23
Heather Cape	6/25
Michael Warren	6/25
Carl Hedrick	6/27
Julie Jenkins	6/27



You can feel it. You can smell it. Spring is just around the corner. Oh, to be sure, we aren't finished with cold weather yet, but it won't be long before we will be ready to get out working in the yard.

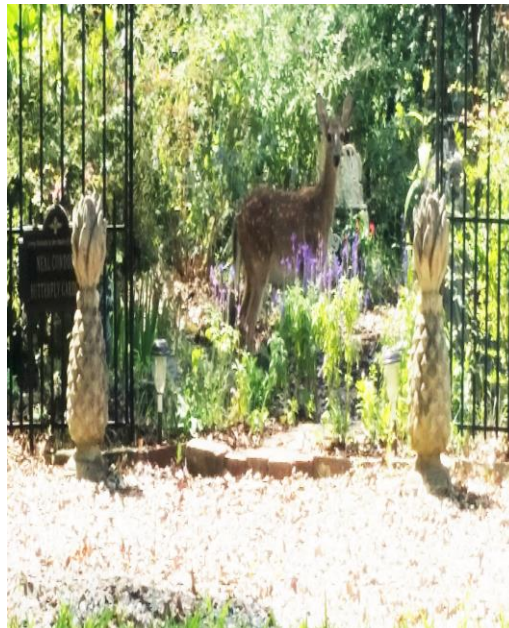
Spring is an exciting time because it signals the start of things taking off and kicking into growing gear. Soon it will be time to spruce up, prepare the gardens, and get things organized outside.

So get out there! Get the birdhouses cleaned and the feeders filled. Spruce up the beds, and clean up what winter has left behind. Maybe a little pressure washing or paint is in order, or a building project you have put on the back burner.

Once you have spruced up your home for spring, you can kick back and count down the days to warmer weather and sunshine.

Directory Update

The membership directory will be published the first week of April. Since it has been so long since the directory was updated, most of the information was out of date, and it is taking time to get responses back with the requested information. As of today we have had a response rate of about 75%. I will be attempting to contact the last remaining members for updates before going to print. The goal is to have as many updates as possible in order to provide accurate information.



Butterfly Garden Needs Caretakers

Sure there are great blooms and wondrous sights to enjoy in a garden --- but it takes work and lots of care to get there.

The butterfly garden is a focal point on entry into our community, and like everything around the farm, volunteers are needed to maintain its beauty. We are looking for some special people to assume responsibility for the care of this special place. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Frank Reeves at (706)614-2562

Looking for something to do?



Pickleball

Come find out what it's all about. This exciting game is a combination of Ping-Pong, tennis, and badminton all wrapped up into one! It may be played with two or four players and is a full body workout. The court is smaller than a tennis court but similar to a badminton-size court. Players use a wooden paddle and a whiffle ball. The Athens Area Pickleball Association (AAPA) runs the program at the location, days and times noted:

Lay Park

- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday: 9am – 1pm
- Mondays & Wednesdays from 6:30pm – 8:30pm

East Athens Community Center

- 8am – 11am on:
- Monday (beginners)
- Wednesday (advanced)
- Thursday (all)

It is **FREE** and open to those 18 years or older. No prior experience playing pickleball, tennis or ping-pong is required; just a desire to learn and have fun. So sign up today! For more information or to join the AAPA, contact Ken Calkin, Ambassador at kcalkin1@gmail.com

Homes For Sale

Lot 75

2 Bedroom, 1 ½ Bath. Kitchen and dining room combo. Large living room. Florida room. Storage building. Double carport. Private well. Laminate flooring in Kitchen, carpet throughout. New A/C unit. Washer and Dryer to stay with house.

\$38,000. Owner: Betty Goss (706) 340-3071

Lot 64

3 Bedroom with large master bedroom. 2 baths, large master bath with mirrored whirlpool tub. Stone fireplace. Owner Sara Faircloth 706-548-0681

Congratulations to Sergeant Rick Hammond

Sergeant Rick Hammond announced his retirement from the Athens-Clarke County Police Department.

Rick has 37 years of service keeping the citizens of Athens safe. All of your hard work and diligence has greatly benefited your department and community.

Sandra has hammered out a pretty lengthy "Honey Do List", so it is doubtful Rick will have time to get bored. We also understand there are some plans in place to enjoy some much needed travel.

Your Farm Family wishes you the best in your well-earned retirement!



Eagle Watching over Us



This Eagle was spotted on Thompson Farm, February 22, 2016.

I have decided to name him THOMPSON.

The bald eagle is a symbol of the United States and a source of pride for much of the nation. The bald eagle was chosen because it stands for strength, courage and freedom.

So, while visiting The Farm, make sure to look for THOMPSON.