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February 2021 Newsletter

Hello JCCA Members,

Happy February! So much great stuff to share with you this month! We had a very informative Stormwater Utility Presentation last week provided by the city of Johns Creek. Link to the presentation is below if you were unable to watch live. We also are happy to share the dates for our Pool Opening Webinar presented by Sears Pool and our Board 101 Webinar by Brown & Brown Insurance and NowackHoward. Lots of city news and a zoning update to keep you all up to speed on the goings on in the city.



As a reminder, we will not be hosting our annual meeting this quarter. We are looking forward to planning a meeting for later in the year, providing our COVID cases continue to drop. Annual Member invoices and board member election ballots were sent out via snail mail in December to the most current addresses we had on file - could be your management company address or HOA contact address. If you haven't seen your invoice, please let us know [here](#) and we'll email one to you. Thanks for your prompt response.

Johns Creek Stormwater Utility

Thanks to everyone that was able to attend our Stormwater Utility webinar of Friday, February 19th. A special thanks to Johns Creek city staff for the fantastic presentation. It was very informative and we hope you learned as much as we did!

For those that were unable to attend, the presentation is attached here. The city also has a dedicated [email](#) address and [website](#) for Stormwater questions.

[Johns Creek Stormwater Utility Presentation link](#)



Don't let a good drop go bad!

Board 101 Webinar Tuesday, March 2 at 6:30pm

New year, new HOA board? It is important for new members to receive basic training and education to help them succeed as a board member, but what do they need to know. For veteran board members it can be easy to assume that duties are self explanatory, but are they? Join us for this informative webinar and let the experts answer your questions!



During this class NowackHoward will provide a high level overview of the fundamental duties, responsibilities, risks and obligations that go with serving on the Board. They will help you understand the legal documents of community associations and discuss the roles and standards of conduct of Board directors. Knowledge is the key when serving on the Board, so new and returning members are encouraged to attend this course for a review of the functions of each position on your associations Board.

Further, Brown & Brown Insurance will discuss the importance of the Directors & Officers Liability coverage that the Association purchases to protect the decisions/actions made by the Board in their capacity. Are all D&O policies the same???? NO. We will discuss the pitfalls of purchasing the wrong D&O policy and the gaps that can leave you, your fellow Board members, and the Association assets at risk for commonly denied claims when you purchase an “off the shelf” D&O policy.

Question and Answer session will follow presentations.

Click the link below to register for the webinar on March 2nd at 6:30pm.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4563944537229779982>



Pool Opening Webinar Tuesday, March 9 at 6:30pm

Ready or not, the pool season will soon be upon us. Make sure you are ready with our informative webinar from Craig Sears and Sears Pool. He will cover everything you need to know, including:

1. Latest information regarding COVID guidance
2. Important COVID signage to have in place before opening this season
3. Impact of the pandemic has had on the swimming pool industry and specifically how that affects the delivery of goods and services to community pools this year This includes a discussion on how to best prepare for the trichlor chlorine shortage

4. New U.S. Department of Energy regulations that start this July, which begin a phase out of several of the most popular pool pump models
5. Clarification of new code enforcement guidance from Fulton county regarding No Diving markers at your community pool.
6. Q&A following the presentation.

If your community has a swimming pool, you will not want to miss this important seminar.

Sears Pool is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/91275861779?pwd=V0pPa1pDSnITQXN5L2l1Z3k5RGNDZz09>

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Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/as47psElg>

Crabapple's Floriculture Team lists this season's Top 5 Spring Showstopper Flowers.



We have based our Top Five on Color Vibrance, Heartiness, Easy Maintenance and having the Gosh Dam Prettiest Petals in the Land.

Zinnia : The zinnia can withstand heat, dry conditions and hard sun, and they are easy to grow. Zinnias have full flowers with multiple petals on each stem. The zinnia flower can have single or multi-colored petals. They come in varying sizes, ranging from 6 to 40 inches (15.2 cm to 101.6 cm) in height and just shy of 1 inch to 7 inches (2.5 cm to 17.8 cm) in diameter.

Marigolds : Marigolds are a gardener's dream because they're easy to care for and have a lengthy blooming period. Marigolds are considerably easy to maintain indoors and out. Your best results for growing marigolds will come if you put them in full sun. The Southeast yields great marigolds because of the heat.

Petunias: The petunia performs well in heat and along the coast. These traits make it perfect for the Southeastern region. Like the two other flowers discussed previously in this article, the petunia is quite easy to grow and maintain. Especially because of the warmer temperatures you find in the Southeast, the petunia will have an extensive flowering stage. You can count on a petunia to flower from the moment spring has sprung until the first frost.

Lantana: Happiest in full sun, Lantana will flower from June to October. Once established, it is highly pest, disease and drought resistant. This perennial's showy orange and pink blooms are ones that butterflies adore.

Dragon Wing Begonia: Dragon Wing is an amazing bedding plant. Due to its size, the impact of its colorful form can be seen from quite a distance. It easily stands alone but can also be mixed with other bedding plants in a large container or in a perennial border. The plant can be grown in sun or shade; my personal experience is that it thrives in morning sun but needs protection in the afternoon.



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Top 5 Spring Showstopper Flowers

We asked our friends at Crabapple Landscapexperts what we need to know to have the prettiest flower beds in the neighborhood. How can we choose flowers that can withstand the Georgia heat, are colorful, but are still easy to maintain? It was a tall order but their experts have responded with 5 suggestions on how to do just that!



Zoning Update

Larry DiBiase, JCCA Zoning Director

Public Participation Meetings

January 7, 2021 - 3286 Old Alabama Road
RZ -21-002

The Land use Petition was to change the zoning condition to allow for a 2 story, 7003 Sq. Ft. learning center and office building. Current zoning is O-I (Office -Institutional). In 2013 the city approved a site plan which allowed exercise and/or training, spa, and physical training activities. The property owner would like to:



- 1) Change the use of physical training activities from 4592 to 7003sqft. An increase of 2411 sq ft.
- 2) Delete any internal parcel access to the adjacent property.
- 3) Change the old site plan to the current site plan submitted to Community development.

Click [here](#) for more Zoning News



City of Johns Creek News and Updates:

Newtown Dog Park to Close for Renovations

Beginning March 1, the Newtown Dog Park will be closed for renovations.



The renovations of the dog park, which opened in 2011, include replacing the turf in both the small dog park and main dog park. Both will remain closed throughout construction.

Renovations are expected to be complete by the end of March



Johns Creek Business Tax Renewals Due 3/31/21

Businesses in the City of Johns Creek have until March 31, 2021, to renew their business tax certificates.

Businesses can renew their business tax certificates

by submitting a business tax return with full payment of all fees and taxes. Renewals can be completed in-person at City Hall, 11360 Lakefield Drive (Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) or through the [online portal](#) on the City website. [Instructions to renew online are available here.](#)

The City mailed renewal applications the last week of December. Failure to receive a renewal application does not relieve a business of responsibility to pay its business tax by the deadline. Late payments are subject to a 10 percent penalty and interest of 1.5 percent a month. Business tax certificates, commonly called business licenses, will be considered on time if they are postmarked by March 31.

Registration Open for Community Garden Plots



Spring will be here before we know it, and for those of you with green thumbs itching to get to work, the Community Garden at Newtown Park is here for you.

The Community Garden is open to any Johns Creek resident interested in planting and maintaining a small garden plot. It features 52 plots and has four raised beds for those who have trouble working at ground level. Each plot is 4 feet by 8 feet.

Johns Creek gardeners can begin signing up for a chance to reserve a plot February 15 through March 15, by [submitting their applications to the Johns Creek Garden Association](#). Individuals or groups can sign up for one or more beds, each measuring four feet by eight feet by 12 inches high.

[More](#)



Rogers Bridge Trail and Parking Closed Starting March 1

The Rogers Bridge Trail and parking area will be closed to the public starting Monday, March 1 as crews begin construction on the Rogers Bridge Pedestrian Bridge over the Chattahoochee

River.

The existing trail, from Bell Road to the Chattahoochee River, will be the primary constricted access route for the pedestrian bridge construction project.

The project includes disassembling and removing the existing steel bridge structure. The new pedestrian bridge will be reconstructed in the same location as a replica of the original, which will provide pedestrians with a connection across the Chattahoochee River.

Due to safety, the Rogers Bridge Trail will be closed for the duration of the project, which is expected to be complete in late summer 2022.

Johns Creek Partners with St. Vincent de Paul for JC Cares Vulnerable Populations Grant Program



The City of Johns Creek and St. Vincent de Paul Georgia have partnered for the JC CARES Vulnerable Populations Grant Program to help Johns Creek residents with overdue rent and mortgage payments, utility assistance, food assistance, or other unforeseen financial/ emergency needs directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Individuals living within the boundaries of Johns Creek can apply directly through St. Vincent de Paul with a maximum individual award of up to \$3,000. The application can be found at <https://www.svdpgorgia.org/johns-creek-help/>.

Saint Vincent de Paul will also take assistance requests through the Society's assistance line (678) 892-6163.

[More](#)



Stay Up To Date with Latest Covid-19 Information

Here is the Georgia Department of Public Health Daily COVID Status [Report](#) to keep on top of the latest case numbers and information.



[Latest Information of Vaccine Locations and Registration](#)

[Mayor Bodker's latest COVID-19 Message](#)



Representative Angelika Kausche
HD 50



Senator Michelle Au
SD 48

Virtual Community Town Hall

House District 50 Town Hall
Sunday, February 28th 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Join Representative Kausche and Senator Au for a district town hall

Register here:
<http://bit.ly/3u1NkMv>

JCCA 2020 Board of Directors

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- [Rebecca Beaver, Secretary](#)
- [Larry DiBiase, Zoning Director](#)
- [Ira Feingold, Training Director](#)
- [Leah Glockner, Public Affairs Director](#)

Upcoming Events and Important Dates

February 28, House District 50 Virtual Community Town Hall, 4:00 pm

March 2, Planning Commission, 7:00 pm

March 2, JCCA Board 101 Webinar, 6:30 pm

March 8, City Council Work Session (5:00 pm), Meeting 7:00 pm

March 9, JCCA Pool Opening Webinar, 6:30 pm

March 16, Board of Zoning Appeals 7:00 pm

March 22, City Council Work Session (5:00pm), Meeting 7:00 pm



