

YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO HELP MAKE OUR COMMON AREAS AND OUR GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD BETTER THAN EVER!!!

As we hope you have noticed, we have been working very hard to improve our common areas owned and maintained by the CLCA members! In addition to these "improvements" that we can clearly see, there are people working behind the scenes on the business of the association – taking/making phone calls, maintaining the paperwork, signing up new members, stickering mailboxes, making and delivering welcome baskets, updating websites, sending emails, planning events, renting the clubhouse, cleaning the clubhouse, paying the bills, preparing budgets...the list goes on and on...and these are all VOLUNTEERS!!! Over the past year or so, we have, among other things:

- Improved the Clubhouse by – installing carpet, purchasing new tables and chairs, revamping the storage areas
- Installed new and additional fencing
- Designed and built a handicap accessible ramp down to the dock area
- Purchased and installed a new pool cover
- Installed a new playground
- Had additional stop signs and speed humps installed to make our neighborhood a safer place
- Cleaned up and improved drainage of the "kudzu lot" (we are continuing to improve the look and functionality of this lot by digging a French drain and installing rip rap to improve drainage, and we plan to install a split rail fence to discourage any additional "dumping" on this lot)
- Installed a shady deck area and pergola over the existing "baby pool"
- Built a combination check-in station and display case for announcements
- Revamped and installed a new sign for announcements of upcoming events

As 2008 progresses, we have many additional projects that are underway including:

- Adding sidewalks for safety and handicap access
- Revamping the parking area to add additional parking spaces and make the existing spaces safer for loading and unloading passengers
- Etc!

Most of the people that have been contributing their time, money, expertise and energy to make these improvements realities have families to care for and other responsibilities as well as full time jobs – just like you! We urge each of you as members of this great neighborhood and association to take a few minutes to consider what you as an individual or as a family can do to help with any ongoing projects or improvements, maintenance issues, upcoming events – whatever it may be that you can do will be greatly appreciated by all.

The more volunteer time we can commit, the less money we will have to spend out of our limited budget. We all seem to be thankful and excited about the improvements being made – but out of approximately 200 member families, we only have 20 to 30 people who consistently pitch in and volunteer. If we don't have help from the rest of the membership, those 20 to 30 people will eventually get tired of doing all the work and the rest of the membership reaping the rewards. When that happens, the common areas will begin to be rundown again – the neighborhood will suffer, and our property values will go down.

The option to raise our dues so we can "hire out" to have these things accomplished is not something we want to have to consider...if we were forced to "hire out" to have all of these things accomplished, our dues would go sky high!! We are all busy people – we get that... but if we all pitch in and contribute even just an hour or two a month, imagine how much we could accomplish. Together we can accomplish these tasks and keep our dues at the same levels.

If you are unable to volunteer your time and would rather contribute financially so we can "hire out" for some of these tasks and keep the morale of the volunteers up, your financial contribution will be gratefully accepted without question. If you would like to contribute financially to help with our ongoing improvements, please fill out the form on the opposite side of this sheet, and send it along with your check to: Cardinal Lake Civic Association, Attn: Special Projects Fund, P.O. Box 217, Duluth, GA 30096.

CARDINAL LAKE CIVIC ASSOCIATION DONATION FORM – SPECIAL PROJECTS

Name(s): _____

Address: _____ Duluth, Georgia _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

I would like the enclosed donation to be used at the board's discretion to help improve the common areas.

I would like the enclosed donation to be used specifically for the following purpose; however, I understand that if the project I describe below is not able to be funded, I understand my donation will be used towards another project at the board's discretion:

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!