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THE NUTSHELL

The Chestnut Springs Neighborhood Newsletter

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FINAL REMINDER – GET US YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS!

A reminder that The Nutshell is set to become fully digital NEXT MONTH!

An email address dedicated to sending out each issue, has already been created (CSNutshellEditor@gmail.com). So please use it to send the email address at which you would like to receive The Nutshell each month and we'll add you to the community list. It's that easy.

Thank you to all the folks who walked the neighborhood to get this into your physical hands over the years, through rain, snow, and oven-like heat and humidity. We owe them all a great debt of gratitude!

SENIOR INFORMATION REQUEST!

If you have a high school senior this year and you have NOT been contacted regarding the banners for the neighborhood entrances and the yard signs, please email Selena Hutcheson at shutch6@bellsouth.net, ASAP so your senior's name will be included on the banners and yard signs.

And if you're one of these parents, and haven't already, please email a flattering picture and a couple of sentences about what your graduating senior's planning for next year, to CSNutshellEditor@gmail.com. We'll feature them on the front page of the June issue – the very first all-digital issue of the Nutshell, ever!

DIRECTORY INFORMATION DEADLINE

The deadline for submitting your information for the upcoming neighborhood directory is JUNE 1ST. Please either complete the form at the back of this newsletter and drop it off at 1500 Kingfisher Dr. or send an email to membership@chestnutsprings.org to request the link to complete your information online (PREFERRED METHOD).

YARD OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the Hummels,
at 1651 Barn Swallow!



**SLOW DOWN
WATCH OUT
FOR KIDS**



**NO
POLITICS
PLEASE**

Thank you

COMMUNITY NOTE

While just fine to place political signs on your own property, please do not do so on **community land**. Thank you!



The kids planted some
jelly beans this Easter.
Check back in a few
months to see the
lollypop patch!

CLUBHOUSE RENTAL INFORMATION

Contact Clubhouse Chair,
Tammy Feilmeier



NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

The Nutshell is the one avenue we all have to connect with the neighborhood goings-on, on a macro level. And every month we'll want to hear from you (*yes, you!*) regarding what may be happening, as it pertains to us all.

So please send any and all fun, useful, engaging information about Chestnut Springs to CSNutshellEditor@gmail.com. When possible, we may highlight your input in an issue.

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HOA News...Letter from the President

Dear neighbors,

The graduation signs are up, the pool is almost ready to open, and fresh mulch has been spread at the playground. Summertime is upon us!

I believe one thing that sets our neighborhood apart from others, truly making it a community, is the willingness of everyone to reach out and help each other. Our Women's Club members often provides meals for neighbors after a baby is born or a hospital stay or other life-altering events. Volunteers staff the concessions stand at the pool on weekends so we can enjoy snacks and beverages. We have neighbors who take turns taking glass to the recycle center in neighboring counties for each other (since Cobb County doesn't accept it anymore). Your HOA board members volunteer their time and talents to manage our coffers, maintain our grounds and amenities, address complaints, gather information for a new directory, and even to publish this very newsletter. We are all volunteers! What can you do to add value to our community?

Not sure how you can help? Plans are in the works for a neighborhood workday early in June. The more people join in, the more we'll get done. And you just might get to make some new friends in the process!

Thank you all for making our neighborhood such a great place to call home.

Sincerely,

Cinda O'Keefe

2017 Chestnut Springs HOA Board

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Reach us at:

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Architectural Control Committee Reminder

Please submit any changes to your homes' exterior or major landscaping to the Chestnut Springs Architectural Control Committee (ACC). The changes requiring ACC approval include any addition to the house exterior, exterior painting and roofing, fencing, outdoor hardscapes, and major landscaping project (over \$1000).

The approval process is described on the Chestnut Springs website at <http://www.chestnutsprings.org/acc.php>. In the middle of ACC page is a link to the request form. Also, see more detailed information by clicking the Association Quick Links on that page for Protective Covenants. The completed request form along with pictures and plans for your improvement should be emailed to boardmembers@chestnutsprings.org.

- Chris McKemie, 2017 ACC Chair

IN-HOME PEDIATRIC SPEECH THERAPY SERVICES

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Did you know June 20th is the 1st day of summer! Is your Physical, Mental and Financial health ready for summer? If you or someone you love needs to work on those goals before that day comes? How about a Free Health Coach that can help? I'm just a phone call, text or PM away! What do you have to gain? Maybe a Healthier YOU!

Wishing You Wellness,
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678-938-8433

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GOT GUITAR?

Beginning Guitar Lessons with Beth Bond. The guitar is a fun and versatile instrument and you can bring it practically anywhere! Give the gift of music, either to yourself (why not?) or to a loved one. Learn to play now and enjoy it for the rest of your life. Lessons are \$15 per half hour and I teach from my home: 2467 Chestnut Springs Trail.

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Current members of the Chestnut Springs HOA Facebook page can easily add any CS resident with whom they are Facebook friends. Just go to the CS Facebook page on your computer and click on add a member tab. Select them from the list of your friends and they will be added on the Facebook Chestnut Springs site. Any new resident that cannot find a current member to add them can contact Mary Lou Panaccione-Villalba and she will request them as a friend and then add them to the Chestnut Springs site. This is a private site to limit the site to members of the community.

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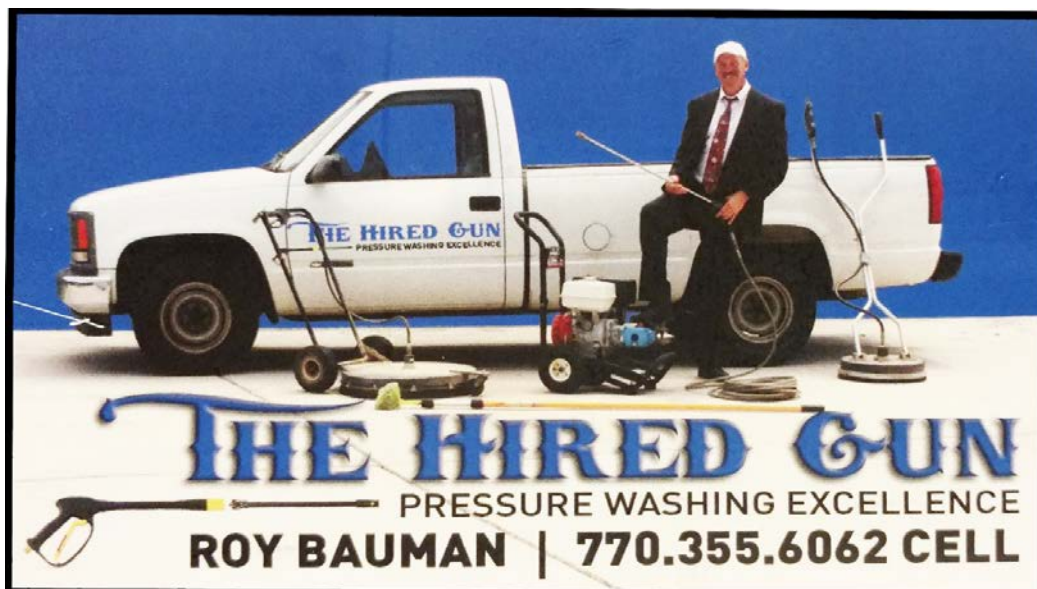
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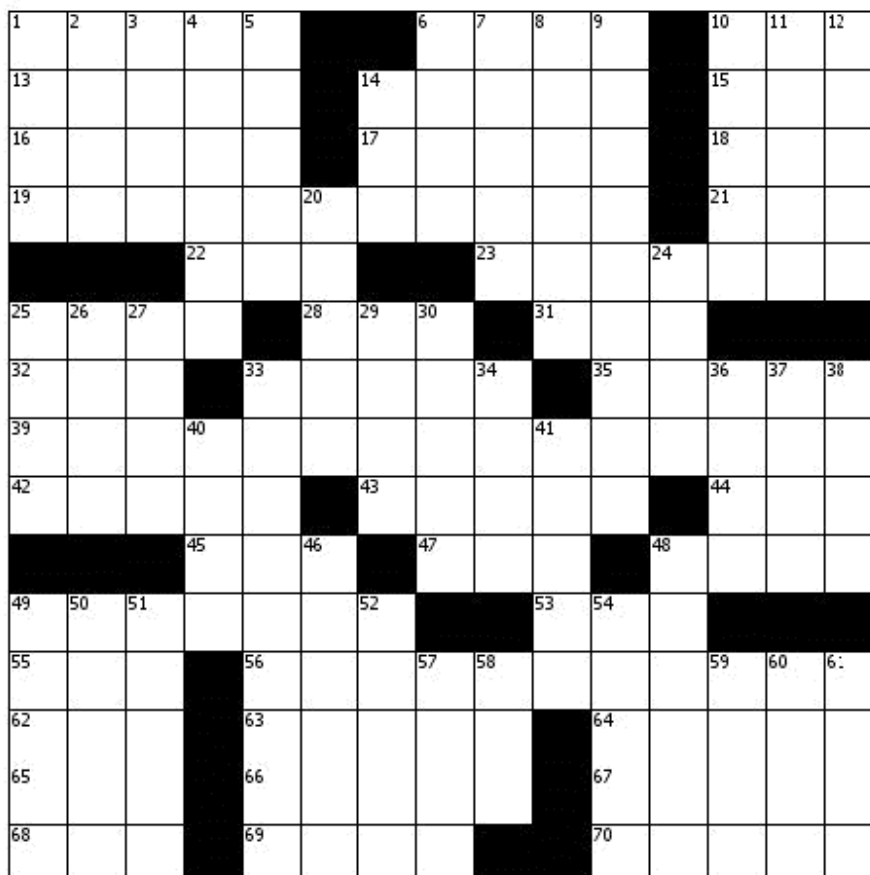


CHESTNUT SPRINGS' MAY CROSSWORD

(solution in next month's Nutshell)

Across

1. Parcel out
6. "Terrible" infant stage
10. Tavern
13. Freak out
14. Nary a soul
15. Fuss
16. Roof overhangs
17. Marsh bird
18. Waiter's reward
19. Shrewd one
21. Garden tool
22. Sailor's assent
23. Cunning quality
25. Racetrack circuits
28. Poorly lit
31. Summer zodiac sign
32. Urban thoroughfare; Abbr.
33. Receded
35. Sneaker bottoms
39. Chances are
42. Toil, so to speak
43. Short putt
44. Mural, for example
45. President pro ____
47. Suffix for book
48. Club member's payment
49. Three or four
53. Also
55. Bullfight cheer
56. Something easy
62. Repair
63. Nostalgic tune
64. Seiko competitor
65. Devoured
66. Copier paper size
67. Run off to wed
68. American flag color
69. Black-and-white cookie
70. Homes for robins



Down

1. Matures
2. Rich soil
3. Volcanic outflow
4. Dramatic musical works
5. In a bad mood
6. Drive-thru order
7. Is in operating condition
8. Playwright Eugene
9. Look at
10. Get into a tub
11. Felipe's farewell
12. Learning the ____ (getting trained)
14. Prefix meaning "recent"
20. Aromatic tree
24. Midday
25. Young fellows
26. Give testimony
27. Brazilian soccer great
29. "Meet Me ____ Louis"
30. Tin or titanium
33. Aquatic sport
34. Knucklehead
36. Waikiki feast
37. Raison d' ____
38. Retired airplanes; Abbr.
40. Past due
41. "Me too!"
46. One sending a letter
48. Mild-mannered
49. Up to now
50. Exclusive group
51. Annoyed
52. Window projection
54. Frequently
57. Giuseppe's goodbye
58. Electrified fish
59. Singer Tori
60. Retained
61. Former spouses

VOLUNTEER FOR POOL CONCESSIONS AND MENU

The Women's Club pool concession stand will be open during the summer weekends and on Tuesday July 4th. We will have one shift per weekend day (1:30-4:30PM) except for holidays which will have 2 shifts (1:30-3:30PM and 3:30-5:30M) each day. Please sign up online at <http://signup.com/go/i27VfN>.

LUNCH Chips .50 Hot Dog 1.50 Nachos 2.00 Soft Pretzel 1.00 (with cheese, 2.00)	DRINKS Soda 1.00 (Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite, Orange, Dr. Pepper) ★ Gatorade 1.00 Bottled Water 1.00 La Croix 1.00 ★ 100% Fruit Juice .75 ★	FROZEN TREATS Pop Ice .25 Icee Freeze .75 Frozen Candy Bar 1.00 Drumstick 1.50 Snow Cones 1.00 ★
CHOCOLATE Reese's Cups 1.00 Kit Kat 1.00 Snickers 1.00 Twix 1.00	CANDY Airhead Xtremes 1.00 Baby Bottle Pop 1.00 Nerd Rope 1.00 Push Pop 1.00 Skittles 1.00 Sour Patch Kids 1.00 Sour Punch Straws 1.00 ★ Ring Pop .50 Airheads .25	SNOW CONE FLAVORS (CHOOSE UP TO 2) Cherry Blue Raspberry Tiger's Blood Clear Cherry Lime Watermelon Cotton Candy ★

CSWC Concession Stand Menu

CLUBHOUSE REMINDER

If you're renting or using the clubhouse, please turn the a/c up to 78 after everyone leaves and keep the doors closed as much as possible before and after setting up.

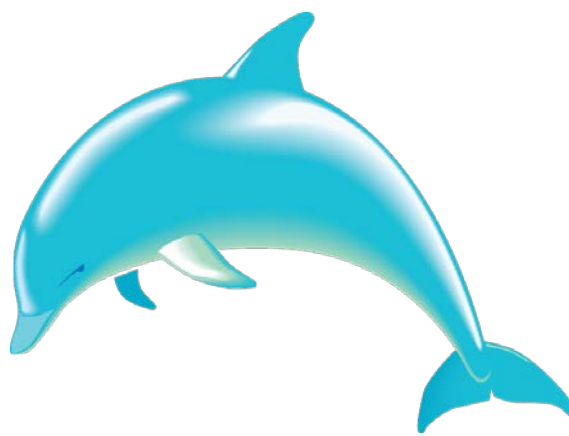
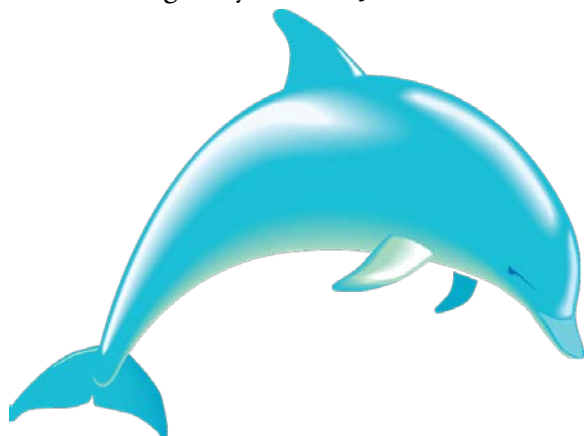
We're getting killed on monthly electric bills – so thank you for your courtesy!

2017 CHESTNUT SPRINGS DOLPHINS

Registration for the 2017 Chestnut Springs Dolphins is now open!!! Please go to our team website www.chestnutspringsdolphins.com, and follow the "Register Now" button. For those on the fence about joining, we have created a Top 10 List to help convince you!!!

10 Reasons Your Child Should Join the Chestnut Springs Swim Team

1. **Exercise.** Our swim team practices four days a week for six weeks. That's a lot of great cardiovascular and muscular exercise for your child. And on the fifth day, we swim and eat donuts! Win-win.
2. **Motivate your lazy teen or tween.** Tired of the constant eye-rolling when they finally look up from their device? Annoyed with the one-word answers? Done with the looks of disdain when you speak? Make your teen or tween get out of bed during summer vacation and swim laps. Now who's the boss? You are.
3. **Spend time with your delightful neighbors.** We're all busy, but we come together for swim meets. Once a week throughout June, you can catch up with your neighbors over pizza and Chick-fil-A sandwiches. It's a great mid-week perk.
4. **Get a break from your child during summer vacation.** Parents are not allowed on the pool deck during practices. That means you can sip your morning coffee and read a book in peace.
5. **Splashes of chlorine and non-stop humidity are great for your skin.** After a swim meet, you will be positively glowing!
6. **Practice your East Cobb elitism by watching the Dolphins crush other neighborhoods at swim meets.** Good try Arthur's Vineyard, but we know who the real champions are.
7. **You're paying for the pool, so use it!** Our pool is one of our most sought-after neighborhood amenities. It benefits our home values and provides family fun. The pool cover is only off for a few months, so make use of those HOA dues and swim daily!
8. **Every child gets to compete.** It doesn't matter if you're 5 years old or 15 years old. It doesn't matter if you just learned how to swim or if you're a state champion. Every swimmer gets to compete at every meet. We especially need older swimmers to support and encourage our younger swimmers. There's something very special about being part of the neighborhood team. Kids love the camaraderie and remember it forever.
9. **Walton High School has a legacy of strong swim teams.** As a feeder neighborhood, we have an obligation to raise kids who like to swim. If we don't, they might re-district us.
10. **There's food!** Every swim meet has a full, delicious, inexpensive concession stand. That means you get a night off from cooking every week in June.





Ten year old Isabella “Izzy” Sternagle, granddaughter of resident Jim Sternagle, recently had the lead in the Kincaid School production of the play “Alice in Wonderland” on the school’s outdoor playground. She had outstanding performances all week, and even had the lead in Cast A! Izzy also participated in the competitive all-day Science Olympiad testing at Kennesaw State University on Saturday with 36 schools statewide participating. She placed sixth and eighth in the two categories and hurried back to Kincaid for the last performance on Saturday.



SPLASH PARTY

MAY 24 – LAST DAY OF SCHOOL – ALL ARE WELCOME!

- Snow cones at the pool from 1:30- 3:00. (hosted by CSWC).
- Pool opens at 1:30 (life guards will be on duty).
- No need to go home! Swim team will be selling pizza, drinks and candy.

10 SIMPLE WAYS TO PREVENT THEFT AND BREAK-INS FROM YOUR COBB POLICE

A burglary takes place every 15 seconds in the US. with an average of \$2,000 loss per incident. By the time you are done reading this newsletter, NINE homes would have been broken into. Pretty scary right?

Below are some easy tips for preventing theft and break-ins that we all should keep in mind.

REINFORCE DOORS AND ENTRY POINTS. Burglars want to get in and out of a house as quickly as possible. The longer it takes to enter a home, the more likely someone will notice and call the police. So the harder you make it to gain entry, the better.

NO HIDE & SEEK. In addition to regular exterior home maintenance, making the home appear lived-in, and keeping shrubbery trimmed to no more than waist high prevents intruders from finding a convenient hiding place.

KEEP IT CLOSED. Close your garage doors. An open garage door with bikes, tools, and toys inside just screams "rob me!" All a burglar has to do is run in, take what he wants, and run out. Always lock the entry door into your house, especially when the garage door is open. If you park your car in the driveway, don't leave the garage door opener in it. A common tactic used by burglars is to break into a car parked in the driveway, grab the garage door opener, and use it to enter the house or steal items in the garage.

TAKE A PEEK. There are many advantages for installing security cameras around the inside and outside of your home. Exterior cameras not only capture video of motion and activity, but they can also deter intruders if they are smart enough to realize they will be caught on film.

DON'T FAKE IT. Don't be obvious! Keep spare keys in a lockbox, not in a fake rock. Better yet, install automated locks so you can unlock doors remotely from anywhere in the world.

LIGHT IT UP. Set up auto lights to turn on at dusk in shadowed areas outside, at the porch, and inside to provide the illusion that your home is occupied. This is especially important at times of travel.

MIND YOUR TRASH. One way criminals will stake your house is to check for any big cardboard boxes sitting on your curb. If you make any significant purchases, make sure to cut up the cardboard box it came in so it can fit in a trash bag or a recyclables container. Also, before you throw away any bills or bank statements, shred them to stave off identity theft.

LIKE - DON'T LIKE. Be selective in what you post on social media. Don't post about your upcoming spring break trip or upload vacation photos while you are away. There are seriously bad people surfing social media looking for opportunities to target. Some of them may even be your "friends".

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR. Keep in touch with neighbors so they can report suspicious activity when they see it. Neighbors can also help each other with picking up the mail or packages, watering the potted plants, removing trashcans from the curb, and checking on the house. Automated locks and remote controls for your security system makes it very convenient for neighbors to be neighborly.

ARM YOUR SECURITY SYSTEM. No explanation needed!

*This information was shared from EMC Security



DIRECTORY QUESTIONNAIRE

Please provide your information for the new Chestnut Springs Directory by either method below:

- 1) Send an email to membership@chestnutsprings.org to request the link to complete this form online
(*PREFERRED METHOD*); OR
- 2) Complete this form and drop it off in the mailbox at **1500 Kingfisher Dr.**

Homeowner LAST Name(s), FIRST Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Numbers (Home, Cell): _____

Additional Information (OPTIONAL), such as employer, job title, etc.

Type of Membership (Circle One) :

Permanent Rec Charter Rec Charter Community Non-Member

Child(ren)'s Names/Birthdates (OPTIONAL)

Contact Info. for Neighborhood Services List

If any of your children would like to be included on the Neighborhood Services Lists at the back of the directory, please provide their name and contact information below. Birthdates are helpful for those wanting to hire them but are OPTIONAL.

Babysitters: _____

Pet Sitters: _____

House Sitters: _____

Mother's Helpers : _____

Yard Workers: _____