



Deerbrook Homeowners Association

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Newsletter Announcements
If you have anything you'd like to see in the newsletter, please email mail@deerbrookhoa.org

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Deerbrook Homeowners Association Newsletter
May 2020

General Meeting May 11 by Zoom

Our bylaws require us to have a spring meeting, so we are having one online with Zoom on Monday, May 11 at 7 pm. Please send an email with your name and address to mail@deerbrookhoa.org to request the meeting link.

The officers and board will be elected and a budget discussed and voted at this spring meeting, so it is very important that all members and residents attend to have their voices heard. Only members can vote, but you can **become a member at any time** by dropping off your \$60 dues check payable to DHOA at 1219 Wheatley. If you have paid, or do pay,

you'll receive a copy of the directory we're in the process of completing.

If you can't attend, **please provide your proxy to one** of your neighbors that will attend or to a board member (list is on the back side). You can put it in that person's mailbox or you can photograph it and send it to mail@deerbrookhoa.org. As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please email mail@deerbrookhoa.org.

Please, please attend this meeting! If you're concerned about how your dues are spent, speak up or become an officer.

COVID-19 Affects Everything

COVID-19 can cause a range of symptoms in different people. While older people and those with underlying health conditions are at much higher risk of serious symptoms, healthy doctors and nurses in their 30s and 40s have been hospitalized and died. In contrast, many people get it and don't even feel sick. One doctor described it as Russian Roulette – you don't know how bad it will be for you until you get it.

The other big concern people have is who else they will infect. It's transmitted through coughing, sneezing, talking, singing, and generally being physically close to others. The air coming out of our lungs carries virus which can be inhaled by others. This is why the

CDC recommends face coverings to reduce the risk of inhaling the virus.

Virus can also end up on public surfaces like door knobs, touch screens, bathroom handles, etc., that are later touched by uninfected people who then touch their eyes, nose, or mouths. This introduces the virus directly into the throat & respiratory system. But careful **handwashing** before touching the face can wash virus off the hands.

That's why CDC is recommending face coverings and washing hands for 20 seconds with soap & water. That's also why they **recommend "social distancing"** – keeping 6 feet or more away from others and avoiding crowded areas. A lot us are working from home, buying necessities online

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Officers for 2019-2020

President

Patricia Yeargin

Vice President

Nicole Wright

Treasurer

James Jacobson

Secretary

Claire Gloeckner

Board Members

Blake Parkman

John Dyer

Please email us at mail@deerbrookhoa.org to volunteer for your HOA, if you have questions or concerns, or if you'd like to be serve on the DHOA Board. Everyone is needed!

COVID-19 (continued)

for delivery, and having virtual doctor visits and Skype family gatherings.

What if you think you have the disease? Contact your doctor for further instructions if you have one or more of these symptoms: fever, cough, shortness of breath or trouble breathing, chills (especially repeated shaking with chills), muscle pain, headache, sore throat and new loss of taste or smell.

There's a ton of myths and bad information out there about coronavirus. Here are some sources for reliable information, all of them free: the **US Centers for Disease Control** has a landing page with information on protecting yourself, what to do if you're sick, free email newsletters, and lots more, here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

The Georgia Department of Public Health has information too, including test-confirmed case numbers as well as deaths, which so far number around 1000 for the state:

<https://dph.georgia.gov/novelcoronavirus>

Several news groups are offering free access to all their coronavirus stories. Here are some up to date resources with reliable reporting:

National Public Radio:

<https://www.npr.org/series/812054919/the-coronavirus-crisis>

The Atlantic:

<https://www.theatlantic.com/category/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Washington Post:

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/coronavirus/>

Stay Safe!

Invasion of the English – English Ivy, that is

As spring has fallen upon us, so has the ever-present English Ivy invasion. English Ivy, while nice to look at, is one of the top destructive creeping plants to arrive in the US. It its native to Europe it was considered a natural landscaping plant as it is fast growing and can grow to more than 100 feet long. It is such an effective ground cover that the vines can cover the ground and choke other vegetation. It can also climb trees up into the canopy, depriving the tree of much needed sunlight. While considered ornamental if well managed, once the Ivy starts to overtake the local vegetation and trees, aggressive removal, including the root system,

should be considered. Once the plant has grown to maturity, the flowers can be toxic to both humans and animals. Cutting or hand-pulling can be an effective control measure, but you must be careful to protect yourself from the plant's potential toxic effects. The entire plant, including roots and runners, must be removed as stem fragments can cause re-sprouting. Also, English ivy is tolerant of pre-emergent herbicides.

For more information, visit the Invasive Plant Atlas of the United States:

<https://www.invasiveplantatlas.org/subject.html?sub=3027>

Quote...

"Beat it. Just beat it."

-Michael Jackson

About Our Organization...

The objectives of this Association are to protect, preserve, and enhance the property values; to promote integrity and good faith and friendly relations amongst its members; to prevent or adjust controversies; and to represent the community in the consideration and decisions of public policy in municipal, county, and state affairs.