



A Special Offer for Avocet Residents from Arbor-Nomics

Arbor-Nomics is proud to be providing the Avocet Community with lawn care. We treat the common areas and also have several residents in the subdivision that use Arbor-Nomics. If you would like a FREE analysis of your lawn and trees/shrubs please give us a call. We provide lawn fertilization, weed control, pre-emergents, aeration, aeration/overseeding, and a vast variety of other treatments for your lawn and trees/shrubs. Since we are already in the community we are offering you 50% off your first lawn care application and 10% off each additional lawn and trees/shrubs service. Please give Brandon Stegall our marketing/sales manager a call at 770-447-6037 Ext.1154 or send him an e-mail at brandon@arbor-nomics.com to receive your FREE analysis today. We at Arbor-Nomics look forward to servicing the Avocet Community.

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Our classroom is a nurturing environment where children learn vocabulary, simple phrases, the alphabet, number-recognition and SO much more through fun daily activities, games, songs & art. We're going to have LOTS of FUN learning Español.

Group, Private Classes, Tutoring and After-school Enrichment Classes also offered around the Peachtree Corners - Norcross - Duluth area. Contact me for **Group Classes** in *your* home.

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2/25 – 3/31/08
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Web: www.freewebs.com/spanish-classes
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Avocet Resident
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robhillerlandscaping@yahoo.com

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Great Offer from Georgia Pressure & Steam!

The folks from Georgia Pressure & Steam have teamed up with the Avocet Property Owners Association to bring you a great 20% discount on their pressure washing services.

To get a firm estimate, you can call William at 770-729-6200 and let him know you are an Avocet resident. You can also visit their website at www.georgiapressure.com.

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AVOCET ANNUAL MEETING THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH

As you saw in the recent announcement, a very important date for Avocet is just around the corner. Our annual meeting is scheduled for September 25 at 7:00 PM at the clubhouse. Registration starts at 6:30 PM. This meeting is important because we elect a new Board of Directors (BOD). The BOD is responsible for ensuring our community is financially sound, enforcing our covenants and maintaining our common areas. To see a more detailed description, you can go to <http://avocet-hoa.org/Documents/nominating/BODJobDescription.pdf>.

One member of our current board will be stepping down this year. Sean Bennett has served two terms on the board as Treasurer and President. Prior to his service on the board, Sean served on the Finance Committee. He was instrumental in the passage of the Special Assessment. He also helped to craft the Spending Limit Bylaw Amendment. We want to thank him for his service.

Four members of the current board will be placing their names in nomination for the coming year: Kenneth Greeker, Rachel Frintner, Neil Gonsalves and Jeanne Aulbach.

We need additional volunteers to serve on the board

in the coming year. It is a challenging and interesting job. It does require a commitment of time and a willingness to take on projects. It sometimes requires making tough decisions.

To see what has been done this past year, you can review the minutes of board meetings at our web site, <http://avocet-hoa.org/bod/minutes.htm>. You can review our financial statements on-line as well at . If you have any questions, you can contact the BOD at bod@avocet-hoa.org. Any member will be happy to answer your questions.

To place your name in nomination, you can send an e-mail to [Leisa Ballew \(leisa@associationgt.com\)](mailto:leisa@associationgt.com) at AMAG with your name, address, phone number, e-mail address and a brief statement about why you would be interested in standing for the board. We will post the list of candidates on our website, <http://avocet-hoa.org>.

If you feel you cannot make the time commitment for BOD membership, please consider volunteering for one of our committees. There is a list of committees at <http://avocet-hoa.org/committees/committees.htm>, you can follow the links to get more information on what the committee does.

Statements of Current Board Members Seeking Re-Election

Jeanne Aulbach - "I have been privileged to serve Avocet on the board the last two years. During that time, we have made significant progress in improving our common areas and our communication. While much has been accomplished, there are still many projects outstanding. I would enjoy the opportunity to continue to work with the board next year. I hope to continue to improve the communication processes that draw us together as a community. I also hope to put in place processes and procedures that will guide and assist boards in the future. Avocet is a great

place to live. I hope others will be inspired to serve either on the board or on a committee in the coming year!"

Kenneth Greeker - "Serving on the board is important to me because I have experienced the decline in overall appearance and property value that occurs in a community that is not maintained. In the past year, the board has made some significant changes and improvements in Avocet. It has been my privilege to be part of this process and I look forward to contributing to a board in the upcoming year that meets the

needs of our neighbors while maintaining standards that ensure continued pride in our community."

Rachel Frintner - "When I moved to Avocet, I knew I wanted to make a positive contribution to my community. I served on the BOD in 2005 and hope to serve again this year. I know while we need to ensure our community is maintained properly, social activities and interaction help to bring us together as neighbors. I look forward to serving this coming year to continue to improve our community!"



Avocet Tennis & Pool Courtesy

This year, our community invested a great deal of money in improvements to the tennis courts and the pool area. Unfortunately, some folks do not seem to realize that we need to treat our community property with the same care and respect we treat our personal property. We have had items removed from the pool area like umbrellas and furniture, someone continues to break into the pump room, and folks have been observed riding bikes and skateboards on the new tennis court surfaces. Every item that has to be replaced and every repair that has to be made because of theft and vandalism comes out of each of our pockets.

Because of this, we just wanted to review some common sense, common courtesy rules for our common areas.

The amenities area hours are 8:00 am to 10:00 pm. The only exception is the clubhouse when it is rented. We have neighbors whose homes border this area. They would like to have some peace and quiet at night and early morning. If you hear or observe activity in the amenities area outside of the stated hours, please call the police. It could be vandals.

Tennis courts:

- Do not walk on the courts unless you are wearing tennis shoes.
- Do not place any furniture on the courts. We now have the regulation benches and chairs in the pavilions, so additional seating placed on the courts is unnecessary.
- The courts are for tennis play only. Please do not ride bikes or skateboards on the courts. Do not use the courts for batting practice.
- When you leave the courts:
- Please make certain the gates are shut and locked.

• Please place your trash in appropriate containers.

• Ensure all squeeges are properly stored and that all trash and other items are removed from the area around the court.

• Please place any chairs removed from the pavilion back in the pavilion.

• Turn off all lights when you leave

Pool:

- Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult. If your babysitter is not 18 or older, they cannot bring your under age children to the pool on their own.
- When you leave a table that has an umbrella up, please close the umbrella. Open umbrellas are damaged by winds and storms.

• Please do not “jump” the pool fence or allow your children to do so.

• The pool gate must not be propped open.

• Please turn off the bathroom lights when you leave the bathroom.

• Do not remove Avocet property from the pool area.

• Please place your trash in appropriate containers.

• If you are the last person to leave the pool area, please:

- Turn off all lights in the clubhouse
- Close and latch the window in the hallway by the men’s room
- Close the door to the bathrooms
- Close all open umbrellas
- Ensure both gates are closed and locked

ACC Standards Reminder

Just a reminder that ACC approval is required for all exterior changes to your home. We strongly recommend that you contact the ACC prior to finalizing your plans. While the ACC makes every attempt to accommodate homeowners requests, there are some changes that may not be approved. In those cases, you will be required to make a change in your plans. Changes requiring approval include, but are not limited to:

- Adding a fence
- Painting the exterior of your home
- Replacing your current mailbox post with a brick or wrought iron post
- Adding a screened-in porch, deck, room addition, concrete pad, shed or storage building
- Adding hardscape such as a retaining wall or dry creekbed
- Installing playground equipment, including swingsets, treehouses and basketball goals
- Replacements doors, windows (mullions / grids are required), siding & awnings

Bits and Pieces

October Movie Night

The very popular Kids Club Movie Night will be returning in October, watch your USPS and e-mail mailboxes for dates and times!

Halloween Party

Because of the high cost of fuel, the fire engine that has led our Halloween Parade in previous years, will not be available. The Kids Club is looking at other ideas to give our children a special Halloween experience. If you have any ideas, they would love to hear from you. They are looking for an activity that would not cut deeply into Trick or Treat time and is simple with no mess to clean up! You can contact them at kids@avocet-hoa.org with any ideas!

Wine Tasting Party

Come taste different wines from around the World on Saturday, October 25, at 7:00 p.m. in the Avocet Clubhouse. Please plan to bring an appetizer or dessert to share with your neighbors. Please RSVP to social@avocet-hoa.org or call Beth at 770-447-9855. Mark your calendars!

Mailboxes

We are working on a plan to gradually replace existing mailboxes with a standard mailbox.

We have two options. One is a standard stained wooden post with numbers on the post and a standard sized black metal mailbox. The other



is an all-in-one metal mailbox and post. The advantage of the wooden post is it is significantly less expensive than the metal mailbox. We will have pictures of both options at the annual meeting and will have a straw poll of those attending.

When your mailbox and post reach a point where they need to be replaced, you will be notified. We will then work with you on the replacement. We will cover portion of the cost of the replacement.

Please Help Protect Avocet’s Assets

Many folks walk through the amenities area for exercise or to walk your dogs. When you do, we would like to ask for your help to secure the area. If you are in the area and there is no one at the courts or the pool, please check the following:

- Ensure the gates at the courts and the pool are shut and latched. There have been many occasions where gates were left open.
- Ensure the door to the clubhouse is closed and the window in the bathroom hallway is closed and secure.
- If the umbrellas by the pool are open, please close them. If they are open, they can be damaged by the wind.

Satellite Dishes

Satellite dishes cannot be placed on the front of your home. Corner lots have 2 “fronts”. Satellite companies can place the dish so it is not clearly visible from the street. This is not something they like to do. In fact the installers will attempt to convince you that any other placement is impossible.

However, if instructed by you

that our covenants require the dish placement to be obscured from the street, they will find a way to make it work.

Signs

Please note that our covenants only allow a single “For Sale” sign. “For Rent” and any contractor signs are prohibited. Also, county code prevents signs from being placed at the entry as they are in the right of way. Exceptions at the entry can be made for “Open House” signs and “Garage Sale” signs on the day before and the day of the event. The other exception is for “School Spirit” signs with the approval of the BOD.

Avocet Dues Payments

Please check the address you are sending your payments to as it has changed. The correct address is:

Association Management Advisory Group, Inc.
2000 Riverside Parkway Ste 102
Lawrenceville, GA 30043-5926

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Avocet BOD Meeting

The next Avocet Board of Directors meeting is Tuesday, September 16th, 7:00 p.m. at the clubhouse. Please join us if you can.