

Sever Words

Fall 2015

Sever Words is produced twice a year. As always, any information you would like to share with your neighbors in Sever Woods can be submitted for publication in the next issue of Sever Words. Information can be dropped in the HOA box or emailed to secretary@severwoods.com.

Website Update

www.severwoods.com

A big thank you to Gwen Warner for updating our neighborhood website. If you haven't looked at it recently, please check it out. You can find a link to a copy of the Declaration of Protective Covenants for Sever Woods, names and contact information for current board members, the ARC request form, and much more.

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2015 Yard of the Month Recipients

The Sever Woods Homeowners Association would like to congratulate the following neighbors for being recognized with the Yard of the Month Award:

- 1275 Sever Woods Dr—April
- 1445 Sever Woods Ct—May
- 1395 Sever Woods Dr—June
- 1405 Sever Woods Dr—July
- 1290 Sever Woods Dr—August
- 1440 Sever Woods Ct—September

We will be taking a break for fall/winter. In April, we will once again be scouting the neighborhood for the yard that expresses creativity and pride in our neighborhood. Clean off those gardening tools so that you are ready at the first sign of spring.

We look forward to continuing this neighborhood challenge.

Check us out.



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Leaves, Leaves, Everywhere

Our neighborhood has lots of beautiful trees and at this time of year that means lots of leaves. Leaves can be bagged for pick up if you have yard service from Advanced Disposal, composted, or used as mulch.

Leaves cannot be burned or blown down the storm drains. Our covenants prohibit burning and the storm drains flow to the detention basin, which cannot operate properly if the openings are obstructed by leaves.



Protecting Computers and Electrical Appliances from Lightning Strikes



Image courtesy of Christian Meyn at FreeDigitalPhotos.net

During the past summer, at least two homes in Sever Woods have been impacted by lightning strikes. Computers, televisions, and air conditioners are easily damaged by momentary high voltages (called surges or spikes that can exceed thousands of volts) on the home's electrical, telephone, and data lines. This can be caused by a lightning strike that hits nearby trees or electrical power lines, typically within a few hundred feet of the house.

Thankfully, there are devices called TVSS (transient voltage suppression system) or SPD (surge protective device) that can be easily installed in homes at a modest cost. Here are two devices that seem to provide maximum protection at reasonable prices. Note: You may find same (or similar) products at lower prices from other hardware stores (such as Lowes) or online suppliers.



Eaton Model # BR230SUR (whole house surge protector, it installs in AC power panel; if you are not qualified to install it, then you should hire a licensed electrician to do the installation in a safe and effective manner)

Home Depot sells it at \$108.00 each (Internet order item # 205475993)

Image Source:

[http://www.homedepot.com/p/Eaton-30-Amp-Double-Pole-Type-BR-Surge-](http://www.homedepot.com/p/Eaton-30-Amp-Double-Pole-Type-BR-Surge-Protector-205475993)



APC Model # P11GTV (plug-in surge protector with phone and video protection; this does not require an electrician to install and use as it is a simple plug in device like an extension power cord or power strip)

Home Depot sells it at \$35.24 each (Internet order item # 203304277)

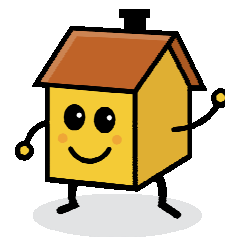
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<http://www.homedepot.com/p/APC-SurgeArrest-120-Volt-11-Power-Saving-Performance-Outlet-with-Phone-and-Video-Protection-P11GTV/203304277>

Covenant Corner

All garbage cans ... shall be located or screened so as to be concealed from view of neighboring streets and property... Trash, garbage, debris, or other waste matter of any kind may not be burned within the Community.”

Declaration of Protective Covenants for Sever Woods, Article VI, Section 16



Community Oriented Police Service (C.O.P.S.)



Thank you to all of our Sever Woods neighbors for continuing to be watchful of the happenings in our subdivision. We have finally gotten our sign from last year recognizing us as a master community, and a welcome addition it is.

We lost a block captain when Karen & Glen Malool moved, but we are lucky that Terry Sparks has agreed to be a block captain filling the vacancy that was left.

Bill & Maryann Grube attended the Safety Festival in my absence to fulfill our requirement by the county.

Jay Brewer is still our Gwinnett County COPS Officer and has been so helpful in answering any questions we may have and participating in functions whenever possible.

We satisfied our requirement for a neighborhood event with the pizza party this past weekend. Thank you to every one who attended.

Ellie Torstrick,
Sever Woods C.O.P.S. Liaison

As a reminder, your block captains are:

Terry Sparks 770-682-1208	Evers Walk -- #1430, 1420, 1410, 1400, 1405, 1415, 1425, 1435
Cheryle Stevens 770-338-0030	Sever Woods Drive -- # 1445, 1435, 1425, 1400, 1380, 1370
Steve Carlson 770-778-2315	Sever Woods Drive -- # 1360, 1350, 1340, 1330, 1320, 1310, 1300
Ed Wehunt 770-995-4086	Sever Woods Drive # 1290 -- & Evers Place -- # 1434, 1424, 1414, 1419, 1429, 1439
Ellie Torstrick 678-225-0715	Margo Trail # 1202, 1207, 1215, 1172 -- & Sever Woods Drive # 1230, 1220
Caroline Gatto 678-407-9018	Sever Woods Drive - # 1210, 1205, 1215, 1225, 1235, 1245 & 1255
Nam Paik 770-339-9891	Sever Woods Drive # 1275, 1295, 1305 & Sever Woods Court - 1440, 1445, 1450 & 1455 & Forest Glade Trace # 1307
Julie Jaques 770-338-1750	Forest Glade Trace - # 1302, 1292, 1282, 1272, 1277, 1287, 1297
Maryann & Bill Grube 770-682-0659	Sever Woods Court # 1495, 1505, 1500, 1490, 1480 & 1470
Richard Davidson 678-376-7281	Sever Woods Drive - # 1345, 1365, 1375, 1385, 1395, 1405 & 1415

Outdoor Safety

Everyone should be aware of potential danger to themselves when enjoying the outdoors. This applies especially to children or anyone venturing into the wooded areas or near the creek in our neighborhood.



For example, a resident recently sighted a black snake on the bank of the creek that flows under Sever Woods Drive. Earlier this summer (see photo), another snake was in the street near the detention

basin. According to the Georgia Department of Resources website of the 43 species of snakes native to Georgia, there are six poisonous species. Please be alert and exercise caution especially in areas where snakes like to hide such as places that are overgrown, ivy, and piles of boards, brush, rocks, or wood. Removing areas like this will make your yard less attractive to snakes.

Also, please watch for traffic if you are walking in the street; stay on the sidewalk if possible, or near the curb. Let's all keep Sever Woods a SAFE place!

Curbside Bulk Item Service

Did you know that you can have large items and appliances hauled off as part of your service from our trash hauler? Among other items, they will pick up furniture, mattresses, and certain appliances (white goods) at the curb. You can't just place these items out with your regular trash though. You must call at least 48 hours in advance and schedule a pickup as these items are picked up by a different truck than household waste. The items should be placed outside no earlier than the night before your scheduled pickup.

You can schedule a pick up by calling Advanced Disposal at (678) 684-1493. For more information: <http://www.advanceddisposal.com/ga/ball-ground/atlanta-north-collection/guideline/gwinnett-county-ga>

If the item is still in usable condition, consider donating it. Many local charities will pick these items up for free.

America Recycles Day

Saturday, November 21, 2015

9:00 am to noon—Coolray Field

Free Event. Featuring paper shredding, electronics, tire, toner/printer cartridge, and paint recycling.

For more details and quantity limitations visit:

<https://www.gwinnettcountry.com/portal/gwinnett/Services/SolidWasteDisposal/AmericaRecyclesDay>



Holiday Season Safety Tips



Shopping in Stores

- Do not buy more than you can carry. Plan ahead by taking a friend with you or ask a store employee to help you carry your packages to the car.
- Save all receipts. Print and save all confirmations from your online purchases. Start a file folder to keep all receipts together and to help you verify credit card or bank statements as they come in.
- Consider alternate options to pay for your merchandise, such as onetime or multiuse disposable credit cards, at online stores and auction sites.
- Wait until asked before taking out your credit card or checkbook. An enterprising thief would love to shoulder surf to get your account information.
- Tell a security guard or store employee if you see an unattended bag or package. The same applies if you are using mass transit.

Walking to and From Your Car

- Deter pickpockets. Carry your purse close to your body or your wallet inside a coat or front trouser pocket.
- Have your keys in hand when approaching your vehicle. Check the back seat and around the car before getting in.
- Do not leave packages visible in your car windows. Lock them in the trunk or, if possible, take them directly home.

Shopping with Small Children

- If you are shopping with children, make a plan in case you are separated from each other.
- Select a central meeting place.
- Teach them to know they can ask mall personnel or store security if they need help.

Shopping Online

- Before surfing the Internet, secure your personal computers by updating your security software.
- Keep your personal information private and your password secure. Do not respond to requests to “verify” your password or credit card information unless you initiated the contact. Legitimate businesses will not contact you in this manner.
- Beware of “bargains” from companies with whom you are unfamiliar—if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is!



If you have any question please contact Officer Jay Brewer at joseph.brewer@gwinnettcountry.com.