

Apalachee Plantation

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ONLINE NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATE

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Maintain Our Neighborhood

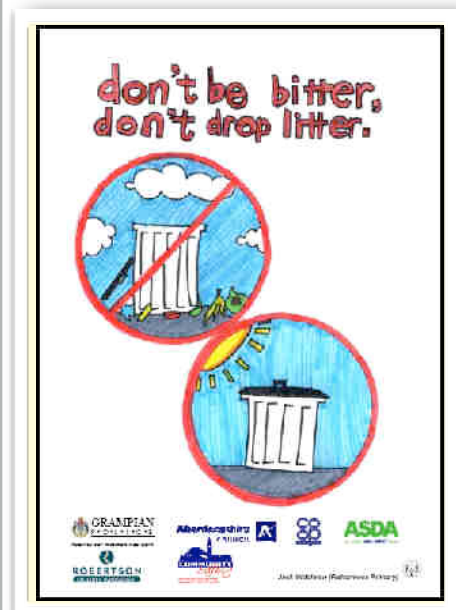
We've all seen the trash in front of our neighborhood. Many probably blamed kids, and some of it could be kids. If so, they are learning it from their parents.

Recently an SUV driver was spotted dumping what looked like a fast food bag out their window as they drove into our neighborhood, near the school. The driver continued onto Fort River Way so either lives here or was visiting friends. How disappointing to see what could be one of our neighbors expecting us to pick up after them. Worse yet, we have to pay a service to pick up such garbage. Perhaps this was be one of those people who complain about paying dues yet through such behavior cause dues to increase to cover increased maintenance fees.

Please, if everyone does their part in keeping up their homes and the streets of our neighborhood we can keep dues down, and keep crime down.

When neighborhoods go downhill, gangs follow. Violent criminal behavior is a result, not a cause of deteriorating neighborhoods.

We all have garbage collection service now, let's use it.



Share your garden or other photos. We'd love to include your photos in our newsletters. Send them to the editor, [Kathryn Dawal](#).

Current Board Members

[Click](#) here for a list of current HOA Board and to visit our website.

Useful Links

How Much Water Do You Use?



Water is one of our most precious natural resources. Gwinnett County offers a variety of ways to reduce their water consumption and water bill.

Fix Leaky Plumbing

Click to find a presentation on fixing leaks in household faucets and toilets.

Cooperative Extension

For useful information and help-related links on a variety of topics. [Click here.](#)

Code Violations

To report a code violation, contact the Code Enforcement Unit at 770.338.4170 ext. 5765 or [click here](#) to complete a Code Violation Reporting form.

Call Before You Dig: 811

Now you can simply call “811” and request your property marked before digging in your lawn or garden. It’s the law, and it avoids needless risk, expense, and difficult. [Click](#) to visit their website.

No Outdoor Burning Allowed

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division (EPD), has issued a ban on open burning May 1st – September 30th of each year. Fifty-four counties in Georgia (including Gwinnett County) are affected. Gwinnett County Fire and Emergency Services is responsible for the enforcement of this state-issued burning ban within Gwinnett County.

From May 1st – September 30th, you may not burn leaves, tree limbs, or other yard waste, forest land, or use air curtain destructors for commercial burning.

Burning Subject to Weather

While we are not currently under an outdoor burning ban, each day is assessed for safe conditions. Before you light up those leaves and other outdoor waste, check the following link. Burning will be banned on days when air pollution is above healthy levels, or when it is likely that winds and/or dry conditions will cause danger to surrounding property. After all, your neighbors won’t like you very much if you burn down their house, nor will your family if you burn down your house.

Click here for day to day burn permission.

From May 1, no outdoor burning of yard and other waste is allowed.

Outdoor water use for any purposes other than watering of plants, such as power washing or washing cars, is still restricted to the current odd/even watering schedule.

It’s the Law!

All Georgians using public water must follow the Department of Natural Resources schedule for year-round outdoor watering:

- Odd-numbered addresses can water on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays
- Even-numbered and unnumbered addresses on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays
- No watering on Friday

The Georgia Water Stewardship Act was signed and went into effect statewide on June 2, 2010. The bill, signed by Governor Perdue allows daily outdoor watering for purposes of planting, growing, managing, or maintaining ground cover, trees, shrubs, or other plants only between the hours of 4 p.m. and 10 a.m. Other outdoor water usage is to follow the odd/even watering schedule. [Click for more information.](#)

Road Safety and Courtesy

Relax, be happy.

In a hurry to get home? Why not enjoy the drive. Wave to your neighbors, watch out for their kids. There have been a number of complaints about speeding in the neighborhood and reckless driving, including passing cars driving down the street and tail-gating.

Please exercise courtesy and common sense. Speeding may save you a minute, but at a risk not worth taking.