

February 2010



The Copper Cove Courier



A Publication of the Copper Cove at Lake Tulloch Owners' Association



YOU ARE INVITED



Valentine's Day Dinner Dance

Saturday, February 13th

6 pm to 10 pm

Black Creek Hall

- DJ
- Music
- Dancing
- Pictures
- Delicious Food
- Free Event
- Door Prizes

Members and Guests Only
Families Welcome

No children dropped off unattended



Limited Seating!

RSVP to Dianna 785-8594
before Wednesday, February 10th



Bring your camera and take a picture under the flowering Valentine Arch. SMILE.....

Take a moment to read this comment made by a member after attending the Halloween party in October at Black Creek Hall, "My family had such a great time! You know, with these tough times we've had to cut back on going to the movies and other family events because it's so expensive. I can't believe this was free! It was well organized and so much fun for all of us. I even got up and danced with my daughter! It's nice to know my dues contributed to such a fun evening right here in town. Thank you!"

How to Contact CCLTOA

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CCLTOA Facilities - Hours of Operation

Black Creek Office and Fitness Center

Open M - F 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Black Creek Park

Gates are closed on weekends and Holidays.

Kiva Gates are always closed.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

FEBRUARY 2010

SPEED REDUCTION POLL

I would have liked to have seen a greater response to the speed reduction poll. However, the responses were 2 to 1 in favor of some sort of reduction on certain areas of Little John, Cheyenne and Copper Cove Drive. Most of you realize that even if we get additional signage, enforcement is going to be rare. We can only hope the signs will make drivers think about reducing speed. Someone also suggested warning signage near school bus stops. Even if we have to pay for them, I think this is a good suggestion.

FIREPROOF FILE CABINETS

For safety reasons, fireproof filing cabinets have been ordered for the storage of important CCLTOA records in the Black Creek Hall administration office. Heaven forbid a fire should happen, but we feel better knowing Association information would be protected if we ever did have one.

BLACK CREEK HALL STORAGE

Additional storage cabinets are being built in Black Creek Hall. Organizations that use the facility and office staff now have much more storage space.



Under Construction

A very special thanks is extended to Larry Bain for volunteering his time and expertise to help build the cabinets. Unfortunately, Larry and his wife Beverly will shortly move to Valley Springs. The Association will lose a valued member and I will lose beloved friends and neighbors. We wish them the best of everything in the future.

Association member John Childe also came in and volunteered with taping and texturing of the walls for the cabinets. We thank John for his fine work. We have been blessed to have people like Larry and John.

SHADE COVERS

Shade covers which will cover a portion of the children's play area in Black Creek Park have been ordered and will be up and ready for this Spring and Summer. Maybe the play area will get more usage. The kiddies won't get baked this year!



KIVA

I have not forgotten the many suggestions for a slide at the Kiva. Frankly, it is not going to happen soon. There have been so many poorly thought-out jobs done at the Kiva that the Board is determined to fix all the messes as our income allows and priorities dictate before amenities are added.



New Kiva Fence Installed

We did extend the chain link fencing so that unauthorized users could not gain access to the Kiva. But unless it is a fix, don't look for any additions at the Kiva this year.

PARKS BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

The Beautification Committee has done good work in outlining improvements for Black Creek Park. But before we can make real improvements, we must address our irrigation capabilities. Vice-President Forkner has taken charge of this project and will share the issues with you on Page 4 of this publication.

My thanks to him for spearheading this matter and many other projects that have benefited the Association greatly.



Doug Jones
President
CCLTOA
Board of Directors



Highlights from December Board Meeting

Board of Directors — Ho Ho Ho!



Bill Cassidy, Doug Rockey, Doug Jones, Jack Forkner, Kevin Gause



- ♥ No more 24 hour fishing access to Kiva.
- ♥ Volunteers recognized for 2009 activities.
- ♥ New stove ordered for Black Creek Kitchen.
- ♥ New Events Committee.
- ♥ New Moms Group.
- ♥ New Homework Club.

2009 Volunteers for the Year




Julie Eggert, Dee Zolezzi, Heather Van Natta, Lorraine Contreras

COPPER COVE BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Members are welcome and encouraged to come to any and all meetings.
 Meetings are held in Black Creek Hall.



NAME	MEETING SCHEDULE	CHAIRPERSON
Board of Directors Meeting	3 rd Thursday every month 6:00 p.m.	Doug Jones, President
Architectural Control Board (ACB) ** The ACB meets only when plans have been submitted; call the office prior to attending.	1 st & 3 rd Thursday every month 9:30 a.m.	Lorraine Contreras, Chair
P&E Trails Committee 	No meetings until further notice	Kevin Gause, Chair
Tree Committee	No meetings until further notice	John Howsden, Chair
NEW ! Events Committee	Thursday, February 11 10:30 a.m.	Dianna Lopez, Chair
Community Garden Committee	No meetings until further notice	Jack Jimenez, Chair
Little John Park Committee	4 th Thursday of every month 7:00 p.m.	Natalie Serrano, Chair

Tree Committee Report



The goal of the Copper Cove Parks Beautification Committee, otherwise known as the Tree Committee, was to research and study the feasibility of providing shade to the park by planting additional trees. Our research found the existing trees struggling due to inadequate water volume. A master plan, aka "wish list" for Black Creek Park, was submitted to the Board of Directors per their request. Included in this plan was an irrigation system for existing and new trees. When water issues are resolved, the Tree Committee will advance in small increments towards it's goal. Black Creek Park belongs to all of us members and we want to see it green and healthy.

Tree Committee Members: John Howsden, Chairperson; Dianna Lopez; Anne Plummer; Sherry Stromer.



NEW! Events Committee

During the January Meeting, the Board of Directors approved the formation of an Events Committee. The intention of this committee is to organize and implement scheduled Association social events. Dianna Lopez will be the Chairperson. The upcoming Valentines Dinner Dance on February 13th will be the Committee's first "official" event.

BINGO INVITATION

- Wednesday BINGO
- All Ages are welcome!
- Bring Quarters.
- A quarter per card.
- 20 games or until Noon.
- Coffee and refreshments.
- **COME JOIN US!**



Groups That Meet In Black Creek Hall

MONDAY	Celebrate Recovery NEW! Moms in Touch	Every Monday Every Monday	6:00 pm 8 am
TUESDAY	Copper Moms NEW! Homework Club Quilters	Every Tuesday Every Tuesday 1 st & 3 rd Tuesday	9:30 am 2:30 pm 9:00 pm
WEDNESDAY	Bingo Cards Copper Kids	Every Wednesday Every Wednesday Every Wednesday	10:00 am 12:30 pm 4:00 pm
THURSDAY	Line Dancing NEW! Homework Club	Every Thursday Every Thursday	11:30 am 2:30 pm
FRIDAY	Cards	Every Friday	6:00 pm
SATURDAY	Fireman's Bingo	3 rd Saturday	6:30 pm

COPPER COVE CONNECTIONS

CHESS: Member looking for someone to play chess with.

HIKING: Couple in late sixties would like to hike with others willing to explore local trails. Not rock climbing.

Email ccltoa@caltel.com if interested.

Increased Water Needs

Two Association committees have proposed projects that will increase the demand for irrigation water at Black Creek Park. The Copper Cove Parks Beautification Committee (Tree Committee) and The Community Garden Committee have identified increased water needs of 40,000 gallons per month, average, (66,000 gallons peak) when completed. To meet this proposed demand, we are investigating several alternatives including increasing our use of County water, drilling a second well, and adding a storage tank to our existing well. As you might expect, there are benefits and limitations to each, with costs varying from about \$10,000 to nearly \$60,000.



CURRENT WELL

The current source for irrigation water at the park is a 25-year-old well, located near the ball field that runs 12 to 15 hours per day in the summer. Although the last test (April 2009) measured the output volume at 30 gpm, the pressure is inadequate to water more than one small section of the ball field at a time. Adding the demands of the proposed projects will

place an unreasonable stress to this already-taxed system. Something must be done if we are going to meet the additional demand. And even if these projects were not being considered, something should be done to improve the capability of the current system.

The use of County water can be very expensive. As you may be aware, the more water you use, the higher the rate. To increase our County water use to meet the aforementioned demand would cost an estimated additional \$57,000 per year. Since you only pay for what you use, this solution may be worth considering during the startup phase when the demand is low. However, once the projects are fully implemented, the cost is clearly too costly.

Another option being considered is to add a second well. Two local drilling companies have provided cost estimates for this solution. Both have suggested adding a well located near the barbecue area, in the vicinity of the proposed projects. Included in the estimates are the addition of a storage tank and booster pump to supply increased volume and pressure. The concept is to pump water from the well into the storage tank at a relatively low pressure; then pump the water from the tank at a higher pressure to the sprinklers. This puts less strain on the well pump and provides an increased volume to the areas being irrigated. The proposed tanks would be 5000 gallon capacity (approximately 12' diameter x 8' high), and be located near the associated well where least visible. This configuration would, then, utilize the existing well to cover the ball field; and the new well would cover the rest of Black Creek Park's irrigation needs. The addition of a second well would also provide a backup to our existing well should it ever experience problems. The cost for this option is approximately \$25,000, plus the cost of getting electrical power to the site.

The last option is sort of a spin-off of the additional well option — just add a storage tank and booster pump to the existing well. This would also necessitate running plumbing to the project areas, but it may prove to be adequate to meet the additional demand. If not, an additional well may be necessary. But, regardless, the tank would improve our existing irrigation system. Because of its size, the tank would be fairly visible, but there are things that could be done to hide it including color, planting, or constructing some sort of fence around it. The proposed location is near the north side of the entrance gate, under an existing oak tree.

The existing landscaping would help hide the tank, and its elevated location would help provide increased head pressure to the auxiliary pump. The location is approximately 220 feet from the well, and would require running underground water and electrical lines to the tank from the well pump. In addition, the tank would need to sit on a concrete pad. The cost of this solution would be approximately \$10,000 - \$12,000.



PROPOSED LOCATION

As you can see, supplying additional water to the park can be a costly endeavor. The recommended approach is to solve the problem incrementally — implement an improvement and see if that works. If not, take the next step (s) until the problem is solved.

Adding a storage tank and booster pump to the existing well is the recommended first step. Even if we didn't have the proposed projects, this is a recommended action. If that can't satisfy the demand, we have two choices: 1) reduce the demand (i.e., reduce the planting), or 2) increase the supply (i.e., add a second well).

The Board would like to get member's comments regarding the projects and addition of another source of water. Please provide your written comments to the office in person or via email (ccltoa@caltel.com).

What do
you think?
Let us
know!



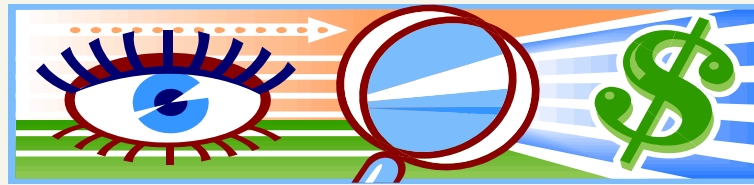
JACK FORKNER
Vice President
CCLTOA
Board of Directors



If you received a notification about changes in County Flood Maps, please see ccltoa.org website for information.



I found a BLUE CLUE!



There's a BLUE CLUE!

BLUE CLUES

Look for BLUE CLUES; see what you get for your dues.

THIS BLUE CIRCLE WITH A HEART



= A "BLUE CLUE".



Why the BLUE CLUES??

Every year when the statements are mailed out (for the very reasonable \$172 per year owner assessment), we are invariably asked, "What do I get for my membership?" To answer this question for yourself, look for 30 Blue Clues which are scattered throughout the pages of this newsletter. How many can you find? The answers are provided in the box at the bottom of this page (which is p.5.).

QUESTION:

"Do you have to pay your dues?"

ANSWER: YES! Yes! and Yes!

When you purchased your property, you automatically and legally became a part of this owners' association. As such, you are required to pay your assessment.

No exceptions.



We continue to receive numerous letters about dogs in Copper Cove. Apparently, this is an important issue to many members which is why we are publishing another letter. Although we can't publish every single letter, please continue to send in your responses. — Editor

Another Dog Story

I walk the hills every day, along with another avid walker. Everything is fine as long as the dogs are on the right side of the fence. Once they cross over that line, things go wrong.

We have had small yapping dogs attach themselves to the bottom of our pant legs. We are dragging the poor things up the hill while trying to disengage them, as the owner of the dog yells at us for walking in front of her property, says we should find another walking path. I will not dwell on what we yelled back.

The dogs I love are the ones with a sense of humor. They wait hidden in bushes until we get in front of their property, then come out full force, barking and growling at us. We have to stop and take our heart rate.

We have had dogs accompany us on our walks. Once we get over the introductions of neither one being a threat to the other, all goes well.

All this might sound interesting, but as a walker there are situations we don't like to come across. There are some dogs that can be very intimidating; large dogs that don't stop growling and barking, at which point we have to turn around, not taking the chance of being attacked.

Dog owners, please keep your dogs on the right side of the fence, * (Your side of the fence). Thanks.

Lorraine Contreras



DID YOU KNOW?

- 800,000 people in the U.S. seek medical attention for dog bites each year. The number is rising.
- Children are by far the biggest victims of dog-related injuries and deaths.



- Dog owners ARE LIABLE if their dog bites someone.

- Useful websites: www.dogbitelaw.com and www.unclematty.com.

WALKING TIPS—Protect Yourself!

- ♥ Carry a walking stick, dog prod or umbrella to pop open in the face of an advancing dog.
- ♥ A dog that keeps its distance is best left alone. Ignore a free roaming dog.
- ♥ Don't make eye contact with an aggressive dog. Walk away backwards at a regular pace.
- ♥ Cross the street before passing a house with an aggressive dog behind the fence.
- ♥ If you have children with you, put yourself between the dog and the children.

This newsletter is for you.



What do you think? Please write a letter to the editor. We'd love to hear from you! - Editor

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2010 BOAT REGISTRATION



Send in this completed form. 
2010 Boat Decals will be mailed to you.

NOTICE:
Copy of
current
registration
MUST be
included
for each
vessel.

IMPORTANT

- Boat stickers will **not** be issued if your homeowner's dues are not paid.
- Copy of current registration **must** be included for each boat.
- Registration **must** show name or address of CCLTOA property owner. **
- Waiver and Assumption of Risk **must** be signed and dated.

Your Name _____

Your LOT # _____

Your Mailing Address _____

Your Phone _____

Your Email _____

BOAT CF# _____

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OFFICE USE ONLY

Your signature is required.

WAIVER AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

I voluntarily sign this Waiver and Assumption of Risk in favor of the CCLTOA in consideration of the opportunity to use the CCLTOA's Kiva facilities and grounds. I understand that there are certain risks and dangers associated with the use of the Kiva launch, docks, picnic areas, swimming areas, all Kiva property and the electronic gates. I fully understand the danger involved and I am using the Kiva grounds and facilities at my own risk.

I fully assume the risks involved as acceptable to me and I agree to use my best judgment in undertaking any activities at the Kiva facilities and grounds and to follow all safety instructions. I waive and release the CCLTOA from any claim for personal injury, property damage, or death that may arise from my use of the facilities or from my participation in activities on the grounds.

I understand that CCLTOA is not legally responsible for my boat, motor, trailer or contents therein and that the CCLTOA decal is solely for the purpose of identifying boats authorized to utilize the Kiva launch and docks.

I will strictly adhere to any and all regulations posted or otherwise, regarding safety and docking of my boat or watercraft. I also understand that I am liable for any damage incurred by myself, my guests or my tenants when using any Association facilities, or for any legal fees that may arise because of any damage to Association property. I understand that I am responsible for payment of any and all fines for violations incurred by myself, my guests or my tenants when using the Kiva facilities.

Signature: _____

Date: _____



**** Tenants:**
In addition to providing the above information, tenants **MUST** have *written* permission from the CCLTOA property owner to obtain a boat decal.



Gate opener is required to enter the Kiva.



CAUTION



- ◆ Use the Swim area, Boat launch, docks and all Kiva facilities at your own risk.
- ◆ All members, tenants and guests must observe the Rules of the Kiva.
- ◆ Use Caution. All surfaces are slippery when wet.
- ◆ Wear appropriate non-slip water-shoes.
- ◆ Kiva Attendants are authorized to enforce Kiva Rules, issue citations and call the Sheriff.
- ◆ Non-compliance with Kiva Rules can result in suspension of privileges and/or monetary fines.
- ◆ Read the Rules of the Kiva and the "Rules Enforcement Procedures and Schedule of Monetary Penalties" on our website, www.ccltoa.org.



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Would you like to sign up?
If so, just send us an email!

Doesn't the newsletter look nice in COLOR?!

Address Service Requested



If you are receiving this newsletter electronically and have already signed up for exclusive electronic delivery,
THANK YOU!



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Calendar of Events at Black Creek Hall

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1 8 am Moms in Touch 6 pm Celebrate Recovery	2 9:30 am Moms Group 2:30 pm Homework 6:15 pm Quilters 6pm Board Study Mtg	3 10 am Bingo 12:30 pm Cards 4 pm Copper Kids	4 9:30 am ACB Mtg 11:30 am Line Dance 2:30 pm Homework	5 6:30 pm Cards	6 5 pm CRAB FEED Lion's Club
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