

# The Tracer

MAY 2010

## MEADOW TRACE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

### 2010 Pool/Tennis Key Exchange

We are excited to announce that we are switching to keyless entry cards this year! All Meadow Trace Homeowners need to come pick up a keycard to access the pool and tennis courts. 2009 keys should be returned at this time. If you have lost your old key you will be charged \$25.

#### KEY EXCHANGE TIMES

Sunday, May 16	11-1
Monday, May 17	6-7
Saturday, May 22	11-1
Sunday, May 23	11-1

at the swimming pool

*These are the only days cards will be available at the pool! Please plan ahead so you can pick up your keycard one of the days!*



If you are unavailable to pick up your keycard during these times, you may send a signed statement and a neighbor can pick it up for you.

People receiving the card must be 18 years of age. Only members in good standing may receive the new keycard. Dues must have been received by AMAG. *Payments will not be accepted at the pool.*

If you are a new homeowner, you must get the old key from the previous homeowner or be subject to a \$25 fee. Renters also need to have the 2009 key from the homeowner in order to receive this year's keycard.

**\*\*If you need to obtain your pool & tennis keycard after May 23 you will need to call AMAG at 678-407-1115 to schedule a time to pick up your card at their convenience. There will be a \$25 processing fee. No keycard will be given until HOA dues are fully processed. Payments made by checks must clear the bank before keycard is received. Payments may also be made by certified bank check, money order or cash.**

*For your convenience, we recommend you pay all dues on time and pick up keycards on one of the scheduled days!*

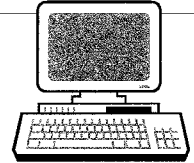
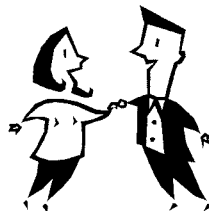
## Under New Management

Another big change for our neighborhood is our new management company - **Associate Management Advisory Group, Inc.** We are excited about working with AMAG and are grateful for the services they provide for our community.

All homeowners should have received a letter in January informing you of the change in management companies. All homeowners dues should be mailed to AMAG at PO Box 491537, Lawrenceville GA 30043. You can contact AMAG at 678-407-1115 or visit their website at [www.associationmgt.com](http://www.associationmgt.com).

Members of the AMAG team were present at our most recent association meeting to meet homeowners and we will be working closely with them. AMAG staff provides professional services to assist our homeowner's association in a variety of issues.

For a complete listing of all the services AMAG will provide, please view our contract with them which is posted on the neighborhood website - [www.meadowtrace.org](http://www.meadowtrace.org).



Want to know more???

### Check Out Our Website!

[www.meadowtrace.org](http://www.meadowtrace.org)

This new website contains valuable information that will be helpful to all Meadow Trace residents and homeowners. You can find a calendar of neighborhood events, pool hours, pool rules and swim team schedules.

We have also posted our neighborhood covenants and bylaws. You can view current newsletters and minutes from the board meetings.

You can also download architectural requests and property modification forms.

There is contact information for the current board of directors and information about how to join the Meadow Trace Homeowners Association. We encourage you to make use of this helpful resource!

Let us know if there is any additional information you would like to see added to the site.

# MTHA Pool Rules

Use of the pool is restricted to Association members and their guests only. Guests may not include residents of Meadow Trace who are not members or members who are not in good standing.

Guests are limited to four (4) per household. A member must accompany guests at all times.

An adult (someone 18 year or older) must accompany children under the age of 12 at all times.

No diving, running or horseplay.

No glass or breakable containers are permitted in the pool area.

No hairpins, metal objects or chewing gum allowed in the pool.

No food or beverages allowed in the water or within three feet of the pool edge.

Smoking allowed only in designated areas.

No large rafts in the pool. Use of flotation devices is at the discretion of the lifeguard.

No pets permitted in the pool area.

No electrical appliances are allowed.

Members are responsible for any damage or disturbance created by themselves, their children, or their guests.

Members and their guests must wear swimming suits or trunks. No jeans or cut-offs allowed.



Once every hour (except the last hour) adult swim will be called for 10 minutes. All children, except for infants being held by an adult, must be completely out of the water.

*Children are not to be on the steps!* This includes everyone under the age of 18. This is not only a break for the lifeguards but also a time for them to perform other duties.

Children ages 15 and older may not be responsible for younger children. Exceptions to this must be approved by the board.

The MTHA accepts no responsibility for valuables.

Absolutely no after-hours swimming. Swimming will only be allowed while a lifeguard is on duty.

All infants and non-potty trained toddlers are to have on swim diapers and plastic pants. Please change swim diapers often. Encourage children to use the restroom during adult swim.

Persons with infectious or communicable diseases as well as those with open cuts, wounds or blisters should refrain from entering the pool.

The MTHA Board of Directors reserves the right to deny pool privileges to any member violating the rules and regulations. Privileges will also be denied to those members whose accounts are delinquent.

## POOL PARTY RESERVATIONS

The pool must be reserved at least 14 days in advance. Notify the pool committee chair and the lifeguards. The lifeguards have the necessary forms.

Lifeguards are required for all parties. It is the responsibility of the homeowner reserving the pool to hire a lifeguard through the pool management company (AMS).

A separate lifeguard may be required depending on the number of guests.

There is a \$25 non-refundable fee and a \$200 refundable deposit required.

Parties may begin before the pool closes, however the pool will remain open to all MTHA members until closing.

During regular pool hours, the pool chairs cannot be reserved for parties.

Additional lifeguards are required for any party serving alcohol.

Please contact Melissa Thibodeau at 770-277-9660 or email her at [dixiethibs@juno.com](mailto:dixiethibs@juno.com) to schedule a pool party.



**ONLY MEMBERS WITH A KEYCARD WILL BE ABLE TO ENTER THE POOL. FOR SAFETY REASONS, PLEASE DO NOT OPEN THE GATE FOR ANYONE YOU DO NOT KNOW!**

## 2010 Pool Hours

May 22-23	11:00 - 8:00 pm
May 24-25	Closed
May 26	4:00 - 9:00 pm

Regular Summer Hours begin May 27  
Open Daily 11:00 - 9:00 pm

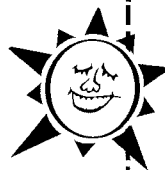
Beginning August 9

Weekdays	4:00 - 9:00
Weekends/Labor Day	11:00-9:00

After Labor Day, Weekends Only 11:00-9:00

*Pool Closes for Season after Sept 26*

**POOL PHONE 770-682-0466**



## MEADOW TRACE MARLINS

It's not too late to join our neighborhood swim team! The Marlins invite all swimmers aged 5-18 to be a part of one of Gwinnett County's most exciting sports.

The Marlins Swim Team will have home meets on the following dates:

- Thursday, June 10
- Thursday, June 24
- Tuesday, July 6

**The pool will close at 4:00 pm on those days.** Rain-out meets will be held the following nights.

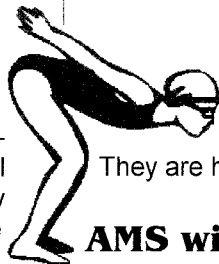
For more information about the swim team, please contact Jennifer Phillips at 770-513-3877.

### PLEASE NOTE:

Anyone under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult to be allowed to swim. All underage swimmers must be supervised by someone 18 years or older. This is to insure the safety of all our swimmers.

There are to be NO glass items at the pool. Pour all drinks into plastic bottles or cups. DO NOT throw away any glass at the pool! Broken glass is difficult to get off the deck and pool bottom and is very dangerous for bare feet!

Swim Diapers & Plastic pants MUST BE WORN by all children who are not toilet trained!



The swimming pool will be managed by Aquatic Management Specialists again this year. Please take some time to get to know the AMS lifeguards. They are here to make our summer safe and enjoyable.

**AMS will be offering swim lessons this summer!** Check with one of the lifeguards for more information.

### Need planners for End of School Party

Meadow Trace usually holds a pool party after the last day of school. If you are interested in coordinating this event, please contact Jennifer Hollis at 770-377-3351 as soon as possible. *At this time no party is scheduled.* We encourage any party planners to help us with this fun event! The last day of school is May 26.

## Attention Graduates...

If you are graduating from high school or college and live in the Meadow Trace neighborhood please let us know so we can list your name in the next newsletter. Contact Mary Miles McCaffrey at marymilesmc@yahoo.com or 770-822-2551. If you are interested in coordinating a banner for graduates at the entrance to the neighborhood please let us know. We are proud of our graduates!

### 2010 Board of Directors

Jennifer Hollis - President  
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Liz Holdsworth - Vice President  
lholds@bellsouth.net

Sherri Smith - Treasurer  
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MaryMiles McCaffrey - Secretary  
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Member-at-Large  
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### Committee Chairpersons

Architectural

Grounds  
Eric Weidner

Membership

Pool

Tennis  
Diane Zimmerman

Social

## IT'S ALL ABOUT THE VOLUNTEERS

At the annual homeowners meeting a new Board of Directors was elected. The following people will serve on the 2010 Board:

Jennifer Hollis, Liz Holdsworth, Mary Miles McCaffrey, Sherri Smith and Leigh Kneer. We thank Liz, Sherri and Leigh for continuing to serve for another year and welcome the new board members. As you know, the board of directors are homeowners, like yourselves, who volunteer their time to help improve Meadow Trace. The Board will do its best to make decisions that are in the best interest of the association that will help to maintain our property values and quality of life.

Eric Weidner has agreed to continue to oversee the Grounds Committee, and Diane Zimmerman will continue as the Tennis Chairperson.

We know that today everyone has commitments and activities that keep you busy. However, our neighborhood MUST have volunteers or it is impossible to get things accomplished. In the past, we had many volunteers willing to invest a few hours of their time. Due to the

lack of volunteers, we are now forced to pay a management company to do many of the tasks that were once done by homeowners. *If this continues, we will eventually have to pay more dues to cover the cost for a company to do these jobs around our neighborhood.*

We hope that by working together, we can enjoy time with neighbors and help our neighborhood.

We really need volunteers in the following positions:

**Social Committee** - responsible for planning neighborhood parties. This can be done by several people working together. Please be aware that without a Social Committee we will not be able to have our annual pool party this summer and the funds allocated for this will be used elsewhere.

**Pool Committee** - contact person for the lifeguards, keeps the schedule for pool parties, and lets us know of any pool issues/problems.

We also need people willing to help with landscaping projects as needed and volunteers to help with handing out pool keycards.

## What's New Around Here?



Many projects have been completed over the fall/winter and others are scheduled for this spring.

The culvert on the pool path was replaced after the severe flooding caused major damage.

The tennis courts will be resurfaced and repairs made to the fencing. Be on the lookout for new tables sur-

rounding the tennis courts, and enjoy this warm weather with a game of tennis soon.

There will be an additional gate added to the swimming pool as a secondary exit in case of quick evacuation from the pool deck.

Thanks to Eric Weidner for the attention to Meadow Trace's landscaping needs at the entrances

and common areas.

We will be adding more grass between the tennis courts and pool to beautify the area and prevent further run-off. The playground will be getting a new layer of mulch.

We are also planning for improvements to the fencing along McKendree Church Road at the request of many of our neighbors.



**"HEY, IT'S TOO CROWDED! I CAN'T DRIVE THROUGH HERE!"** Have you ever thought these words as you maneuver through our neighborhood? Parking on the street has become an increasing problem, and is not only inconvenient for other drivers, it makes it difficult for emergency vehicles, garbage trucks, and school buses to get through. Your driveway is the safest place for your car, with all valuables taken inside the house.



### Now that's a beautiful yard!

Warmer weather means grass is growing...and growing! Thank you for keeping lawns mowed in a timely manner; it makes the whole neighborhood look better!

