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First notices are delivered both by email and via First Class mail. Second notices, which carry a fine, are delivered via email, First Class mail, and via Certified mail. Certified mail is sent in an envelope marked "Certified" within preprinted green banding. Contrary to some other posts, that is how Certified mail is sent from a larger company and is considered the same thing as filling out the green ticket at the post office. Due to COVID-19, the postal carrier signs for the Certified mail upon delivery to your mailbox. The homeowner does not have the option to sign for this type of mail specifically. It has also come to our attention that the mail carrier may deliver a "notice of an attempt to deliver" a Certified letter vs. the mail carrier signature. This delivery method is out of our control. If you receive such a notification, please follow the instructions on the card to retrieve the letter.

Given some of the delays in letter delivery and from an abundance of caution, the Board and CMA will allow a few extra days for addressing corrections to the property and an additional few extra days before calculating and imposing fines. This courtesy provides more than adequate time to address an issue or contact the office (in writing or by email) with a resolution plan.

Also, note we now have a generic email address — Management@bridgemill.org. Please use this address as it allows both the Property Manager and the Administrative Assistant to access correspondence. This route should speed up the reply times.

Thank you,
BridgeMill Board of Directors

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A Message From The President



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I hope this finds you doing well and enjoying the first tastes of fall.

I wanted to provide an update on the progress CMA has been making. Melody Daniel, our new Property Manager, has been doing a tremendous job and has had the pleasure of meeting many homeowners. Her job is not always easy, and this Board much appreciates her efforts.

The results of the renewed focus on adherence to the covenants are yielding remarkable results. I am pleasantly surprised by how well the neighborhood is looking. The repainting of homes is taking place, lawns and landscaping are transforming, resulting in improved overall appearance.

There have been complaints posted on social media regarding the enforcement of covenants. A few homeowners feel they are being singled out, but I can assure you this is never the case. CMA views each home as an address. I know because I received a violation notice!

Please remember covenant enforcement is only asking each of us to agree to the standards that we accepted when we moved into the neighborhood. Covenant enforcement is for our collective good; a clean, well-kept community will only increase our home and property values. This goal is one we all should share.

As a reminder, addressing the multiple areas that seem to be prevalent is vital to the look of our community. Many of us have twenty-year-old shrubbery and bushes. Addressing the removal and replacement of this overgrown landscaping promises to improve the look of the property. Large trees that have not been "limbed up" are typically the cause of bare spots throughout our lawns. If weed prevention treatment is not taking place, the weeds will soon take over your entire property. Many homes still need to be repainted, and multiple homes have broken shutters that need a simple repair or a complete replacement.

I encourage you to find what you would consider being the best-looking house on your street and then give yours a complete and honest assessment. Then make an effort to be even better.

A goal for every one of us should be to attain the honor of being a "Yard of the Month" recipient! Such an award could result in the winning of our Grand Prize – 2021 HOA assessment paid and an equivalent value to dine at Featherstone's Grille.

Also, I must remind you about following the rules regarding the Architectural Review Committee (ARC). Please, please remember, if you're are making ANY change to the exterior of your home, you MUST have ARC approval. This action will save you time and money in the end.

Halloween will be here soon, and our neighborhood is always busy and a desirable location due to the sheer number of homes and our generous homeowners. Please be patient and safe as we know our streets will be swarming with many Trick or Treaters out to load up on candy and enjoy a night of silly fun!

Also, the election for the 2021 Board is fast approaching. We need committed and concerned homeowners to continue the progress we have made. Two Board positions will be open this year, and I hope we have many qualified applicants. Nominee submissions are due by October 23, 2020. Please refer to the announcement in this issue for submission information.

Serving on the Board is a great position! High pay, you receive accolades for your work nearly daily on social media, great benefits, etc. My attempt at humor!

Additionally, we are always in need of committee members. Volunteers interested in serving on any of our committees may access our website at www.BridgeMill.org to apply.

Here's to a happy and healthy fall! I do hope to see you around the neighborhood!

Sincerely,

Jeff Hanna



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Division Manager	Cathy Green
Community Association Manager	Melody Daniel
Administrative Assistant	Jordan Reeser

Questions? Comments?

Any questions or concerns? Please contact us!

Any BridgeMill Community Association payments and communication please send to:

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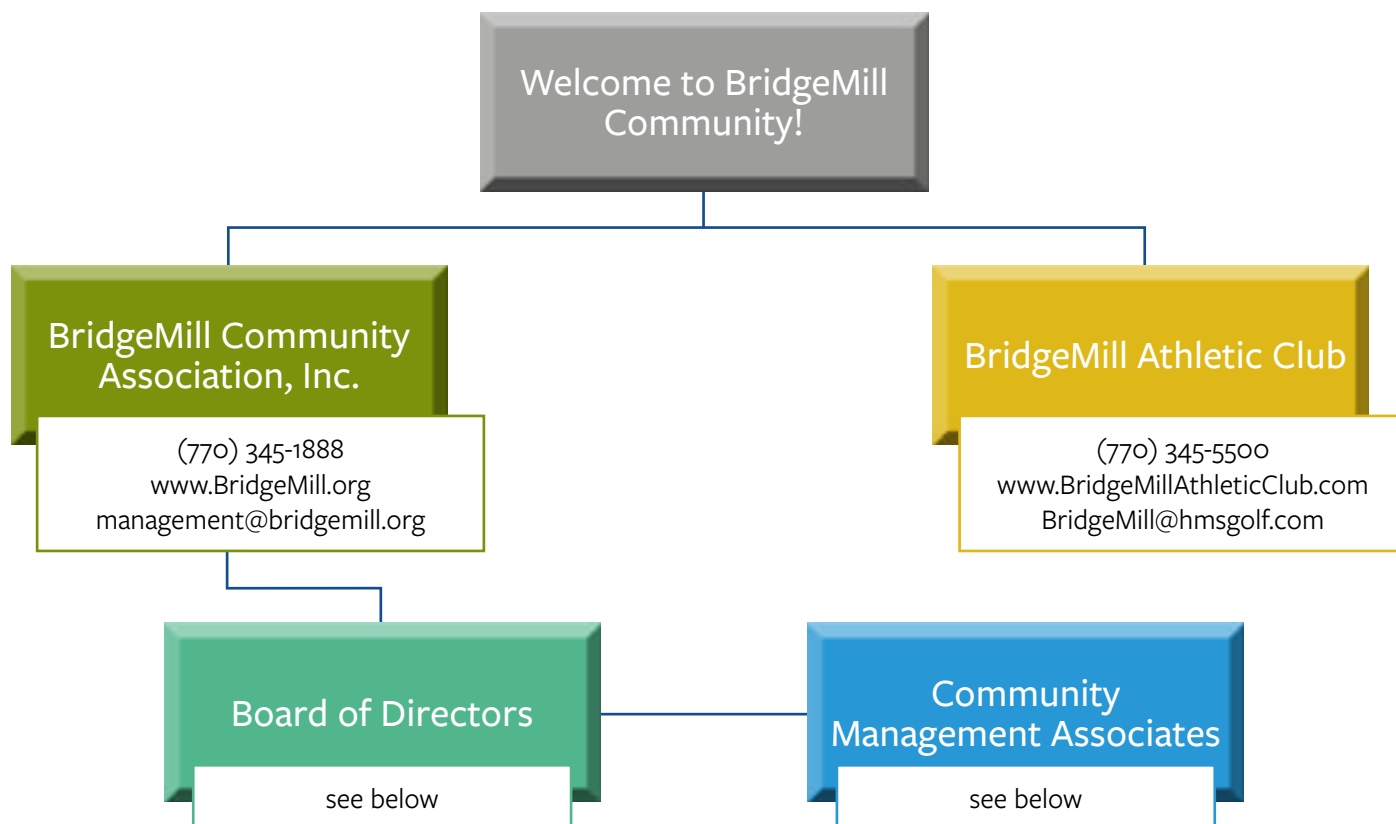
Office hours—Monday to Friday 9:30am-4:30pm

Community Contacts

Emergency	911
Cherokee Co. Animal Control	678-493-4080
Cherokee Co. Animal Shelter.....	770-345-7270
Cherokee Co. Aquatic Center	678-880-4760
Cherokee Co. Chamber of Commerce	770-345-0400
Cherokee Co. Court/Clerk of Courts	678-493-6511
Cherokee Co. Development Service Center	678-493-6000
Cherokee Co. Family Violence Center	770-479-1804
Cherokee Co. Health Department—Canton.....	770-345-7371
Cherokee Co. Humane Society.....	770-592-8072
Cherokee Co. Marshal's Office	678-493-6200
Cherokee Co. Parks and Recreation	770-924-7768
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Cherokee Co. Senior Services (info number)	770-345-5312
Cherokee Co. Sheriff's Dept.—BridgeMill Precinct...770-479-4766	
Cherokee Co. Tax Commissioner—Canton.....	678-493-6400
Cherokee Area Transportation System Van Pool.....	404-463-4782
Children's Healthcare of Atlanta—Scottish Rite.....	404-785-5437
Driver's License—Canton Location	678-413-8400
Northside Hospital Cherokee.....	770-224-1000
Poison Hotline.....	800-222-1222
Sequoyah Regional Library System	www.sequoyahregionallibrary.org
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WellStar Kennestone Regional Medical Center.....	770-793-5000

Meet BridgeMill!

It takes a lot of hard-working individuals and teamwork to keep BridgeMill running and looking good. The Association wants to make sure that everyone in the community knows and understands the many different roles within our community and the relationships.



BridgeMill Community Association, Inc.: The BridgeMill Community Association, Inc., otherwise known by some as the HOA or Association. The Association is comprised of 2,820 homes. BridgeMill was built in multiple phases throughout the years, beginning early 1997 on the shores of Lake Allatoona to as late as 2016 when building finished in The Manor at BridgeMill. The community association office is located at 3542 Sixes Road Suite 108 Canton, GA 30114. This office is also where the onsite staff helps the community Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Various meetings are also held in the office every month, including Board of Directors, ARC, Landscape, Website, and Welcome Committee meetings. Homeowners can also make HOA dues payments, purchase BridgeMill standard mailboxes and supplies, and discuss any concerns or questions with management.

BridgeMill Board of Directors: The BridgeMill Board of Directors comprises five elected BridgeMill Homeowners who volunteer their time to serve BridgeMill on behalf of all 2820 homes. Directors vote each year to determine officers. Our current officers are President Jeff Hanna, Vice President Bill Warren, Secretary Steve Tuck, Treasurer Jeff Jackson, and Member-at-Large Mark Hickman. Each board member has a specific role, as defined by the Association Bylaws. The Board of Directors meetings are scheduled the second Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. The Board's agenda includes items for the community, such as ongoing community maintenance and improvements, major projects, new ventures, homeowner concerns, and other areas needed to move the BridgeMill community in a positive direction for the future. The goals of the Board are to maintain the community at its best and to improve property values while providing clear communication to all residents.

Community Management Associates: The role of Community Management Associates (CMA) is to serve the Board and our community. CMA provides assessment collection, accounts payable, official record storage, annual budget preparation, regular property inspections, negotiations of contracts, and common area management, along with enforcement of the Association's rules, regulations, and policies. Management Staff consists of Melody Daniel, On-Site Property Manager; Jordan Reeser, Administrative Assistant; and Cathy Green, Division Manager.

BridgeMill Athletic Club: The BridgeMill Athletic Club is located in the heart of BridgeMill off BridgeMill Avenue, and it houses the pool, playground, tennis and basketball courts, clubhouse, restaurant, golf course, and more. They are owned and operated 100% separately from the Community Association and includes emails, phones, accounting, maintenance, and any amenity access. To become a member of the Athletic Club and request amenity access, please do not hesitate to call their office.



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The BridgeMill Community Association, Inc. ("Association") is accepting applications from all owners for two (2) open positions on the Association's Board of Directors for the 2021 term. The positions will be filled by an election of the members to be held by a written ballot. The results will be announced at the Annual Meeting currently scheduled for Monday, January 25 2021.

Please submit the name and address of nominees by any of the following methods:

- Email – management@bridgemill.org
- Mail – BridgeMill Community Association
3542 Sixes Road, Suite 108
Canton, GA 30114
- In-person delivery to the office

Deadline for all nominee submissions —
4:30 pm, Friday, October 23, 2020



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Cobb's Purpose



Life With Our Rescued & Paralyzed Schnauzer

My husband, Paul, and I never intended to adopt a third dog. After Misty, our oldest miniature schnauzer, passed away, we decided that our two remaining schnauzers were enough for now. Not long after making this decision, however, we soon learned that life had other plans for us.

As I was scrolling through social media one day, I saw a post in the rescue group I followed about a new dog that they took in from the local shelter. This little guy, named Cobb, after the road and county where he was found, had such a severe spinal cord injury that he would not be a surgical candidate and would have been euthanized if the rescue (Schnauzer Love Rescue, Inc) hadn't stepped in when they did. While I wasn't paralyzed, I, too, previously had spinal cord compression and understood some of what Cobb must have been feeling.

Somewhere deep inside, I just *knew* Cobb was meant to be a part of our lives. I applied to foster him, initially part-time, but it wasn't long before he was with us full time. We naturally began to discuss his future and where he would end up. I wondered if there would be anybody that would even be willing to learn to take care of him. Would they be diligent enough to manage his eight pills a day? What if someone adopted him out of the area, and we never heard about him again? Or worse, what if someone adopted him, not fully realizing all of the special care he needs and then dumped him a second time? It dawned on me, during one of these discussions, that Cobb was where he belonged. WE were his family, and, silently and skillfully, he had made his way into our hearts and lives forever.



We did a twist on a gender reveal photoshoot, calling it a "Cobb Reveal" with him popping out of a box with blue balloons and sent these out as adoption announcements. We had an adoption ceremony, complete with champagne, a pet blessing, cake, and even a unity candle, symbolizing promises made in giving Cobb the best life possible. That very night was the **FIRST** time that Cobb initiated play with our other two schnauzers. It was like he just *knew* that he was finally home, and it brought tears of joy to my eyes.



Since Cobb's adoption, we have taken him and his schnauzer sisters, Daisy and Lily, on countless RV trips across the country. Cobb had his picture taken at Mount Rushmore, Old Faithful, and the Grand Tetons. He visited the beaches of South Florida, Billy the Kid's grave, and Big Sky Country in Montana. Our most favorite trip of all, and now an annual tradition, is visiting coastal Maine and Acadia National Park. We often jokingly call our motorhome "Cobb's Tour Bus" because he literally has fans through social media all over the county, several of whom have driven up to 100 miles just to meet him!



Last year, Cobb was even chosen, through a collaboration between Sam's Club, Swiffer, and The Today Show, to do a Swiffer/Sam's Club combination commercial. The production crew told us in advance to prepare for a 12 hour day of filming, but being Cobb, he wrapped it up in only 8 hours and did everything asked of him the first time.

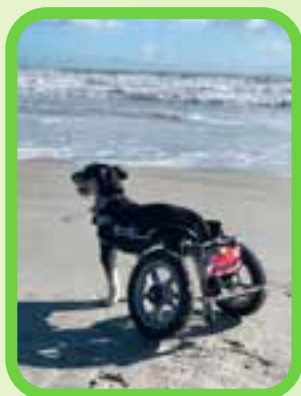
I receive messages daily from people telling me how inspired they are by following Cobb's story, his RV travels, and his daily life. He brings so much joy to people. A lady once emailed to tell me she had recently had a hip replacement. She didn't feel like going to rehab, but then she saw a video of Cobb playing with his sisters and knew she couldn't just stay at home, feeling sorry for herself. I often hear from people telling me they've recently lost their beloved pet and that following Cobb has helped ease some of their grief. I once even got an email from a nursing home patient telling me how much they looked forward to Cobb's daily antics, as they no longer had any other living family members.

Another person saw my post about Cobb doing so well that we were going to put him through another cycle of rehab. Before we knew it, that entire six weeks of rehab had been paid for in full! This generosity was from someone who followed Cobb on his Facebook page and didn't even know us! On one of our RV trips, we knew we would be passing near the town where Cobb's "rehab angel" lived. We reached out and made arrangements to meet and thank them in person. On the way over the next day, I called and asked for the address. This was when I was told that the husband, one of Cobb's biggest followers, who had been following his story from the beginning, was on hospice care. Being a former hospice nurse myself, I realized this meeting was about to be even more special.

After discussing directions to their home, the wife asked me, "Do you think that Cobb would snuggle in bed with my husband?" I told her that I was sure he would. On the way over, we told Cobb what a very special meeting he was about to have, and how he had to be on his very best, most gentle behavior. The look in his eyes told me he understood.

Nothing could have prepared us for the way the room literally lit up when we walked into their home with Cobb. The very moment we put Cobb on the bed; it was as though he knew exactly what he needed to do. He immediately snuggled in and allowed himself to be loved on by a dying man.

After that experience, I realized that this special little schnauzer of ours had a higher purpose in life. We know what joy he brings people when he meets them on RV trips and through his Facebook and Instagram pages, "Cobb's Purpose," but what if he could spread that joy and inspiration even more by becoming a Pet Therapy dog?



This past fall, I enrolled Cobb in his first-ever obedience class, and he passed with flying colors. The teacher made accommodations for Cobb's handicap, and he did beautifully! Once this pandemic subsides, he will continue with his training. Cobb and I will combine my previous hospice experience with Cobb's ability to connect with people and visit hospice locations, nursing homes, and hospitals.

We have truly been blessed to have met so many new people, made friendships that we will cherish for a lifetime, and had our lives forever changed for the better, all because of a rescued, paralyzed little schnauzer named Cobb.



*By Joni Gommo
BridgeMill Resident
Since 2004*



The BridgeMill Sixes Service League dedicates itself to helping groups like MUST & Encompass Ministries (home to Papa's Pantry), whose passion is caring for others in our community. The needs are more significant this year due to the pandemic.

Please help us to restock empty shelves at MUST & Encompass Ministries by donating non-perishable food. Anything you can contribute is much appreciated. Please place your donations next to your mailbox on Saturday, November 7th, by 9:00 AM.

BSSL members will be picking up your donations. If we miss your donation, please contact Ruth Clark at 631-338-2367 or come see us at the BridgeMill Pool parking lot before noon on Saturday, November 7th.

We thank you, in advance, for your generous donations!

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Visit us at www.BSSL.org

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BridgeMill Cares

BridgeMill Cares is searching for uplifting stories of great people performing duties above and beyond during these unusual times. We want to honor residents who are teachers, doctors, nurses, firefighters, law enforcement, and all other heroes living in our community. Do you know someone or a group of people worthy of being an honoree in our BridgeMill Cares column? We want to know who they are so we can share their uplifting stories with our community. If you would like to recommend a particular person or a group of big-hearted people, please email your submission to BridgeMillCares@gmail.com.



Architectural Review Committee Report

The Architectural Review Committee (ARC) meets the first and third Mondays of each month. The committee's goal is to review all requests that are appropriately submitted, and then promptly approve as allowed under the BridgeMill Covenants and Community-Wide Design Standards. New procedures ensure that a "check-list" is used for early review of submitted requests & materials so that email follow up can be sent to homeowners when information is missing or incomplete, thus minimizing delays in the review process. There are separate forms for the following requests: Fences, Roofs, Pools, Landscaping, and Painting, as well as a general Miscellaneous request form. Please note that a layout of your property called a "plat" is required for any fence or pool. Forms can be submitted online or to the office.

If anyone needs assistance in completing the required documents, please contact the Association Office at 770- 345-1888 or send an email to management@bridgemill.org to schedule a meeting with an ARC team member who will be happy to help. We appreciate residents improving their property and making BridgeMill a great place to live.

Specific ARC Forms can be found on our website at www.BridgeMill.org under the HOA Documents and Forms tab.

Note: If you are replacing or repairing anything on the exterior of your home/property with the same material, design, and color, you DO NOT need ARC approval – But if you want a "golden ticket" to show neighbors you are "all good" then feel free to sign/send form stating request. **If you are CHANGING anything on the exterior of your home/property, approval is required.** **Please remember that electronic paint samples will not be accepted.

In September, the ARC reviewed 126 requests.

- Miscellaneous – 38
- Roof – 6
- Pool – 9
- Landscape – 40
- Paint – 18
- Fence – 15

BRIDGEMILL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.
Architectural Review Committee “ARC” Request for Modification: ARC.1

I understand this application is based upon and sets forth requirements found in the Declarations of Protective Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions, and Easements For BridgeMill, Art. VII, Art. VIII, and the BridgeMill Community-Wide Design Standards,

Homeowner Name: _____ Date: _____

Please PRINT

Address: _____ Home/Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____ Best Daytime Phone: _____

Please do not start your project until you receive a written response from the Architectural Review Committee with the “golden ticket”. Projects started without approval are subject to fine. Submit this application and “ARC Part 2” with all required documentation to the BridgeMill office, **3542 Sixes Road, Suite 108, Canton, GA 30114 no later than 4:30 PM on the Thursday prior to each meeting on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the Month.** Upon receipt of completed request you will receive a confirmation email. Upon approval, you will receive a notice and “Golden Ticket” to place in a front window. The golden ticket sheet must be displayed and visible to the street from the front of your home until project is complete. Upon completion sign and return the “golden ticket” sheet to the office for filing. Projects begun without ARC approval are subject to fine.

1. **All major modifications will require the submission of the following items AND a form from number 2 below.**
 - a. Photograph of both the front and back of your home – including “line of sight” from the golf course if your home backs to the golf course. **DOES THIS HOUSE BACK TO THE GOLF COURSE? YES or NO (circle one)**
 - b. Map/drawing of property lines including footage from the property line to the proposed structure.
 - c. Dimensions and location on the property of the proposed pool, fence, or pergola, deck, porch etc. (specifically the distance from the property line and the house to the modification).
 - d. Sample/type of materials being used to include, color (neutral and earth tones are required when applicable) and a paint sample and/or photograph of the materials. **All original paint and color samples must be provided to the office** (email and photo of color/sample are not acceptable).
 - e. A drawing or “example” color picture/photo of the proposed structure itself, i.e., deck, pool.
 - f. Neighbor approval if tying into adjoining fences (materials inside your property line if not tying into existing fence) **You are** required to maintain all your property/area outside of the fence, or be subject to violation, fines and abatement.

2. In addition to the ALL requirements of number 1 above, you must submit a separate ARC form, a thru f identified below, to the BridgeMill Community Association Office **for each modification you plan to make and ask for approval.** Attach one or more of the below forms as needed.
 - a. **Fence** – Height, style, measurements, materials, color.
 - b. **Exterior House Color** - (Trim, Shutter, Doors) ((Change of color) You must submit a color sample. Manufacturer name, color name and number are required. Photo of house and manufacturer “chips” are required. See form info
 - c. **Pool** - In addition to the requirement of Number 1 above, please include samples and/or photo to identify the type of material to be installed, i.e. gunite or vinyl. You must also provide information as to the location on your property of where the pool filter equipment will be placed.
 - d. **Roof Replacement** – color and materials.
 - e. **Landscape Changes** – Landscaping, tree removal, shrub redesign, etc.,
 - f. **Miscellaneous** - Deck, Screened in Porch, Gazebo/pergola- drawings or sample photo w/size and detail; Driveway Expansion- drawings and materials; Play equipment; statuary; Retaining Wall – material (neutral earth tones); Room addition – Drawings, Plat; Storage shed – drawings and materials (neutral earth tones).

HOMEOWNER RELEASE: Homeowner grants permission for members of the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) and the Board of Directors, BridgeMill Community Association, Inc. (BMCA), their agents, and/or representatives to enter onto the property to make reasonable observations and inspections of the requested modification and completed project. The Applicant(s) represent and agree by the Request submitted, that all the representatives and workers, including but not limited to, Architect, Engineer, Contractors, Subcontractors, and agents and employees shall be made aware of requirements of the ARC and the Covenants and Bylaws of the BMCA. It is also agreed that the Homeowner/Applicant has the responsibility to ensure that all shall abide by the procedures and guidelines found in the Declaration of Covenants of BMCA. Homeowner/Applicant further represents and verifies that all applicable license and permits have been or will be obtained in accordance with all rules, regulations and laws.

Homeowner Signature: _____ Date: _____

By signing this application, I have read, understand and agree to the Homeowner Release printed above.

UPCOMING EVENTS



- BridgeMill Board of Directors Meeting @ 6:30 pm - October 12th , November 9th
- Landscape Committee Meeting – October 19th, November 23rd
- 2021 Board of Directors Nominations Deadline — 4:30 pm, Friday, October 23, 2020
- ARC Meeting — October 19th (Request Deadline—Thursday, October 15th)
November 2nd (Request Deadline—Thursday, October 29th)
November 16th (Request Deadline—Thursday, November 12th)

Please Note: ALL ARC requests must be received by 4:30 pm on the Thursday before the committee meets. Please refer to the dates indicated above.

Requests received after the cutoff date will be reviewed by the committee at their next meeting. The ARC meets the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. There will be *no exceptions* for requests turned in after 4:30 pm on the Thursday before the committee meets. It takes time to prepare the multitude of requests for the committee to review.



Owner Login Portal

Use your CMA account to access transactions, view violation and architectural modification letters, make payments, and more.

Go to Owner Login at:
www.CMACommunities.com

Don't know your CMA account number? All homeowners should have received a letter dated July 20, 2020, from CMA, indicating their account number and temporary password. If anyone failed to receive this letter, please contact Melody Daniel at management@bridgemill.org.



Stay informed! Please be sure to be included in our "email blasts" regarding important community information. Submit your contact information to Melody Daniel at management@bridgemill.org.

Please ensure that all play equipment remains in good condition and replace it when necessary. ARC approval is needed should there be a change to the play equipment (i.e., permanently installed basketball goal versus temporary basketball goal).



Please help us keep the streets clear! Keeping our streets clear, includes street parking and basketball goals (including cul-de-sacs) on the street. Anything in the road may cause safety issues with on-coming traffic, pedestrian traffic, public safety vehicles, and school buses.



NOTICE

ABOUT



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Working Together For All Of BridgeMill

Autumn, the Second Busiest Season of the Year for Gardeners!

By Faye Webster

Mid-October through November is second only to April and May for avid gardeners. The days are shorter, the intense summer heat has gone away, and the humidity is almost nonexistent. This season is the prime time to add to your landscape with the best chance of success.

Replacing a tree?



Many of us need to replace original shade trees that have grown too large for our property or has become diseased over the years. Now is the optimum time to have this done since the trees are dormant and easier to transplant. I recently passed a plant nursery and saw their sign, "When is the best time to plant a tree?" The answer is, "The best time was 20 years ago. The second best time is NOW!"

The market is busy with tree sales, so don't delay. You will have a choice of freshly dug Balled & Burlapped (B&B) specimens or trees in containers (up to 15 to 20-gallon pots). The option is yours. Just be sure, if you choose B&B, to cut the wires and remove as much burlap as you can before you replace the soil. Inventory is rich right now with trees for color, trees for blooms, trees for shade. The hardest part is choosing just the right one.



Balled & Burlapped Tree

Reader Questions!

Marie asks, "Every year, the squirrels dig in my containers with my pansies and winter annuals. What can I do?"

Answer: Buy a small roll of chicken wire (hardware store, craft store, Home Depot, etc.). Plant your containers as usual. Cut small pieces of the chicken wire (using wire cutters) and place around the plants. Mulch the plants with wood chips or sphagnum moss to cover the wire. No more squirrel problems!



Judy sent an email with the following question: "This is the first year I kept my Christmas cactus outside, and it has flourished. When should I bring it in?"

Answer: Leave your Christmas cactus outside until night temperatures drop to 40 degrees F. This helps improve bloom production.

Another reader asks, "I see great sales on perennials. Isn't it too late to plant?"

Answer: No, it's the perfect time to plant. Fill in the bare spots in your landscape with these plants now, and next summer, you will be thrilled and save lots of \$\$\$.

Question: *I am planting my spring bulbs between now and Thanksgiving. If I plant tulips, will they come back the following year?*



Answer: They will come back, at least one more time, but you will be fortunate if you have any blooms the next year. Our winters are too warm, and our summers are too hot for them to survive. If you have unplanted tulip bulbs now, keep them in the refrigerator until late December before you plant them. When they have finished blooming, pull them up, and add them to the compost pile. Tulips are considered annuals in the south!

Happy Gardening!! Send questions, suggestions and comments to: BridgeMillGardens@gmail.com

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Happy Fall Y'all!

Clean up for fall—be picture ready to be nominated!

Nominate with the nominee's address.

Snap a photo of the house/yard, if possible.

Email nominations to:

BridgeMillYOM@gmail.com

Yard of the Month nominees are judged solely on the total exterior appearance of their

home and front/side yard as viewed.

We will do the rest and check it out!

"Yard of the Month" Judging Criteria:

- ◆ Manicured yard, offering beauty, originality, and creativity
- ◆ Walks, driveways, and curbs edged and swept clean
- ◆ Shrubs neatly pruned
- ◆ Garbage cans out of sight
- ◆ Toys and bikes not strewn about
- ◆ Hoses rolled up and out of sight
- ◆ No boats or RVs parked on the property
- ◆ Current on HOA assessment—past and present
- ◆ No current or outstanding covenant violations
- ◆ Fences in good shape, no missing or dangling shutters, painted surfaces are presentable
- ◆ Upkeep of the yard can reflect the efforts of the residents themselves or that of a professional landscaper or groundskeeper
- ◆ HOA Board members are *not* eligible
- ◆ Winners must maintain their yard in the same manner that allowed them to win the title
- ◆ Homes with a "For Sale" sign are *not* eligible



**Two winners will be selected per month
from June through December 2020.**



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All fourteen "Yard of the Month" winners
must remain in good standing, with the HOA, to be eligible for the drawing.

The **Grand Prize** will be awarded to one *lucky* winner at the **2021 HOA Annual Meeting**.



Congratulations!

To Our

October 2020

Yard of the Month Winners!



Congratulations to Tom & Barbara Evangelista at 516 Chestnut Walk! We thank their neighbor, Rob Johanos, for submitting this lovely home and yard for nomination. Barbara and Tom were both thrilled with the nomination and are grateful to be recipients of the award. They are originally from New York and relocated to the Atlanta area in 1974.

They are the original owners of this golf course property and became residents in 1999. We thank Tom & Barbara for offering such a lovely place for all to enjoy in BridgeMill! Pictured are Barbara & Tom.



Congratulations to Arthur & Catherine Wicks at 115 Gold Bridge Crossing. Many thanks to Steve Tuck for nominating the Wicks family home

and beautifully manicured yard. Originally from New York, Arthur & Catherine have lived in various states and chose BridgeMill to settle upon retirement in 2004. They are the original owners of this property. Much appreciation goes to the Wicks' for their efforts to offer such a beautiful property in BridgeMill! Pictured are Catherine & Arthur.



Seeking Any & All Business Owners To Welcome BridgeMill Newcomers! Here's How You Can...



Our *BridgeMill Welcome Committee* meets and greets newcomers monthly. Many of our local businesses contribute samples, coupons, menus, and other useful information. We happily welcome any business who would like to participate.

Businesses are welcome to deliver donated items to:

BridgeMill Community Association
Attn: *Welcome Committee*
3542 Sixes Road, Suite 108
Canton, GA 30114

thank
you!

To Our Current Contributors

Need more information?

Please email us at management@bridgemill.org or call 770-345-1888.



The *BridgeMill Welcome Committee* welcomes new homeowners by delivering gift bags filled with contributions from local businesses. Included in the bags are area restaurant menus, great coupons, and a wide assortment of useful items full of information about our neighborhood and community. We welcome an average of 20 families monthly. Unfortunately, our committee had to suspend the delivery of gift bags to our new neighbors over the last six months due to COVID-19. We plan to resume this activity in the next few weeks.

Anyone interested in joining our committee may access our website at www.BridgeMill.org and complete and submit your application to become a Welcome Committee volunteer.

Thank you,

Viola Ross, Chair

Christine Warren

Bill Warren (BOD Liaison)





CMA: Who To Contact



One of the strengths of CMA is our ability to respond to homeowner issues. We do this via proven processes, the stability of our corporate office and the technology we use to improve our efficiency. Below are some contact reasons that generally come up in the property management world along with the best contact points for resolution.

Questions & Comments For The Property Manager (PM) – You may initiate contact through the owner’s portal. Log in and find the question mark in the blue circle. Complete and submit the form to be sent directly to the property manager. Or, you may call 770-345-1888. We utilize a “ring through” service that searches multiple phone numbers. It takes a few seconds to find a person, so your patience is appreciated. If the PM is unavailable, please leave a message.

Emergency Issues After Hours – Please call 800-522-6314. This number will connect you to our answering service, and a licensed property manager will contact you.

Login Issues – Follow the instructions on the website – www.CMACommunities.com. Issues also include setting up a new account and password reset.

Closing Letters – We utilize a third-party vendor to provide this service. Please refer to www.HomeWiseDocs.com to request needed closing letters.

Reporting Covenant Violations – This can be done online within the owner’s portal. Log in and find the yellow caution sign on the page, select, and a report form will appear. You can also attach a picture of the violation. This action is the suggested first path, but you may also contact Melody Daniel, our Property Manager, at 770-345-1888 or via email management@bridgemill.org.

Architectural Review Committee (ARC) – Email requests to Jordan Reeser, Administrative Assistant, at admin@bridgemill.org or deliver requests to the office.

Online Payments – Payments can be made online through the owner’s portal. Log in and follow the directions.

Mail Payments To:

BridgeMill Community Association
c/o CMA
PO Box 65851
Phoenix, AZ 85082-5851



Please clip and save for future reference.





Dear Mrs. Kravitz...

Dear Mrs. Kravitz: Would you please address the use of golf carts within BridgeMill? I have witnessed quite a few young children operating these vehicles and not complying with the rules of the road. They seem to have no care in the world regarding the safety issues involved when cruising through our neighborhood. I would be heartbroken if any children or adults were hurt or killed while driving these carts. Perhaps you can offer some helpful advice to encourage golf cart safety on our streets. -
-- Concerned Mom

Dear Concerned Mom: First of all, "young children" shouldn't be behind the wheel of a golf cart! Sadly, parental supervision is lacking when allowing non-licensed drivers to operate a golf cart.

Mrs. Kravitz is pleased to address this safety issue within BridgeMill. The Cherokee County Board of Commissioners approved the motorized Golf Cart Ordinance for BridgeMill on September 4, 2018, allowing licensed drivers to operate golf carts within the community. **The ordinance does not allow accessing Bells Ferry Road to travel to and from BridgeMill.** For complete information regarding the use of golf carts, minimal equipment required (including headlights, tail lights and registration with the County), and insurance needs, please access https://library.municode.com/ga/charokee_county/codes/code_of_ordinances. Enter "Motorized Cart District" in the search field to review the entire list. In the meantime, here is a compilation of some items of importance found on the website mentioned above:

Sec. 58-38. - Definitions. (Item # 3) *Motorized cart* means all-electric and gasoline-powered pleasure carts, which are commonly called and referred to as golf carts, and which are not capable of exceeding 20 miles per hour.

Sec. 58-40. - Authorized user. Any person who possesses a valid *motor* vehicle driver's license and is at least 16 years of age may operate a *motorized cart* on the authorized streets and contained in the *Motorized Cart District* under the same restrictions placed upon such drivers in the operation of *motor* vehicles on the road of Georgia in compliance with O.C.G.A. tit. 40 and all other applicable state laws regarding the operation of *motor* vehicles. In addition, any person who possesses a valid *motor* vehicle instructional permit and is at least 15 years of age may operate a *motorized cart* in a *Motorized Cart District* and on authorized streets, so long as such person is accompanied in the front seat by a person who possesses a valid *motor* vehicle driver's license and is at least 18 years of age. A valid driver's license or instructional permit for the operation of a *motor* vehicle shall carry the same restrictions for use in a *motorized cart* authorized pursuant to this article.

Sec. 58-44. - Operating regulations and special rules. (Item 'a') All operators of motorized carts shall abide by all traffic regulations applicable to vehicular traffic when using the authorized streets contained in the Motorized Cart District.

Do you know the difference between these?



Golf Cart



ATV/4 x 4 Vehicle



Dirt Bike

Dirt bikes and ATV's are not allowed on any public roadway. They are considered off-road vehicles and is a violation of state law. Motorcycles, including those that look like dirt bikes, with valid license plates are allowed on the roadway.



To report unauthorized use of golf carts and off-road vehicles on our roadways, please contact the sheriff's office via the non-emergency number at 678-493-4080.

Have a question? Email Mrs. Kravitz at DearMrsKravitz@gmail.com

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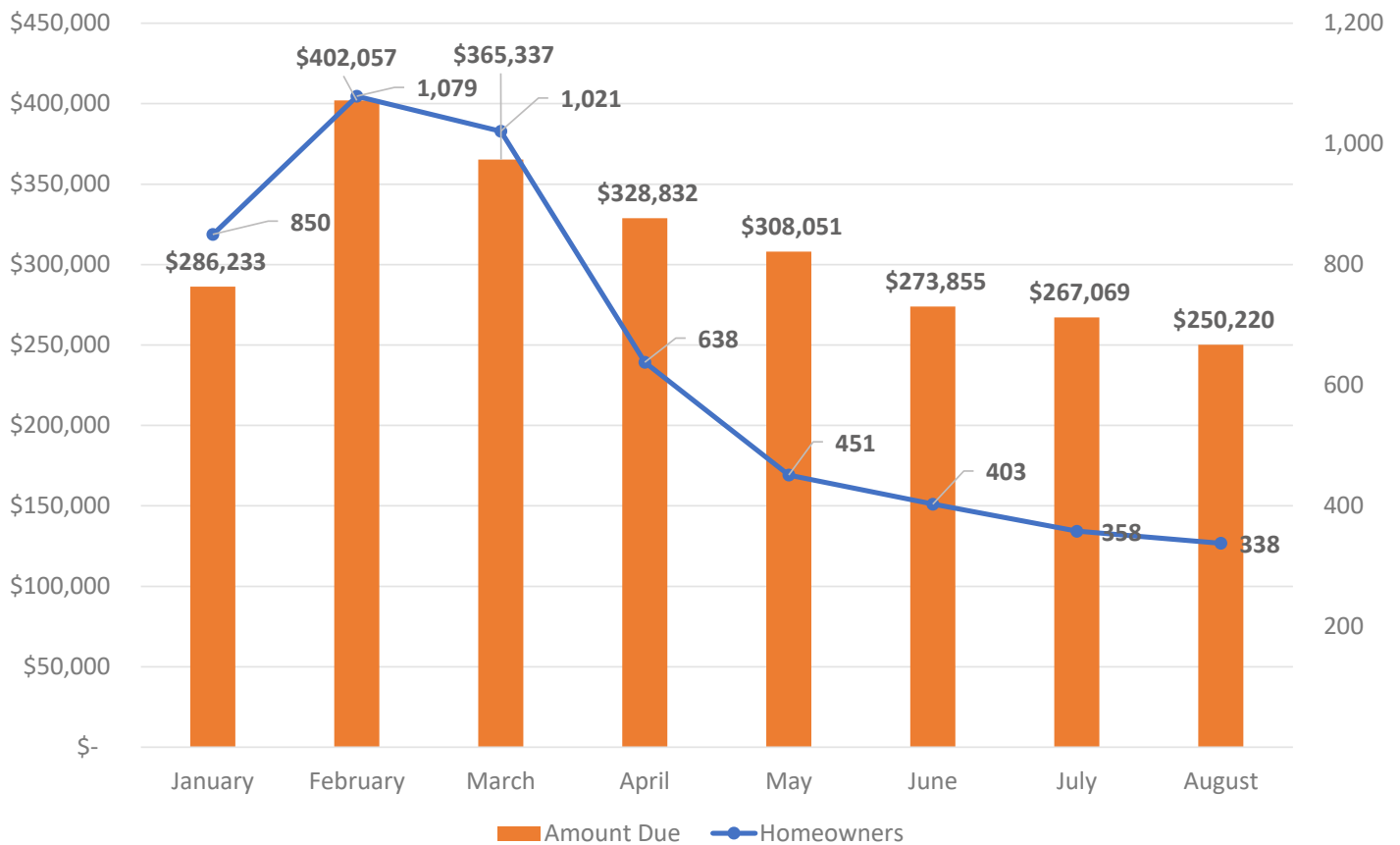
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Income Statement Summary			
Year-To-Date August 2020			
		YTD	Full Year
		Actual	Budget
Income		611,693	510,750
Expenses			
	Administrative	186,970	Account groupings have changed. Budget groupings will be change for consistency.
	Grounds & Landscaping	94,482	
	Repairs & Maintenance	44,434	
	Safety	2,782	
	Utility	19,531	
	Total	348,199	
Income (Loss)		263,494	(5,937)

Receivables by Month



Note: July includes \$21,087 of new (current) receivables



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From Gary Pippel, Our Resident Historian

Happy autumn, everybody. I don't know about you, but autumn is one of my favorite times of the year. My mother's favorite time was spring. Her feeling was everything in the world around her was new, fresh, and refreshing. For me, autumn was a time when the first frost would occur. In my world, no longer would I have to be inoculated for allergies to grass, trees, mold, hay fever, and everything else. From autumn through winter, my arms would heal, and my sinus would be clear, and I would feel like playing again.

And that brings me around to one of my first contributions. Many of you were not living in BridgeMill in late 1999 when I moved out here. That is when I built my home. Living in East Cobb for approximately seventeen years, Cherokee County looked fresh and inviting to me. I remember, on occasion, driving my classic car from East Cobb north on I-575 to Sixes Road so that I would be able to move the fluids and lubricate the gaskets for a few miles. It was, at that time, an exit that only had one or two lanes and a couple of stop signs. It would be virtually impossible for anyone to rear-end me, a classic car guys, worst nightmare. And I didn't want to worry about cleaning bugs off the front of the car when I returned home. For that reason, Sixes Road seemed to stay in my memory for many years. I remember one time, I ventured down Sixes Road. And like the exit, it was only a two-lane road with no stop signs! Please take a look at an old picture that I found of the mill located near that exit.

With that said, we are going to change the format of *The Cascade* a little. I started writing for *The Cascade* in late 2018. And since then, many changes have occurred. We will continue, from time to time, to dig in my workshop for articles on old tools, instruments, and gadgets that I come across. It is in my DNA. But more importantly, what is the history of the dirt that our homes sit on today? Cherokee County, incorporated in 1830, likewise, is full of a lot of history. By my research, it is one of the oldest counties in Georgia.

Upon the completion of my home, I became familiar with my new surroundings. I wanted to learn more about the history of Sixes Road. Sixes Road started at Highway #5, and four miles later, it ended at Bells Ferry Road. Often, my father would say, "A road that starts nowhere and ends nowhere! By the way, where are we?" I remember that at Sixes Road and Highway #5, the only way that the county controlled traffic was by a single stop sign. It was small, faded, and about ready to fall off the post. Other than a couple of auto repair businesses, a small salvage yard, and a gas station that sold more rugs, athletic socks, and rocking chairs than gas, this was it.

Where in the world did the name of Sixes Road come from? And where were the First, Second, Third, Fourth, and Fifth Roads located? Coming from a suburb of Chicago, First Street starts at First Avenue in the middle of town, and one counts and goes toward the city boundary or the lake until they find the street they are searching. A Chicagoan never tells a person to meet at the intersection of Bill's Hamburger Joint and Larry's Archery Range. One will say this, "I will meet you at 10th Street and 15th Avenue." And when I courted my wife, the community that she lived in had streets named after trees. Maple, Oak, Elder, Pine, and the list went on.

"Sixes Road" came from an old mine named Sixes Gold Mine, which yielded gold, silver, and other minerals for decades. And that location was identified as Sixes Georgia. The historical site is defined like this, "An unincorporated community in western Cherokee County, Georgia, United States, located three miles west of Holly Springs and near the eastern shores of the current-day Lake Allatoona."

We will continue to dig into the rich history of Cherokee County, Sixes, and Ridge Roads and beyond. And where does that stream come from at the Sixes Mill? Notice the old photograph of the mill. And how did Steels Bridge Road end up at Lake Allatoona?



I hope you are as excited about this new venture as we are! But before I close, I promised you last month that we would investigate the mysterious materials used in making a Strad, the anatomy and the secret of this Strad, and how to tell a fake.

The golden period of the Strads was between 1700 and 1725. Depending on the condition they can be worth millions of dollars. In 2011 a “Lady Blunt” violin made around 1721, which was in pristine condition, sold for \$15.9 million in London and was named after Lord Bryon’s granddaughter, Lady Anne Blunt. In the spring of 2014, the Sotheby Auction House failed to reach a minimum of \$45 million for a very rare “Macdonald” viola. That gives you a measuring stick for the values of these fabulous instruments.

The construction of these instruments is another art. Mr. Stradivari used chemists and woodworkers like a Frenchman, Mr. Vuillaume, to construct the outer form. I understand that it was Mr. Vuillaume, who came up with the dimensions of the case. What an ear that he must have had to produce a perfect sound to allow the instruments to reach such a high and clear range. The woods used included Alpine spruce for the tops and willow for the internal blocks and linings, and maple for the back, neck, and ribs. Dr. Steven Sirr, a Minnesota radiologist, suggested after using a CT scan that he could determine the wood density and size of the grain. The theory being that the Alpine spruce grew during a time of freezing and wet weather. And that allowed the annual growth rings to be closer together. The tighter the rings, the denser the wood would be. And this would give the notes a more robust sound. Before I go any further, a large tree back then would produce enough wood to make an awful lot of violins. See the picture of the room in Cremona where the Strads were handmade!



There is a lot of conjecture here, but the chemists saw traces of copper, calcium, chromium, and aluminum in the wood. The thinking here is the loggers applied the chemical preservatives before allowing Mr. Stradivari to use them in the construction. Also, the scientists at The National Taiwan University saw some potassium silicate, which would help to prevent rotting, mildew, and insect damage to the instruments. Although most of the varnish has worn off, there is some suggestion that the use of a special varnish tightened the wood grain. One would think that if Mr. Stradivari were living today with all the various chemicals that we now have, and the powerful microscopes that are currently available, how much clearer his sound would have been. Enjoying woodworking as I do, it would be tough to find trees with the kind of grain structure that our trees have today.

Should you be in the market for a Strad, I would advise you to hire an expert. During the immediate years after, printers would duplicate the label. After many years, even the fakes look original. It was not meant to trick the buyer; it was used to pay homage to the violin maker and show that the dimensions and sizes copied from one of the originals.

One way to tell a fake is to see if the word “copy” is printed on the label. And that said, it would still be a fantastic instrument to hold and play today. Just make sure you don’t pay a top price for it. And lastly, after the year 1891, everything imported to America must show the country of origin.

Now – let us look at the real question. And that is, how many Strads live on today? But the first question is, how many instruments did Mr. Stradivari produce in his workshop? When one includes violins, cellos, guitars, harps, the total comes to approximately 1100 instruments. By all estimates, only 650 pieces survive today. I was quite impressed with this number. And as I write this composition, a large part of our country is on fire. You know what the next question is, don’t you?

Gary Pippel – Resident Historian

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6th Annual Homeless Veteran Charity Golf Event set for Friday October 23rd at Lake Arrowhead Highlands Course

The 6th annual Charity Homeless Veterans Golf Outing is set for this fall at the Lake Arrowhead Highlands Golf Course in Waleska, Ga. The shotgun start event will be held on Friday the 23rd of October and will have a 4 person team scramble format.

The event is put on by the Cherokee County Homeless Veterans pro-gram (CCHVP) with support from local veterans and volunteers. 100% of the proceeds of the golf outing goes to support the various programs of the CCHVP and 100% of the monies spent by the CCHVP stays in Cherokee County.

Homeless Veteran Situation in Georgia today— In last November’s Housing and Urban Development report to Congress, the State of Georgia was identified as lagging in several areas as it relates to Homeless Veterans to include:

- *State of Georgia ranks 3rd among states for the largest number of homeless veterans in the Balance of State homeless areas (rural areas which make us 152 of the 158 counties in Georgia)*
- *State of Georgia ranks 3rd behind Hawaii and Oregon with the highest rate of unsheltered homeless veterans in the nation. Georgia has a 63.1% rate of unsheltered vs sheltered homeless veterans within the Balance of State Continuum of Care (COC).*
- *Cherokee County ranks #2 in total homeless persons in the Balance of State. Bibb County ranks #1.*
- *In 2019 we processed 90 homeless Veterans, male||female|families.*
- *Cherokee County does not qualify for VASH or Per Diem hous-ing support for Veterans. We do qualify for SSVF Grants for Veterans with families with children under 17. It typically takes up to 12 weeks to get into the SSVF program.*

Scramble Information

- Registration 7:30 and Shotgun start at 9:00 on Friday, October 23rd
- \$400 per team entry
- Mulligans for purchase
- Silent auction to be held through-out the event
- Prizes and raffles for closest to pin and for longest drive
- Lunch provided after play
- Golf gifts for all players
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- Hole sponsorships available \$100 for one or 3 for \$200
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- CCHVP has no paid employees or staff. We are 100% volunteer based.



Registration/Sponsorship Questions

Jim Lindenmayer - 678-983-7590
Jlindenmayer80@gmail.com

Mike Satterly - 404-680-2412
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The Army Aviation Heritage Foundation & Flying Museum, in support of the Cherokee County Homeless Veterans Program, are teaming up to help keep a piece of Army Aviation history flying, while helping to raise funds for a Homeless Veterans Shelter in Cherokee County.

Tickets are \$150 per person for Huey ride and \$595 per person for Cobra ride, fully refundable if it rains. You can also use them October 24th and 25th at the Wings Over North Georgia Air Show in Rome, GA. Reservations are limited.

Proceeds benefit the Army Aviation Heritage Foundation & Flying Museum, a 501c3 non-profit, and the Cherokee County Homeless Veterans Program, a 501c19 Veteran non-profit.

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