

Afton Downs Community News



A publication for the homeowners of the Afton Downs Subdivision – September 2003

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Feedback?

The Afton Downs Community News is published as needed for the residents of the subdivision. Your feedback and comments are welcomed and appreciated.

To submit story ideas or comments, please contact Fara at faragindin@yahoo.com

We Know How to Party!



On August 14, the Afton Downs Social Committee hosted a Happy Hour at the Atkins Park Tavern. The night of the gathering, the Tavern, located in the Market Village on Atlanta Road in Smyrna, was buzzing with music, cheers and laughter. The social was a great opportunity for our neighbors to come together, get to know each other, share a few stories and have a few drinks together. And, with more than 40 homeowners in attendance, our social gathering was a success!

Aimee McDonald, who heads the committee, planned and organized the event with the help of homeowners **Nicole Miller** and **Edmund Rudell**. One of the evening's festivities included a door prize drawing. The winner of that a door prize drawing was new homeowner **David Henry**. David received a \$15 Home Depot gift certificate.

Also, we'd like to extend a special "thank you" to homeowners **Bill** and **Linda Elkins** for taking all the photos at the party.

Wish you'd been there? Look for news about our upcoming Oktoberfest party. We hope you'll be able to join us!



Have You Been Welcomed?

One of the Association's duties is to keep track of all new homeowners and make sure that they receive a proper welcome to the community. We, therefore, provide each new homeowner with a **Welcome Packet** full of important information about our subdivision's rules and covenants; sanitation schedules; information on the Association, painting, parking, pets; important Smyrna phone numbers and Web Sites; contractor referrals and more.

If you've not received a **Welcome Packet**, please e-mail Fara at faragindin@yahoo.com and she will be sure to forward one to you.



Yard of the Month



Congratulations to **Latarsha & Trotzky Pearson** for a job well done! The couple continually has maintained a neat and attractive yard despite its large size and upkeep demand.

Latarsha & Trotzky's yard, see photo, has been selected as the **September Yard of the Month**. As you enter the subdivision, see the winning yard at 1001 Afton Way.

And, at Afton Downs, it pays to have a beautiful yard. The coveted Yard of the Month sign is displayed on Latarsha & Trotzky's yard, and because they are paying members of the Association, they have received a \$17 movie pass for two.



'Been Thinking about Painting?

Before you pick up that paint brush or order that new vinyl siding, we ask that you contact the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) to get an approved color chart.

"Why?" you may ask. Because it is important that we adhere to Afton Downs' color palettes and keep some from painting the body of their homes neon green, fuchsia or other inappropriate colors. Our neighborhood's visual style is built from colors, imagery, layout and design, all of which help create a distinctive Afton Downs style. By employing the approved color schemes, we create a uniformed community-look that helps differentiate Afton Downs from other townhome subdivisions in Smyrna.

And, if you would like to paint your house, trim or fascia with a color that is not approved by the board, give us a call or e-mail us – **we'll be glad to work on a compromise with you.** The ACC's ultimate goal is for every home in Afton Downs to have a clean and neat appearance while maintaining the integrity of the neighborhood's style. This, we are certain, will keep our property values on the rise.

For more information on approved color charts, or to receive a chart, please **contact Talia Jeanty, chairperson of the ACC at talia_jeanty@charter.net.**



A Quick Thank You!

The ADHA would like to **thank all of you for the positive e-mails and comments about the newsletter.** We're glad you've taken notice and that you like the new look. We will continue to work hard to improve our community and disseminate important news and information to you.

To support the Afton Downs Homeowners Association and its goals to continue to improve the standard of living for residents and to protect our investment, **please** mail or hand-deliver your association dues to our **Treasurer, Faye First, at 5028 Bell Drive.** Please make your twenty-five-dollar checks payable to the Afton Downs Homeowners Association.

We appreciate your support!



It's Time to Plant!



According to Certified Nursery Professional, Rod Smith, fall is an ideal time to plant. This is a good time to plant bulbs, seeds, and perennials because in the fall the warm soil allows roots to grow faster to establish the plants. And, because the air is cooler, plants don't need as much water.

If you're interested in your flowerbeds looking great during the cold months, aside from evergreen shrubberies, here are some plants that will do well this fall and (possibly) this winter. **Mums** and **anemones** bloom in the fall. **Camellias**, **heathers** and fragrant **daphnes** bloom in the winter. Flowering **kale** and **cabbage** are the most colorful in cold weather. **Pansies** may bloom all fall, winter, and spring in a sheltered place. Also, **grass seed** is easier to grow in the fall. The warm soil gets grass off to a fast start. Cool, rainy weather keeps it growing with less care.

So, let's get planting!

Web Source: <http://www.rodsgarden.50megs.com/fallplanting.htm>



Welcome Mat

A red-carpet welcome to the following new homeowners and neighbors:

- **Veda Sammy**, 1002 Afton Way;
- **Elizabeth Webb**, 5088 Afton Way;
- **Patricia Hominda**, 5135 Afton Court;
- **Vernon & Mercedes Harris**, 5114 Afton Way;
- **Julie Ferrier**, 5185 Afton Way;
- and **David Henry**, 5244 Afton Way.

We're glad you're here!

Referrals

Thank you for your referrals! Should you need a list of contractors who have performed satisfactory services for our homeowners, please e-mail Fara at faragindin@yahoo.com and she will forward the referral list to you.