

# The Nutshell

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## 2009 Chestnut Springs Homeowners' Association Board of Directors

<b>President</b> David Hunter	<b>Vice President</b> John Hubbard	<b>Treasurer</b> Brad Wilson	<b>Secretary</b> Mary Lou Villalba	<b>Membership</b> Toby Holden	<b>Clubhouse</b> Kris Kell
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Greetings to all fellow homeowners!

I would like to take this time to wish everyone a very Happy New Year. As this year's HOA President, I want to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing HOA Board members for all their efforts and commitment of service to our neighborhood. Last year's Board with Dan Ethridge as President worked very hard to put a long range budget in place which included the recent retirement of our loan. The Board for 2009 plan to adhere to this budget plan, which was distributed to HOA members a few months ago. It also goes without saying that without all your cooperation regarding the neighborhood assessment, this loan payoff would not have been possible. By eliminating this debt, the neighborhood is now in a position to pursue much needed improvements that have since been budgeted for, such as the demolition and reconstruction of the upper tennis courts. The revenue taken in through this year's association dues will fund this project so the plan is to begin sometime in the April - May time frame.

The HOA Board and Association play an active and essential role in maintaining our community standards and seek out opportunities to constantly improve every resident's living experience here in Chestnut Springs. So it can only be with your participation and help that we can succeed in this endeavor. If you are not familiar with our neighborhood website, please go to [www.chestnutsprings.org](http://www.chestnutsprings.org). There you will find useful information to include a list of all board members and their respective position, past copies of the Nutshell, use of Clubhouse, Pool, and Tennis Courts, Women's Club details, and Association Dues information just to name some of the things you can find.

The 2009 HOA Board have already met and outlined the priorities for the upcoming year. Some of these initiatives are:

- Draft and distribute the annual HOA dues notification. In addition to accepting payments by check, for convenience we are once again offering a credit card payment option for dues this year. Details for credit card payment will be included in the upcoming payment notification.
- Institute a bi-annual "deep" cleaning of the clubhouse
- Landscaping improvements to both neighborhood entrances

Additional neighborhood improvement actions are in planning stages and will be communicated as soon as possible. We are also working on the annual update to the Chestnut Springs Directory. There is still a need to fill the Board position of "Social Director" so if anyone is interested, please contact any Board member or send an email to: [boardmembers@chestnutsprings.org](mailto:boardmembers@chestnutsprings.org). I look forward to the upcoming year and the exciting neighborhood facility improvements we have plans to complete. If you know of anything that the 2009 HOA Board can do for the common good of our neighborhood, please let us know.

Best Wishes for 2009  
David C Hunter  
President, Chestnut Springs HOA

The **Walkers For Knockers** would like to thank each and every neighbor for your generous support of the 3 Day Walk Breast Cancer Walk. The support of well wishes, meals, rides and financial donations was overwhelming! Even in these very tough economic times, our team was able to raise over \$28,000.00! Many of our donations came from our wonderful community of neighbors! The Atlanta 3 Day walk raised 8.6 million dollars! This money raised from the walk is spent on research and education to eradicate breast cancer and community assistance to help those who have been afflicted.

We will always grateful for your continued support!



### **Walkers for Knockers**

**Lynne Edwards Rich Giannotti Kris Kell  
Jennifer Mannelly Christine Meissner Ron Ritter  
Kim Sterns Robin Veldsma**



HOA Dues are to be paid by February 1st, as not to incur late fees. You should have received an invoice in the mail.

In 2008, our HOA Dues helped pay for:  
Resurfaced lower tennis courts  
New street signs at entrances  
Refurbished pool deck  
Fence and gate installation around trash area in clubhouse parking lot



The clubhouse reservation schedule is now published online at our neighborhood website [www.chestnutsprings.org](http://www.chestnutsprings.org). Anyone wishing to reserve the clubhouse should first look online for available dates and times and then call the HOA Clubhouse Manager: Christine Meissner.

## Our Kids are AWESOME!

Congratulations to **Harry Holden** who came in 4th place in the 3,000 meters USATF Georgia State Cross Country Championship on November 15 in Douglas County.

Harry then placed 3rd in the USATF Region III Regional Championships on November 22 in Mechanicsville, VA.

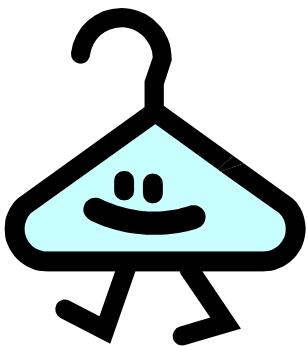
He went back to Mechanicsville on December 13 to participate in the USATF National Junior Olympic Cross Country Championships. Harry came in #28 out of a field of 257 with a time of 11:49 in the 3000m.

Harry is 9 and runs with the Walton Youth Track Club.

**Ben Williams** received the Cobb County Touchdown Club "Scholar Athlete of the Year" for Walton High School.

**WE ARE PROUD OF YOU!**

## WAY TO GO HARRY!



### 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Chestnut Springs Consignment Sale:

Are you ready to do something with all those outgrown kiddie clothes, games and paraphernalia? Well then start putting them aside for February's annual Children's Consignment Sale sponsored by the Women's Club. It is open to anyone in the neighborhood who would like to sell some items and can work a two hour volunteer shift. The sale itself is open to the public. The Consignment Sale is a leading fundraiser for the Women's Club and helps support many neighborhood activities such as the annual polar express party, the easter egg hunt and more!

The drop off date is Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> with a special Neighborhood Only Preview Sale on Wednesday night, the 25<sup>th</sup> from 6 - 8pm. The first hour is for volunteers/sellers only but then opens to the entire neighborhood. The sale continues 9am to 1pm on Thursday through Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>. For more information on selling items, please contact Melissa Ezzel at [rossladyus@yahoo.com](mailto:rossladyus@yahoo.com) or Beth Freeman at [bethannfreeman@comcast.net](mailto:bethannfreeman@comcast.net).

**Book Club****Next Meeting:**

Monday, February 23, 7:30 pm  
at the Clubhouse

**We are reading:**

*The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*  
by Steig Larsson

**Questions?**

Kim Burgett  
770-579-1580

**Yard of the month:**

January

Mark and Mary Lou Villalba  
2550 Tanager Court

Thank you for keeping our  
neighborhood beautiful!

**TENNIS NEWS:**

This is a very exciting time for CS Tennis!

We now have 2 active mixed doubles teams and are looking to form a 3<sup>rd</sup> Team this summer. Currently we have 7 active ALTA Teams for 2009 including: 3 Women's, 2 Men's, and the 2 mixed mentioned above.

We also have many CHSA members who are using the courts while playing in the following leagues: T2 Tennis, League Tennis, and USTA. As you can see, our newly resurfaced tennis courts are getting plenty of action!

With the demolition and reconstruction of our upper courts (April projected start date), this will allow for additional teams to be added as well as more casual recreational tennis to be played. We have a lot of fun stuff coming this year with tournaments planed for Memorial day, Labor day, and the Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Tournament. We also have some tennis "fun" nights planned for tennis and social time for all members. Keep an eye out for upcoming events in the Nutshell. ~Wade Sterns