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Annual Membership Meeting

> February 13th 6:30 PM

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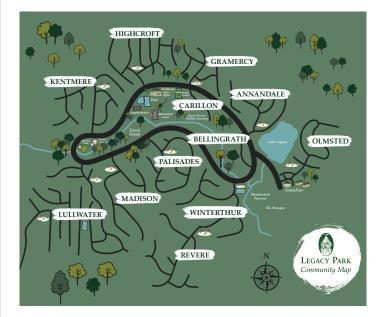
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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STREET MAINTENANCE IN OUR COMMUNITY

he streets in our community are maintained by the City of Kennesaw. If you notice an issue that needs attention—such as potholes, downed traffic signs, or other concerns—you can easily report it through the

city's website under the Public Works section.

Your reports help ensure our streets remain safe and well-maintained for everyone. Don't hesitate to reach out with questions or concerns!



HONORING LEGACY PARK'S CLASS OF 2025

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egacy Park is preparing to celebrate an exceptional group of individuals as they step into an exciting new chapter of their lives. The Class of 2025 is on the brink of a remarkable journey, one filled with ambition, accomplishments, and dreams ready to take flight.

This May, we'll proudly honor the graduates within our community, recognizing their dedication and hard work. It's a time to celebrate the achievements of those completing their high school or college journey and to wish them well as they embark on their next adventure.

In a special section of our newsletter, we're celebrating our graduating residents by sharing their future plans with the community. Graduates can ensure their names, alma maters, and future endeavors are featured by filling out a form on our website: www.legacypark.org.

But that's not all! To show our pride and support, each graduate will receive a unique sign that will line Legacy Park Boulevard this May—a visual tribute to their achievements and a symbol of our community's unity and encouragement.

This program is more than just recognizing academic milestones; it's a celebration of Legacy Park's spirit and the bond we share as neighbors.

TO THE CLASS OF 2025:

Whether you're stepping into the workforce, continuing your education, or embarking on a brand-new adventure, Legacy Park is cheering you on every step of the way.

Visit www.legacypark.org to fill out the form and be part of this meaningful celebration. Let's make May a month to remember as we honor the achievements and aspirations of our graduates!





2025 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH AT 6:30 PM LEGACY PARK CLUBHOUSE, 4201 LEGACY PARK CIRCLE

Join us for the association's annual membership meeting—a great opportunity to stay informed about our community, connect with neighbors, and hear about exciting updates for the year ahead.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE AGENDA:

- Announcement of the Board of Directors Election Results
- Meet the Board Members and HOA Staff
- Updates on Current and Upcoming Projects
- Insights into how your assessments are utilized and how reserves are invested

Whether you prefer to participate in person or virtually, this meeting is a chance to be an engaged and informed member of our community.

VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE:

Can't join us in person? Participate from the comfort of your home! The link for virtual attendance will be included with the election documents and available on our website: www.legacypark.org.

We look forward to seeing you there!

CAST YOUR VOTE FOR YOUR COMMUNITY LEADERS!



oting is now open for selecting the homeowners who will lead our wonderful community for the next two years. The voting period runs from January 24, 2025, through 4:00 p.m. on February 7, 2025.

You can vote conveniently online or by mail-in ballot. If you opt for a paper ballot, please send it directly to Vote-Now at the address provided in your voting materials—do not send it to the HOA office.

For homeowners with email addresses on file, your contact information was shared with Vote-Now unless you requested otherwise. If we lack electronic communication with you, a voting package was mailed to you via USPS. Rest assured, Vote-Now manages the entire voting process, ensuring confidentiality—no one outside their team has access to voting results.

ELECTION RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT

The voting results will be revealed during the Annual Meeting on February 13, 2025. You're welcome to attend in person or join online via the Teams link. On the day of the meeting, Vote-Now will deliver a sealed envelope with the results to the HOA. This envelope will be opened live, in front of the camera and all attendees, ensuring everyone learns the results simultaneously.

IMPORTANT ELECTION REMINDERS

- The HOA does not endorse any candidate(s).
- Official election-related information will come from either the HOA or Vote-Now. Candidates may send their own materials, but these are not official communications.
- Official HOA communications include the Legacy Park Town Herald, Legacy Park website (www.legacypark.org), Buildium, and the HOA email distribution list (maintained by HOA staff). Official emails will come from propertymanager@legacypark.org or Vote-Now. Any other communications should be considered unofficial.

Take the time to vote and have your voice heard in shaping the future of our community!



Thank you to the seven candidates who joined us for the Candidate Forum. With an engaged audience of 25 in the Clubhouse and 14 joining online, thoughtful questions sparked meaningful conversations. We appreciated the opportunity to get to know each of you better and are grateful for your willingness to serve our community.



CALLING ALL DOG LOVERS IN LEGACY PARK!

oes your furry friend enjoy walks around Legacy Park? We're glad to have such a petfriendly community, but it's important to remember a few key rules to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone.

LEASH LAW REMINDER

According to Legacy Park's Rules & Regulations and the

City of Kennesaw, all animals must be under their owner's immediate control and restraint at all times. This means your pet must be on a chain, leash, or tie no longer than six feet and held by someone capable of controlling them.



RESTRICTED AREAS

Please note that pets are not permitted in any fenced areas owned and maintained by Legacy Park, including:

- Ballfield
- Tennis, Pickleball, Basketball Courts
- Pool areas
- Playgrounds

CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR PET

As a responsible pet owner, it's your duty to clean up after your pet. Dog waste must be picked up and properly disposed of to keep our community clean and enjoyable for everyone. Failing to follow this rule may result in the suspension of amenity privileges.



For your convenience, trash receptacles and doggy waste stations are available throughout Legacy Park to help with proper disposal.

Thank you for keeping Legacy Park a clean and pet-friendly community!



TIPS FOR BUILDING BETTER RELATIONSHIPS WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS

iving harmoniously with neighbors is achievable, and the secret lies in one word: communication. While you don't need to become best friends or spend time together regularly, fostering a peaceful coexistence is possible by following these practical tips:

- Start with a Friendly Hello Whether at the mailbox, while walking your dog, or when you notice a new family moving in, take a moment to introduce yourself. Learn your neighbors' names and greet them warmly whenever you see them.
- 2. Give a Heads-Up

Planning a home renovation, landscaping project, or hosting a party? Let your neighbors know ahead of time. This simple courtesy can prevent misunderstandings and build goodwill.

3. Follow the Golden Rule

Treat your neighbors the way you'd like to be treated. Be mindful of noise from your car, stereo, pets, or any other potential disturbances.

4. Maintain Curb Appeal Keep visible areas of your property neat and tidy. A well-maintained yard or exterior contributes to a pleasant neighborhood for everyone.

5. Show Appreciation

If your neighbors do something thoughtful, such as trimming a shared hedge or lending a helping hand, express your gratitude. A little acknowledgment goes a long way and makes future discussions easier.

6. Stay Optimistic

Assume good intentions. If a neighbor does something bothersome, avoid jumping to conclusions. Most people don't act with the intent to create problems.

- 7. Be Respectful and Avoid Gossip If an issue arises, address it directly with your neighbor. Talking about the problem with others can lead to misunderstandings and harm relationships.
- 8. Stay Calm and Collected

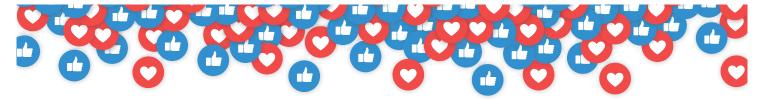
If a neighbor approaches you with a concern, thank them for sharing their perspective. Avoid reacting defensively, and give yourself time to process the feedback before responding thoughtfully.

9. Take a Breather

Sometimes, it's helpful to step away from a heated discussion. Reflect on what's been said and schedule a follow-up conversation if needed.

By practicing these strategies, you'll foster a friendlier, more harmonious environment with your neighbors, making your community an even better place to live.





SOCIAL MEDIA

While social media platforms like Nextdoor and Facebook are popular for sharing updates and connecting with neighbors, it's important to note the following:

- These sites are NOT administered, monitored, or officially associated with the Legacy Park Community Association.
- The Legacy Park Board of Directors is committed to keeping residents informed through direct communication, online updates, and transparency. Information relevant to the community may be shared through official channels, including email, social media, or other online platforms.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE BOARD OR MANAGEMENT

Social media is not an official means of contacting the Board of Directors or Management staff. To address concerns or share feedback:

- Email: Boardmembers@LegacyPark.org or propertymanager@legacypark.org
- Mail: 4201 Legacy Park Circle, Kennesaw, GA 30144

Residents are also encouraged to attend the Board of Directors Open Session Meetings held on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Legacy Park Clubhouse. The Executive Session follows the regular meeting and is closed to residents.

SOCIAL MEDIA ETIQUETTE

Negative posts on social media can have unintended consequences, affecting not just individuals but the entire community. We encourage residents to think carefully about their online interactions and strive to promote positivity and understanding, keeping our shared well-being in mind.

For fair and equal treatment of all residents, the Board is always open to direct and constructive dialogue through the appropriate channels. Let's work together to foster a supportive and respectful community!

By popular demand - a new service from Our Front Porch to help protect and add value to our Neighborhood:



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SCOUTIN' ABOUT

Troop 002

Troop 002 meets every Monday at 7:00 PM at the Legacy Park Clubhouse. If you are interested in joining Troop 002, stop by one of our meetings or reach out to Scoutmaster Jay McKoon or Committee Chair Mary Johnson at troop002@googlegroups.com.

In December, Troop 002 stayed overnight at a lock in at Escalade Climbing Gym. The scouts earned their climbing ment badge, ate pizza, and had fun staying up late with the whole gym to ourselver. Troop 002 also colebrated at our annual White Elephant Holiday party to wrap up 2024.

In January, Troop 002 cold-weather camped at Red Top Mountain State Park, where we enjoyed an Alternative Cooking Cook-off. Each scnut prepared one meal to share using an alternative cooking method (dutch oven and charcos), campfire skewers, etc.). Everyone tasted and provided feedback on all the delicious food. Winter Camping and Good Eating/ What more could you want?

In February, Troop 002 will be cold-weather camping and mountain biking on the Iron Hill Bike Trail. This scenic trail is a 3.9-mile loop along the banks of Lake Allatoona. The scouts had a lot of fun last time we biked this trail. This will be a lot of fun!

Pack 002

If interested in learning more, or have a son/daughter interested in joining Cub Scouts with Pack 002 in Legacy Park reach out to the Cub-Master, Daniel Kingsmill, at daniel.kingsmill.bgmail.com

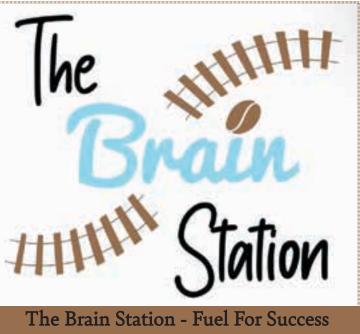
In December, Pack 002 walked in the Kennesaw Christmas parade. The scouts loved walking in the parade and showing off the great parts of being a scout

In January life scouts get to take part in the pinewood derby race. This is where they get to build their own car from a block of wood and nice against the other scouts. This is always a great time where the scouts get to show off their creativity and ingenuity.

At the start of February the scouts will be going to Alabama to spend the night at Majestic Gaverns. Everyone is looking forward to this! Where else can you spend the right inside of a cave?!

There are many more fun things to come for the year! As always if interested in joining Pack 002, to take part in these awesome activities (and much more), please reach out.





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MARCH 8TH 7-9PM

Dahlonega Georgia native Kurt Thomas has been captivating audiences in the Southeast for 20 years. After being personally taught by Zac Brown of the Zac Brown Band shortly after high school Thomas went on to win Kenny Chesney's Next Big Star Contest in which he shared the stage with artists Brooks & Dunn, LeAnne Rimes, and Chesney himself. Two years later Thomas won the songwriting competition CMT Music City Madness in which he earned mentorship with the legendary Randy Travis. Recently he cowrote the song "Fun Having Fun" on the latest Zac Brown a band album "The Comeback". With a stage show that is full of energy, Kurt Thomas and his band pour every ounce of their hearts into performing songs you know and love.

Featuring Kurt Thomas and DJ Meltron

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- Homeowners can submit a new Architectural Request (Modification Application), upload the relevant forms and supporting documents, and the HOA team can communicate important status updates or follow up questions all in the Resident Center. No more back and forth emails and phone calls and no need for external systems and paperwork.
- When a decision is reached, homeowners will be notified immediately.
- The approval/denial and application will remain on the homeowner account for future reference and be tied to your property.

How to Create an Architectural Request through Buildium

- 1. Log in to the Resident Center through a browser.
- 2. From the Resident Center menu, select Architectural Requests.
- 3. On the Architectural Requests page, the homeowner can view open **Projects**, along with the date of the request, current status, and the decision reached (once completed).
- 4. To create a new request, click Create an Architectural Request.
- 5. The homeowner can upload up to 10 files, each must be 15MB or less in size. Be sure the ARC Modification form is one of your documents.
- 6. Homeowner gives a Name to the project.
- 7. When ready, click Submit request.

While we encourage everyone to utilize this portal going forward, we realize this may not be feasible for all. Please work with the HOA office on requests if you are not able to upload into the portal.

8. After submitting the request, the homeowner can provide additional updated or upload new documents by tying in the Updates text box and/or clicking the Upload button to add more files, and then click Send.

Instructions

Please complete the Modification Form and upload it to your request. Modification requests are often denied due to a lack of information. Please check the Modification Application to confirm that all information is included in your specific request. Modification Form

Items to confirm you have submitted:

- Form with complete description.
- Pictures Project location (House/windows/yard/etc.), sample pictures (windows, additions, etc.) and neighboring houses on each side.
- Paint chips/color samples.
- Drawings Landscaping (placement with names), project location with measurements, etc.
- Plat of your property.

The information you provided is exactly what will be submitted to the ARC. If documentation is missing or incorrect, your modification request will be denied and you will need to resubmit the following month with the required information.



DUE BY SUNDAY, 2/9



LEGACY PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

RETURN THIS FORM TO LEGACY PARK HOA – ARC MODIFICATION

4201 Legacy Park Circle, Kennesaw, GA 30144

Tel: 770-919-2556 / modifications@legacypark.org

Due by the Sunday before the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

Architectural Review Committee "ARC" Request for Modification

I understand this application is based upon and sets forth requirements found in the Declarations of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions (CCRs) for Legacy Park and the Design Standards.

PROPERTY ADDRESS:	DATE:
OWNER NAME:	PHONE:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

USE SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH REQUEST

Check appropriate box

Applications: The Application must be accompanied by necessary documents, photos, drawings, brochures, and any other information necessary to present to the ARC. An application submitted without all required documentation will be considered incomplete and your application will be delayed or denied. *Remember, the more details, the better!*

ARC Standards: The standards for approval of all requests shall include, but not be limited to: (1) aesthetic consideration; (2) materials to be used; (3) compliance with the design guidelines; (4) harmony with the external design of the existing dwelling, lot, and structures surrounding the dwelling; (5) any other matter deemed relevant by the ARC.

Appeals: The Association allows appeals of an ARC decision. Appeals must be submitted in writing to the HOA office in accordance with the Association's governing documents.

IS THIS AN AMENITY LOT? YES or NO (circle one). Be prepared to provide a photograph of both the front and back of your home if you own an amenity lot – including "line of sight" from Legacy Park Circle, Legacy Lake, Legacy Park Boulevard, park area, neighborhood park, or pool.

□ Painting	Roof Replacement	Pool or Spa
Doors / Windows	Landscaping	Decks / Patios
□ Fence	Tree Removal	□ Other

HOMEOWNER RELEASE: The homeowner acknowledges that pursuant to paragraph 11.6 of the CCRs, the review and approval of any application is made on the basis of aesthetic considerations only, and neither the HOA nor ARC shall bear any responsibility for ensuring the structural integrity or soundness of approved modifications, nor for ensuring compliance with building codes or other governmental requirements. Neither the Association, the Board, any committee, or member of any of the foregoing shall be held liable for any injury, damages, or loss arising out of the manner or quality of approved modifications to any Unit. Homeowner further represents and verifies that all applicable licenses and permits have been or will be obtained in accordance with all rules, regulations, and laws.

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

Homeowner Signature:

Date:

Office Use Only				
Accepted:	Accepted /Comments:	Accepted/Stipulations:	Denied:	
Comments:				



Architectural Review Committee "ARC" Request for Modification

Address:

Painting: Include (1) photos of your house & both neighboring houses; and (2) color samples with manufacturer name, color name, number, and paint chips. All paint and color samples must be provided to the office (*photos of color/sample are not acceptable*). *If it is a standard color, you can check with the office to confirm if we have a paint sample.* See additional forms for the painting of brick.

Siding		Front Door	
Siding		1 Ione Door	
Trim / Gutters /		Other Doors	
Downspouts /			
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Vents			
Keystones	Must remain natural and cannot	Garage Doors	
5			
	be painted.	(same as trim)	
Metal Roof		Shutters	

Describe your Project:

Doors / **Windows:** Include (a) photos of your house & windows and/or doors to be replaced; (b) a manufacturer's brochure with the contractor's work order describing the windows; (c) a photo of the requested windows and/or doors; (d) proposed color of the door. All windows must be single or double-hung, sliders are not approved. All windows must match, either all grids or no grids.

Fence: Include (a) photos of your house and yard; (b) pictures of the proposed fence; (c) details of the fence: height, style, measurements, materials, and color; and (d) a sketch for the fenced area on a plat. You are required to maintain all your property, including areas outside of your fence.

Roof Replacement: Include (a) photos of your house; (b) manufacturer name, materials, and color; and (c) a sample of the shingle.

Landscape: Include (a) photos of your house and landscape area; (b) types of material to be used, i.e., shrubs, redesign, etc.; (c) a drawing with plant placement along with an "example" color picture/photo of the proposed plants.

Tree Removal: Apply for a permit through the City of Kennesaw and provide that approval to the HOA. Plan to plant a tree somewhere on your property to replace the one removed.

Pool or Spa: Include (a) design by pool installer; (b) samples and/or photos to identify the type of material to be used for pool/spa, decking, etc., and (c) a plat showing the location on your property where the pool/spa and equipment will be placed.

Other Exterior Modifications: Deck, Screened Porch, Gazebo/pergola, Play Equipment, Retaining Walls – Plat with a drawing of property including footage from the property line to the proposed structure, drawings, sample photo w/size, and detail.



LEGACY PARK 2025 Event Calendar

Month	Date	Event	Time
Every Month	1st Saturday	LP Trash Warriors	10:00 AM
Every Month	2nd Tuesday	Storytime	10:00-11:00 AM
March	Saturday 8th	Legacy Listening Room	7:00-9:00 PM
April	Wednesdays	Spring Fitness Series	5:00-6:00 PM
April	Saturday 5th	Bunny Breakfast	8:30 and 10:00 AM
April	Saturday 5th	Eggstravaganza	3:00-5:30 PM
April	Fri 11th and Sat 12th	Spring Garage Sale	10:00-2:00 PM & 8:00-2:00 PM
April	Fri 25th & Sat 26th	Spring Family Campout	6:00 PM - 8:00 AM
May	Saturday 3rd	Polar Plunge	8:00-9:00 AM
May	Saturday 17th	Adult Prom	7:30-10:00 PM
May	Friday 23rd	Memorial Day Pool Party	6:30-9:30 PM
June	Wednesdays	Summer Fitness Series	12:00 PM
June	Friday 6th	Summer Concert	7:00-9:00 PM
June	Saturday 14th	Legends at Legacy	7:00-10:00 PM
July	Friday 4th	Spirit of America-4th of July Celebration	5:00-10:00 PM
July	Friday 25th	Back to School Pool Party	6:00-9:00 PM
August	Saturday 23rd	International Festival	4:00-7:00 PM
September	Fri 12th & Sat 13th	Garage Sale	10:00-2:00 PM and 8:00-2:00 PM
October	Saturday 18th	Fall Festival	10:00-2:00 PM
October	Saturday 18th	Chili Cook-Off	4:00-7:00 PM
October	Saturday 25th	Adult Halloween Party	7:30-10:00 PM
November	Friday 7th	Veterans Day Lunch	11:00- 1:00 PM
November	Saturday 22nd	Pictures with Santa	10:00-2:00 PM
December	Friday 5th	Christmas Tree Lighting	6:00-8:00 PM
December	Thursday 11th	Ladies Night In	7:00-10:00 PM
December	Saturday 13th	Santa Breakfast	8:30 & 10:00 AM
December	Saturday 13th	Low Speed Vehicle Christmas Parade	12:00 PM



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2025 Event Sponsorship Package

With 2,000 homes & about 7,000 Residents, Legacy Park is the City of Kennesaw's premier neighborhood boasting a family-friendly, small-town atmosphere like no other. A community enhanced by nature and abundant areas for recreation and gatherings, Legacy Park's residents come here to enjoy a social and active lifestyle. Sponsoring Legacy Park will provide your company with a fantastic local and regional exposure opportunity. The great thing about sponsorship is that it is mutually beneficial.

Our full-time Activities Director organizes about 30 events each year tailored specifically to the needs and desires of our residents.

Our events consist of: Family Valentine Dance, Creative & Fitness Classes, EGGSTRAVAGANZA, Adult Prom, Bunny Breakfast, Movie Nights, Youth Pool Parties, Concerts, Memorial Day Pool Party, SPIRIT OF AMERICA, FALL FESTIVAL, Campouts, CHILI COOK-OFF, Veterans Day Luncheon, International Festival and Winter Holiday events. *CAPITALIZED EVENTS are our big events of the year.

Sponsorship Opportunities	Event Access to all Events : Interaction with residents. Presence at events is optional. Option to host/sponsor an event in Clubhouse. *Silver & Bronze (does not include Spirit of America & Chili Cook-Off)	Recognition in monthly mailed newsletter, Town Herald as event sponsor. Recognized in Event Emails.	Logo on the Legacy Park Website . (Gold & Silver Only) Company Name listed for Bronze. Promotion on Legacy Park social media.	Advertising in New Resident Packet.	Spirit of America & Chili Cook-Off & LP Sports • Guest passes • Table All Access to Legacy Park Sports.
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Depew Orthodontics has a hidden smile somewhere in this issue of the Legacy Park Town Herald. The first person to find it and email Michelle at activitiesdirector@legacypark.org with exact details of where it is hidden, will win a \$25.00 Amazon gift card!" PLEASE NOTE: To give others a fair chance, participants may not win more than one gift card in a calendar year.



CLUBHOUSE RENTALS

erfect for birthday parties, baby showers, anniversary celebrations, graduation parties and even small, informal weddings! Rentals are available to Legacy Park residents only, and the forms/ contracts must be signed and implemented by Legacy Park residents.

Please check to make sure the date/time you are requesting is available prior to sending in the following:

- Reservation Form
- Covid Waiver
- Payment (Rental Fee & \$200 Refundable Security deposit)

Existing reservations can be checked at www.legacypark.org under Calendar. The calendar will show the dates already booked.

Please include your first option and an alternate option in case someone completes their request prior to yours.

Forms are available online at www.legacypark. org under FAQ / Amenities / Clubhouse and can be emailed back to clubhouse@legacypark.org. You can make a payment through your Buildium Account or you may drop off payment to the office. Reservations are not confirmed until both the forms are completed AND payment received. If you prefer to fill out the form and drop it off, please come during office hours.

Please do not drop the forms in the dropbox as we have no way to determine which ones were received first.

Functions may be reserved for the following times:

Monday-Thursday: 8:30am-11:30am / Noon-3pm / 3:30pm-6:30pm / 7pm-10pm

Friday: 8:30am-11:30am / Noon-4pm / 5pm – 11pm

Saturday: 9am-Noon / 12:30pm-4:30pm / 5pm – 11pm

Sunday: 10am-2pm / 2:30pm-6:30pm / 7pm-10pm

Non peak blocks: weekdays 8:30am-11:30am/ Noon-3pm/Noon-4pm on Friday

RENTAL FEES:

The Clubhouse may be reserved in 3 or 4 hour set time blocks, with the exception of Friday and Saturday nights. **All rentals are \$200** for a time block with the exception as follows:

- Non-peak blocks are \$75. (Monday – Friday AM blocks)
- 2. Friday and Saturday evenings, the Clubhouse can only be reserved from 5-11 pm for a total rental fee of \$400.

The clubhouse is not available to rent of the following holidays:

New Years Eve New Years Day Easter Memorial Day Independence Day Labor Day Halloween Thanksgiving Day Christmas Eve Christmas Day

All rentals require a \$200 security deposit.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



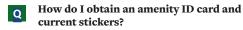
Where is the HOA administrative office?

It is located at ground level of the Legacy Park Clubhouse.



When does the Board of Directors meet?

On the 4th Tuesday of each month in the evening at the Clubhouse. All homeowners are welcome to attend.



Amenity tag stickers are distributed, by mail, in the spring of each year, if dues are paid in full. The ID card with a current sticker allows homeowners access to all of Legacy Park's common area and amenities. To get the ID card, please complete the form on our website under the Resident tab prior to stopping by the HOA office.

Q How many guests can I have?

Up to (4) guests are allowed per resident over the age of 18 for use of the Trails, Town Green, Playgrounds, Amphitheater, Bandstand and Baseball Field.

Up to (2) guests will be allowed per resident over the age of 18 for the use of the Swimming Pools, Tennis Courts, Volleyball Court and Basketball Court.

Unaccompanied children between the ages of 12 and 18 are allowed only one (1) guest while on LP property and when using the amenities.

Unaccompanied children between 12 and 15 cannot have a guest younger than themself.

Guests are considered to be non-LP residents. LP residents that have had their privileges revoked cannot come as a guest of another resident.

A LP resident must accompany guests while on the common properties or while using any of the amenities. Long term guest (persons visiting for more than two weeks) may obtain a guest pass from the HOA office.

How do I reserve an amenity for a Q private event?

Amenity Reservation forms are available on our website.

Clubhouse - FAQ/Amenities/Clubhouse

Amphitheater/Bandstand/Town Green/Baseball - FAQ/ Amenities/Amenity Reservation Form

Where do I get a copy of the Design Q Standards and Community Rules & **Regulations?**

Your Welcome Packet includes them! To assure you have the most updated version, please visit Legacy Park's website at www.legacypark.org under FAQ.

Who is responsible for upholding the Design **Standards and Covenants?**

Every homeowner is expected to maintain his or her property in a manner consistent with all applicable covenants. Refer to the Declaration of Covenants: Articles IV, V and XI. It is required that a modification application be approved by the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) before any changes are made to the exterior of your home, i.e. landscaping, painting, etc. Refer to Design Standards for additional information and restrictions. All violations of the Covenants or Design Standards may be assessed penalties.

What modifications do I need to get Q approval for?

Approval is needed for anything you do on the exterior of your home and property, front and back. This includes all landscaping, paint (even if painting the same color), new door, new roof, new windows, fence, patio, trampoline, etc. If you are not sure if it needs approval, please contact the HOA office.

When are Homeowner Assessments Q due?

They are due annually by January 1st. An invoice will be sent prior to this date; however, as stated in our covenants, not receiving an invoice is not a valid reason for not paying your assessments. Refer to Declaration of Covenants-Article X. A 10% late fee will apply for payment received after January 31st and interest will accrue on the assessment with a late charge at an annual rate of 7%.

What happens if I don't pay my Q **Homeowners Assessments?**

As mentioned above, there will be a 10% late fee and interest will accrue on the assessment with a late charge at an annual rate of 7%. Also, suspension of all Owners' rights to access or use any of the Legacy Park common areas, amenities and any Legacy Park supported events will occur. The HOA also reserves the right to take legal action, including but not limited to, liens against the property.



Who is responsible for what?

Each week the HOA office receives many calls wanting to know if the HOA is responsible for a specific area. Here is a brief rundown of some of the more common questions.

Amenity and Common Areas: These areas are owned and maintained by the Legacy Park HOA. The dues paid by each homeowner contribute to the upkeep of these areas: The main Legacy Park entrance, the area along Legacy Park Boulevard, Lake Legacy, the area along Legacy Park Circle, the neighborhood entrances and monuments, Town Green, neighborhood playgrounds, Town Club, Pools, Pump Houses, Amphitheater, Tennis Courts, Basketball Court, Baseball field, Walking Trails, Bridges, Picnic Grove and the Bandstand. To report a problem in one of these areas contact the HOA office.

Streets & Sidewalks: All of the streets within Legacy Park are owned and maintained by the City of Kennesaw. The KPD has the right to ticket and/or tow any car illegally parked on the street or sidewalk. The non-emergency number for the KPD is 770-422-2505.

Streetlights: The ornamental streetlights and the lights at the common areas are maintained by the HOA. To report an outage, contact the HOA (if the pole is numbered, please provide this information). The "cobra head" streetlights are owned and maintained by Georgia Power or Cobb EMC depending on who provides the power in the area. To report a light problem, contact GA Power at 888-655-5888 or Cobb EMC at 770-249-2100 or visit their websites and report an outdoor lighting issue.

Trees along neighborhood streets: The homeowner is the owner of the trees that are planted in the neighborhoods between the street and the sidewalk. It is the responsibility of the individual homeowner to prune these trees on a regular basis. The city recommends that you remove any branches growing at a height lower than 6 feet.

Power Lines: Georgia Power owns the high voltage power lines that run through Legacy Park. Legacy Park owns the property and Georgia Power has an easement. Both the HOA and Georgia Power take care of cutting the grass and maintaining the land that the lines are located on. If there is an issue, contact the HOA Office.

Storm Water Drainage Areas: These areas that run between neighborhoods and at the back of homeowner's lots are generally owned by the individual homeowner. Each homeowner should refer to the plat of their property for further clarification. However, if a major drainage problem exists with the drain itself the homeowner should contact the HOA office and we can direct you to the proper authorities to address the issue (Cobb County Water or the City of Kennesaw).





WINTER FITNESS SERIES

Our Winter Fitness Series was a great start to health and wellness for our Legacy Park residents. Michelle Melton taught Dance HIIT Fusion, and the ladies burned calories and had fun. Iva Massa taught Barre/Pilates Fusion, where the ladies felt the burn! We look forward to bringing this series back in the spring.













STORYTIME

On January 14th, families had a great time singing songs, playing musical instruments, and listening to stories. Storytime is held every second Tuesday of the month from 10:00-11:00 a.m. in the clubhouse. Come join us for an eventful morning!







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This 6-session course is targeted for convenience and affordability as a crash course and supplement to your SAT studies. Your instructor is a 98th percentile scorer on the 2024 SAT.

> Where: Legacy Park Clubhouse When: Sundays, 10:30 – 11:45 Who: Legacy Park residents, 10th-12th grade Cost: \$40 for all 6 sessions!

Dates and Topics: College board test bank questions and practice blue book exams will be utilized. This will prepare students for the

March 8, 2025, SAT exam date.

- 1. Jan 26, Desmos + Algebra Domain
- 2. Feb 2, Reading + Grammar Tricks, practice problems
- 3. Feb 9, Geometry laws and domains
- 4. Feb 16, Graph-stimulus Reading questions
- 5. Feb 23, Advanced Domain (Both types)
- 6. Mar 2, Final tips and tricks

Audience: Minimum 10 students, maximum 25 students Materials: You need to bring the laptop you will use for the SAT

Space is limited as listed above. To register or for more information, contac LegacyParkSAT@gmail.com.

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SUNRISE SERVICE: PRESENTED BY RECHURCH ATLANTA

APRIL 20TH, 7:00-8:00 A.M. AT THE AMPHITHEATER.

Everyone is welcome to join us for an amazing interdenominational service with an illustrated message that will bring forth hope and love. Service will begin just after 7:00 a.m. as the sun comes up. Enoy coffee and hang out with your Legacy Park neighbors after the service. See you bright and early Sunday, April 20th.



LEGACY PARK TENNIS & PICKLEBALL EVENTS January - December 2025

PICKLEBALL *Pickleball Party- 11am-2pm - \$10



Feb 15th, April 12th, May 17th, July 19th, Sept. 13th, Oct. 18th Free Beginner Workshop -- 9:30am-10:30am Jan. 11th, Feb. 15th, March 15th, April 12th, May 17th, July 19th, Aug. 16th, Sept. 13th, Oct.18th,

*Team Battle--Sat. March 8th 9am-4pm - \$25 *Summer Tournament--Sat. June 21 9am-4pm- \$25 *Team Battle--Sat. August 9th 9am-4pm- \$25 *2025 PB Tourn.-- Sat. Nov.1st 9am-4pm- \$25

*Toys for Tots Fundraiser RR-- Saturday Dec.6th-- 11am-2pm-Free W/Toy

Tennis Events

*Ladies Pick Six-- Saturday March 1st --9am-2pm-\$25 Summer Flex League-- July 21st- August 22nd- \$25 *Men's Pick Six-- Saturday August 30th -- 9am-2pm- \$25 Legacy Park Fall Classic- November 4th-8th - \$25

> <u>Round Robins/Mixers</u> <u>Friday Night 6:30pm-9pm</u> Cost \$5

Co-Ed- April 18th, May 16th, Aug.15th Men's Night Out- February 21st, June 20th --6;30-9pm Ladies Night Out - March 21st, July 18th-- 6:30-9pm

More Information or Questions:

Pickleball - atlantalisa@yahoo.com

For Tennis Updates

Tennis - evanstack@utatennis.com

*Advanced Registration Required Signup through Play by Point App

Legacy Park Tennis

2025 TENNIS & PICKLEBALL LEAGUE FEES

Resident (Tennis & Pickleball): \$10/ person per year Non Resident Tennis: \$35/person per season



Legacy Park Junior Tennis www.LegacyPark.org/Sports/Tennis





Wanting access to reserve a tennis or pickleball court?

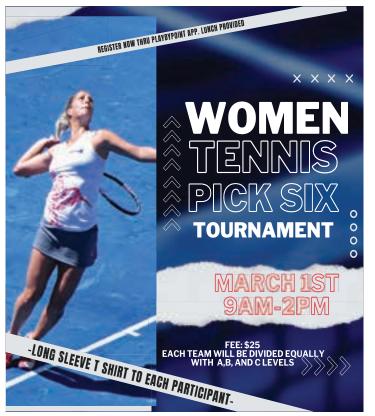
We utilize a reservation system called ReserveMyCourt.com Please set up a user account from their website and select Legacy Park as your home courts. We'll approve all RESIDENTS in good standing within 72 hours.

Prior to approval, a resident must have an amenity ID card issued. If you do not have one yet, please go by the HOA office to have one made prior to requesting access.

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Light Snacks and Beverages will be provided

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Men and Women	Wednesday 9:30-11:00 AM
All Levels	Cost \$20 per/session
Men and Women	Thursday 7:00-8:30 PM
Level 3.5 and Below	Cost \$20 per/session
Men and Women	Friday 9:30-11:00 AM
Level 3.5 and Above	Cost \$20 per/session

Minimum 4 and maximum 18 and any inclement weather updates will be done via StringPing texting and the Legacy Park Facebook page Each Drill session will be themed based to cover both Technical and Strategic concepts to take your game to the Next Level!!! Contact Coach Ryan or Coach Evan to learn more.

All sessions are accompanied by two (2) coaches and level based groupings are divided upon arrival





LEGACY PARK SHARKS

elcome back Sharks! The 2025 Legacy Park Swim Team early registration will be open for residents only Monday February 10, 2025.

Age requirements: 5 years -18 years.

Swim season: mid-may- end of June (exact dates tbd).

Meets: weekly in June. Some home at the main pool and some away around West Cobb.

We post updates on our Facebook page LP Sharks. Feel free to reach out to Rebecca Love for more information (404)-317-5925



2025 SOCCER AND T-BALL



SOCCER

March 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th No games April 5th or 12th for Spring Break April 19th, 26th May 3rd EOS Party/Final Games



T-BALL

March 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th No games April 6th or 13th for Spring Break April 20th, 27th May 3rd EOS Party

May 4th Final Games

Picture Day for Rec Sports is March 8th, 2025. All information pertaining to Picture Day will be communicated to parents via League App.





LEGACY PARK TRAVEL SOCCER TEAMS!

he Legacy Park Travel Soccer Teams are ready to kick off another exciting spring season starting March 1!

Following a successful fall season filled with hard work, growth, and teamwork, we are eager to build on that momentum. Three of our four teams

won their divisions in Fall '24 and looking to get even better.

With a strong foundation in place, the best volunteer coaches and parents this side of Georgia, we look forward to new challenges and opportunities to build on.

We are still looking for Legacy Park resident female players, birth years 2009 - 2012. All skill levels welcome.

Please reach out to Travel Soccer Director, Roger Edwards at 678-656-5222 or via email legacysoccerclub@legacypark.org for registration details.

Come on out to cheer on our kids this spring season. 1-2-3 Legacy!!!

PICKLEBALL

Good morning and Happy New Year, 2024 was a fun year for LP Pickleball and 2025 will be even better!

ALTA Pickleball registration has begun and will close on January 21st. Play begins on Monday, March 10th. We will have 6 teams from Legacy Park participating in the league this Spring.

OPEN PLAY TIME HAS BEEN RESERVED.

I have reserved Courts 1 and 2 each Saturday afternoon through March for Open Play. The time is 1pm-3 pm. This is not an organized event. If you wish to take part, just come to the courts.

FREE BEGINNER WORKSHOPS

I will be conducting free beginner workshops monthly. Upcoming dates are February 15th, March 15th, and April 12th. Time is 9:30-10:30am **Sign up using the QR code.**

PICKLEBALL PARTY

The next scheduled Pickleball party set to take place on February 15th. More information will be provided soon.



TEAM BATTLE

The Team Battle event in 2024 was such a great success that we will be having two events in 2025. The first Team Battle Event will take place on Saturday, March 8th. More information will be provided soon.

DRILL SESSIONS

The drill session schedule for the Winter will be as follows:

Sunday 10-11am Monday 6:30-7:30pm Wednesday 6:30-7:30pm

Cost is \$10 per session billed through playbypoint.

Stay informed on all Pickleball news and evets by joining our Facebook page.

Lisa DeGirolamo Legacy Park Pickleball Director atlantalisa@yahoo.com 404-234-7598





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How-To for Indoor Gardening

•••••• By Michelle Manganiello

Winter is fully in session now, and if you are dreaming of fresh greens from your summer garden, consider growing plants indoors. You may also find indoor gardening useful if you are a city dweller, or someone with not that much yard space. Indoor gardening may also serve as a starter garden for an outdoor garden come spring.

SPACE

Space is an important factor regarding the health of your plants. Essentially, an indoor garden can take up as little or as much space as you are willing to give it. You can put your plants on shelves, a windowsill, or a table, as long as they are in a room with sufficient sunlight. If you are growing many plants, consider setting up a bench or a plant stand.

LIGHT

Light is another essential element to growing plants, as plants need light to photosynthesize and survive. If your plants are near a windowsill or on a shelf during the wintertime, they may not get enough light to survive, so consider purchasing a grow light. However, do be vigilant about placing your plants on the windowsill during winter. Make sure the leaves don't touch the glass, and if your windows leak cold air, caulk them or move the plant away from the glass to avoid cold drafts. Most vegetables and plants do best with 14-16 hours of sunlight or stimulated light a day. If your plant is starting to get small leaves, thin stems, or the color of the plant is lighter than usual, these are signs your plant is not getting enough light. If you find that this is the case and you want to purchase a growing light to spruce up your plants, there are a variety of options you can choose from: Incandescent lights, Fluorescent Lights, Compact Fluorescent Systems and High Intensity Discharge (HID) Bulbs.

TEMPERATURE

A temperature of 65-75 degrees is ideal for most plants. If your plant is too hot, it may become small and weak, whereas plants that grow at too-cold temperatures may have yellow leaves that fall off. Sufficient humidity is also important for indoor plants. You know you have a low-humidity problem if the tips of your leaves are turning brown, your plants look withered, or if they are losing leaves. To increase humidity, mist plants daily; place a tray of water near your garden (don't put plants in the tray, this can lead to other problems); place plants close together to create a microenvironment with a higher relative humidity; run a humidifier, or purchase an environmental controller, which can humidify or dehumidify depending on your needs.

WATER

To keep your plants alive and healthy, watering them is also essential. Plants grown in containers and pots dry out more quickly and require frequent watering, more than their soil-grown counterparts. You can use your finger or a moisture meter to be sure you are not over- or under-watering your plants. Think of your soil like a dry sponge: when you water a plant and the water immediately comes through the bottom, then you have not watered your plant. The water went around the plant, instead of directly in it. The amount of water your plant needs also depends on its size. Smaller plants need more attention and more frequent watering than larger plants. In addition, plants that get more sunlight also need to be watered more frequently. Just remember that the amount of water to use is about $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{3}$ the pot's volume of water. Some signs of overwatering are wilting from stem towards leaves, lower leaves dropping, discoloration, decline of growth, or wilting foliage. On the other hand, if you are underwatering the plant, your plant may wilt along the outer tips of the leaves first, the soil can become dry, there can be brown edges along the leaves, or the leaves or flowers may drop prematurely. Geneva Manganiello, avid plant owner and local Atlanta resident for 3 years, says, "Don't overwater, it's always best to underwater if anything, as overwatering can cause root rot."

RECOMMENDATIONS

As for indoor plant recommendations, snake plants are low-maintenance plants best known for surviving droughts in either high or low-light levels. The monstera deliciosa is a trendy plant that is easy to tend once they've grown. It needs a space that has bright to medium indirect light and it only needs to be watered every one to two weeks. The dracaena is another easy-going, low-maintenance plant, as it can easily adapt to different light environments, though it's best to keep it out of direct sunlight. The spider plant is a suitable option for an indoor plant as well these plants need bright light, but no direct sun, so they are perfect to put in a room with big windows. If you're someone who tends to forget about plant ownership, consider adding the rubber tree to your home. This plant handles under-watering better than overwatering and needs bright light and a good amount of space to make it happy.

To add that extra layer of care to your plants, consider singing to them. If you think this is implausible, think again. Studies show that when you sing or talk to your plant, you are expelling carbon dioxide, which the plant needs to absorb to allow it to go through the photosynthesis process to grow. In turn, the plant releases oxygen, which is important for human health. Soothing and soft music, like lullabies, may help the plant grow faster, while fast and intense music may actually cause the plant to wilt and die.

At the end of the day, your plants are beings that can live or die, depending on the care that you provide. Nurturing your plants will do nothing but help them, as they thrive from companionship, conversation, and nurturing, just like humans do.



Article written by Michelle Manganiello. Michelle is a senior at the University of Georgia, where she currently pursues two degrees in English and Romance Languages. She looks forward to working in

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